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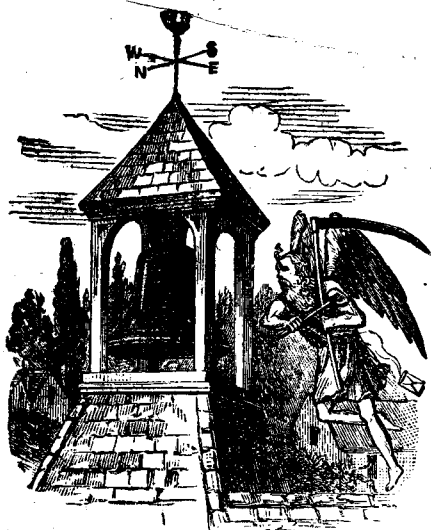
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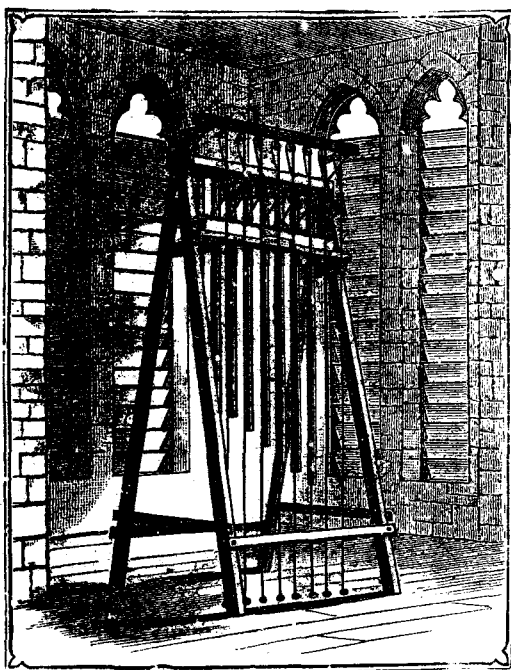
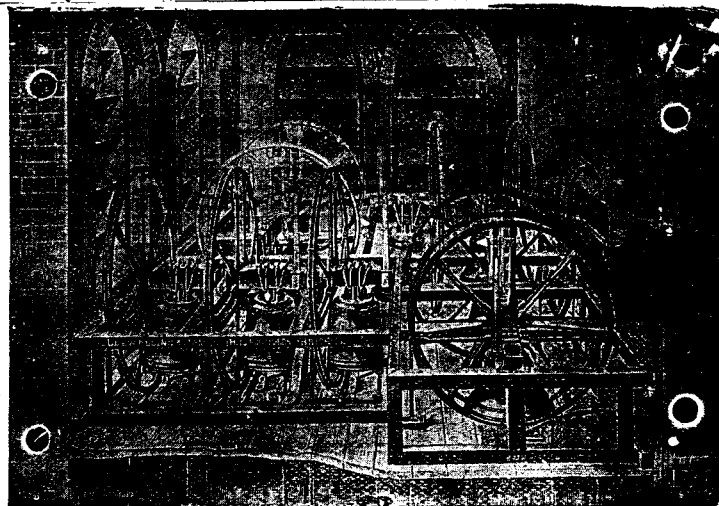
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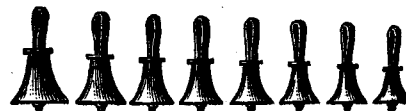
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THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS, LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

A WEEK-END IN SURREY.

By way of keeping up the reputation which has of late been earned by the Waterloo Society, two members thereof, whose doings it is intended to write a short account of, found themselves on Saturday, the 24th of March, in the neighbourhood of Leatherhead, Surrey, together with several other members and friends of the Surrey Association, their intention being to combine to

some extent healthy outdoor exercise in climbing the Surrey hills, with that of the indoor exercise of peal-ringing.

The immediate object of the visit to Leatherhead was for the purpose of taking part in a peal of Bob Royal with the County Association. Arrangements with the local authorities had already been made by Mr. Energetic

THE RINGING CHAMBER (LEATHERHEAD).



Lilley, who evidently has at heart the interest of ringing in his adopted county. It need hardly be said, however, that it was found necessary to revive the inner man somewhat after the fatigue of a journey from Waterloo on the South Western, and Mr. Crockford, who was visiting his friends at Leatherhead, recommended the Institute. His advice was followed, with the result that if the whole band were in similar form the peal might almost have been sent to the Editor beforehand. And so it proved; for the peal party could hardly have been improved upon, including as it did that official at Battersea Park (at the tenor), the Doctor from Croydon, and the custodian from Beddington. The Surrey Association was that evening

strengthened by ringing its first peal of Bob Royal, the first in the county, and adding two members to its ranks.

It had been intended to make an early start in the morning for the neighbouring town of Dorking, but the invitations of the Leatherhead men to join them at their tower were too pressing to be resisted, and perhaps it was as well, for Leatherhead had not been "done" by the excursionists.

An early rise was taken advantage of, and the interesting old-world tower and church sketched while a Children's Service with its simple hymn tunes was in progress. The edifice (some readers of "THE BELL News" may be interested to know) is a cruciform

structure of flint, with stone facings, apparently erected in the 12th century, and the inside was completely restored about a decade ago, when the galleries were removed and the ringing-chamber placed a storey higher, which was however on the whole considered a disadvantage from a ringing point of view.

A capital 503 of Grandsire Caters was tapped off, conducted by the Leatherhead veteran conductor, Mr. W. Marks, and a sketch made of the belfry. Mr. Marks also gave some interesting information connected with Leatherhead bells and belfry, with which he seemed to have been well acquainted from his boyhood. To judge from an old record, the town boasted of a change-ringing band more than a century ago, for we read in the year 1792 "four true and complete peals of Treble Bob, viz., 720 changes College Treble, do. College Pleasure, do. Oxford Treble, and the composition Crown Bob being 360 changes, in 1 hr. 28 mins., by William Chilman, 1; Benjamin Simmonds, 2; Jas. Brown, 3; Jno. Brown, 4; Robt. Brown, 5; Jas. Harrison, 6. Called by Benjamin Simmonds. N.B.—The above is the last ever rung on the 6 old bells."

This tablet in itself told a history. "Crown Bob" may possibly be familiar to some of our modern expert composers, but the writer is bound to candidly admit ignorance of the method. Mr. Marks was also good enough to point out a tablet giving a list of persons interested in and subscribers to the fund for augmenting the six bells into eight, which was apparently done without much difficulty, and as everyone knows some years later the present ring of ten was placed in the tower.

Another interesting object is worthy of mention, viz., the record of a peal rung in honour of the Jubilee-day (1887), which also happened to be the fiftieth birthday of the conductor, the late Samuel Brooker, whose portrait hangs close by. Altogether the ringing-chamber at Leatherhead is a most interesting one to the student of the early stages of ringing, and its ringers are justly proud of their tower. An injustice would be done if mention were not made of the panoramic view to be obtained from the east end of the new addition to the churchyard. At a more propitious time of the year the view of Fetcham Downs and Hawks Hill (there being evidences of the latter being the venue of a battle between the Danes and the Saxons many centuries ago), was a landscape which would be all that could be desired; and a similar remark would apply to the scenery on the whole of the route to Dorking, through the vale and village of Mickleham, with its peculiar low tower and spire, the reposeful park of Norbury on the right hand, and the grandeur of Box Hill on the left. The town of Dorking was reached while the day was yet young, and after making a cursory inspection, according to the good old English custom, of the parish church of St. Martin, which lay just to the right of the High Street, the travellers requested to be directed to Ranmore Common. This information was very soon obtained from an inhabitant, who assured them that the church and common were well worth a visit, and so it proved, for the necessary climb to the top of the ridge of hills had its redeeming features, commanding as it did most extensive and pleasing prospects, as also did the stately mansion of Denbies, situate at the very summit. It being the the explorers' first visit to the exact locality, it was some few moments before the spire was seen, but when found even the most unsentimental and hardened of human beings could not fail to be struck by the influence of peace and repose, which this edifice brought to bear

upon one's mind. The tower was a central one of octagonal form, and contains a fine ring of eight, but the natural wish for a pull for afternoon service could not be gratified, time not allowing an appointment which had been made at Guildford to be kept. A brief history of the place was however learnt from a courteous employee on the Ashcombe estate, who curiously enough was (or had been in his native county of Shropshire) a brother-string. The ecclesiastical parish was formed, and the church erected about 1860, and the present Rector was always willing to welcome a band of ringers as far as circumstances permitted. This good friend then directed the travellers to Guildford, but strange to say could not give similar information with regard to a place of refreshment of any description, therefore hungry or thirsty readers would do well to visit Ranmore already prepared. And then commenced what proved to be the source of the only hitch of the outing. The villages of both Westcott and Effingham were some distance out of the direct route to Guildford, but it would have been well if either had been made the next halting-place, for, as the fact was, steering between the two places through a most delightful woody country, it was not until some six or seven miles had been covered that there was any evidence that that part of the country was inhabited at all. Anyhow shortly before 4 o'clock in the afternoon to their surprise the wanderers, "athirst and an hungered," found themselves at East Horsley, about mid-way on the main road from Leatherhead to Guildford. An arrangement which had previously been made with friend Jones, of the last-named town, for a quarter-peal at St. Nicholas (meeting-time 5.30), came into their minds, and at the precise moment the Duke of Wellington, the commercial house at Horsley, came into sight, and readers are left to assume the result.

East Horsley church is like Dorking, dedicated to St. Martin, and has, like most other village churches in the locality one of those peculiar low towers, and contains, according to information received from an inhabitant, four bells. Horsley Towers too was also noted, being the seat of the Right Hon. L. F. King-Noel, and is truly a noble mansion beautifully situated in its own park of some 300 acres, and well wooded.

It being now about 4.30, and there being no train, the only thing to be done was to make for the county town without further stoppage, but Horsley was not got clear of before two forlorn and tired-looking young urchins, apparently about six years of age, enquired their way to Ashted, their home, whither they were wending their way on foot from Guildford, and some amusement was obtained from a recital of their family history. Dispatching them with some fatherly advice, and something more substantial, West Horsley was passed, as also were East and West Clandon and Merrow. The same peculiar low tower and spire were noticed in most of these villages, usually with rings of three or four: the last-named however boasts of half-a-dozen.

It was within twenty minutes of service time when St. Nicolas' church was discovered, and the belfry reached, there being a strong muster to welcome the visitors, including Mr. Harman, whose acquaintance had been made at Brighton a few weeks back; a former Man of Kent in Mr. E. Allen (whose ambition to ring a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, is still strong); an old Cumberland and Waterloo representative in the shape of Mr. W. Thorne; Mr. Lilley; and a good number of Guildford men. A short touch of 272 Stedman Caters safely travelled home at the second attempt,

when after apologising to Mr. Jones for lateness, as was certainly due, leave was taken of him and the majority of the Guildford men.

A further pleasure was however in store, as hearing of the projected visit the conductor of Holy Trinity Society, whose appointment occupied a prominent position in this journal a few weeks back, came down from his tower to meet the visitors. A mention of handbells, and an invitation by Mr. Willshire with regard thereto, was acceded to, as also with even more heartiness was his suggestion regarding the inner man, and an introduction to Mrs. Willshire. This lady proved to be a model ringer's wife, and the mental struggle was, it is feared, again very short when she on her part offered everything that was good, while her husband and Mr. Harman had only cold unsympathetic handbells to offer. A compromise was however effected, and before the last up train was due a bold start was made for the "last 700," non-conducted. H. Barton, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; H. P. Harman, 5-6; C. Willshire, 7-8. This however came sadly to grief at the first mistake, namely, when there were but two bobs before the single.

Thus after a hurried farewell to the Willshires and Mr. Harman ended the trip to Guildford, and London was reached in good time. The cordial welcome extended by all sections of the Guildford men made one wish that the invitation to spend the whole of the day there had been taken advantage of, and the hospitality received amply compensated for the somewhat disappointing impression left of St. Nicholas' bells and ringing-chamber, which to speak correctly are by no means perfect.

The good results from a tour of this description are it is thought more far-reaching than one would at first imagine. As has been before mentioned, the Surrey Association has been strengthened, new acquaintances made, and old memories revived. Mr. Willshire has already expressed his willingness to meet the Waterloo Society at Leatherhead if permission can be obtained for a peal there, and another interesting result will be found below.

The accompanying sketches were taken hurriedly, and on a cold bleak morning; however, it is thought possible that they and the above jottings may not be unworthy of a corner in "THE BELL NEWS."

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On the Wednesday following the events above related, this Society had somewhat unexpectedly a full muster at headquarters. Two old members in the shape of Messrs. J. C. Truss, of Marlow, and J. Evans, of Hughenden, Bucks., had requested their London friends to, if possible, arrange a peal of Stedman Caters for them on that evening, but this turned out to be quite impossible on account of the Lenten Services at almost every London church. However, to make the most of their day's excursion, these two "gents" were at their Society's meeting, and took part in the various touches. Later on, to the surprise of those most concerned, Mr. Hardy introduced Mr. and Mrs. Willshire, who happened to be in town on business. The latter inspected the records of the Society, or such of them as were available, the Master, to the regret of everyone, being in the hospital with an attack of diphtheria, and the senior steward being absent doubtless through some good cause, while Mr. Willshire joined in the ringing and appeared particularly to appreciate a well-struck four courses of Double Norwich. H. Langdon, 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; H. Barton (conductor), 3; J. Evans, 4; C. Willshire, 5; W. H. Webber, 6; J. C. Truss, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. And there being just time before the Guildford train at 10.15, a 195 of Grandsire Triples on handbells. H. Barton, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore, 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; C. Willshire, 7-8. A contingent of the Society accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Willshire to Waterloo Station, and a much stronger

one paid a similar compliment to the Bucks. visitors, part of and some the whole of the distance to Paddington later in the evening.

It is hoped that this promiscuous gathering gave as much pleasure to the various visitors to the Society's headquarters as it did to the regular members to make them welcome.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Thursday, April 26th, during the usual weekly practice, Mr. Driver, who has for many years been Master of the above society, was the recipient of a testimonial in the shape of a Wedgwood tobacco jar and a case of silver-mounted pipes, bearing the following inscription:—"1900. All Saints, Fulham. Presented to James W. Driver as a mark of esteem from his fellow-ringers at the above church. 100 peals."

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in making the presentation, referred to the unvarying courtesy of Mr. Driver, and said that he (Mr. Fussell) having visited nearly every belfry in London, could confidently say that owing to the efforts of Mr. Driver, for comfort, a welcome to all visitors, and the encouragement of the young ringer, Fulham could compare favourably with any belfry in London.

Mr. Driver, in replying, stated that he wished for no reward except that of having the bells rung regularly twice on Sundays, and emphasised the necessity of this as a means of keeping a young society together, a means far in advance of peal-ringing (although he had rung 100 peals); and in conclusion he thanked the members most heartily for their present.

ST. HELEN'S CHURCH, ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A pretty little wedding took place at this church on Tuesday, April 24th, the contracting parties being Mr. Herbert Hatton, one of the local ringers, and Miss Clara Thornley, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The wedding took place at 2 o'clock, and as the happy pair left the church the bells rang out merrily in Queens and tittums with occasional firing. A short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. G. F. Owen, 1; W. Wainwright, 2; W. Canner, 3; A. Hitchcock, 4; J. Curtis, 5; G. Hatton, 6; J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8. In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 46 mins. W. Canner, 1; H. Canner, 2; G. Hatton, jun., 3; A. Hitchcock, 4; J. Curtis, 5; G. Hatton, sen., 6; J. H. Dunmore (conductor), 7; G. Thornley, 8.

Correspondence.

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

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

"SINGLE BOB MINOR."

SIR,—My "BELL NEWS" for April 21st reached me rather late, too late to reply to the letters of the Rev. H. E. Bulwer and my old friend Mr. H. Dains. These gentlemen evidently believe in the old saying, "one law for the rich, another for the poor," in other words, they would apply one rule to the methods rich in good qualities, and another to the methods less fortunate. If Mr. Bulwer can show us how Single and Reverse Court Bob Minor can be extracted from the double method in a legitimate manner and in a different form to the methods given us by the old writers, I am open to conviction; failing this, I am convinced that the rule that holds good for Court Bob Minor, must also hold good for Major, Royal, and Maximus, and not only for one method in particular, but for all methods.

GEORGE BAKER.

ALLIANCE SYSTEM.

SIR,—I note reference to the above system by Mr. Smart in your last issue, and may say the method is at least two years older than the date given by Mr. Smart.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the four branches constituting the Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Two years ago the suggestion was brought forward at the annual meeting of the then North Lincolnshire Association that one Guild for the whole diocese be formed. The various committees of the four Associations set to work, and notwithstanding the fact that numerous difficulties presented themselves, in consequence of the different methods then existing in carrying out the work of the four Associations, they were sufficiently solved to enable the members to meet a year ago (April 1899), to form the Diocesan Guild. As the Committee's Report of the northern branch for this year remarks—"the Guild was founded at a meeting, most fittingly held, and by permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House, and was presided over by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who gave the movement his entire sympathy, and in graciously consenting to become Patron of the Guild, wished it sincerely God speed." The quiet, but nevertheless useful work of the past twelve months enabled the members to meet on the 28th ult., with an assurance that his Lordship's wish was being fulfilled.

In delightful weather the members, numbering over 100, assembled at the Co-operative Hall, and after partaking of an excellent tea, settled down to the business of the meeting under the presidency of the Master of the Guild (Rev. H. Law James, Surfleet). The minutes of the meeting held at Grantham were confirmed, and the various officers were re-elected. The Revs. H. Law James and J. P. Cheales, and Messrs. C. W. P. Clifton and George Chester were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

Mr. F. F. Linley, of Gainsborough, then went into the matter of the proposed certificate of membership for the Guild, explaining in full the suggested matter for the certificate.

After considerable discussion a committee was formed, and power given to them to arrange for the production of a certificate, which would be issued to the members at a cost of one shilling each. It was also arranged that the Guild should assist in the publication of the Glossary of Technical Terms which is being prepared by the Central Council, by purchasing a number of copies.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Incumbents for the use of the bells (the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's), the secretary expressed his regret that he had been unable to get the tower of St. Peter-at-Arches open for ringing as usual. He read a letter from the Rector in which he (the Rector) declined to allow the bells to be rung simply because no ringing had been done for some time in consequence of some difference between his own ringers and himself. The meeting evidently did not agree to the Rector's mode of procedure.

Immediately after the close of the meeting of the Diocesan Guild, the usual annual meeting of the northern branch was held and presided over by the Vice-President for the Gainsborough district (Mr. F. F. Linley). The ordinary business was gone through, and several new members elected. Market Rasen was decided upon as the place at which to hold the half-yearly meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Linley for presiding, and for the deep interest he had taken in the work of the now non-existing North Lincolnshire Association ever since its formation in 1884, concluded the meeting. Some good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob were rung on the Cathedral bells during the evening.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 24th, on the occasion of a visitor to the consecration of the Bishop of Liverpool, a few members of the above company met in the evening and rung 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 22 mins. T. Haigh (conductor), 1; J. W. Cundall, 2; T. Neill, 3; F. Earnshaw, 4; Rev. H. Wright (Stokesley), 5; G. Breed, 6. The five largest of the above bells were taken down out of the tower and exchanged for three hanging in St. Michael's tower in the year 1754.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of members of this Association was held on Easter Monday at Leatherhead. Apart from its very self, and the change-ringing, which was indulged in from soon after two o'clock, Leatherhead was especially attractive to all visitors on the Bank Holiday, as in addition to the sports which are held annually on this day and over which presided the genial Vicar of Leatherhead (or Letherhead, as the church authorities have it), there took place a sham fight between members of three battalions of the Church Lads' Brigade, and also a torch-light procession for the war funds. Ringers from all parts of the district began to arrive soon after two o'clock, and the bells having been raised were rung in various methods until nearly six o'clock, when the ringers adjourned to the parish Mission Room where tea was admirably served by Mr. W. Messam, of The Crown Coffee Tavern, who is one of the local ringers. About sixty sat down to tea, including the Rev. Canon Utterton, Vicar of the parish, and the Rev. — Sedgwick. The business meeting followed, and the Vicar on taking the chair cordially welcomed the members of the Association to his church, and expressed his regret that he had been unable to arrange for a service to be held for them, and explained why he could not do so on that occasion. The Vicar's further remarks disclosed that he had travelled considerably, that he appreciated the ringing of Church bells in contra-distinction to their being simply chimed, and that as a Vicar he experienced difficulties with some of his parishioners when the bells were rung too often—that is for the said parishioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting was held peals had been rung as follows:—

January 31st, 1900, at Mitcham—Stedman Triples.

February 21st, at Leatherhead—Grandsire Caters.

March 10th, at Leatherhead—Grandsire Caters.

March 24th, at Leatherhead—Bob Royal.

" " Mitcham—Stedman Triples.

April 1st, at Horley—Treble Bob Major.

" 4th, at Reigate—Grandsire Caters.

" 16th, at Dorking—Grandsire Triples.

" 16th, at Ashted—Grandsire Triples.

It was resolved that the peals be recorded as performances by the Association.

The Secretary read a letter received by him from the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Honorary Secretary of the Central Council, asking what number of copies the Association would take of the Glossary of Technical Terms in the Art and science of change-ringing now about to be printed by the Council. It was decided to guarantee 300 copies.

Bletchingley, proposed by Mr. Brooker, seconded by the Secretary, was chosen as the next place of meeting, the date being fixed for Saturday, July 21st.

The election was ratified of the following new members: Messrs. Barton, R. Charge, Hardy, Pickworth, Hunt, Garrott, and further new members were elected in the persons of Messrs. W. Messam (Leatherhead), Short (Betchworth), Canning and Spence (Cbeam).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding, and to the Rev. — Sedgwick for lending his attendance, concluded the business.

The ringers having returned to the tower, further touches were rung on the bells, including nearly three short courses of Superlative Major.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Staveley on Easter Monday, but the attendance was small. The meeting was held at The Elm Tree inn, Mr. W. Hopkinson presiding. It was arranged that providing four bands entered for the cup contest, the same should be rang for on Whit-Monday. No contest having taken place last year, the Hon. Secretary now holds the cup, having received the same from the Norton company, who held the cup for 1898-9. The President, Hon. Treasurer, and Secretary were re-elected, a slight alteration being made in the committee.

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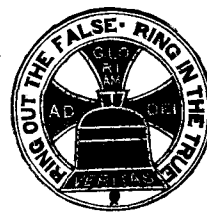
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1900.

THE Lincoln Diocesan Association has just held its annual meeting in the city from whence it takes its name. Almost everything appears to have been carried out successfully and pleasantly, but we regret to be obliged to notice that there was one important drawback. The city of Lincoln does not possess a superabundance of bell-metal, the only rings of eight being at the Cathedral, and at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches. The Dean and Chapter readily gave permission for the use of the Cathedral bells, but the Rector of St. Peter's declined to do so. His specified reason for this is remarkable, thus: "at the present time no company of ringers exists for the church, and the bells have not been rung for some months." One would say there was all the more reason why the bells should have been rung last Saturday.

We are under the impression that the Rector of St. Peter's and his churchwardens have had some disagreement

with their late ringers. But with such matters the Diocesan Guild has nothing to do; and therefore the Rector has taken up an illogical position. We regret greatly this kind of thing. It leads to unfavourable comments upon the action of those in authority, which we would gladly not hear of. With all due respect to the Rector, we may express a hope that upon the next occasion the Guild visits Lincoln, he will cheerfully co-operate with the members in all their proceedings.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

[SECOND NOTICE.]

The meeting of the Central Council will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th, at 11 a.m. at the Church House, Westminster. There will be two sittings—morning and afternoon—to be followed by a social gathering of members and friends in the evening at 9 p.m. at the Inns of Court hotel, Holborn.

Nominations for the offices of President and Secretary, and also all notices of motion, must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Council *before Tuesday, the 8th of May*.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies whose subscriptions are not yet paid, are respectfully requested to forward them *without delay*, with the names and addresses of Representatives.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

*Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn,
24th April, 1900.*

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	*WILLIAM FOREMAN 6
HARRY HOSKINS 2.	†ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
JOHN JAMES LAMB* 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and
Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, on completing his 49th year.
*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal upon ten bells as conductor.

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

On Saturday, April 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 8.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 4.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 9.
HARRY R. PASMORE 5.	JOHN N. OXBORROW Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late J. M. Hayes. A further note appears in another column.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, April 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN 6.
HARRY BARTON* 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 7.
ARTHUR HARDY 3.	HENRY WOOD 8.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	REUBEN CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal of Royal as conductor.

The Provinces.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
VINCENT R. HITCHMAN .. 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY ROBERTS 4.	RICHARD WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BUFFERY Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 6.
THOMAS MILLER 3.	FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This two-part composition is now rung for the first time, and has only 4-5-6 in 6th place, and the 6th twelve courses wrong and twenty-four right.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
WILLIAM SPICE 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS, Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to an old parishioner, who was interred a few days previous to the peal. Messrs. Wilkins, Day and Grensted are from Tunstall, Spice from Charing, Walker, and Hyland from Upchurch.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5050 CHANGES; Tenor 30½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. Treble.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 2.	JAMES HUTCHBY 7.
CHARLES FOWLER 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
T. H. COLBURN 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN... .. 9.
SAMUEL SMITH 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

First peal of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Grundy and Hutchby. Messrs. Willson and Fowler hail from Leicester.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	HARRY W. FUSSELL .. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIES .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JESSE GILLET 4.	JOHN AUSTIN Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY
OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, April 29, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WICKENS Treble.	CHARLES TAYLOR 5.
GEORGE F. HOAD 2.	ALBERT ELLIS 6.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES WORSFIELD 7.
JOHN AKEHURST 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being One 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, Two of Kent Treble Bob,
One each of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure, and Two of
Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HIGGS Treble.	CHARLES GILES 4.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	WILLIAM HORNE 5.
FRANK TUBB 3.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung for Divine Service in the evening. This is A. W. Higgs's 50th peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F♯.

ALFRED E. BASSETT Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	*THOMAS TUTTE 6.
ALFRED TRAPPITT 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	JOHN MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal with a bob bell.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PIPER Treble.	*ARTHUR HEAD 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
WILLIAM WELLINGTON† .. 3.	*GEORGE W. PIPER 7.
ERNEST RUNTER† 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal. *First peal of Treble Bob.

Date Catches.

BRAMLEY (Yorks.)—On Wednesday, April 18th, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Forster to Mr. J. C. Vickers, a date touch of 1900 changes was rung in 1 hr. and 6 mins. 100 Violet, 600 each of City Delight, College Pleasure and Arnold's Victory. W. Brown, 1; J. W. F. Holgate (conductor), 2; J. W. Chadwick, 3; H. Gaythorpe, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; E. Redshaw, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent.)—On Wednesday, March 21st, at the parish church, for practice, at quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (thirty bobs) in 44 mins. H. Wallis, 1; A. Biggs, sen., 2; S. R. Garner, 3; F. Hunt, 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; H. Foster, 6; H. Baker (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent.)—On Sunday, April 1st for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Bedwell, 1; E. H. Nixon, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; G. H. Daynes (conductor), 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; J. Law, 6; J. Davis, 7; H. Young, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On March 1st, at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 38 mins. *C. Eden, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. J. Lewis, 3; *F. Protherough, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; A. E. Edwards, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. *Longest length. The above was rung in honour of the relief of Ladysmith.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, April 5th, at the Cathedral, on the back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Wallis, 1; J. Foreman, 2; E. E. Ferry, 3; J. Keen, 4; H. Dall, 5; R. Richards (conductor), 6. Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qrs.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.—On October 26th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Cliff, 1; J. Pattison (conductor), 2; J. Leighton, 3; V. Mothersill, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Robinson, 6. On October 27th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; J. Cliff, 2; J. Leighton, 3; V. Mothersill, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. On February 12th, 720 College Single. J. Cliff, 1; J. Robinson, 2; W. Palliser, 3; J. Leighton, 4; V. Mothersill, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. On February 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford. J. Cliff, 1; J. Pattison, 2; J. Robinson, 3; J. Leighton, 4; W. Palliser, 5; W. C. Bennett, 6. On Sunday, March 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Cliff, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Pattison (conductor), 3; J. Robinson, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Leighton, 6. On Monday, March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cliff, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Leighton, 3; J. Robinson, 4; J. Pattison, 5; W. Palliser, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. J. Cliff, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Robinson, 3; J. Leighton, 4; J. Pattison (conductor), 5; W. Palliser, 6. On Monday, March 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cliff, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Leighton, 3; J. Robinson, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Robinson, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Pattison (conductor), 3; J. Leighton, 4; W. Palliser, 5; E. E. Ferry, 6. On April 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Cliff, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Pattison (conductor), 3; J. Robinson, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Leighton, 6.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex.)—On Tuesday, April 3rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Farnam, 1; J. Herbert, 2; J. Crombie, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; W. Charge, 5; J. Driver, 6; W. Elson (composer and conductor), 7; S. How, 8. On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 48 mins. J. Crombie, 1; J. Hinton, 2; E. Arthurton, 3; J. Herbert, 4; J. Aldridge, 5; G. Thrussell, 6; J. Buckingham, 7; W. Meaton, 8; W. Elson, 9; J. W. Driver, 10. Composed by C. Charge and conducted by W. T. Elson. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Driver.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BRADBOURNE (Derbyshire.)—On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. Lomas, 1; B. Greatorex, 2; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; J. H. Midlane, 4; G. Gerrard, 5; H. Baldry, 6. Another 720 in 27 mins. J. Mellor, 1; B. Greatorex, 2; H. Baldy, 3; G. Gerrard, 4; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 5; Rev. A. Gamble (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk.)—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. James' church,

a peal of Bob Minor. S. Slater (conductor), 1; P. Garwood, 2; R. Groves, 3; T. E. Slater, 4; A. J. Clarke, 5; G. Smith, 6. This is T. E. Slater's first 720 on church bells, and it is somewhat remarkable that his grandfather, the late John Slater, for many years a ringer at Glemsford, rung his first 720 on these bells, and also his father, S. Slater, who conducted the above, rang his first 720 on these bells. Thus three generations of the Slater family have accomplished their first 720 on the same bells, the one by John Slater being rung in 1848; Samuel Slater, on May 20th, 1865; T. E. Slater, March 11th, 1900.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ERCHFONT (Wilts.).—On Monday, March 17th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. C. H. Hampton, 1; C. D. Higinbotham, 2; R. Raddon, 3; A. Brown, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; F. Merritt, 8. And 336 in the same method. A. Brown, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. D. Higinbotham, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Philips, 8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples, with the Rev. C. W. Honey ringing the treble. Rung on the completion of re-hanging in an iron frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them being all that can be desired.

DEVIZES (Wilts.).—On March 6th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Merritt, 1; E. D. Heginbotham, 2; T. Rad-ton, 3; C. Hampton, 4; C. H. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Philips, 8. Rung to commemorate the surrender of Crenje. On Sunday, March 18th, for Divine Service, a 120 Stedman Doubles. E. D. Heginbotham, 1; S. Hillier (conductor), 2; C. R. Hampton, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; F. Merritt, 5; R. Philips, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Monday, April 30th, at Christ Church for evening service, 1052 Grandsire Triples, being the first part of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's 5-part peal, in 39 mins. T. Waterhouse, 1; H. Harvey, 2; T. Thorpe, 3; G. Watson, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; A. L. May, 6; F. A. Kennett, 7; H. Denman, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REDHILL (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 18th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., was rung in honour of the 84th birthday of the Rev. H. Gosee, donor of the bells. H. Ewins, 1; A. Songhurst, 2; F. Linter, 3; J. Beams (conductor), 4; E. Dewey, 5; E. Kenward, 6; H. Reeves, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Composed by John Carter.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks.).—On Easter Sunday, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 1344 of Grandsire Major in 46 mins. J. Bovington, 1; G. Guttridge, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. Clark, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; G. Basden, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; C. Clarke, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday, January 28th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; R. Hartley (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6. On Sunday, February 4th, 576 Kent. T. Burrows, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 18th, 576 Oxford. T. Burrows, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Mouncey, 8. On Thursday, March 1st, in honour of the relief of Ladysmith, 720 Kent, with 7-8 covering. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; J. R. Eastwood, 8. On Sunday, March 18th, 576 Oxford. T. Burrows, 1; T. Redman (conductor), 2; D. Campbell, 3; W. Walton, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. Also 704 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; T. Redman (conductor), 2; F. Towns, 3; W. Walton, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Hartley, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth (conductor), 5; T. Mouncey, 6. A 576 of Oxford. T. Burrows, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; W. Walton, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. On Sunday, April 1st, 576 Kent. T. Burrows, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; W. Walton, 4; R. Hartley, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth (conductor), 8. On Easter Day, 720 Kent. W. Walton, 1; T. Burrows, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Hartley (conductor), 6. And 704 Kent. W. Walton, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; T. Redman, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; J. R. Eastwood, 8.

BISHOP STORTFORD (Herts.).—On Saturday, April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; A. Tucker, 3; Prior, 4; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 5; H. G. Miles (Kensington), 4; W. T. Prior, 7; H. Champness, 8; P. Springham, 9; J. Sampford, 10. On Thursday, April 26th, a touch of Oxford Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late John Murray Hayes, by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. G. Prior, 1; A. Tucker, 2; T. Newman, 3; W. Prior, 4; W. J. Prior, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Afterwards, with the bells open, 252 Stedman Triples. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1; A. Tucker, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; T. Newman, 8.

BRETENHAM (Suffolk.).—On March 20th, at the parish school, on handbells, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Proctor, 1; A. Grimwood, 2; G. Levett, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; W. Kinsey (conductor), 5-6. And a 720 Kent. T. Levett (conductor), 1; J. Francis, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; F. Pearl, 4; A. Grimwood, 5; W. Proctor, 6. And a 720 of Bob Major. T. Levett, 1-2; A. Grimwood, 3; J. Manning, 4; W. Proctor, 5; H. Gladwell, 6; W. Kinsey (conductor), 7-8. T. Levett hails from Hitcham; W. Kinsey and H. Gladwell from Felsham.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 26th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a last mark of respect to the late John Murray Hayes. H. Flowers, 1; R. French, 2; F. Davis, 3; A. All-flatt, 4; F. J. Shepherd, 5; E. H. Oxenham, 6; R. Gummer, 7; H. Langdon, 8; T. Coxhead, 9; A. Murphy, 10. Afterwards touches of Grandsire were rung, W. H. Webber standing in.

CAPRI (Surrey).—On Saturday, March 10th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a peal in seven different Treble Bob methods, but unfortunately, after ringing 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, and within about three leads of the end of a 720 of Woodbine, the 5th rope broke, which caused the peal to collapse. E. Jordan, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Rice, 3; C. Taylor, 4; A. D. Mills, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6.

CURRY RIVEL (Somerset).—On Monday, March 26th, for practice at the parish church, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. T. Doble, 1; F. Rabbage, 2; F. Stuckey, 3; F. Alford, 4; E. Pitman, 5; C. Collier, 6; Dr. Vereker (conductor), 7; H. Weaver, 8. The above is the first touch of Triples by all except T. Doble.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 25th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) Grandsire Triples. R. Faux, 1; W. Ellis, 2; W. Verry, 3; C. Williams, 4; F. Workman, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; T. Westwood (conductor), 7; F. Bastable, 8. Composed by H. Johnson. Rung as a birthday touch to the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 7th.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, March 20th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 48 mins. E. Stacey, 1; J. Howes (conductor), 2; A. Strutt, 3; G. Strutt, 4; H. G. Naish, 5; J. Baldwin, 6; J. Strutt, 7; J. Chandler, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, the whole pull and stand was rung as a last mark of respect to the late John Murray Hayes. H. Flowers, 1; W. Pasmore, 2; E. H. Oxenham, 3; H. Langdon, 4; F. Eagar, 5; J. Mash, 6; T. Coleridge, 7; T. Mash, 8; J. Golding, 9; F. Bates, 10; G. Mash, 11; T. Coxhead and W. Parry, 12. Also 160 Grandsire Triples, on the back eight, H. Flowers, 1; H. Langdon, 2; H. P. Harman, 3; J. Golding, 4; H. Pasmore, 5; F. Bates, 6; W. Pasmore, 7; G. Mash, 8. Tenor 52 cwt.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service at St. Edmund's church, 924 Bob Triples. J. Metherell, 1; E. Harris, 2; F. Hopper, 3; W. H. Wood, 4; J. Mackay, 5; H. D. Smith, 6; J. S. White (conductor), 7; W. Rogers, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, being the 16th anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins. J. Metherell, 1; E. Harris, 2; J. Mackay, 3; W. H. Wood, 4; F. Hopper, 5; H. D. Smith, 6; J. T. White (conductor), 7; W. Rogers, 8.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 11th, at the parish church, before Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. D. Mills, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Rice, 3; E. Jordan, 4; C. Taylor, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Tuesday, March 20th, at St. Peter's church, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; A. Mar-rable, 2; A. Pearman, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; J. Crabb, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. First in both methods by all except the conductor. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles non-conducted. J. Crabb, 1; W. Mansfield, 2; A. Pearman, 3; S. King, 4; H. Shuttleworth, 5; W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 21st, the above society held a smoking concert at The Ship inn, Ivy Lane, E.C., which was attended by a distinguished company of members and friends, amongst whom was Miss R. M. Leny, the only lady member of the College Youths. There were also many prominent members of the Exercise both from London and the country.

The chairman (Mr. E. P. O'Meara, Master), opened the proceedings by proposing the toast of "Our Most Gracious Queen," which was received right loyally. Songs followed by Messrs. D. S. Prime, W. Prime, W. Chamberlain, and Rosier, and handbell ringing by Messrs. Wood, Winney, Newton, Barkus, and Breed, after which came the principal song of the evening, composed and conducted by Mr. J. W. Rowbotham.

The chairman then said—"It gives me great pleasure to perform what is the chief feature of the evening, a task which might have well been left in better hands. Mr. Cockerill, our worthy secretary, has now held that honourable position for many years, and it occurred to some of us that a suitable testimonial would be a good way of shewing our appreciation of his valuable services. With that object a committee was formed, and as one of that committee I must say that the feeling not only in London but throughout the country was one of esteem and good fellowship extended on all sides towards Mr. Cockerill. I have very great pleasure therefore in asking your acceptance, Mr. Cockerill, of this mahogany writing-table with silver bell inscription, this address, and album with the names of a few of your friends, and a purse of money, as tokens of our esteem and affection, and we trust that these gifts may be useful to you, and also serve to remind you of many pleasant hours spent with the Ancient Society of College Youths."

After further handbell ringing by Messrs. Pasmore (2), Taffender, and Golding, and songs by Messrs. Hunt and F. Prime, Mr. Cockerill thanked the society for the handsome gifts, and hoped that all the members would rally round the officers for the good of the society.

The vice-chairman (Mr. H. R. Newton) proposed "The Health of the old veteran, Mr. J. R. Haworth," who was seventy-nine years of age that day. The chairman proposed "Mr. Cockerill," both of which toasts were drunk with musical honours and acclamation.

Mr. E. A. Davies (Barking), proposed a vote of thanks to the committees of both concert and testimonial, and wished to add that had the testimonial been ten times what it was, he was only voicing the general opinion that their secretary was more than worthy of it.

The chairman having replied, the meeting broke up after Auld lang syne, all hoping the Secretary would organise many more such pleasant evenings.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the committee was held at headquarters, Leeds, on Saturday last, when Mr. W. Snowdon presided over a good attendance. About a dozen new members were admitted, after which the arrangements for the forthcoming Wortley meeting were agreed upon. An invitation was read from the Horbury branch for the September meeting. It was decided to call the attention of members to the circumstance that September 30th next will be the close of the Association's twenty-fifth year, and to invite branches to commemorate the same with "silver jubilee" peals before that date. It was also resolved unanimously that the President's portrait be inserted in the next annual report.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Thursday, March 1st, 720 Plain Bob on the back six. A. Baines, 1; W. Yates, 2; W. Shaw, 3; D. Redhead, 4; F. Knight, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Hudson, 1; R. Loveday, 2; D. Redhead, 3; L. Chapman, 4; F. Tiney, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. D. Redhead, 1; L. Chapman, 2; J. Nickerson, 3; J. Hudson, 4; F. Tiney, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. D. Redhead, 1; L. Chapman, 2; J. Hudson, 3; J. Nickerson, 4; F. Tiney, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6.

"BIG BELLS AND WHERE THEY ARE BORN."

The new morning paper, *The Daily Express*, prints the following:—

"Bells are of such extremely ancient origin that it is not surprising to find a foundry which has been manufacturing bells for several hundreds of years.

"This establishment is in Whitechapel Road, and was founded in 1570. The proprietors are Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and their predecessors cast bells even before that time.

"Most of the noted large bells of England have been cast in this foundry. Amongst the number are: "Big Ben's" bell, weighing 13½ tons; "Big Peter" at York Cathedral, 10½ tons; "Great Tom" at Lincoln Cathedral, 5½ tons; St Paul's Cathedral clock bell, 5 tons; a bell in Portsmouth Town Hall, 4 tons; and Canterbury Cathedral bell, 3½ tons. In addition to these there is the bell cast for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, weighing 25½ cwt. This is a very handsome bell, with a particularly sweet tone and bears the portrait of the Queen, with the dates 1837-1897 on either side, while underneath runs the following inscription:—

"To the glory of God, and in commemoration of the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria."

"The process of making bells is interesting in the extreme, and is a great art, requiring years of training and experience.

"There are two principal parts in the process of bell founding. The core, which forms the inside of the bell, and the cope, which fits over it somewhat like a large thimble over a small one. The vacant space which is left between these two moulds, into which the molten metal runs, determines its thickness and form. First of all, a base plate with a centre is taken, and the core is roughly made of bricks wound round with straw, and swept up to correct shape by a template which hinges on the fixed centre aforesaid.

"When the core has been dried, the cope is formed from the core by the inverse operation, the distance between the two moulds being temporarily filled up with loam, which is afterwards taken off from the cope, leaving the vacant space forming the thickness of the bell. The molten metal is poured into the mould from plumbago crucibles, or, in the case of a very large bell, the clay plug of the furnace is removed and the metal run into the mould direct. But it is not only large bells which are made here. The Hemispherical bells are shaped somewhat like a basin, and fixed one over the other.

"Sir Henry Irving, when playing in 'The Bells,' ordered a complete peal of these Hemispherical bells from this establishment, and the stage effect was excellent. The peal was in perfect tune, and the sound quite sufficient for a theatre."

PRESENTATION.

There was a special gathering at the Unity Rooms, Bradford, on Saturday evening last, when a handsome silver teapot, bearing an appropriate inscription, was presented to Mr. B. T. Copley, P.P.G.M. (Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Association), and Mrs. Copley, in commemoration of their silver wedding. Mr. John Leach, P.P.G.M., presided, and the presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers by Mr. Thomas A. Blackburn, P.P.G.M. Several prominent past and present officers also spoke of the eminent services rendered by Mr. Copley to the cause of Oddfellowship and Friendly Societies generally, and of the hearty co-operation and assistance of his good wife.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 28th, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were rung by the small attendance, only about ten members, representing the towers of Crayford, Greenwich, Lewisham, Erith, and the local band having turned up. A committee meeting was held in the vestry, the Rev. C. E. Escreet, Vicar of Woolwich, in the chair, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Dartford on Saturday, July 28th.

THE LATE JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

We announced last week the death, at the age of 59 years, of Mr. J. M. Hayes, which took place on Sunday, April 22nd. From severe colds bronchitis had developed, and this brought on pneumonia, with fatal results after a short illness of nine days. The funeral took place on Thursday, April 26th, at Norwood cemetery, the first part of the burial service being read at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico. A course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on handbells at the graveside by six of his fellow-members in the presence of his bereaved family and relatives.

It is intended, later, to publish a memoir of the deceased, with a list of his ringing performances, and if possible a portrait. Meanwhile we would call attention to the following announcement by the College Youths:—

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddlestons Road, Forest Gate, E.; C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W.; M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

CHANGE-RINGING CONTEST.

On Easter Monday, April 16th, the annual eight-bell contest in connection with the Heavy Woollen District Association of Change ringers, took place in the tower of Christ Church, Liversedge, when the Association silver challenge cup was competed for. Also other prizes given by the Liversedge ringers and their friends, namely:—

1st prize—The Association cup and eight splendid marble timepieces.

2nd Prize—Eight silver-plated teapots.

3rd Prize—Eight silver alberts, eight medals with gold centres.

The length rung was 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. Five companies competed and the judges, Messrs. Hanson Kitchen, of Elland, and Mr. Joe Wood gave their decision as follows:

No. 1 company—Kirkburton—rung out 345 faults.

No. 2 company—Earlsheaton—286 faults, 2nd prize.

No. 3 company—Huddersfield—519 faults, 3rd prize.

No. 4 company—Dewsbury—130 faults, 1st prize.

No. 5 company—Almondbury—560 faults, no prize.

ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

The headquarters of the above society having recently been removed to The Walnut Tree Shades, Market Place, a "house-warming" to celebrate the event took place on Monday evening, April 23rd. Additional interest was lent to the occasion by the fact that a new peal of sixteen handbells by Shaw and Son—supplied through their agent, Mr. F. Knights, for the use of the society—were "opened" the same evening. About thirty members and friends assembled under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Smith, whilst the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. George Smith.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, the following ringing the opening course of Grandsire Cinques on the large peal of twelve (in "D," size 21: F. H. Knights, 1-2; A. G. Warnes, 3-4; G. Smith, 5-6; C. E. Borrett, 7-8; F. Knights, 9-10; E. Francis, 11-12. Tunes were also performed by Messrs. F. and F. H. Knights, and A. G. Warnes. The society has opened many peals of Messrs. Shaw's bells for various companies in the Norwich district, but those now supplied for their own use are unrivalled for beauty and mellowness of tone.

Obituary.

GEORGE ILLINGWORTH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Illingworth, which took place at his residence in Liversedge on April 26th, at the age of fifty-one years. The deceased, who for upwards of thirty years took an active part in change-ringing at Liversedge parish church (where he was a stationed ringer), was also one of the first members of the Liversedge Handbell Ringers, with whom he had been successful in winning a number of first and other prizes at Manchester, Southport, Ripon, Glossop, and other places. He was the son of the late Mr. John Illingworth, who also was a ringer at Liversedge for nearly fifty years, and whose two surviving sons are likewise ringers both in the above-named belfry and handbell company.

The funeral took place at Liversedge parish church on Sunday, April 29th, and was largely attended by ringers and friends who gathered from a large radius, including Mirfield, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Birstall, Low Moor, and other places, among all of whom the deceased was held in high esteem.

DEATH OF THE DOWAGER VISCOUNTESS DOWNE.

Recently the sad news was received in Northamptonshire of the death of the Dowager Viscountess Downe, of Addington, which took place at her residence, 8, Belgrave Square, London. The deceased lady was Miss Mary Isabel Bagot, fourth daughter of the Right Rev. the Hon. Richard Bagot, Bishop of Bath and Wells, son of the first Lord Bagot. Born in 1825, she was first married in 1843 to the seventh Viscount Downe, who died in 1857, and secondly in 1863 to Mr. S. L. Lane, a Justice of the Peace for the Thrapston Division, retaining the title by courtesy. The mother of the deceased lady was the youngest daughter of the fourth Earl of Jersey. The deceased lady was the mother of the present Viscount, Hugh Richard Dawnay, he being the eldest son of the seventh Viscount. The deceased lady was associated with Northamptonshire in many ways. Her family have possessions in the county, and the deceased was a frequent visitor to the Hon. W. F. Dawnay at Brampton and also at Althorp. Last year the Viscountess had the bells at Great Addington recast, two trebles added to make six, and the whole rehung in Taylor's iron frames. This beautiful peal will ever remain a worthy memorial of one who was such a benefactor to the district.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.—A meeting was held at St. George's on Saturday, April 28th. A short service was conducted by the Rev. A. R. D. Flamsteed at the parish church at 5 p.m. After service tea was provided at the Tramways Refreshment Rooms, to which eighteen sat down. After tea a business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, chairman of the branch. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved to hold the next meeting on the last Saturday in May at Chippenham. Three new members were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. R. D. Flamsteed; also the choir and organist for their services. Two 720s of Minor were rung during the day, one of Plain Bob, and the other Kent Treble Bob; also some Stedman Doubles.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

We shall be much obliged to those Secretaries who will send us all names and addresses of clerical ringers they may know of. Those gentlemen who have already done so have our thanks. A great many more must be received before the intended list is anything like complete. The trouble or expense of sending the particulars on a post-card is not great; and the courtesy would be appreciated.

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 Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, to-day, Saturday, May 5th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Tea at Burridge's restaurant, High Street, at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions became due on January 1st, and should be paid at or before the meeting.
E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Summer Lees, *Hernhill, Faversham.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Audley, to-day, Saturday, May 5th.
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford to-day, Saturday, May 5. Divine Service in the parish church at 3.15 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room after service. Tea in the Oddfellows' clubroom at 5 p.m. The towers of Ordsall, West Retford (6 bells), and East Retford (10 bells), will be open for ringing all the afternoon. Tea free to members, 1s. per head to visitors. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield and District Society.—The yearly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, May 5th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street, at 8. All ringers invited.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—On and after Monday, May 7th, the fortnightly practice will be continued at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, at 8 o'clock. Also every Wednesday at St. John's, Waterloo Road, at 8.30 o'clock.
W. H. WEBBER, *Sec.*
58, Inville Road, Walworth.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Next Meeting at Waterfoot (St. James's), on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.

WM. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3.30. The rectory gardens and grounds will be open to members by kind permission of the Rector, and Miss Macalpine Leny has kindly undertaken to provide tea to all members at 6 o'clock. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify to the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, May 9th.
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Monday, May 14th. Service at St. Peter's church at 11.30, when an address will be given by the Rev. Canon Wordsworth. Meeting in the Town Hall immediately after the service to elect officers and transact business. Dinner (2s. each) in the Town Hall at 1.15. All who intend being present should let me know by Friday, May 4th. THOMAS BLACKBOURN.
"Ringwell," Exeter Street, Salisbury.

Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A Meeting of members

of this Association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, May 12th, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Robinson, when all members who can make it convenient to do so are requested to attend. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock.

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

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—A committee meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, May 12th, at 4.30, at The Park hotel, Earlsheaton, when the method for the six-bell contest will be chosen and judges for the same. Afterwards the usual monthly meeting will be held at the same house; meeting to commence as near 5 o'clock as possible.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Eye, on Thursday, May 17th. Dinner at The White Lion at 1.30 p.m., 2s. 3d. Hon., and 1s. 3d. company members. Notice to be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Saturday, 12th May.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at liberty from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Official headquarters for the day at the infants school. Local headquarters, The Wharcliffe Arms hotel. Tea at 5 o'clock in the school. Business meeting immediately afterwards. The local hon. secretary is Mr. W. T. McKegg, waterworks plumber, Wortley, Sheffield, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

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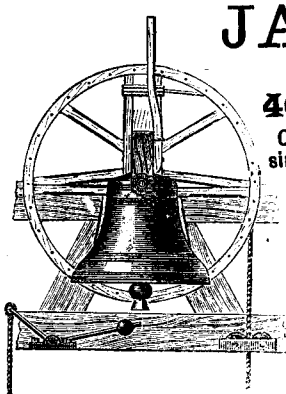
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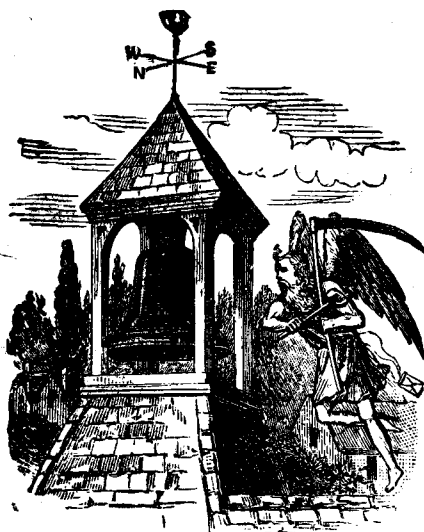
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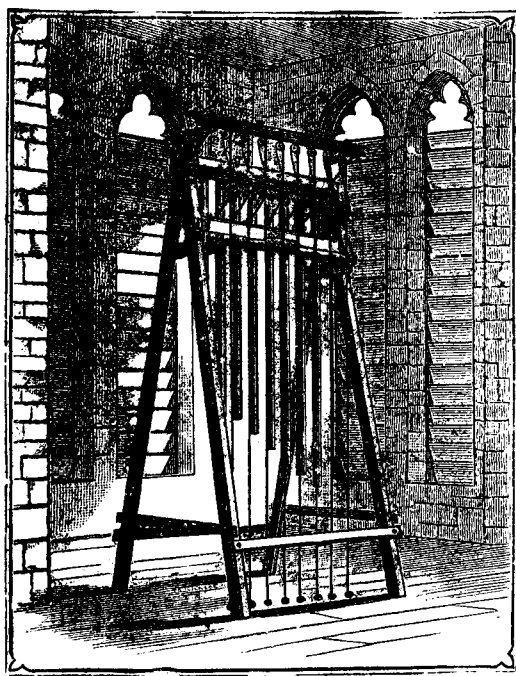
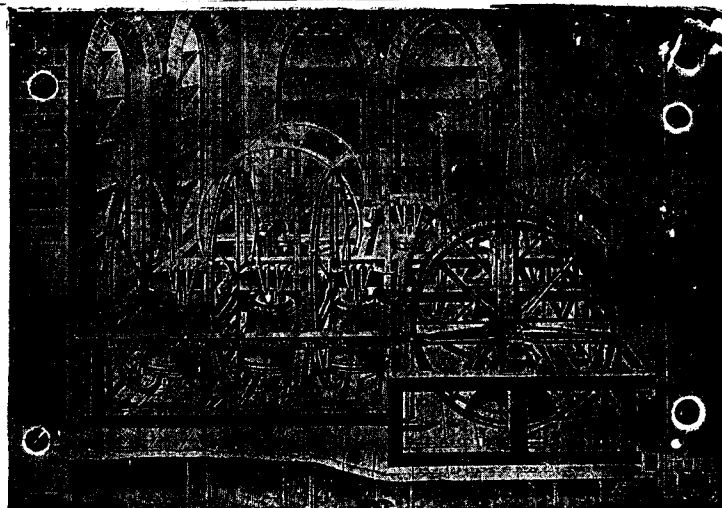
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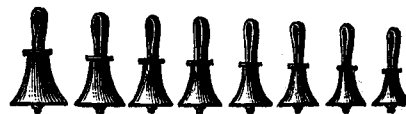
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

There are few more delightful occasions than the Spring Meetings of the Guild in some country village in really spring-like weather, and when a hospitable welcome awaits the ringers. Both these conditions were amply fulfilled on Saturday, April 28th, at Haddenham, near Thame, in Buckinghamshire. There was unbroken sunshine throughout the day, cherry and blackthorn were in their richest bridal beauty, the views from the Chilterns were gloriously blue, making the journey, whether by carriage or cycle, a "thing of joy." Haddenham, with its festival flag flying from the tower, was reached at 12.30, when the hospitable Vicar entertained the Master and some of his band who were to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. In half an hour there was an adjournment to the fine old church, where preparations were at once made to start the peal. A visit had previously been made by one of the band to test the "go" of the bells, when individually little fault could be found. But it is quite another matter when all the eight are set to work together, and though every device was tried, nothing could keep some of the bells in due control, and the peal had reluctantly to be abandoned. "We thought the gentlemen would find our bells too heavy for them," said a knowing villager with a chuckle. No time was lost in securing a waggonette, and the six bells at Stone, four miles off, were soon sending forth their melodious voices. Two touches were accomplished, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. Evensong was held at Haddenham at 5, the Hon. Secretary of the Guild saying the prayers, the Master reading the lesson, and the Vicar, the Rev. G. B. Rhind, presiding at the organ and preaching a most excellent, practical sermon on the words "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God;" 1 Cor. x. 31. The rev. gentleman said:—

I have been asked by the committee of your Guild to preach to you a sermon on this, the occasion of your spring meeting; but at the very outset of my remarks I venture to claim your kind indulgence for three principal reasons, first, what I have to say must be very short; second, I have never in my life hitherto preached a sermon to bell-ringers; and thirdly, I do not know whether what I am going to say to you has not already been said to you on perhaps a score of other occasions. At any rate, I shall not go wrong in saying I very heartily welcome you all to this service of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers in this my parish.

Of course you all know that there is no mention of church bells in the Bible. In fact there are only two biblical references to any sorts of bells. In the book of Exodus, in the description we have there of the high priest's dress, we read that upon the bottom hem of the robe of the ephod there were to be fastened golden bells and pomegranates alternately, so then when Aaron went into the holy place to minister unto God, and when he came out, the bells on the hem of his robe made a sound. And then, in the book of Zechariah, we have a prophecy that a time should come, when the commonest things shall be consecrated to God's glory and be holy, even though they were not contained or used in the Temple, when there shall be on the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord. That is absolutely all we read about bells in Holy Scripture, but as I turn these two passages over in my mind, they seem after all to say something to me about church bells, and what they say to me is this: If in the

olden days of the Jewish Church God ordained that in the service of His holy habitation the sounds of bells should be heard, it surely cannot be displeasing to Him that amidst the larger privileges and fuller blessings of the Christian Church, the sound of bells should be associated with our worship and service; and further, that if one mark of the good time coming, when the knowledge of the glory of God should cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, was to be that even the bells on the horses' trappings were to be holy to the Lord, how much more should those dear bells, which call us to God's house, which may be said to rejoice with them that do rejoice, as in wedding peals they ring out their joyful tones, and weep with those who weep, as when a soul has passed away the great tenor tolls forth its solemn tidings—O how much more should these dear bells be counted holy, and everything connected with their use be reverent and devout, seeing they are parts of the sacred equipment of the House of God in which everything should be holy, and every ministration a consecrated one?

The use of bells for Church purposes is about 1500 years old, if anything a little less. Of course, as long as the Christians were obliged to meet in private and secretly, there could be no possible use for a bell, which would only draw attention just when it was not wanted. But as the Christians gained liberty of worship, so the use of bells came in. As far back as the 5th century, Gregory of Tours mentions a bell calling French monks to morning prayer, and a little later our own historian, the Venerable Bede, relates that at the death of St. Hilda, the Abbess of Whitby, the passing bell was heard by her nuns at a great distance. In the 10th century St. Dunstan, who restored the Abbey of Abingdon in King Edred's days, and who afterwards became Archbishop of Canterbury, is known to have hung many bells in various parts of England. From that time their use became quite general.

You may perhaps be surprised to hear that many of the very oldest bells extant were not round, but four-sided, quadrangular, as we say, and were made of iron. Such is the bell of St. Patrick, which is still preserved in Ireland. But you must not think of it as a fine great bell. It was only 6 ins. high, 5 broad, and 4 deep. It dates from the 6th century. But our modern bells, so graceful from their incurving shape and full trumpet mouth, are not older than the 16th century. I believe the first regular peal of bells in this country was sent in 1456 (just 444 years ago) by Pope Calixtus iii. to King's College, Cambridge, and was for 300 years the largest peal in England.

A very great deal more might be said about church bells, but I must not forget that this is not to be a lecture but a sermon. Another day, when perhaps the Guild may give us the pleasure of welcoming you again, I may have the pleasure of telling you something more.

Meanwhile, before we close, I must find time for a word or two of affectionate and earnest counsel to all church bell ringers. I am thankful that the state of belfries nowadays is far superior to their state in years gone by, when irreverence and the temptation to intemperance were not uncommon things. In many a parish I have heard it was almost the exception for any of the bell ringers to attend the services of the Church. They rang the bells to call the people to prayer and praise, but they seldom if ever came in themselves to join in Litany, canticle, or hymn. What should we think of a parson who never practised what he preached? And you are preachers, my brothers. You are messengers of glad tidings. To you is committed the beautiful and honourable office of smiting the silent air with those diatonic peals which in town and country call your brethren to worship in God's house. Why should you ring, if worship be not good? And if it is good for others, why should it not be good for you? All church bell ringers should be Churchmen, baptized and confirmed men, devout men, clean living and clean mouthed men, temperate men, men who love the Church, and

long to see it grow and prosper. And although I like to hear a man say, I love my tenor, or 5th, or what not, I do like a good deal more to know of that man that his own heart knows what it is to feel—Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth. The belfry is a part of the church, as much a part as the vestry. And the belfry should be holy, holy to the great God. Every thought of a belfry should be upwards, skywards, heavenwards. Up above you are the bells; up above you hang the ropes; up above you floats away into the startled atmosphere the sweet and mellow clangour of those glorious metal-throated heralds. Why you all raise your arms aloft to begin the very first notes of your ringing. If ever there was a Latin motto that suited a church bell ringer it should be "Excelsior." And when at practice men are learning to grow more apt, more sure, more steady, more skilled, let them raise their hearts upwards and think—Lord, dear Lord of my hope and my salvation, accept, we pray Thee, the vigour of our strong arms, for Thine own glory and the glory of Thy holy Church. And when they are ringing for service, let them feel, as the grand sonorous notes go crashing forth, or gently wooing in persuasive tones, let them feel—Lord, dear Lord, let our call bring some, bring many to Thy holy house, it is to Thee we are calling them, and when our peal is done, we will come down and enter into Thy Sanctuary, to worship in Thy presence, and adore and and praise Thee there.

So, my brothers, my fellow-helpers in this true Church work, God bless you, and bless my simple and homely words, that we may all rise to a truer and higher view of the blessedness of all Church work and Christian duty, and whether we eat or drink, whether we work or rest, whether we practise or ring, we may do all in the name of the Lord Jesus—do all to the glory of God.

Tea was served at The White Hart at 6 o'clock, when thirty-nine sat down to the tables. The Master expressed the thanks of the Guild to the Vicar, choir, and Haddenham ringers for their hospitable welcome. He acknowledged the disappointment felt at the failure of the bells, but trusted that the visit might not be wasted if it led in time to their being rehung and put into good working order. He assured the Vicar that the Guild would be ready in any way to help the matter forward.

The Hon. Secretary reminded the Haddenham men that their tower had been in union with the Guild from 1892 to 1890, and urged the advantages of membership. He thanked Mr. Rhind very heartily for his assiduous efforts to make the meeting enjoyable, and congratulated him on his complete success.

The Vicar, in reply, said that he intended to get to work at once to raise funds for the restoration of the bells, and hoped that in no long time the Guild would pay Haddenham another visit, when a good peal would be safely brought home.

Amongst others present besides the Master, the Hon. Secretary, and the Rev. G. B. Rhind, Vicar of Haddenham, were the Rev. J. L. Challis, Vicar of Stone and Rural Dean; the Rev. W. Edward, Vicar of Great Haxley; the Rev. H. C. Bell, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, and Hon. Secretary of the East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch; the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Witney; Messrs. R. Annot, W. Bennett, J. Evans, J. Sturch, T. H. Taffender, A. W. Truss, J. C. Truss, R. White, S. White, J. W. Wilkins, and W. E. Yates. The whole party numbered over fifty, and the following towers were represented: Appleton, Boyne Hill, Drayton, Haddenham, Great Haxley, Hughenden, Kidlington, Great Marlow, Stone, Thame, and Witney.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at Retford on Saturday, May 5th. The day was fine and favourable for the opening of the cricket season even

more than for change-ringing, which was no doubt one reason for the scanty attendance of members; anyhow this was the smallest gathering at the annual meeting for several years. Only fifteen members were present at the service in East Retford church at 3.15 p.m. The service was choral and was conducted by the Rev. Canon Ebsworth, the Vicar; the sermon, a very interesting and helpful discourse, being preached by the Rev. H. de Lisle, who is a performing member of the society. A few more men turned up for the business meeting which was held in the adjoining parish room after service, about a score in all. The Rev. S. R. Elliston, Vice-President, was voted to the chair, and after the minutes had been confirmed, called upon the Hon. Secretary to present the annual report and balance-sheet. The former showed an increase of twenty-three upon the membership roll of 1899, and also a slight increase in the number and quality of the performances during the past year; whilst the latter showed a balance of £3 2s. 6d. to the good. During the meeting eleven new members were added to the roll. The retiring officers were all re-elected, and the meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to the clergy, churchwardens, and others who had opened their towers to the members, and had otherwise contributed to the success of the meeting.

A later train brought an accession of members just in time for a capital tea, which was partaken of in the Odd-fellows Club Room at 5 p.m., but still the attendance was not large, only forty-four members sitting down to table, representing 7 of the 11 towers comprised in the society.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 28th, at the parish church, Harborne, members attending from the following places: Wolverhampton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Lichfield, Handsworth, Tipton, Harborne, and Smethwick. The bells were rung during the afternoon, when some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 p.m., and a committee meeting followed in the vestry, when two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Tea was provided in the school-room, and ample justice was done to the good things provided by all present, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and for the tea; also to the Rev. E. J. Cullwick for kindly giving the address in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Another visit was made to the tower when some Grandsire Triples and three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round, the veteran John Day ringing the 4th with his usual skill.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LEICESTER.

The curious antique clock which for about 200 years did service on the front of this church, but which was taken down about twenty-five years since when the church was restored, has now been re-fixed, and the two little automaton figures strike the quarters. The old figures and case have been carefully restored, but entirely new clock works and mechanical actions had to be supplied. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTTS (KENSINGTON) SOCIETY. UNVEILING OF A RECORD.

On Tuesday evening last the 8th May, the Rev. Canon S. E. Penefather, Vicar of St. Mary Abbots, attended at the belfry, to unveil the record of the first peal of Grandsire Caters by the Kensington Society. There were also present R. A. Daniell, Esq., W. S. Pennefather, Esq., Messrs. A. E. Bradley, G. R. Fardon, W. Fox, F. Edwards, W. E. Garrard, J. George (Rugby), S. H. Godfrey, W. E. Golby, A. F. Harris, W. Harding, W. E. Judd, J. Judd, J. Lucking, H. G. Miles and H. Sear. The peal was a composition by J. George, of Rugby, and conducted by W. E. Garrard, the Kensington instructor, and duly reported in our pages.

Canon Pennefather said he had great pleasure in coming there to unveil the record, as he understood it was a great event accomplished by the ringers. He felt very grateful to the ringers for the great work they rendered to the parish and the Church, and he heartily congratulated them on accomplishing the peal, and hoped shortly to hear that they had rung a peal in honour of the relief of Mafeking. He then unveiled the record, which was beautifully executed by A. F. Harris.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, highly eulogised the art of bell-ringing, and said that ringers formed a band of union between the churches everywhere. There would be no good ringing on Sundays unless the bells were allowed to be practised for a peal. Not only did he thank the Vicar for coming there that evening, but also for the kind manner in which the rev. gentleman had always met the ringers. He also referred to the presence of Mr. J. George, the composer of the peal, who he was sure, all were delighted to see.

Mr. W. E. Garrard heartily endorsed Mr. Daniell's words, and looked forward to the ringing of a peal for the relief of Mafeking.

Mr. J. George (Rugby), thanked Mr. Daniell for his words in reference to himself, and said he was very pleased to be present, and felt highly honoured to have his name on the record.

Some Treble Bob and Stedman Caters brought a pleasant evening to a close.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, after ten years' residence, has vacated the vicarage of the very pretty little town of Ottery St. Mary, with its renowned church and most excellent peal of bells, on his succession to the Kelly Estates. Owing to the wonderful perseverance of Mr. Kelly, the Ottery St. Mary band are well initiated into the mysteries of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, and for thorough good striking it would be difficult to find their equal in the south-western counties. The rev. gentleman was always ready to train any one and every one in the very initial stages of bell-ringing. The Ottery ringers' loss will be great, and a few weeks ago they met together to present their Vicar with a gong and an illuminated address, as a small token of their great appreciation of his unremitting efforts in forwarding the Exercise. The Secretary of the Devonshire Guild (Rev. G. E. F. Molineux), was among those present.

Mr. George Godfrey, in making the presentation, thanked the rev. gentleman for the great courtesy he had always shewn to the ringers, and also for the valuable help he had rendered in the Art of change-ringing. He expressed the deep regret of all the ringers that they were so soon to lose such a generous friend and so capable an instructor, and he was sure they all hoped that Mr. Kelly would be spared many years to respond to the call of the gong.

The Vicar thanked the ringers for their generous and most appropriate gift. He spoke of the great harmony which had always existed between himself and the ringers, and said he should miss nothing more than the bells.

A photo was taken of those present. The illuminated address was designed and executed by Mr. Sidney H. Godfrey, and was framed in carved oak by Mr. Arthur E. Pike, both of whom are members of the Devonshire Guild.

F. K. HOWELL.—Mr. Lindoff's address is 2, Mount Brown, Dublin.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this Association was held at Audley, on Saturday, May 5th, and was very well attended, upwards of forty members being present. The following towers were represented: Audley, Bucknall, Fenton, Kidsgrave, Lawton, Newcastle, Norton, Tunstall and Stoke. During the afternoon, touches of Minor were rung in the following methods: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, College Pleasure, Grandsire and Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. At six o'clock the members adjourned to The Butchers' Arms, where a bountiful tea was partaken of. In the absence of the Vicar, who was away from home, Mr. Twigg (Lay Secretary) presided. After tea, to which the members did ample justice, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Audley ringers for the kind manner in which they had received the Association, and for the excellent tea which they had provided, and at the same time expressing the pleasure it gave him to see such a good number of the members present. Mr. Page (Stoke), seconded the proposition, which was heartily carried.

THE ST. PETER'S (THETFORD) SOCIETY.

The ringers of St. Peter's, Thetford, visited Brettenham on Sunday, April 26th, and by permission of the Rev. T. Robinson, rang after the afternoon service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. E. Carter, 1; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 2; J. Grindling, 3; W. Everett, 4; C. Carter, 5.

Also on Tuesday evening, May 1st, at St. Peter's, Thetford, the newly formed band rang their first touch of 168 Grandsire Triples in good style. E. Carter, 1; J. Robbins, 2; J. Grindling, 3; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 4; E. Hunt, 5; W. Everett, 6; C. Carter, 7; J. Deeks, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE HENFIELD (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.

The bellringers of the Henfield parish church had their annual outing on May 1st. The party accompanied by the Rev. H. J. Boyd (assistant-curate), who himself is a probationer bell-ringer, and Messrs. Tyler (captain) and W. Markwell (secretary) left Henfield at 7.21., and arrived at Godalming (via Horsham and Guildford) at 9.15., here they rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples. Returning to Guildford, luncheon was partaken of at The Castle hotel, and then Farnham was reached about 3, when another 503 of Stedman Triples was rung at this parish church. Guildford was again reached by tea time, and the party was joined by the Vicar of Henfield (Rev. W. Wakeford). After tea the tower of St. Nicholas was visited, when touches of Stedman Triples were rung for an hour, and the party being fairly tired, but very happy, reached home by 9.30 p.m. Thanks are due to the Vicars of Godalming, Farnham, and St. Nicholas', Guildford, for their permission to ring the bells, and also to the officials who attended and had the belfries in readiness. The touches were rung at the parish church, Godalming, as follows: W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Payn, 5; H. Markwell, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. At the parish church, Farnham: W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; H. Stringer, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; C. Tyler, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

NOTICE.—During the meeting of the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Oddfellows at Portsmouth, if any delegates of Districts or Lodges are here to represent the same, and are change-ringers in Standard methods, and would like to ring peals, the Portsea parish church tower will be available for all officers and brothers of of the said friendly society. Full particulars can be obtained the foreman of the band, Mr. J. Harper, 69, Brompton Road, Landport, Portsmouth, Hants.

BRADBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. Lomas, 1; B. Greator, 2; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; J. H. Midlane, 4; G. Gerrard, 5; H. Baldry, 6. Another 720 in 27 mins. J. Mellor, 1; B. Greator, 2; H. Baldy, 3; G. Gerrard, 4; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 5; Rev. A. Gamble (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held as usual at St. Albans, on Easter Monday when the members visited the various towers of the city, and made the air resound with merry peals upon the bells. Service was also held in the Cathedral, and the members afterwards adjourned to the town hall, where tea was served, and a business meeting followed. The Rev. Canon Wigram presided over a large assembly, which included the Mayor of St. Albans.

The president announced apologies for non-attendance from the Rev. Lord William Cecil, Mr. F. W. Silvester, Mr. J. Staples (Hertford), and from members at Hitchin and Sawbridgeworth. Commenting upon the letter from Hitchin, Canon Wigram said they had fallen of very much in that part of the county, as there were now only three members at Hitchin, and the bells were in such a sad plight that they were pronounced unringable. He regretted very much that that was the case, but he must say that he never had been at a gathering of ringers where there was such a good muster, and he felt convinced that even if some branches of the Association had broken up, and some of the towers were silent, it was perfectly evident that there was many a company which was true to the Exercise, and that there were many other towers coming to the front.

The Hon. Secretary then presented the report for the year. The balance-sheet showed that whereas the year opened with a balance of £3 19s. 4d., it ended with an increased amount to the credit of the Association of £4 16s. 4d.

The President, commenting upon the report, said the chief matter for congratulation was the number of conductors of which they could boast. It was a fact of great importance that there should be such a considerable number of conductors, and especially of men who were able to conduct in so many different methods; from the prince of them all, "Superlative," and the queen of odd bell-ringing, "Stedman." He was glad that the Association could boast of a good many members who were able to ring these methods and to take a band through them. The report and balance-sheet were then adopted.

Mr. H. J. Toulmin proposed that Canon Wigram should be re-elected to the office of President for the year, as well as their excellent hon. sec. Mr. E. P. Debenham, and their hon. auditor, Mr. E. E. Huntley. Alluding to the letter received from Hitchin, the Mayor expressed his regret at the declining interest in campanology there. He said he was very sorry to hear that the bells there had not been rung so long, and added, amidst much laughter, that he never yet knew a belle who was not ready to have a ring.

Mr. Waller seconded the re-election, which was agreed to, and the President, responding, said whatever he was able to do in the cause of change-ringing and in the interests of the County Association, he should be delighted to perform. He took his re-election to the Presidency as a great compliment, and accepted the office again with great pleasure. Touching the secretary he hoped the hint with regard to his retiring from the office might be considered as an expression thrown out only as a suggestion. Mr. Debenham might not have a good master in the Association, but the Association had in him a good servant, and they knew his worth too well to part with him one moment before they were forced to do so.

Mr. Debenham returned thanks for the kind words which had been uttered with respect to himself. He had stated in his report what his feelings were with regard to his duties as secretary. His time was now much more occupied than it was when he first took office, and he had not the spare time to go round to the various towers in the district and see for himself what progress was being made, and to give some encouragement to those engaged in the somewhat uphill work of teaching change-ringing. He should be willing on the present occasion to serve again, but he should like to retire another year. He had not got tired of the Association, but he felt that the time had arrived when, after serving some thirteen years, it would be well for a change to be made.

Mr. King spoke of the work of the Middlesex Association, to which the Barnet tower was attached. In that Association they had nearly 500 members who had joined of their own free will and who considered it a privilege to belong to such an Association. These Associations, he said, were like the London societies, secular; but they were secular and something

more. Their members tried to subordinate their secular knowledge to the work of the Church. They should never lose sight of the fact that they were Church workers and that they should strive to make themselves efficient so as to help in the services of the Church.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham was chosen as a representative of the Association on the Central Council.

Mr. Huntley proposed that the county should be divided into districts, advancing as an argument in favour of such a step the inconveniences of travelling from one part of the county to the other. The report showed that the ringing had been nearly all done in the western half the county. He suggested that the various towns should be consulted with a view to sending representatives to a meeting with the object of considering the suggestion. If this were done he saw no reason why the Association should not be doubled in numbers.

The President thought the matter too complex to deal with off hand, and suggested the appointment of a committee. The President and Messrs. E. P. Debenham and E. Huntley were finally chosen as a committee, with power to call together representatives from every town within the Association to discuss the matter.

Hatfield was chosen as the place for the next district meeting, and in the event of the Hatfield tower not being available, then they should go to Baldock.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, BELFAST.

On Monday evening, April 23rd, the members of the above society met in the church vestry in order to pass the following vote of thanks to Mr. J. H. B. Hesse for his presentation to the Society of eight handbells by Taylor and Co., in order to facilitate the study of change-ringing. It was proposed by Mr. A. G. Ward, seconded by Mr. W. G. Macoun, and passed unanimously:—

That the best thanks of the St. Thomas's Hon. Society of Bell Ringers be given to Mr. J. H. B. Hesse for his handsome and generous gift of a peal of eight handbells, by John Taylor and Co.; and the members desire to place on record their appreciation of his interest in the Society, and his desire to assist in every way the acquirement by the ringers of the Art of Change-Ringing.

That this resolution be entered on the minutes of the Society and forwarded to Mr. Hesse by the Secretary.

Also the following:—

That an inscription in the following terms be placed on the tenor bell of the peal presented by Mr. Hesse:—"This peal was presented by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse to the St. Thomas's Hon. Society of Bell Ringers, March 1900."

The President of the Society (Rev. W. Dowse, M.A.), occupied the chair, and in conveying to the donor the resolution just passed, said he fully endorsed all that had been expressed by the previous speakers regarding the interest Mr. Hesse took in the belfry, and the prominent part he had taken in getting the Art of change-ringing brought into practice in the society.

Mr. Hesse, in replying, referred to the pleasure it had been to him to make the presentation, and in concluding his remarks said he hoped before long that his favourite project of having the tower bells recast would be taken in hand by the churchwardens and vestry, and brought to a successful termination.

NOTICE OF PEAL.—Eight members of the Bristol branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association will attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Mary Redcliffe, at 6 o'clock in the evening on the day the relief of Making is announced officially. W. A. CAVE.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

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

PEAL DISPUTES.

SIR,—Everyone who has the dignity of the Exercise at heart must be grateful to the Rev. T. L. Papillon for his letter in your issue of April 28th. It is perfectly certain that abuse is no argument, and the indecent violence of too many of the communications to which Mr. Papillon alludes, not only renders no assistance to outsiders to form any opinion on the question or questions in dispute, but tends to obstruct the chances of anything worth calling evidence being produced by those who could produce it, owing to the vitiated atmosphere of personality set up. After all, if the devil got up a band of his retainers to ring a peal, the same question would arise as if a peal was rung by a company of angels, namely, was the peal a true performance? This in each case must be settled by facts, not by personalities. And it must be borne in mind that the objection to personalities applies in the case of men defending a performance as much as in that of men attacking it.

If, then, we get rid of personalities, how are we to get at the facts? Until this question is settled, it is idle to ask what tribunal is to decide disputes. The question is not any easy one to settle, but possibly we may approach to a condition of mind more favourable for settling it if we realise something as to the functions of fair criticism.

The tendency of some of your correspondents within the last year has been, as it seems to me, to regard a peal recorded as something that is so much the personal affair of those who have rung in it, or their society, that it is presumptuous for any one to criticise it. One writer, for instance, objected to criticism on the ground that it reflected on the honour of the conductor. This view seems to me incorrect. A peal recorded is a matter which concerns the whole Exercise, because if for no other reason it goes into Mr. Attree's calculations, and if any member of the Exercise has any objection to make, he is perfectly entitled to make it, provided he does so in reasonable terms; and, I think, also within reasonable time; and conductors owe it to the Exercise to recognise this, and deal with reasonably expressed criticism in a reasonable manner, and give all the information they can. Instead of this, when a peal is criticised some conductors seem to treat it as a personal grievance. One writer in your paper some time since quoted as applicable the legal maxim that it is for the plaintiff to prove his case. So, as a general rule, it is; but the law gives him every means of proving it by, among other things, extracting everything material to the issue out of his opponent. If legal analogy is to be used and a critic is to be deemed in the case of a plaintiff and a conductor as a defendant, then he and all the band and everyone else having knowledge ought to give the critic all the information he could get by cross-examination in court, or discovery of documents or other legal means. The fullest information should, for instance, be given in reply to questions about the composition and the calling, for unless these be known how is any one to know whether the performance should be noticed by Mr. Attree? The question of striking, of course, presents greater difficulties, because affording room for wider differences of opinion. But if men will conduct their criticism in the rational manner in which they transact the ordinary affairs of life, and those criticised will recognise the rights of the critic, subject only to his avoidance of personalities, and the rights of the Exercise at large, it may be possible to arrive at some method of getting at facts and settling disputes.

R. A. DANIELL.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—In his recent communications to you respecting the "silent" peal of Stedman Triples rung at Drayton, the Rev. F. E. Robinson omits any mention of the only previously recorded silent peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells, viz.: that rung by members of the Midland Counties' Association at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on November 20th, 1886. There is no need to remind the older members of the Exercise of this performance, the truth and honesty of which was vouched for from within the

belfry by the late Mr. Henry Johnson and the late Rev. J. H. Fish, and from outside by Sir Arthur Heywood. But there must be many of your younger readers who have never heard of the peal, and for the information of these I may venture to point out that the honour of ringing the first "unconducted" peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells rests with the Midland Counties' Association. The only difference in the peals is that in one case Thurstans' four-part, and in the other a variation of the same peal was rung. Strangely enough in his description of the Drayton performance Mr. Robinson uses the exact words uttered by Mr. Johnson in the Burton belfry fourteen years ago. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Johnson, "this performance may be equalled, it can never be excelled."

W. WAKLEY.

CROWN BOB.

SIR,—In last week's "BELL NEWS" the writer of the account of "A week-end in Surrey" mentioned the method of Crown Bob. This method can be found in *Campanologia, or the Art of Ringing*, by J. Monk, 1702, being a composition of three methods. The first lead is Oxford Treble Bob; the second College Pleasure; the third College Treble Bob, four times repeated. This method with several more, including London Surprise, was rung by the Wilby company of six Chenerys in

1792.

Earl Soham, Suffolk.

W. G. CRICKMER.

Obituary.

GEORGE MURRELL SAYER.

The Canterbury Cathedral ringers have sustained a very sad and serious loss by the death of this most promising member of their company, at the early age of 25. He had been a member of the Cathedral band and of the Kent County Association for about eight years, but owing mainly to his hours of duty at the post office he could seldom get away for peal-ringing. His record in that time is only four, viz.: two of Grandsire Triples, one of Stedman Caters, and one of Stedman Triples. Modest, unassuming, cheerful, willing, he had gained the confidence of his superior officers at the post office and the esteem of his equals, while to his brother-ringers he was endeared by his unflinching exhibition of good temper, and readiness to attend when he was wanted, as well as by his many other good qualities. He was a good and faithful son of the Church, mindful alike of religious and home duties. On Tuesday, April 24th, he had to go on duty at 3.0 a.m. Returning home in the course of the day, he complained of the cold having got right into him. Inflammation of the lungs set in, and on Saturday, April 28th, he breathed his last.

The funeral took place at St. Dunstan's, on May 2nd, the service being taken by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, President of the Cathedral Ringers. There was a large congregation, the post office being strongly represented by the postmaster and chief clerk, and others, as well as by the whole staff of postmen in uniform. Two hymns were sung—"Thy way, not mine, O Lord," and "Jesus lives," the organ being played by one of the postmen.

In the evening, the "whole pull and stand" was rung on the Cathedral bells half-muffled by the following: W. Andrews, H. G. Fairbrass, F. Davison, P. Paine, A. Andrews, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, C. Luery, W. Pierce, P. H. Pierce, and W. D. Smith. Two courses of Stedman Caters were afterwards rung in which C. F. Turner took part, and a short touch of Grandsire Caters in which J. H. Small rung the 2nd.

We shall be much obliged to those Secretaries who will send us all names and addresses of clerical ringers they may know of. Those gentlemen who have already done so have our thanks. A great many more must be received before the intended list is anything like complete. The trouble or expense of sending the particulars on a post-card is not great; and the courtesy would be appreciated.

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SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1900.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

[SECOND NOTICE.]

The meeting of the Central Council will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th, at 11 a.m. at the Church House, Westminster. There will be two sittings—morning and afternoon—to be followed by a social gathering of members and friends in the evening at 9 p.m. at the Inns of Court hotel, Holborn.

Nominations for the offices of President and Secretary, and also all notices of motion, must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Council before Tuesday, the 8th of May.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies whose subscriptions are not yet paid, are respectfully requested to forward them without delay, with the names and addresses of Representatives.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn,
24th April, 1900.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch was held at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, April 28th, when there were about sixty ringers present, the following places being represented: Macclesfield, Bollington, Prestbury, Sutton, Gawsorth, Prestwich, Kildgrove, Lawton, and Congleton. An excellent knife and fork tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, to which ample justice was done. After tea the business meeting was held, the Vicar, the Rev. T. T. Higgins, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. T. Warburton, Vicar of St. James', Mr. Farrington (vicar's warden), Mr. Walter Sherratt and Mr. T. Kennedy (sidesmen), Mr. J. Norbury (Secretary of the branch), and Mr. J. Perry (Secretary of local company).

The chairman in a very humorous speech welcomed the ringers to Congleton, and hoped they would all enjoy themselves, and find everything satisfactory. He said he did not know much about music, especially about bell music, but he did know when he saw a fine hearty set of fellows, which reminded him of a commando, who ought to be out in South Africa; if they did as much slaughter as they had done to the loaded tables that afternoon the result would be very disastrous to the enemy.

It was proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the Bishop, as President of the Guild, on the death of his son in the war. In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar the Secretary said that they had found everything satisfactory except the bells, and advised the Vicar and wardens to have them examined by a competent bell-hanger. Several touches were rung on the tower bells during the day. Great credit is due to Mr. J. Perry, for his great exertions in making this the record meeting of the branch.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

RICHARD ELLIOTT* Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6.
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.† 2.	ROBERT J. MAYNARD 7.
CHARLES T. HOPKINS 3.	FRANK HULL 8.
CHARLES S. BURDON 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN 9.
WILLIAM B. MANNING 5.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and
Conducted by FREDERICK A. NUNN.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal.

The Provinces.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON Treble.	†RICHARD HEALD 5.
GEORGE PINCOFF 2.	JOHN MAKIN 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	HENRY MOSS 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	*THOMAS H. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 2, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. HOWORTH Treble.	A. W. WHITWORTH 5.
JOHN SHEPHERD 2.	Z. LORD 6.
J. A. BROWN 3.	J. JACKSON 7.
T. KAY* 4.	W. ASHWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Howorth and Ashworth.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, May 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. Treble.	ALEXANDER SYMONDS 4.
THOMAS DAVY 2.	FREDERICK POTTER 5.
GEORGE KEMP 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 4, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

FREDERICK WHITE Treble.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
W. H. ADKIN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	RICHARD WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the anniversary of the Dedication Festival of the church.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Grandsire and Bob Doubles, 360 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Dunstan's, Fortune, April Day, Evening Star, Morning Star, The Dream, Gog Magog, and London Doubles.

ALBERT BERRY* Treble.	WILLIAM ROSE 3.
CHARLES NUNN 2.	HARRY SYMONDS 4.
ALEXANDER W. SYMONDS Tenor.	

Conducted by ALEXANDER W. SYMONDS.

*First peal, and rang at the first attempt. He was proposed and seconded as a member of the above Association previous to starting.

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

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

G. L. BODDINGTON Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 5.
H. COFFEE 2.	JOHN TUCKER 6.
F. SWEETZER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
ALBERT E. REEVES 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lbs.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
KRITH HART 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

This is Mr. Harman's first peal of London Surprise, and for whom it was arranged.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 College Single, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and Two 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

J. DEAN* Treble.	*A. FERNLEY 4.
J. FERNLEY* 2.	†S. FERNLEY 5.
S. RUTTER* 3.	G. D. WARBURTON Tenor.

Conducted by S. FERNLEY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor by all the band. First peal on the bells, and first peal of Minor by any company in connection with the Stockport and Bowden branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HUNT Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5.
HARRY E. KINSEY 2.	GEORGE LILLEY 6.
HUGH GLADWELL 3.	*WILLIAM KINSEY 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM 4.	HARRY TURNER Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by WILLIAM KINSEY.

First peal of Major by Messrs. Hunt and H. E. Kinsey. *First peal of Major as conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
HARRY BARTON 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
HERBERT LANGDON 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 8.
REUBEN CHARGE 4.	ARTHUR DEAN 9.
HENRY WOOD 5.	ARTHUR HARDY Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK J. PITTS, and

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 6-scores each of Oxford, College, Canterbury, and Plain Bob, and ten 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. Treble.	JOHN BEAMS 3.
HENRY REEVES 2.	FRANCIS T. HOAD 4.
GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor.	

Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and for kindly providing refreshments after the peal; also Mr. Strip for making the arrangements.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, May 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
HARRY BARTON 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
HERBERT LANGDON 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 7, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY COOPER* Treble.	RICHARD HEALD 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH .. 3.	†WILLIAM BARLOW 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	THOMAS ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method by the local company.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 7, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. TITCHENER .. Treble.	WILLIAM NEWTON 5.
ROBERT ALCOCK 2.	FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 6.
RICHARD H. FENWICK .. 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
NORMAN KIDD* 4.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal and hails from Thornaby. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	JOHN E. BALLARD 5.
ALICE WHITE 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
DORA WHITE* 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
GEORGE C. HAMMOND .. 4.	FRANK REDGATE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the marriage of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon, Hants, and Hon. Secretary of the above Guild, with Miss Edith M. Castellain, daughter of Alfred Castellain, Esq., of Bathwick, Bath, which was solemnized at St. Mary's, Bathwick, Bath, on that day.

Bangbell Peal.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 25, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. J. MEE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 6.
FRANK ROLFE 3.	CHARLES MEE 7.
HARRY J. MEE 4.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Umpire—Mr. David Southgate

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, April 15th, a date touch of Doubles, being 820 Grandsire, 600 Canterbury Pleasure, and 480 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 15 mins. C. Croucher, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; A. Vaughan, 3; E. Dunster (conductor), 4; J. H. Champion, 5; C. Belsey, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Thursday, March 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. J. Hyland, 1; T. Wraight, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. J. Hyland, 1; A. J. Day, 2; W. T. Hyland (composer and conductor), 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Thursday, March 29th, 720 Bob Minor. E. J. Hyland, 1; T. Wraight, 2; Rev. A. L. Brine, 3; H. Shipp, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Saturday, April 7th, 720 Double Oxford. J. E. Grensted, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; A. J. Day, 4; W. H. B. Wilkin, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. E. J. Hyland, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; J. E. Grensted, 3; A. J. Day, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Wraight, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 15th, after Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Wallis, 1; H. Foster, 2; W. B. Pitman, 3; A. Biggs, sen., 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; F. Hunt, 6; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8. And 854 in the same method standing as before.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—Recently for practice at the parish church 630 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. J. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8. Also 672 Grandsire Triples standing as above. This touch contains the twelve 6-7s. On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. S. V. Salisbury, 1; G. H. Coombes, 2; A. J. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; C. Stainer, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. G. Brett, 8.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. Knight, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; Dora White, 3; G. Hammond, 4; F. Wilson, 5; H. G. Rowe, 6; J. E. Ballard, 7; F. Redgate, 8. Also 377 Grandsire Triples. F. Mills, 1; Dora White, 2; C. Holdaway, 3; G. Hammond, 4; F. Wilson, 5; J. E. Ballard, 6; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 7; H. White, 8.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. Composed by E. Cook, of Cardiff. E. H. Oxenham, 1; F. J. Shepherd, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; H. Langdon, 4; T. Langdon (conductor), 5; W. Pickworth, 6; W. H. Webber, 7; W. Longley, 8. On Monday, April 9th, at the residence of Mr. C. Charge, on a new peal of handbells by G. Welch, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, composed by H. N. Davis. W. H. Fussell, 1-2; H. Barton, (conductor) 3-4; R. Charge, 5-6; C. Charge, 7-8; W. Charge, 9-10. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells by all.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. J. Cottis, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; E. G. Fenn, 3; A. C. Hardy, 4; A. J. T. Carter, 5; J. Dale, 6; R. Fenn, 7; C. Fenn, 8. Composed and conducted by A. J. Perkins.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULMER (Bucks).—On Easter Day, April 15th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. Elderfield, 1; T. Toombs, 2; W. Clarke, 3; E. Harding, 4; G. H. Gutteridge (conductor), 5; C. Jeffery, 6.

WOODSTOCK (Oxon).—On Monday, April 16th, an attempt for Holt's

ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 3 mins., owing to the clumsy ropes and the heavy going of the tenor. F. Webb, 1; H. G. Judge, 2; H. Walters, 3; W. Thorpe, 4; J. Matthews, 5; F. Webb, 6; N. Spindlow, 7; W. Franklin, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).—On Monday, April 16th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Association, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins., composed by J. George, of Rugby. T. Butler, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; W. T. Compton, 3; F. Atwell, 4; W. B. Biss (conductor), 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Morley, 7; A. Luffman, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Atwell, 1; E. Davies, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. T. Compton, 4; W. B. Biss, 5; T. H. Jones, 6; J. Morley, 7; A. Luffman, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; J. Pitcher, 2; S. Rogers, 3; W. T. Compton, 4; W. B. Biss, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Morley, 7; F. Atwell, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 5th, at St. Mary Matfelon, White-chapel, with the bells deeply-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late J. M. Hayes, the usual whole pull and stand was rung followed by a 420 of Stedman Triples. H. Springall (conductor), 1; F. Hall, 2; W. Truss, 3; E. Wallage, 4; W. Pasmore, 5; H. Torble, 6; A. Barkus, 7; J. Scholes, 8. Also a course of London Surprise by the Westminster band. The above was rung after meeting one short for a peal of Stedman Triples.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, April 1st, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Basden, 1; C. Edwards, 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; H. Chandler, 5; T. Beadle, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; A. Sheard, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Sheard, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Curtis, 1; J. Geddard, 2; H. Chandler, 3; E. V. Beadle, 4; C. Edwards, 5; G. A. Ransom, 6; T. Beadle, 7; A. Sheard, 8.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, BELFAST, IRELAND.

BELFAST.—On Sunday May 6th, at St. Thomas's church, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor, on the front six. R. J. Walsh, 1; J. H. B. Hesse, 2; A. C. D. McNeice, 3; F. S. McNeice, 4; N. Jackson, 5; P. A. Jackson (conductor), 6; A. G. Ward, 7; De V. Croseley, 8. For evening service 720 Bob Minor by the same, except the 7th, which was rung by J. Patterson. First 720 by all the band, by the Society, and on the bells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNSTER.—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service at St. George's church, 252 Stedman Triples. E. Hole, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Jones, 4; T. Elliott, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Hole, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Jones, 4; T. Elliott, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8.

TAUNTON.—On March 25th, 1368 Grandsire Caters. E. B. Kite, 1; J. Routley, 2; C. Summers, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; W. Eveleigh, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; F. Ladd, 7; C. Macey, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; E. Poole, 10. On March 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Poole, 1; J. Routley, 2; B. Van Tromp, 3; F. Ladd, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6. On April 1st, 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. B. Kite, 1; J. Routley, 2; C. Summers, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; W. Eveleigh, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; F. Sadd, 7; C. Macey, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; E. Poole, 10. On April 15th, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. Van Tromp, 1; J. Routley, 2; C. Summers, 3; A. Walker, 4; J. Maddock (conductor), 5; J. Burge, 6; S. Wyatt, 7; C. Macey, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; J. Fowler, 10. On April 15th, 701 Grandsire Caters. B. Van Tromp, 1; J. Routley, 2; C. Summers, 3; F. Sadd, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; T. Radford, 7; C. Macey, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; E. Poole, 10.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on Easter Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Pointer, 1; L. Willshire, 2; S. Twyman, 3; H. Sayer, 4; G. Wilson, 5; T. B. Reed, jun., 6; G. Willshire (conductor), 7; T. Lees, 8. Also 168, with T. B. Reed, sen., standing in.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. Grist, 1; G. Colbourne, 2; E. T. Green, 3; A. H. Sayer, 4; E. Waters, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 7; C. Forfitt, 8. For evening service, 672 in the same method. F. Phillips, 1; E. T. Green, 2; C. Forfitt, 3; A. H. Sayer, 4; E. Waters, 5; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. Merryfield, 8.

CHRISTCHURCH.—On a recent Thursday, at the Priory, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Waters, 2; T. Best, 3; E. Hinton, 4; A. H. Sayer, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 7; C. Firfit, 8. Also 336. H. Bagshot, 1; A. H. Sayer, 2; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 3; F. Phillips, 4; E. Waters, 5; S. Best, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; W. Saffery, 8.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. A Wilcox, 1; J. Sconce, 2; C. Sconce, 3; H. Jones, 4; H. Dew (conductor), 5; W. Sconce, 6; J. Tomlinson, 7; E. Smith, 8. For Divine Service in the evening, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. E. Smith, 1; J. Swainson, 2; W. Sconce (conductor), 3; H. Jones, 4; H. Dew, 5; J. Tomlinson, 6; W. Moulton, 7; C. Sconce, 8.

COLCHESTER.—On Thursday, April 10th, at 18, Middleboro, on handbells, 720 each of Grandsire and Bob Minor. W. Giddings, 1; W. Schofield, 2; J. Kittle, 3-4; G. Rashbrook, 5-6. Conducted by G. Rashbrook and J. Kittle.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, April 15th, at the residence of J. C. Truss, 504 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; J. C. Truss, 3-4; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8. Also two courses of Bob Major and a touch of Grandsire Triples. On Monday, April 16th, whilst travelling by train between Wooburn Green and Loudwater, Bucks, 168 Grandsire Triples. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 3-4; J. W. Golding, 5-6; E. P. O'Meara, 7-8.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday, April 8th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; G. Hollis, 2; E. Young, 3; N. Alderman, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 13th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. E. Turle, 1; J. Nixon, 2; G. Hollis (conductor), 3; N. Alderman, 4; W. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. G. Hollis, 1; E. Turle, 2; A. Holmes, 3; N. Alderman, 4; W. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. G. Hollis, 1; E. Turle, 2; A. Holmes, 3; N. Alderman, 4; W. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, 480 Plain Bob. H. Parsons, 1; G. Hollis, 2; A. Holmes, 3; N. Alderman, 4; W. Nudds (conductor), 5; R. Bevan, 6. And 216 Plain Bob, standing as before, conducted by G. Hollis.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, April 8th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. E. King, 1; W. Dixon, 2; G. Hollis, 3; A. Miller, 4; T. Langdon, 5; A. Jacobs (conductor), 6.

RUGBY.—On Wednesday, May 2nd, 1900, at St. Andrew's church, 588 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; S. Hope, 4; A. Dubber, 5; A. Bramall, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. The above was rung specially preceding the annual dinner.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, at 6 a.m., 504 Bob Major. W. Welham, C. Souter, C. Alderton, G. Melbourne, E. E. Diaper, W. Souter (conductor), J. G. Wade, W. P. Rowse. For morning service touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob, by the same band. For evening service touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major. G. Melbourne, C. Souter, C. Alderton, E. E. Diaper, J. Souter, W. Tydeman, J. G. Wade (conductor), W. P. Powse. On Easter Monday, 1008 Bob Major, in 41 mins. F. Allard, W. Souter (conductor), G. Melbourne, A. Symonds, E. Diaper, W. Tydeman, J. G. Wade, W. P. Rowse.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service at St. Giles's church, seven 6-scores of Doubles, each called differently. A. Clarke, 1; R. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; G. Cowley (conductor), 4; W. Tucker, 5; R. Tucker, 6. On April 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Benham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Tucker, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6.

STANTON HARCOURT (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, April 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Mitchell, 1; A. Pimm, 2; J. Trinder, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6. Another 720 in the same method. A. Trinder, 1; H. Brooks, 2; C. Allen, 3; J. Monk, 4; W. Pimm, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Burgess, 1; E. Jennings, 2; H. Hobbs, 3; T. Ades, 4; A. Reid, 5; J. Burgess, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; W. Jenner, 8. On Easter Monday, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins. H. Hobbs, 1; A. Hobden, 2; B. Hobbs, 3; J. Burgess, 4; E. Jennings, 5; A. Reid (conductor), 6.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Easter Sunday, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Harwood, 1; S. W. West, 2; B. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; J. Rawson, 5; J. A. Moulton (conductor), 6; L. Partridge, 7; T. Belcher, 8. This is T. Belcher's first quarter-peal and first attempt.

THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CHELSEA.

The members of this excellent society held their annual dinner at The Wellesley Arms hotel, Sydney Street, on Wednesday evening, the 18th ult., the function being attended with much success. The chair being taken by Mr. T. E. Barber, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. W. K. Humphreys.

"The Queen and the Royal Family" was the first toast on the list, and that having been duly honoured, the Chairman next submitted the toast of "The Rector of Chelsea and Churchwardens." In doing so, he said he had no doubt there were some gentlemen present that evening who did not know the Rev. Gerald Blunt. He had had the privilege of knowing the Rector for twenty-five years, and all he could say was that he hoped the rev. gentleman would remain Rector of Chelsea so long as he (the speaker) remained in the borough. The Rector and Churchwardens had assisted them to a great extent on many occasions, and consequently they had spent many happy evenings together. He hoped they would have many other such happy evenings. It was with very great pleasure that he submitted the toast. The toast having being duly honoured, the chairman said he was sorry to have to announce that the Rector was unwell. But for that unfortunate fact he might have been with them that evening. He was sure they would all agree with him when he said they sincerely wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Humphreys next gave the toast of the "St. Luke's Bell-ringers," remarking that he hoped they had spent a very pleasant evening. The toast was very cordially received.

The Chairman alluded to the bells of St. Luke's, and expressed the opinion that they had been a joy and a blessing to many. The bells had been rung on many joyful occasions. They were rung on the relief of Ladysmith, and he hoped they would soon be rung for the relief of Mafeking—and again when peace was proclaimed. Tolling the bells was one of their mournful duties. However, bell-ringing was a good old English custom, and he hoped it would never die out. He could not expect to be with them another twenty-five years, but he hoped they would have the pleasure of ringing the bells on many joyous occasions in the future. The Chairman concluded by proposing the toast of "The Visitors," remarking that they were delighted to see so many friends present.

Mr. C. White acknowledged the compliment, and said it was always a pleasure to him to listen to St. Luke's bells.

Mr. J. Pryer proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said that the work of Mr. Barber was too well-known to need mentioning. He was sorry that the Rector was unwell, and trusted that he would speedily recover. The toast was duly honoured and the chairman replied. He agreed with what had been said concerning the success attending that dinner, and added that their thanks were due to the Rector, Earl Cadogan, the churchwardens of St. Luke's, and the members of the Rector's family, for the assistance rendered.

During the evening a capital musical programme was gone through, Mr. W. Christie ably officiating at the piano.

The dinner was an unqualified success.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, E.; C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W.; M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cordingley, of Tong, near Bradford, Yorks., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day on Saturday week. The event aroused considerable interest in the village, and the weather being fine a large number of friends from a distance foregathered and offered their congratulations to the couple.

Mr. Cordingley was for many years a constable at Calverley, before the West Riding Constabulary was inaugurated, but he is best known as a bellringer, campanology having been his hobby for fifty-four years, and it was this fact which was accountable for the presence at Tong on Saturday of ringers from Birstall, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Mirfield, Pudsey, Bramley, Armley, Calverley, Bradford, Headingley, and Wakefield. For forty-nine years Mr. Cordingley was the captain of the ringers at Calverley Church. That was the time when he was in the habit of going prize-ringing with many of his old friends who turned up at Tong on Saturday. It was at Skipton in 1850 that he first shared prize money. Another of his early experiences was at New Church in Rossendale in November, 1851, in company with Mr. Oddy and others. He also took part in a contest at Batley in April, 1852, when his team had to begin ringing at 4 a.m., but one of his principal successes, and one he likes to talk of, was that at Mirfield in 1855, when he and another ringer from Calverley, two from Tong and two from Pudsey, distinguished themselves in a contest which was open to all England, and in which sixteen companies took part. Suspended from the top of the tower was a small bag trimmed with ribbons of red, white, and blue, and containing nine sovereigns—the first prize. Mr. Cordingley's team captured that trophy, and though the money has long since gone the way of all coin, the bag with its brightly-coloured trimmings is still in the possession of Mr. Cordingley, and when our reporter called at his house on Saturday, his wife fetched it downstairs for him to have a peep at. The Calverley ringers were "at the top of the tree," to use Mr. Cordingley's own words, for twenty years, and in all he has, in conjunction with others, won 42 prizes, including twelve firsts and thirteen seconds.

There were so many ringers at Tong on Saturday afternoon, that the bells in the fine old church were kept almost continuously in motion. Amongst the companies which ascended the tower was one of five veterans of whom Mr. Cordingley was the captain. They were all ringers of over fifty years' experience, but John Longstaffe, of Pudsey, who should have made up the half-dozen, was unavoidably absent, and his place was taken by Thomas North, of Liversedge. The company took up their places as follows:—John Cordingley, aged 73, 1; John Oddy, 70, (Cleckheaton), 2; Wm. Smith, 73 (Birstall), 3; Thos. North, 59 (Liversedge), 4; Nathaniel Hepworth, 78 (Mirfield), 5; and John Haley, 66 (Tong), 6.

Later in the afternoon, a tea was provided in the village schoolroom—and nearly all the village seemed to be there. At any rate, some fifty to sixty persons sat down with Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley to a very enjoyable meal, the Vicar (the Rev. C. Farrow) and Mrs. Farrow being amongst those present. The day's arrangements had been in the hands of Mr. Thos. Maude and Mr. Geo. Bolland, and everything passed off most agreeably.

In the evening, a meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by Mr. Thos. Maude.

Mr. Maude called upon the Vicar to propose a vote of congratulation, and to offer a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley, who that day celebrated their golden wedding.

The Vicar, in proposing the vote, said they were all glad of the opportunity of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley, and congratulating them on the fact that they had lived together happily for fifty years as man and wife. A great many changes had taken place during those fifty years, for when Mr. Cordingley "popped the question" there were not so many railways to convey ardent lovers to their mistress' feet as there were now, and they had often to sigh at a distance in vain. It would have been difficult for them then to have sent ardent messages of love by telegraph or telephone, and the motor car was, he believed, at that time, not even thought of. But still, though the outward and visible aspect of the world had been greatly changed, and they were now no longer young, time having laid his relentless hand upon them, making the eyes dim, and the hair grey, still

their affection for one another had undergone no change whatever, and was as strong now as it was in the days of their youth. The Vicar then said he hoped they might be spared for many years to come, and that Mr. Cordingley might live, not only to ring himself, but also to teach others that most difficult Art.

The vote of congratulation was seconded by Mr. John Oddy, of Checkheaton, an old ringer, and a native of Tong. He spoke of his long friendship with Mr. Cordingley, and of the many times they had rung together, and what a pleasure it was to him to be present at the celebration of his golden wedding.

Mr. John Cordingley made a suitable reply, and thanked every one in his own name, and in that of his wife, for their kindness to them that day.

Mr. Geo. Bolland next proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, and to the ladies who had helped with the entertainment. He said he was always glad to see ringers from other churches at Tong; and he was also pleased to see so many ladies there. He said that Mrs. Cordingley had always helped her husband in every way for the past fifty years, and had been a pattern wife. He desired to thank all who had joined them in these congratulations. Mr. Henry Oddy, of Farnley, seconded this vote. He thought the visitors ought especially to be thanked, since many of them had come from a distance to honour Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley. And he also thought the ladies would be thanked for the help given, especially with the tea, towards making the gathering a success. This vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Holgate, of Bramley, in returning thanks, said he was only a young ringer, and he had wished the company to be thanked for their vote by an older man. He had known Mr. Cordingley since he had become a ringer, and he could endorse all that had been said about him. He took a deep interest in the gathering, because he hoped to be spared to celebrate the golden wedding of his own parents, if they lived until the month of June next. He begged to thank the Tong ringers for their hospitality, and the Vicar for his presence and support. Mr. Charles Pratt, of Calverley, seconded.

Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, returned thanks for the Tong ringers. He said these social gatherings were sure to do good, as they brought ringers and the friends of ringers together, and made them acquainted with one another, and enabled them to compare notes, and to show their proficiency in the Art they all loved so well.

The Vicar also responded to the vote thanking him for his presence. He said that, though Saturday night was rather an inconvenient night for him to be out of his study, he was glad to be present with them then. He thought they ought not to separate without a hearty vote of thanks to their chairman, Mr. Thomas Maude. Mr. Maude was really the life and soul of that gathering, because it had been, mainly owing to his indefatigable energy and untiring zeal that it had succeeded so well. It was an astonishing thing to him that Mr. Maude, who took such a deep interest in silver and golden weddings, had never entered into the bonds of wedlock himself. He advised him speedily to wipe out this reproach.

Mr. Maude made a humorous reply. He said he was much obliged to them for their vote of thanks. It was always a pleasant thing to be helping others, and if they had enjoyed themselves at Tong that day, he felt he was well repaid for all the trouble he had taken in the matter. He thought the Vicar's advice was good, but he had not yet met with any one who was willing to share the joys and sorrows of life with him ("nonsense,") and even if he was to get married to-morrow he would hardly expect now to be able to celebrate either his silver or golden wedding.

Between the speeches, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the hand-bells by John Thackeray, John Whitaker, John Clayton, and John Wilson. Other courses were also rung.

An amusing incident took place during the Vicar's speech. When, with a meaning look at Mrs. Cordingley, he spoke of Mr. Cordingley "popping the question," the old lady rose up from her seat, and shaking her fist at the Vicar, said amid loud laughter, "He niver popped t' question at all—all he said was, 'Is'e bahn ta hev thee lass.'"

The happy gathering broke up after the National Anthem, and the old chorus "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Next Meeting at Waterfoot (St. James's), to-day, Saturday, May 12. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.

WM. CASS, Branch Sec.

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Speldhurst, to-day, Saturday, May 12th. Tower open at 3.30. The rectory gardens and grounds will be open to members by kind permission of the Rector, and Miss Macalpine Leny has kindly undertaken to provide tea to all members at 6 o'clock.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Monday, May 14th. Service at St. Peter's church at 11.30, when an address will be given by the Rev. Canon Wordsworth. Meeting in the Town Hall immediately after the service to elect officers and transact business. Dinner (2s. each) in the Town Hall at 1.15.

THOMAS BLACKBOURN.

"Ringwell," Exeter Street, Salisbury.

Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A Meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, to-day, Saturday, May 12th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Robinson, when all members who can make it convenient to do so are requested to attend. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—A committee meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, May 12, at 4.30, at The Park hotel, Earlsheaton, when the method for the six-bell contest will be chosen and judges for the same. Afterwards the usual monthly meeting will be held at the same house; meeting to commence as near 5 o'clock as possible.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Eye, on Thursday, May 17th. Dinner at The White Lion at 1.30 p.m., 2s. 3d. Hon., and 1s. 3d. company members. Notice to be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Saturday, 12th May.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 19th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Alcock, sen., Leigh, not later than Wednesday, May 16th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, May 19th. Bells at liberty from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Official headquarters for the day at the infants school. Local headquarters, The Wharncliffe Arms hotel. Tea at 5 o'clock in the

school. Business meeting immediately afterwards. The local hon. secretary is Mr. W. T. McKegg, waterworks plumber, Wortley, Sheffield, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, May 26th. Service in church at 5 o'clock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Meeting house The White Swan hotel. A peal will be attempted at 2.15. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. Contributions are now due.

HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT LEATHERHEAD.—This composition, in five equal parts, has the 5th in 2nds place throughout. It was Mr. Lilley's rooth peal, made up as follows: Doubles in twelve methods, 3; Minor in seven methods, 22, conducted 2; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples, 19, conducted 15; Bob Major, 10, conducted 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9, conducted 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major (including a 17,024), 6; Superlative, 1; Bob Royal, 7; conducted 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Grandsire Caters, 8; Stedman Caters, 5. Total rang 100; Conducted 29. Rang in 69 towers. Mr. Willshire hails from Guildford, and was elected a member of the Waterloo Society previous to starting, and it is his first peal of Stedman Caters.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—A Meeting of this District was held at Charing, on Saturday, March 31st, when members attended from Hythe, Ashford, Tenterden, Headcorn, Ospringe and Charing. The following ringing was done: 720 Plain Bob. E. Waghorn, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; W. Blaxland, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Another 720. E. Waghorn, 1; W. Blaxland, 2; E. Archer, 3; C. Tribe, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Spice, 6. Several 120s of Stedman Doubles. E. Waghorn, 1; W. Blaxland, 2; E. Pitman, 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Spice, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles, J. Willis ringing the 2nd.

On Saturday, April 21st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in seven methods, 720 College Single. C. Tribe, 1; W. Spice, 2; J. Grensted, 3; A. J. Day, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Grensted, 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. H. B. Wilkins, 3; A. J. Day, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6.

DEATH OF A FEMALE CHURCH BEADLE.—On the 29th ult., the death of Mrs. Martha Kendall took place at her residence at the advanced age of 75 years. The deceased, who was believed to be the only female beadle

and sexton in England, was laid to rest in Willesden parish churchyard, where she so long officiated, on Saturday, May 5th. She had held the singular position for twenty-four years. Mrs. Kendall took over the place on the death of her husband, and for a considerable time was keeper of the parochial pound. The District Council demolished that ancient landmark five years ago. The usual whole pull and stand was rung after the burial by — Kirby, 1; A. Hill, 2; F. Side, 3; A. Tennant, 4; W. Steggall, 5; A. Pittam, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. W. Neal, 1; A. Hill, 2; F. Side, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; W. Steggall, 5; A. Tennant, 6.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. H. Barton and Mr. W. H. Fussell is 18, Hencroft Street, Slough, Bucks.

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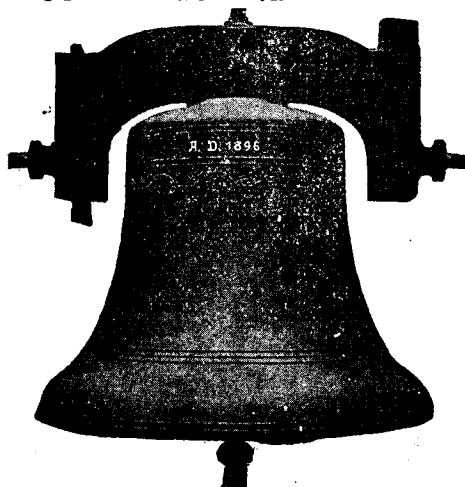
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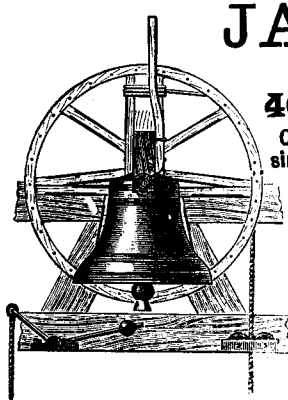
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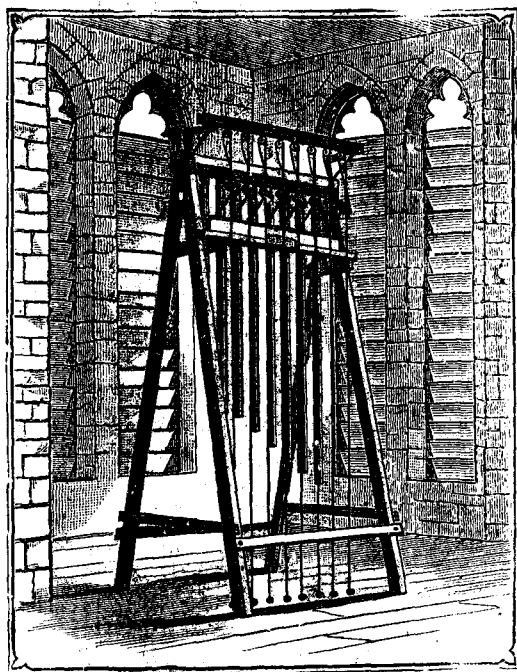
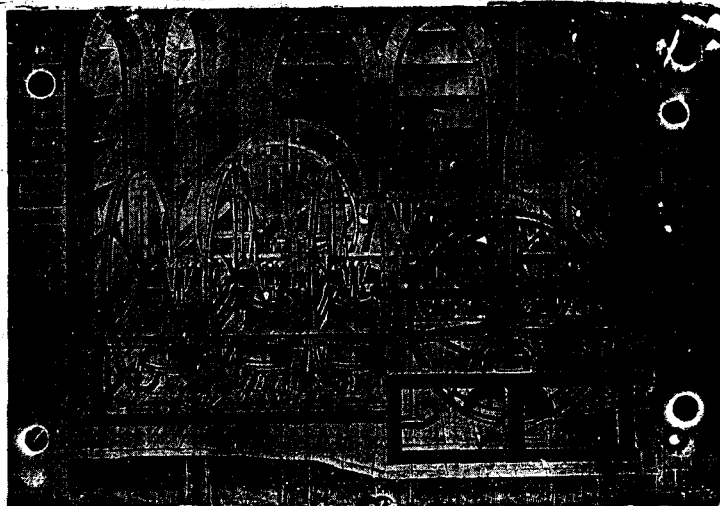
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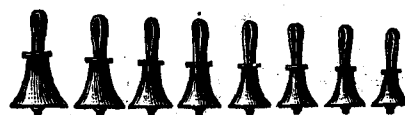
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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

A special meeting of the above branch was held in the belfry of St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, on Saturday, May 12th, to unveil a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on January 13th last by the St. George's Society. The ceremony opened at 5 p.m. with a short service of prayer, after which the Rev. T. H. Thorpe, Vicar of St. George's, called on the Rev. H. Leigh Mallory, Rector of Mobberley, and Secretary of the branch, to unveil the tablet. The rev. gentleman declared the tablet unveiled, and in a few well-chosen words referred to the progress of the branch, which he said now numbered sixteen belfries, and congratulated the ringers of St. George's upon the excellence of their work.

The Rev. T. H. Thorpe, in the course of a short speech, impressed upon his hearers the need of co-operation in this as in all Church work, and pointed out to them the solemn importance of their calling.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Leigh Mallory for his kindness in attending, and for the great interest he had always taken in the work of the Guild, was proposed by Mr. Mason, senior sidesman of St. George's, seconded by Mr. Fernley, tower-keeper of St. Thomas', Hazel Grove, and was carried with acclamation.

Through the kindness of Major Fearn, J.P., Vicar's warden, the ringers present, to the number of forty, were invited to a substantial tea in the schoolroom. A collection was here made for Mr. J. W. Sidebotham, a well-known Mottram ringer, who has just undergone a serious operation. This amounted to 15s. 7½d., which is hoped will be increased by contributions from the various belfries. After tea the ringers adjourned to the belfry, where various touches in Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob were rung by representatives from the towers of St. Mary's Stockport, Northenden, Norbury, Hyde, Wilmslow, Manchester, Reddish, Birch, and Grappenhall, all of whom expressed their complete satisfaction with the tone and go of the bells.

The tablet, which is a beautiful piece of work in marblette, was manufactured by the British Plate Glass Company, Ravenhead, and was much admired by all present.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Caerleon, on Easter Monday. At 2.30 p.m. a shortened evensong and suitable address was given by the Vicar (Canon Bedwell), after which the meeting was held in the parish room. The Vicar occupied the chair, and extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Association. The minutes of the last meeting being read and duly signed by the chairman, Mr. Biss brought forward his motion that the annual meeting for the future be held on Boxing-Day. This was seconded by Mr. Atwell and

carried unanimously. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Penarth—proposed by Mr. Atwell, seconded by Mr. Biss.

Some discussion then took place about the printed certificate for the members. Finally it was decided that the discussion of this matter be taken at the annual meeting in December—proposed by Mr. Evan Davies, seconded by T. H. Jones.

It was proposed by Mr. Evan Davies, and seconded by Mr. T. H. Jones, that Mr. W. Howell, of Llanfrehfa tower be accepted as a new member, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Biss reported that the Penmark band were making satisfactory progress under his tuition.

Mr. Atwell then gave notice of the following motion for the next meeting: "That the Master of the Association have power to visit each tower, and that his expenses be paid, and that he should visit each tower at least once during his year of office."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Curate of Caerleon for their kind welcome, and for the excellent tea which was provided for the members of the Association. This was proposed in a happy speech by Mr. Evan Davies, and seconded by Mr. Atwell, and supplemented by the Secretary.

After a little ringing all sat down to a most excellent tea in the schoolroom, the managerial duties of which were kindly discharged by Mrs. Evan Davies. Thus terminated a very pleasant and cordial gathering.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5th, this Association held its half-yearly meeting at Garston, near Liverpool. Members were present from Bolton, Grassendale, Helmshore, Liverpool, Manchester, Pendlebury, Pendleton, Reddish, Rusholme, Southport, Tue Brook, Woolton, Preston and the local company. Mr. Greenleaf, of Hereford, was also present. Although the number was not a large one, this may be accounted for by the fact that the May-day processions were taking place in the various towns on the same day. Ringing was commenced at St. Michael's church by a short touch of Grandsire Minor, [followed by two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, the band being composed of representatives from eight different towers.

Tea was provided in the Institute, when upwards of thirty sat down to the good things provided. This ended the business meeting was held, which was presided over by the President of the Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, ably supported by the Vicar of Garston, the Rev. T. Oliver, D.D., Mr. Eachus, Vice-president, and the Secretary, Mr. Wreaks. The chief item in the chairman's address was relative to the need of a law being laid down or some understanding throughout the Exercise in reference to special or record peals, of which this Association had given notice to be discussed by the Central Council at their next meeting.

The vice-president in moving a vote of thanks to the authorities of Garston for the use of the bells and institute, and also to the Grassendale and Woolton authorities for

the use of their bells, spoke of the higher esteem in which ringers are now thought of, and what they were before Associations were formed; also to the more frequent visits to the belfry by the clergy than formerly. He believed that this was due to the different Associations which now existed all over the country.

Mr. Hill (Southport), in seconding the resolution, briefly corroborated Mr. Eachus.

Mr. Eachus also moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by Mr. G. W. Hughes, of Garston, a gentleman who had been on the Committee in the earlier history of the Association. Both resolutions were unanimously carried out, and the Vicar in responding said he was very pleased to meet the members on this occasion, and should be at all times when they chose to pay Garston a visit.

The meeting was also briefly addressed by the secretary and Mr. Gough.

The belfry was now visited, and ringing indulged in, with touches of Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire, etc. which brought the half-yearly meeting to a close.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of the above was held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, May 5th, the following places being represented: Birchington, Borden, Boughton, Canterbury, Deal, Elham, Faversham, Hernhill, Ospringe, Hythe, and Tenterden. An excellent meat tea was served at BurrIDGE's Restaurant at 5.30, to which ample justice was done. After tea the business meeting was held, the Secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), in the chair. Messrs. E. E. Foreman and C. H. Drake were re-elected district secretary and representative on the Central Committee, respectively. Ten members and three probationers were admitted to the Association. Ospringe was chosen for the next annual meeting, and ringing meetings to be held at Margate, Littlebourne, and Walmer. It was proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. C. French, whose husband, the Vicar of St. Peter's, died on the morning of the meeting. On account of the death of the Vicar, the bells were rung deeply muffled in the afternoon, and the ringers adjourned to St. Laurence's after tea, where various touches were brought round.

WOULDHAM, NEAR ROCHESTER, KENT.

On Sunday, May 5th, several members from Frindsbury, Rochester, and Gillingham, visited the above village, and with the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. — Taylor, rang several touches on the handy ring of six, recently rehung, and two added by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of them being all that could be desired. A 720 Bob Minor was rung. D. Winsor, 1; W. Baker (conductor), 2; C. Fryatt, 3; C. Winsor, 4; W. Evans, 5; J. Tullett, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Tullett, 1; W. Evans, 2; C. Winsor, 3; C. Fryatt, 4; W. Baker, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6. These are the first 720s rang on these bells; also the first 720 of Minor by D. Winsor, who had been a ringer over fifty years.

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The second annual meeting of the above association was held at Christ Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow, on Saturday 5th inst., a glorious day favouring the proceedings. At 4 p.m. ringers from the various towers in connection began to assemble in the belfry, which contains a fine ring of eight, tenor 30 cwt. by Taylor. The company included the following hon. members: The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Patrick's, Archdeacon Scott, Rector of Bray, Rev. C. W. O'H. Mease, and Rev. D. Wilson, who are ever ready in no half-hearted manner to support and help forward the work of the association. Together with the following visitors, who were afterwards added to the list of members: Rev. R. C. Hallowes, Mr. Tailleur and J. W. Washbrook, of Arklow; F. Shepherd, Exeter; and W. C. Hunt, North of England. The principal touch of the afternoon was a 504 of Stedman Triples, by Messrs. G. Salter, G. Lindoff, R. Greene, W. C. Hunt, F. Shepherd, R. R. Cherry, J. W. Washbrook (conductor), and R. Murphy.

At 6 p.m. about thirty-five members sat down to a substantial tea, kindly provided by Archdeacon Scott, in the Parochial Hall, Novara Road. After which the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Patrick's, at the special request of the members present, addressed the meeting. His well-chosen remarks, on taking change-ringing as an amusement, which exalts the mind, and strengthens the body, were much appreciated by all. Archdeacon Scott welcomed the association to Bray, and at the same time expressed his gratefulness to the society for having planted change-ringing in Bray. The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, R. R. Cherry, Esq., Q.C., president, occupying the chair. Nine new members were elected. The officers for the past year were all re-elected *en bloc*, at the same rate of salary, as the proposer humorously remarked. Arklow was selected for the annual meeting of 1901, Whit-Monday being the day set apart for that event. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Very Rev. the Dean for his excellent address, and to Archdeacon Scott for the use of the bells, and his great kindness in providing such an excellent repast, the members once more wended their way to the belfry, minus their Arklow friends, who had to hurry away to catch their last, but early train. During the evening four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 360 Bob Minor, 504 Grandsire Triples, and 672 Bob Major were rung.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

On Saturday, May 12th, the half-yearly meeting of this society was held at the meeting-house near the church. Mr. C. H. Hattersley was in the chair, and congratulated the members on the very fair attendance during the past year, although somewhat hampered by the sickness of one or two members. He hoped the prospect for the next half-year would be much brighter for those who had been ill, and also for the Company in general.

After the usual formula of business had been transacted, the Chairman called on Mr. James T. Rew, the junior member of the Company, to make a small presentation to his brother, Mr. Thomas Hattersley, the senior member of the Company, who had on that day completed a forty years' membership of the Parish Church Society, he having joined in May, 1860.

Mr. James Rew, on rising, said he was surprised that

the duty of making the presentation had fallen on him, still at the same time he very much appreciated the honour of having it to do. He had known Mr. Thomas Hattersley for the past sixteen or seventeen years, and he had always found him an enthusiast when any ringing was to be done; a good teacher to a young band of learners (of which some present could testify); an amiable gentleman to meet with in any company; while his name was a household word, not only among Yorkshire ringers, but also in the ringing world at large. He hoped it would fall to his (the speaker's) lot to be as good a member of the Society as Mr. Hattersley had been. He asked him to accept an illuminated address as a small token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the present members of the Parish Church Society.

The address was as follows:

MR. THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

DEAR SIR,

We, the undersigned members of the St. Peter's Society of Change-Ringers, Sheffield, beg most respectfully to congratulate you on your long term of membership of the above-named society.

For the past forty years you have consistently and with every credit to yourself, been most devoted and painstaking, for the advancement of change-ringing in this your native town of Sheffield.

Your very long connection with the Parish Church Company has prompted its present members to ask your acceptance of this illuminated address as a token of their esteem and good-fellowship.

They also desire to hope that by a kind Providence you will be spared for many years to come, and so still continue your long course of membership.

We beg to subscribe ourselves, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. Lomas, A. Brearley, C. H. Hattersley, W. Mulligan, H. H. Bower, J. Rew, W. Burgar, J. Holman, E. Woodward, T. Sylvester, S. Seed, J. Mulligan.

May 12th, 1900.

Mr. Hattersley, in replying, said he was very much pleased with the present, but he had not heard a word about it; and he was also pleased to think of the respect in which he was held by the members. He thanked them very much for their beautiful present; he should value it as long as he lived. He asked to be excused saying more.

After a few remarks by the other members of the Company, and the passing round of the address, the rest of the evening was devoted to music, singing, etc., songs being given by Mr. Thomas Hattersley, Mr. F. Willey, and Mr. J. Rew.

Thus ended one of the most pleasant evenings in the annals of the society.

LUTON PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

These bells seem to have undergone three great changes in attaining to their present number. The earliest mention of any church bells at Luton is in 1430, when four were bought and Abbot Wheathampstead, as patron and Rector, gave 100 shillings with a promise of more to pay the cost of the fourth bell. There were no bells at Luton before that date, 1430, but Dunstable Priory Church had a bell a century before Luton had any. Parish churches seldom had more than four bells before the 16th century. Nearly 300 years elapse before any mention occurs again of Luton bells, although long before the end of this period great changes had taken place in its peal, for "the ring" is next found to consist of five. Three of them bore the date of the early part of the 17th century (1602 and 1616),

and the tenor (5th), originally called Trinity, is said to have been a very large bell, weighing nearly 50 cwt. Of these, the 4th seems to have been given by a Lady Elizabeth Wenlock, of Someries. The priest's bell, though dated 1637, was probably a re-cast of the ancient Sanctus bell, but there is no remembrance of its ever having been used as a priest's bell. It is now in the bell cot of St. Mary's Hall. This is the only one remaining of the 17th century bells, and is more than a century older than any of the others. The five heavy bells of the 17th century peal were re-cast into the present eight and lighter bells in 1775, during the incumbency of Dr. Prior. They were all, except the 8th (which is the earliest), cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and bear the names of the founders: "Pack and Chapman, London, fecit 1775." This foundry has been in continuous existence since 1520, and is now represented by Mears and Stainbank.

The bells have the following inscriptions:—1st, "I mean to make it understood, that though I'm little, yet I'm good." Its weight is about 5 cwt. 2nd, "Although I am both light and small, I will be heard above you all." The third and four following bells have only the makers' name for inscription, and range from 2 feet 9 inches to 3 feet 6 inches in diameter. 8th, "I. H. S. Nazarenus Rex Judæorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei. Jos. Eayre, St. Neots, fecit, 1761." Its weight is about 18 cwt., and diameter 3 feet 10 inches.

The object of the Bedfordshire Association is to effect reform in belfries. Its Secretary, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Vicar of Ridgmont, who visited Luton with several other members of the Association, gives his opinion that the bells are as good as any in Bedfordshire for tone. The large size of the belfry delighted the members of the Association; there is plenty of space for any one to walk round and examine the bells when in full swing, and the ringing-chamber is adapted for suitable furniture for the convenience and comfort of the ringers. There are twelve heavier bells in the county than Luton tenor, whose weight is said to be a ton, but is by measurement only 18 cwt.

In connection with the Luton parish church, there has already been formed a band of men who are enthusiastic about learning change-ringing. They have met the Vicar and wardens, who have given their interest to the movement. The members have visited the belfries of Woburn and Leighton, where the ringers take a delight in change-ringing, and where the bells and belfries have been rescued from the dirt and neglect of the old days. One of the wardens also accompanied them on the visit to Woburn.

When the bells are rehung, it is intended to fix Seage's silent practice apparatus, such as there is in the Woburn belfry.

NOTICE.—During the meeting of the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Oddfellows at Portsmouth, if any delegates of Districts or Lodges are here to represent the same, and are change-ringers in Standard methods, and would like to ring peals, the Portsea parish church tower will be available for all officers and brothers of of the said friendly society. Full particulars can be obtained the foreman of the band, Mr. J. Harper, 69, Brompton Road, Landport, Portsmouth, Hants.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

CAMPANOLOGY OR CAMPANALOGY?

In the last number of this paper a correspondent refers to Monk's book, the title of which appears in his letter as "Campanologia." I do not draw attention to this for the purpose of correcting an insignificant inaccuracy which may well be due, as has happened once at least to me, to a slip of the pen or the press; but I have long been perplexed about the word "Campanology." Of course the word is the same whether terminating in "ia" or "y," and much information may be in store for us about it in the shortly forthcoming Glossary. But pending the appearance of that interesting publication I should like to ask whether there is anything worth calling authority for the word Campanology?

The first use of the word in any form that I can find is by Stedman in the title of his book "Campanologia." I imagine the word was invented by him or for him—at least I have not found the word in any medieval Latin Dictionary I have consulted. The word, then, started on its career with three a's and one o, and in this form it continued down to our own day. The London Scholars' Book of 1702 is entitled "Campanologia Improved," and Monk's book is a subsequent edition of this, with the title similarly spelt. Then follow the "Clavis Campanologia," Shipway's "New Campanologia," and the late Mr. Hubbards' "Elements of Campanologia." In some dictionaries or cyclopedias of the early part of this century the word appears with the three a's. Osborn wrote "Campanalogy," and so have others since; for instance the Rev. T. M. N. Owen in the dedication of his Church Bells of Huntingdonshire says "Campanalogical history."

Therefore we find Campanology to be a word having a definite origin and a continuous use for more than two centuries. But what is the origin of Campanology? who will declare its generation? It seems to me to have made its appearance in comparatively modern times, and I have not succeeded in finding any real authority for it, unless it be that of Dr. Raven, to which I will refer in a line or two. There is a monumental work in progress in the shape of an English Dictionary edited by Dr. Murray and printed at the Clarendon press, Oxford, which we are given to understand is to be the standard authority for words used in the English language. But on reference to this, Campanology, a word that we can trace through the period I have mentioned, does not appear at all, whereas Campanology does; and the first authority there given for it is the title of Stedman's book, mis-spelt with the two o's! As therefore the history of this word given in the Oxford Dictionary rests on a fundamental blunder, it is plain that this learned work is of no authority whatever about it.

I come now to Dr. Raven. In his "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire," published in 1869, the word Campanology appears. In his "Church Bells of Suffolk," published in 1890, the word Campanology appears. This variation may be the result of some mere accident. But if it is not, then it looks as though Dr. Raven regarded the former as right thirty years since, and the latter as right ten years since. But then a scholar like Dr. Raven, if he changed his opinion on the right form of the word, must have done so for reasons which would be instructive. And therefore I venture to hope he will enlighten us on this subject. The point may seem a small one, but after all, if we have a form of word that runs through the classical literature of ringing, I do not see why we should substitute another without good reason. Of course

I could have communicated personally with Dr. Raven on this point, but I deem it of more interest to the Exercise that I should try to "draw" him, if he will pardon the phrase, through these columns, than that I should avail myself of his courtesy to extract information from him only for my own satisfaction.

Whatever the form of the word should be, there seems to me a modern tendency to misuse the meaning of it. But I must not trespass on the space allowed me any further in the present article. R. A. DANIELL.

CHURCH BELL RESTORATION IN DEVON.

The attention to the work of restoration and augmenting rings of bells in Devonshire, which began to manifest itself a few years ago, continues almost unabated. And in the carrying out of that work Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, has played a very important part. It would be a considerable task to compile a list of peals which has been entrusted to his care. First among the most recent are those at Bishopsteignton, Bratton Clovelly, and Burlescombe, the latter consisting of five bells and the others six bells. The Bishopsteignton peal was reopened on Easter Monday by round and call-change ringers, but they were not rung by half-pull ringers until Saturday, May 5th, when a company from Exeter paid a visit, and under the conductorship of Messrs. J. Moss, F. Davey, and A. W. Searle rang numerous 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. On both occasions the greatest satisfaction was expressed with the go of the bells. The fittings and cage are entirely new, and there is ample room for two more bells should it be found possible on any future occasion to make the peal an octave.

The Bratton Clovelly peal will be opened on May 22nd, by a half-pull band organised by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, and who has recently removed from Ottery St. Mary to Kelly (near Tavistock) to reside on the estate which fell to him on the death of his brother. The Burlescombe peal is in hand. Mr. Stokes has several more orders before him; and they cannot be in better hands, for not only is Mr. Stokes a Devonian, but he does his work thoroughly well.

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AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillingston Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddlestone Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

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OPENING OF THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.

In connection with the opening of the new ring of eight bells at St. Peter's, the Dewsbury ringers who had opened them three weeks ago, were recently entertained to tea by the local society.

During the afternoon there was another exhibition of some really good ringing by the Dewsbury company. Tea was served at Mr. A. W. Brooke's refreshment rooms, to which about thirty sat down, including Mr. B. Wilson (the donor of the two new bells to complete the octave), who had put off another important engagement in order to be present.

After tea an adjournment was made to the Conservative Club, where a room had been kindly placed at the disposal of the company by the committee. Mr. W. Brooke occupied the chair, and in the course of his remarks said it gave him great pleasure to be present at this gathering of ringers, and to welcome the Dewsbury ringers to Horbury. He was also pleased to have Mr. Wilson present amongst them, through whose generosity they were now rejoicing.

Mr. Wilson on rising stated that he was highly gratified to be at their social gathering that day. He had heard the very fine ringing at the opening of the bells three weeks since and also that afternoon. He was sure they were all very grateful to the Dewsbury ringers for coming on the two occasions, and he was very glad to know that such good fellowship existed between the two neighbouring towns as he had seen that day, and hoped that the same good feeling would always exist.

Mr. Senior, on behalf of the Dewsbury company, thanked the chairman and Mr. Wilson for their kind expressions, and said that his company were as glad to come to Horbury as they were to welcome them, and if at any time they could be of service to the Horbury society they would be only too glad to have the opportunity of giving them any help they required. He was also glad to say that they had been successful in getting Mr. Wilson and the chairman to become life members of the Heavy Woollen District Society of Change-ringers, and moreover Mr. Wilson had entered the Horbury society and paid their subscriptions for three years in advance.

Mr. G. F. Pickles proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson for entering them as members of the Heavy Woollen District Society.

Mr. G. Horner proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson for his gift of the bells and his kindness in entertaining the past and present ringers of Horbury at his residence on the fortnight previous, and on the proposition being put by the chairman it was carried with acclamation. Mr. Wilson then said that he thought that he had only done his duty in giving the two new bells, and that it had given him great pleasure indeed to do so, and his only motive in entering the Horbury ringers as members of the Heavy Woollen District Society was to encourage them to persevere and make as good a company of eight as they were formerly of six.

The following musical items were rendered during the evening, viz.: Songs:—"Death of Nelson" and "My Pretty Jane," by Mr. W. Thickett; "The Mikado Song," by Mr. J. Woffender; "Alice where art thou?" by Mr. M. Rigg; and "Soldiers of the Queen," by Mr. W. H. Giggie. Glees:—"Here's life and health," "Sweet is the morn," "Comrades in arms," and "The breezes gently blowing," by Messrs. Hunt, Rigg, Giggie, and Woffenden. Courses of Grandsire Royal, Major, and Oxford Treble

Bob Minor were given on the handbells by the Dewsbury ringers. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the chairman calling upon the company to sing the National Anthem.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th, 1900, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 o'clock a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet at 9.30 a.m. on the same day at the Westminster Palace Hotel.

There will be a social gathering in the evening at 9 o'clock at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance), at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

AGENDA.

1.—Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received: for *President*, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart.; for *Secretary*, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).

3.—Appointment of Standing and other Committees.

4.—To receive Report of Committee on Rail Fares.

5.—To receive further Report from Committee on Peal Values with regard to questions left over by last Council.

6.—To receive Report of Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells.

7.—To receive Report of Committee for the definition of a legitimate method.

8.—To consider the following motion:—

"That in the opinion of this Council any protest against the truthfulness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that, if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed. If the record is challenged, it should be submitted to the Central Council, or a Committee appointed by it for this purpose, for decision; and the decision of the Council should be accepted as final."

9.—To discuss the following subject, adjourned from the last meeting:

"How best to instruct beginners in the Art of Change-Ringing."

10.—To consider the desirability of appointing official correspondents with the Central Council, attached to each Association.

11.—To consider the desirability of appointing a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (a) an Association; (b) a Company of Ringers.

12.—To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

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."

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—I am sorry to say that the peal rung at St. Michael's, Garston, on St. George's Day, and published in your issue of April 28th, was false. By an inconceivable piece of stupidity on my part I repeated the calling in the second half instead of reversing the calls. My only excuse is that it being over seventeen years since I done any ringing of moment, and being cocksure that it was called that way, I never took the trouble to look it up, but pricked it out from memory. Trusting my fellow-ringers will forgive me, though I cannot forgive myself, and that you will give publicity to this note. GEO. W. HUGHES.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1900.

THE Agenda, or programme of subjects to be considered by the Central Council at its next meeting on June 5th, will be found on another page. The eighth item on the paper, suggested, so we read elsewhere, by members of the Lancashire Association, seems to be in some measure the outcome of recent correspondence. The motion only refers however to the truth or falsehood of a peal rung, and not to its worth or otherwise from the standpoint of quality of the "striking." The latter seems to be of as much importance as the former. A peal may be considered true, i.e. without what is known as a change-course or "shift," the bob-caller may have done his duty well, and so forth, but if the striking is faulty and bad, like what has been, for instance, alleged in recent cases, ought the performance to stand? To us this seems very important. It will require care and thought to arrive at any decision on these matters, which may

approve itself to an intelligent mind, but we are strongly of opinion that the Council is the body to undertake the duty, and its judgment we should say will be accepted by most sensible men. The latitude which has been generally allowed to young companies ringing their first peal under difficult circumstances no one, we suppose, wishes to entirely abolish. But it should be remembered that a "trippy" performance meets with the same amount of honour from its record in the peal-book as one which possessed every excellence, so that jealousy for the record is not to be cavilled at if objections are made in a proper manner.

The last item on the Agenda strikes a dominant note. We hail it with feelings almost of thankfulness and relief. We should have liked to have seen added after "insufficiently-proved," the words "and unnecessary." Compositions appear to lend themselves freely to parody or burlesque, and full advantage is taken of the facility.

That Patriotic company who gave notice last week that they intended to attempt a peal on the receipt of the news that Mafeking was relieved, will beyond all doubt put their intentions into effect before another number appears. We hope in our next number to receive a good many peals in honour of such an event.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council requests the Secretaries of the following societies to remit the fees of their representatives with the names and addresses:— Gloucester and Bristol; Royal Cumberland Youths; North Lincolnshire section of Lincolnshire Association; Liverpool Diocesan Guild; Sussex County.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, May 3rd, six members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild journeyed to the above picturesque village to have a friendly pull with, and renew the acquaintance of Messrs. R. G. Knowles and H. T. Knowles, five of the company appreciating to the full a drive of 7 miles through beautiful scenery, the other one preferring the more exhilarating motion of his bike. Arriving about 7 p.m., proceedings commenced with a chat over old excursions, an inspection of the church inside and out, then pulling up the bells, a 720 of Oxford Bob was soon progressing in a satisfactory manner, but alas for vain hopes, when two-thirds of the way through down came the treble rope, the repairing of which took some little time, and only allowed for one 720 to be rung after, which in was in the same method. E. Watkins, 1; A. Hill, 2; G. Checketts, 3; A. Hadley, 4; R. G. Knowles, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6. Afterwards a short touch of Bob Minor and some Stedman Doubles, in which W. H. Johnson and H. T. Knowles took part, which finished up the most pleasant of evenings.

We shall be much obliged to those Secretaries who will send us all names and addresses of clerical ringers they may know of. Those gentlemen who have already done so have our thanks. A great many more must be received before the intended list is anything like complete. The trouble or expense of sending the particulars on a post-card is not great; and the courtesy would be appreciated.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	WILLIAM BERRY 6.
HARRY FLANDERS 3.	*FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

*First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar of Greenwich (Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A., B.C.L.), restored to health after four months sojourn in South Africa and the Soudan.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 2.	*WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the entry of Lord Roberts into Kroonstad, and as a birthday compliment to G. J. Taylor, on the completion of his 21st year.

The Provinces.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BALLS† Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	JOHN J. CREASY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hicks, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, May 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ALBERT WALKER 6.
HENRY MIDDLETON 2.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 8.
JOHN BUFFERY 4.	JOHN BARBER 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung in the inverted titum position, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late John Murray Hayes, of London.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In the five following methods: Morning Star, April Day, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS MOWER Treble.	JAMES MUDD 3.
WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD .. 2.	FREDERICK LAMBERT .. 4.
ARTHUR TOOK Tenor.	

Conducted by F. LAMBERT.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM VERRY Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
WILLIAM ELLIS 2.	THOMAS VERRY 6.
GEORGE MITCHISON 3.	ALF. PADDON SMITH 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	CHARLES WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Churchwarden H. L. Lloyd, and also to the late Mr. J. M. Hayes, of London.

LEIGH, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 11, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY EWINS Treble.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 4.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	HENRY REEVES Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

This is the first peal on the bells.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN TUCKER Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES 6.
ALBERT REEVES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
A. W. PIKE 4.	A. WATMORE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

G. J. CLARKSON Treble.	A. W. BARRETT 5.
N. KIDD 2.	W. NEWTON 6.
T. METCALFE 3.	W. J. WRIGHT 7.
T. BECKWITH 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

This is the first peal of Bob Major by the Association, or by any of the above company, and the first on the bells. It is also the first 5000 by Messrs. Beckwith, Barrett and Wright, who are members of the Thornaby company.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK A. SMITH† Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT† 2.	†ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	†ERNEST HOLLOWAY .. 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

HENRY REEVES Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
GEORGE HUGGETT 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD 7.
SYDNEY A. WRIGHT 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	HENRY STURBS 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER 2.	JAMES NICKERSON 6.
DANIEL REDHEAD† 3.	*JOHN J. MAWBY 7.
ALPHAUS PERKINS 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Double Norwich. *First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Houghton, Mawby and A. Perkins hail from Irthlingborough; Hensher from Wellingborough; W. Perkins from Finedon; Stubbs from Raunds; Nickerson and Redhead are local men.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT MADIN Treble.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 5.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 6.
THOMAS G. SAREL 3.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY 7.
WILLIAM DAFFIN 4.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

This peal which was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late John Harris, of Staveley, who died on May 3rd, 1898, has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th place, and the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th place, all at five course-ends, it being the first peal rung containing these combined properties.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
CHARLES L. LILLEY 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN F. MALLABY, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDERICK BYWATER .. Treble.	GEORGE JAMES 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	THOMAS COLLINSON 6.
JAMES SMALL* 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE SIMPSON* Treble.	JOHN HACK 5.
EDWARD DUNN 2.	ROBERT BRETT 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
JOSEPH CRAFT 4.	GEORGE DURLING Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS BARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

*First peal of Major. Mr. Brett was elected a member before starting.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	*WILLIAM NORRIS 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	HERBERT MARTIN 6.
JOHN B. BATES 3.	CHARLES GEORGE 7.
WALTER NORRIS* 4.	JAMES ALEXANDER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the Confirmation held by the Bishop of St. Albans at the above church, and is the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by an entirely local company of ringers in the county since the feat was accomplished by the famous Bennington band.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the peal rang at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, reported last week, the name of the ringer of the 4th should read C. S. Burden, not Burdon.—The peal rang at Ranmore Common on May 6th was Holt's Original, and not the ten-part as reported.

Date Touches.**THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.**

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, March 6th, a date touch of Minor, being 460 Plain Bob, and two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Belk, 1; H. Merrills, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; D. Blagg, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 8th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Reek's, 1; F. Bradley, 2; J. Rushworth, 3; J. Lawson, 4; E. Barber, 5; T. Geldar, 6; W. Sherwood, 7; E. Williamson, 8. Composed and Conducted by J. Lawson.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch in the following methods: 460 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Antelope, 480 St. Dunstan's, and 480 The Dream, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Prior (conductor), 1; J. Harvey, 2; W. T. Prior, 3; S. J. Ward, 4; F. W. Tharby, 5.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 18th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. F. Allard, 1; *G. Melbourne, 2; E. E. Diaper, 3; A. W. Symonds, 4; J. G. Wade, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; W. Souther (conductor), 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. Composed by E. Bennett, of Croydon. *Longest length.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original in 46 mins. T. J. Cast, 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; G. W. Faulkner, 3; R. Fenn (conductor), 4; A. J. T. Carter, 5; A. C. Hardy, 6; C. Fenn, 7; E. A. Davies, 8. First quarter-peal by T. J. Cast, and first attempt. Great credit is due to him for the way in which he rung his bell on this occasion.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 18th, for Divine Service, 360 Double Court Bob Minor. B. Osborne, 1; W. Bridges,

2; T. Steward (conductor), 3; W. Honeywood, 4; W. Last, 5; A. Fuller, 6. On Monday, April 16th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. B. Osborne, 1; W. Bridges, 2; J. Souther, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; T. Steward, 5; A. Fuller (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Thursday, April 19th, for practice, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 52 mins. H. Farnan, 1; W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), 2; R. Charge, 3; J. Herbert, 4; J. Crombie, 5; G. Thrussell, 6; J. Buckingham, 7; J. W. D. Aldridge, 8; W. Charge, 9; M. Smith, 10. On Sunday morning, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 1042 Stedman Caters. J. W. Driver, 1; J. Hinton, 2; R. Charge, 3; W. T. Elson, 5; G. Thrussell, 6; J. Aldridge, 7; W. Charge, 8; C. Charge (conductor), 9; S. How, 10. Longest in the method by Messrs. Hinton, Thrussell, and W. Charge. Rung owing to a late start for a quarter-peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, March 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Cullum, 1; M. J. Digby, 2; F. J. French, 3; G. Hayes, 4; E. Everson, 5; G. Cullum, 6; H. Castle (conductor), 7; R. Brett (longest touch), 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Tuesday, April 24th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. C. Sconce, 1; J. Swainson, 2; W. Sconce, 3; H. Jones, 4; H. Dew (conductor), 5; J. Tomlinson, 6; W. Moulton, 7; F. Wood, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Sconce, 1; C. Sconce, 2; J. Tomlinson, 3; H. Jones, 4; W. Moulton, 5; W. Sconce, 6; H. Dew (conductor), 7; J. Swainson, 8. And a touch of Stedman Triples. F. Wood, 1; C. Sconce, 2; J. Swainson, 3; H. Jones (conductor), 4; H. Dew, 5; J. Tomlinson, 6; W. Moulton, 7; W. Sconce, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, April 24th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Troyte's, in 44 mins. *E. Young, 1; *G. Smith (conductor), 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. J. Tucker, 4; *T. Spratt, 5; *J. Ashford, 6; W. H. George, 7; G. Brown, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. *First quarter-peal. *First as conductor. Messrs. George, Sevier, and Tucker belong to Eastleigh; the rest belong to the local band.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On March 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On March 17th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; E. Jacobs, 3; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; W. H. Churcher, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. On March 24th, for Confirmation Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. After the service 720 in the same method. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; A. Millard, 6. In the evening 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Holmes, 1; S. Cummins, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. Singleton, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On April 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. Singleton, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On April 7th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Cooper, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; S. Cummins, 3; H. Burling, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single Minor. W. F. Churcher, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; A. Millard, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. Singleton, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 28th, 720 College Single Minor. W. F. Churcher, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; A. Millard, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. Messrs. Cooper, Jacobs, and Millard belong to Swanmore; Burling to Bishops Waltham; the rest are local men.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Sunday morning, February 25th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, Heavitree, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Shepherd, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; J. Ford, 3; F. J. Shepherd, 4; W. Mifflin, 5; F. Murphy, 6; J. R. Sandover, 7; W. Lowton, 8. On Sunday, April 1st, another 504. W. Shepherd, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; W. Mifflin, 5; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Lawton, 8. On Easter Sunday morning another 504. W. Shepherd, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; J. Ford, 3; W.

Burrough, 4; F. J. Shepherd, 5; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Easter Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. M. Rylatt, 1; F. Devoto (conductor), 2; J. Goodwin, 3; F. Davey, 4; T. Bozers, 5; G. Moore, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Blakey, 4; the rest as before. Conducted by J. M. Rylatt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, April 24th, for practice at the parish church, 896 Grandsire Triples. J. Sindon, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; J. Livermore, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Easter Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1280 changes, in 51 mins. A. T. Winter, 1; R. Miles, 2; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 3; G. F. Clarke, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. Winter (composer), 9; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 10. Longest length in the method by all the band. On Monday, April 23rd, in honour of St. George's Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Warburton, 1; A. T. Winter, 2; G. Swannack, 3; E. Collingburn, 4; H. Haigh, 5; G. R. Winter, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. Composed and Conducted by H. Haigh. On Sunday, April 22nd, 448 Bob Major. E. Collingburn, 1; A. T. Winter, 2; T. H. Denman, 3; G. F. Clarke, 4; G. Swannack, 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. R. Winter, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. On Thursday, April 26th, 224 Grandsire Triples. A. Swannack, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; F. W. Abbott, 3; G. F. Clarke, 4; T. H. Denman, 5; T. Spurr (conductor), 6; G. R. Winter, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. First touch in any method by A. Swannack. On Saturday, May 5th, on the occasion of the annual meeting, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor in 13 mins. C. Fowler, 1; T. Brett, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; G. F. Clarke (conductor), 4; C. Crawford, 5; J. T. Stacey, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Fitzjohn, 1; W. Hargreaves, 2; H. Stenton, 3; S. Smith, 4; G. Clarke, 5; C. Fowler, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. J. Belk, 1; A. B. Crawford, 2; T. Brett, 3; D. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. Stacey, 6. With the exception of the conductor all these performers were lads in their teens.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Saturday, May 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. W. D. Metcalfe, 1; A. Street (conductor), 2; G. F. Clarke, 3; G. Swannack, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; H. Blagg, 6.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Saturday, May 5th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Hall, 1; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; D. Russon, 4; D. Taylor, 5; B. Hall, 6. And 720 Duke of York. H. Hall, 1; C. Fowler (conductor), 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; H. Stenton, 4; S. Smith, 5; B. Hall, 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, April 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1260 Stedman Caters. G. R. Fardon, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; H. G. Miles, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; E. Bishop (Swindon), 6; A. F. Harris, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; J. Judd, 10. On Thursday, April 19th, at St. George's church, Camberwell, 1260 Grandsire Triples. Rev. W. J. Conybeare, 1; W. T. Cockerill, 2; J. A. Dart, 3; H. G. Miles, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; S. How, 8.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, May 6th, at All Saints church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. W. Cotton, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 4; T. Beadle, 5; F. Goddard, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; C. H. Phipps, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROLD (Beds).—On Saturday, May 12th, several members of the above Association paid a visit to this place by the invitation of the local band, who were very anxious to ring their first 720 of Minor which was successfully rung by F. G. Crouch, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. Skevington, 3; G. Thew, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. J. Bird, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Skevington, 1; J. Church, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; F. G. Crouch, 4; H. Monday, 5; H. Toll, 6. Another 720. F. G. Crouch, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. Skevington, 3; G. Thew, 4; F. J. Bird, 5; W. J. Barker (conductor), 6. And a 6-score each of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Bob Doubles in which E. Coleman and C. Arpin took part.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 450 Grandsire Caters. H. J. Borrett, 1; E. Ward, 2; C. E. Borrott (conductor), 3; J. A. Trollope, 4; G. Howchin, 5; J. Moy, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. J. Howchin, 9; S. Smith, 10.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob were rung for Divine Service on the newly-hung bells of the parish church. H. W. Stanley, H. J. Borrett, 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; S. Smith, 4; F. H. Knights, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

BEVERLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, April 28th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. W. Gibson, 1; H. Smelt, 2; J. Youney, 3; C. P. Bradley, 4; A. B. Gledhill, 5; H. Blyth, 6; F. Osgerby (conductor), 7; A. N. Wood, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Mary's church, on handbells, 97 Grandsire Triples. T. Trasler, 1; A. Crane, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; V. Sear, 5; T. Hedges, 6; H. Sear (conductor), 7-8. And 168. F. Sear, 1; A. Craue, 2; H. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; V. Sear, 5; F. Hedges (conductor), 6; E. Reader, 7; T. Trasler, 8. On Sunday, April 8th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Trasler, 1; W. Sear, 2; L. Meager, 3; H. Sear, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6. And three 6-scores standing as above. On Sunday, April 15th, a 0-score of Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear, 1; F. Sear, 2; F. Hedges, 3; E. Reader, 4; H. Sear, 5; T. Trasler, 6. And three 6-scores. F. Sear, 1; E. Meager, 2; H. Sear, 3; F. Hedges, 4; E. Reader, 5; V. Sear, 6. Also six 6-scores with 7-6-8 behind. L. Meager, 1; H. Sear, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; E. Reader (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6; A. Atkins, 7; F. Sear, 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, three 6-scores of Doubles on the back six. W. Sear, 1; A. Crane, 2; F. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. Atkins, 5; H. Sear, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; T. Trasler, 8. Another three 6-score on the back six. L. Meager, 1; T. Trasler, 2; F. Sear, 3; A. G. Crane, 4; E. Marks, 5; H. Sear, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; V. Sear, 8. E. Reader hails from Stockport.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. Grist, 1; G. Colbourne, 2; E. T. Green, 3; A. H. Sayer, 4; E. Waters, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 7; C. Forfitt, 8. For evening service, 672 in the same method. F. Phillips, 1; E. T. Green, 2; C. Forfitt, 3; A. H. Sayer, 4; E. Waters, 5; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. Merryfield, 8.

GLOSSOP (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. J. Buckley (first as conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; G. Shaw, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Hall, 5; H. Pemberton, 6. First 720 by all.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, May 3rd, at the parish church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. R. Faux, 1; W. Verry, 2; A. Smith, 3; W. H. Godden, 4; T. Westwood (conductor), 5; S. Keeves, 6; C. H. Watts, 7; T. Verry, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on account of the death of Mr. Churchwarden Lloyd.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service at Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Davie, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; R. A. Daniell, Esq., 4; W. E. Judd, 5; G. R. Fardon, 6; A. E. Bradley, 7; W. Fox, 8; A. F. Harris (conductor), 9; J. Judd, 10.

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45327 8th in 3

52347 8th in 3

35247 9th in 3

23547 9th in 3

34527 8th in 3

42537 8th in 3

54237 9th in 3

25437 9th in 3

53427 8th in 3

35426

1-2-4

52436 8th in 3

23456 8th in 3

43652 8-9

63254 8-9

26354 9th in 3

32654 9th in 3

62453 8-9

42356 8-9

34256 9th in 3

24653 8-9

64352 8-9

36452 9th in 3

46253 8-9

35642 8th in 2

63542 9th in 3

34562 8th in 3

54263 8-9

24365 8-9

32465 9th in 3

43265 9th in 3

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42563 9th in 3

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53264 8th in 3

23465 9-8

43562 9-8

54362 8th in 3

35462 8th in 3

45263 9-8

24563 8th in 3

52463 8th in 3

42365 9-8

34265 8th in 3

*7th in and out at 4. This peal has the 7th twelve courses before the 6th with the 9-6-8 course-end, the 5th and 6th twelve courses each behind the 9th, with the 9-7-8 course-end, and the 6th twelve courses behind the 8th with the 8-7-9 course-end.

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32564 9th in 3

53264 9th in 3

36254 8th in 3

23654 9th in 3

62354 9th in 3

32465 s at 1 and 8-9

43265 9th in 3

24365 9th in 3

42365 879 1-3-4

34265 8th in 3

Round lead previous to last course-end.
This peal has the 5th and 6th twenty-four courses each behind the 8th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Burghfield, on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3. Cheap tea provided, but names must be sent by Tuesday, May 22nd, to A. W. Pike, 43, St. Bartholomew Road, Reading. Nearest station, Mortimer.

GRANDSIRE CINQUES.By WILLIAM T. ELSON, *Fulham.*

5037.

234567890E

3542678E90A

52436 11th in 4

23456 11th in 4

42356 7th in 4

34256 7th in 4

24653 10-11

64352 10-11

45362 11th in 4

34562 7th in 4

54263 10-11

24365 10-11

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3452768E90B

53427 6th in 4

32457 11th in 4

43257 6th in 4

24357 6th in 4

45327 11th in 4

52347 11th in 4

35247 6th in 4

54237 11th in 4

25437 6th in 4

42537 6th in 4

53247 11th in 4s

The last twelve courses repeated, calling the first course 11th in 4, produces—

2354768

8234567 6th in 3

3254769

E in with s, out at 1 with a double, and round at hand next lead.
a 9th in and out at 3 with a double.
b Bob at 1, 10, and 11.

QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

672453 2

346572 1

673425 3

546273 1

245367 5

672534 2

456372 1

674523 3

356274 1

673542 3

346725 3

463725 4

574263 1

275346 5

632475 1

236475 4s

752643 2

367452 1

324567 P.L.

Repeated.

Notices.

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

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, to-day, Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.
W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh to-day, Saturday, May 19th.
W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, to-day, Saturday, May 19. Bells at liberty from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Official headquarters for the day at the infants school. Local headquarters, The Wharncliffe Arms hotel. Tea at 5 o'clock in the school. Business meeting immediately afterwards.
B. T. COPLBY, Hon. Sec.
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 26th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.
J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, May 26th. Service in church at 5 o'clock.
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) on Saturday, May 26th. Meeting house The White Swan hotel. A peal will be attempted at 2.15. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. Contributions are now due.
HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division. —Next meeting at Steyning on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meat tea at the Norfolk Arms 5.30. Upper Bedding bells will also be available. Half railway fare not exceeding 1s will be allowed. Will visiting members kindly inform Mr. Gatland, Chirk Cottage, Steyning, by Friday, the 25th inst. Subscriptions for this division will now be received and duly acknowledged by me the undersigned.
H. EVANS, Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 26th, at St. Peter's church, Halliwell, Bolton. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers are welcome.
HENRY MOSS, Branch Sec.

64, Beverley Road, Bolton.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, May 26th.
C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.
Hill Street, Kingswood.

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of the Rochdale branch will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 26. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited.
JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern

Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Heckington on Saturday, May 26th. Tea (tickets 1s. each) at The White Horse hotel. All members intending to be present should let me know by Thursday, May 24th.

R. CLARKE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at White Waltham, on Saturday, May 26th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock.
H. C. BELL, Branch Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells), on Saturday, June 2nd. Meeting in school at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends invited.
T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Essex Association.—Twenty-first Anniversary Meeting at Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, June 4th. Divine Service at 11.15, with address by the Rev. Canon Wigram. Meeting at 12. Dinner at 2, tickets 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand. After dinner, by permission of the Rev. H. A. Labe, the grounds of "Guy Harlings" will be open to members. As this anniversary is a special occasion, a large attendance is expected. To ensure proper arrangements for dinner and for reduced railway fares, notice of intention to be present should reach me not later than May 29th.

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

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A general meeting will be held in Consett and district on Whit-Monday, June 4th. The bells of Consett (8), Shotley Bridge (6), and Blackhill (r.c.) church (6), will be open for use all day. Committee Meeting at The Cross Swords hotel, Shotley Bridge, at 12 noon. Dinner at the same place at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d.; non-members, 2s. 6d. Those intending to be present will kindly notify the secretary before June 1st.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.
Tynedale House, Wylam-on-Tyne.

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Tonbridge, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Full particulars next week. Will Mr. A. W. Brighton send the figures of peal of Double Norwich (5008 by H. Dains), rung at Erith on Feb. 2nd, 1899?
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
Canterbury.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

In connection with the above-named society, a very pleasant gathering was held at The Bull hotel on Wednesday evening, May 2nd, when about twenty ringers and friends sat down to a repast served in excellent style by host Lane. The Rector (Rev. A. V. Baillie), presided, and there were also present Mr. W. Brooke and Mr. F. Thompson (churchwardens), and Mr. Richard Over (ex-churchwarden). After dinner the ringers gave a number of selections on the handbells, and various members of the company having contributed songs, the ringing-master (Mr. J. George), proposed the health of the Rector and other guests. In responding to the toast the Rector spoke of the improvement that had been made in the ringing, and paid a high tribute to the ringing-master, both for his abilities as a campanologist, and the interest he took in the society. It was good, he said, to have at the head of affairs a leader who was both energetic and thoroughly interested in his work. In Mr. George they

had a gentleman who possessed all the qualities necessary for a leader.

Mr. W. Brooke also complimented the ringers upon the interest they appeared to take in their work, and expressed pleasure at seeing Mr. George sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be back amongst them.

In acknowledging the compliments paid him, Mr. George referred with pleasure to the feeling of unanimity that existed in the society on all matters appertaining to ringing. The members were now rapidly acquiring a more advanced method of ringing, which added much to the interest in the work, and so long as the same good feeling existed, so long should he be pleased to do anything he could to further the interests of the Society.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, Messrs. White and Rlby presiding at the piano, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close at 11 o'clock.

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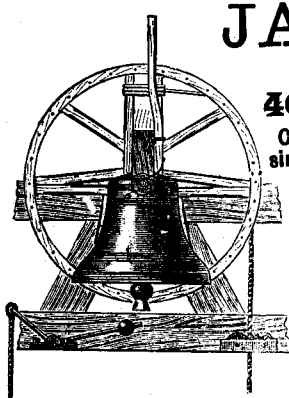
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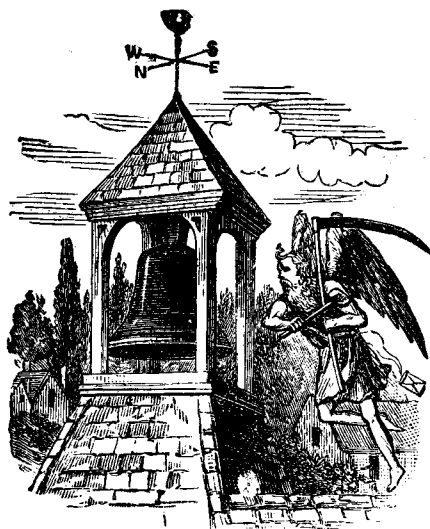
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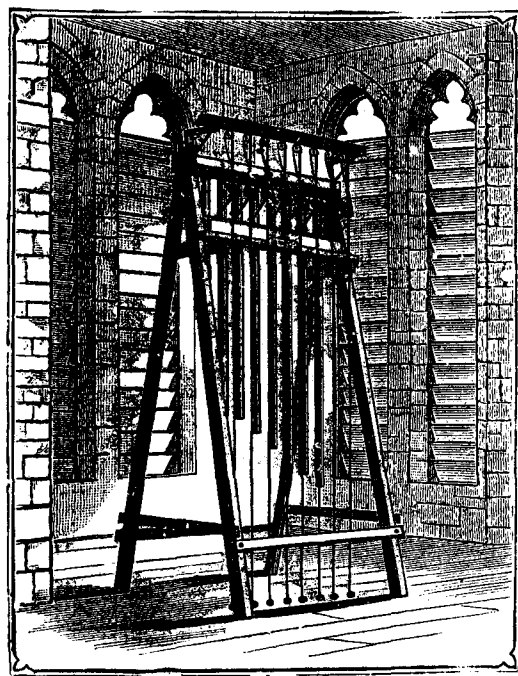
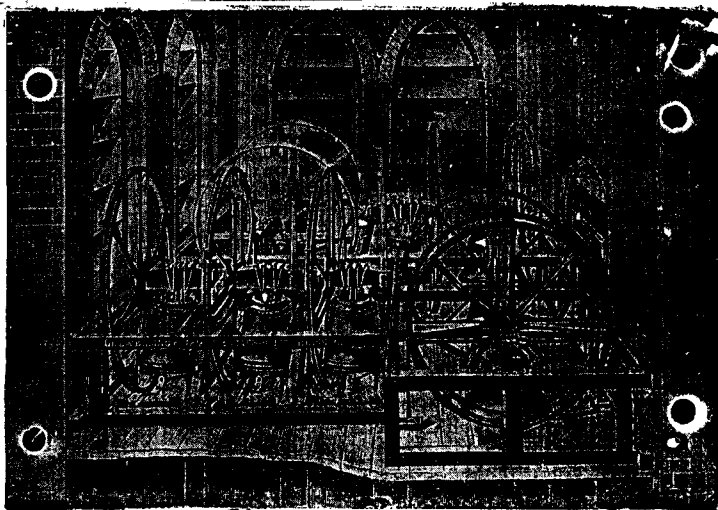
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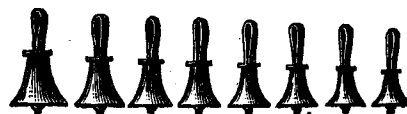
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

About a couple of years ago (this lengthy period in our go-ahead times being now such ancient history that I will not guarantee the precise date) I paid my first visit to Wortley, where I got a warm reception and a cold shower bath ("free gratis for nothing"). Certainly the pleasure of the former more than fully compensated for the discomfort of the latter, especially so, seeing that I was "not by myself alone," but in a "large company of witnesses," who had a like experience to myself.

This, Monseieur le redacteur, by way of reminiscence.

A thought here strikes me that by way of prefatory remark I should, for the benefit of our stay-at-home brethren—those who make it a principle of life never to travel further from their domiciles than shanks' pony will carry them—and back—to localise, or geographicalise (if you prefer the latter term) this village of Wortley.

The Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, a ponderous tome well nigh approaching a foot square, informs us that "Wortley is a township, pretty village, a parish formed from the parish of Tankersley, pleasantly standing on a high ridge separated on the left from Hunsford by the river Don. It is four miles south-east from Penistone, 17½ miles from London, seven miles south-west from Barnsley, 18 miles south-east from Huddersfield, 8½ miles north-west of Sheffield. The church of St. Leonard, probably founded as early as the reign of Henry III., has been completely modernised, and is now a building of stone, chiefly in the Jacobean style of the 17th and 18th centuries, and consists of a chancel, nave, and a lofty western embattled tower containing a ring of eight bells, presented in 1893 by the Marchioness of Drogheda."

Now that I have relieved my conscience by the foregoing location and description of the village of Wortley, and thus saved your readers the trouble of a lengthy research amongst the archives of history, guide books, railway time tables, and so forth, with the one further remark that it is the seat of the Earl of Wharnccliffe (evidently a model landlord) I will commence the story of my locomotions and peregrinations on Saturday last.

Shortly after eleven o'clock found me on the railway platform in quest of my train. This I had not long to seek, for speedily I found our amiable friend Mr. Tom Maude, of Bradford, Tong, and Pudsey (I believe he "hails" from all three places) standing holding the door of a saloon carriage with one hand, and a leather bag (which I afterwards discovered was packed with handbells) with the other. Presently we were seated, and with the customary puff and snort from the engine, were on our way. At Low Moor we picked up George Bolland, our old six-bell champion, and Brother Pratt of Calverley; a few miles further, at Bailiff Bridge, the main body entrained. (Excuse this militarism, it was Mafeking day.) We had quite a crowd when we resumed our journey, and the saloon was taxed to the uttermost. That however had no effect on the spirits of our party, unless indeed it was to increase the vivacity of the occupants. But, you

know it was Mafeking day. On our road from thence to the journey's end we had banjo solos, songs, handbell ringing. Our National Anthem and war songs resounded on the line and through the stations as we passed till, about mid-way between the hours of mid-day and 1 p.m. we alighted at Wortley station, this time in most pleasant atmospheric surroundings. Away along the road, through the stile, and up the fields we went; that is, with the exception of several who paid a visit to the stone-sawing yard near the station, with the massive tower of St. Leonard's above and before us on our right. This was reached at length, and presently we might have been seen in the comfortable parlour of The Wortley Arms hotel, with a substantial luncheon in front of us. Each train as it followed brought further contingents of visitors, notwithstanding the fact that large numbers were at their respective churches throughout the county, sending out their merry congratulations to "B.P." and the valiant defenders of Mafeking.

By way of an appropriate of the day's ringing, a representative band was made up, who after raising the bells, fired a number of volleys corresponding with the days of this now famous siege. A touch of Treble Bob Major was then rung in most creditable fashion, after which the bands occupied the belfry. While this was going on the visitors made the most of their outing. Some rambled into the park of the Earl of Wharnccliffe, others inspected the pretty old-time village, while several walked to see the famous Wharnccliffe Crag, a few miles distant.

For myself I could not resist a "meditation among the tombs," and so passed through the fine lych gate at the entrance to the churchyard, and inspected first the remains of the old cross, then I was shewn a gravestone some time back discovered at the bottom of a well, broken in pieces, to the memory of one William Nevinston, a notorious highwayman of his time, who died in 1724, at the age of three score and twelve. I then walked reverently round to the other portion of "God's acre," on the south side of the church, from whence a most magnificent view was to be obtained of the valley stretching from Sheffield on the left to Penistone on the right, with the square tower of Bolsterstone church high up on the hill top on the other side, standing in bold relief against the sky, over 1000 feet above sea level. As I gazed on this beautiful scene, ever and anon the wind wafted the sound of Bolsterstone bells, which were swinging a peal of 8000 odd of Kent Treble Bob Major, and had the pleasure of listening to its conclusion, and the firing of the bells which followed. In my peregrination I came to the south corner of the tower, where I found tombstones of considerably more than ordinary interest. Round the marble cross of one was the inscription:—

Edward Montague Stuart Granville, first Earl of Wharnccliffe, born 15th December, 1827, died 13th May, 1899.

The next monument to this was a granite Runic cross, with an inscription round the edgestone:—

Georgiana Elizabeth, third daughter of Dudley, first Earl of Harrowby, widow of John, second Baron Wharnccliffe, born April 16th, 1804, died August 22nd, 1884.

Adjoining this was another to the memory of the Hon .

Frederick Stuart Wortley, born January 16th, 1833; died November 27th, 1870. A little lower down was a granite cross, round the plinth of which was carved:—

Here resteth the body of George Brawin, Priest, xxxvi. years in charge of this parish. Born June XIX. MDCCCXV. Fell asleep November xxx. MDCCCXCV., awaiting the consummation of the last day

Then I continued lower down, and came to a massive granite headstone, which has the following record:—

Here lies in Christian faith and hope James Stuart Wortley, third son of James Archibald, first Baron Wharnccliffe, born 1805, married 1846, died 1881. Called to the bar in 1831, he became Queen's Counsel in 1841. Judge Advocate and Privy Councillor 1846. Recorder of London 1855-56, and Solicitor General 1856-7. He sat in several Parliaments; as member for the Borough of Halifax from 1835 to 1837; and for the county of Bute from 1842 to 1859. In the midst of a life of untiring devotion to all his public and private duties, he was disabled by an accident. His later years were as much adorned by pious resignation and cheerful patience as his earlier life had been conspicuous for useful and enlightened activity. "In your patience possess ye your souls."

By the time I had concluded my musings and investigations, with the sweet sound of the bells overhead, it was necessary to retrace my steps to the schoolroom, where active preparations were in progress for tea. At 5 o'clock the large room was well filled, and after grace had been heartily sung, the numerous company of guests was being served. Immediately "grace after meat" had been sung,

Mr. W. Snowdon (President) opened the business with a comprehensive address, in which he briefly viewed the work of the Association since their last meeting together, and made special reference to the great national event which they were that day celebrating, and to the peal which had been rung in the adjacent parish of Bolsterstone. He then read the minutes of the Liversedge meeting, which were unanimously adopted.

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Sec.) read an invitation for the next meeting from the Horbury branch, and on their behalf, moved its acceptance. This was seconded by Mr. G. Bolland (vice-president) and unanimously adopted.

The President moved, and Mr. T. Hattersley (Steward), seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Wortley for the use of the belfry and school, which was carried amid loud cheers.

The Rev. T. L. Brashaw, M.A., Vicar, responded to this vote in an interesting speech, commencing with an expression of the pleasure which they all felt at being able to welcome the Association twice in two years. Were he asked to furnish a motto for ringers, he would give the words of St. Paul—"I magnify my work." The ringers of our Church, he said, were benefactors to their fellows. They had cheered the melancholy, and encouraged those in doubt and trouble. All our poets and men famous in English history, had paid their tribute to the sound of the bells, and admitted their indebtedness to bells and bell-ringing, notably, Charles Lamb, Cowper, and Tennyson, in our own country, and across the Atlantic we find J. Russell Lowell (son of a Congregational minister), author of "The Godminster Chimes;" Edgar Allen Poe, Longfellow, Whittier the Quaker, and others. He concluded his eloquent address with an admonition to ringers to magnify their office, and in their daily lives keep to the standard which they had set up.

Mr. T. Hattersley moved, and Mr. W. Abbshaw seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Wortley branch for their hospitality, and the ladies for their services at tea. This motion, which I need scarcely add was carried with much cheering, was acknowledged by Mr. Churchwarden Broughton in a happily-worded speech.

After one or two minor items of business had been dis-

posed of, the meeting concluded with a unanimous vote of thanks to the Chairman.

We then emerged into the open to enjoy for a brief space the sound of the sweet bells, and the sight of the well-trimmed hedge-rows, all of which had done so much for the enjoyment of the day's visitors. But too soon came the signal for return. The iron horse was as inexorable in its starting as it was infrequent in its stopping at the station which nestled at the foot of the hill. So with many regrets we turned our backs to the village, its church, its stately hall, its pretty villas and comfortable cottage homes, and with a parting salute from the bells in the old tower still sounding in our ears, we took our seats and commenced our homeward journey, thoroughly well pleased with our day's proceedings.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was this year at Marlborough, and on Monday last upwards of 100 members journeyed hither from various parts of the diocese to take part in the proceedings. At 11.30 a.m. a special service was held in St. Peter's church, the ringers listening attentively to an instructive and appropriate address by the Rev. Canon Wordsworth, who based his remarks upon Psalm lxxxi. After service the members proceeded to the Town Hall, where the annual business of the Guild was transacted. The Master (Mr. H. H. Palaret), was voted to the chair. A letter from the President, Earl Nelson, regretting his inability to attend, was read. The whole of the officers were re-elected, the hon. secretaries being:—Captain H. Wiltshire, General Secretary; Rev. C. W. Hony, Secretary for Wilts.; and Mr. A. Grist, Secretary for Dorset. A proposal to alter the time of the annual meeting from the spring to the autumn was rejected, the opinion of the meeting being that there could not be a better time than the present. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Wimborne.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett proposed the following scheme for the amendment of the constitution of the Guild: 1—That a committee be appointed to consider and report as to the desirability of forming the Diocesan Guild into branches or divisions, each branch to be governed by a committee, consisting of a chairman, hon. secretary (who shall also act as treasurer), and one ringing member from each belfry belonging to the branch. 2—That incumbents of the parish forming the branch (if members of the Guild), shall be ex-officio members of the branch committee. 3—The secretary of the branch shall collect and forward to the general secretary or treasurer, previous to the annual meeting in each year, the subscriptions of the members for the current year, retaining not more than one-half for local needs. He shall also send with them a correct list of members, and the branch accounts for the past year. 4—Each branch shall appoint one of its members to represent it on the general committee. 5—Before a ringing member of one branch is transferred to another branch, with or without change of residence, the secretary of the branch to which he belongs shall communicate with the secretary of the branch he proposes to join. 6—Each branch shall have power to elect members and its own officers, subject to ratification at the annual meeting. 7—That the election of officers of the respective branches be made by these branches at the meeting which immediately precedes the annual meeting of the Guild, that such elections may thereat be

confirmed. 8—That meetings for ringing be held by the branches not less than once a quarter.

Mr. T. Blackburn supported the scheme, but in view of the importance of the matter, and of no notice having been given on the agenda, it was decided to refer the subject to the Committee.

At the conclusion of the business the company dined together. Among those present were the Rev. Canon Wordsworth, the Rev. Canon Thynne, the Revs. Gordon Soames, H. E. T. Bassett, C. W. Hony, J. F. Welsh, Dr. Wilcox, Mr. H. H. Palairt, Mr. T. Blackburn, etc. The toast of "The Queen," proposed by the Master, was loyally honoured. The next toast was "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," which was suitably responded to by the Rev. Canon Wordsworth, who afterwards proposed "The Army and Navy," coupled with the name of Dr. Wilcox. The toasts were heartily drunk, as also was that of "The Salisbury Diocesan Guild." The toast of "Captain Wiltshire," who is in South Africa, proposed by the Rev. J. F. Welsh, was received with loud applause, and was accorded musical honours. The proceedings terminated with the pronouncement of grace by Canon Thynne.

In the afternoon the belfries at Marlborough, Preshute, Ogbourne, Mildenhall, and other places in the district were visited by companies of ringers, who exhibited their skill in the Art of round and change-ringing. A successful and enjoyable day was spent by all.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

The Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, May 12th, at Singleton, the model village of the Fylde, which is at present in its natural beauty was the place selected for the meeting. The bells of the parish church were open to members, ringers being present from Blackpool, South Shore, Lytham, and Poulton, along with the local men. Blackpool and South Shore ringers were the first to arrive, and after raising the bells in peal soon had them going in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. The tower which contains a light ring of six, is not all that can be desired from a ringer's standpoint; the clock, which is fixed in the ringing-chamber having something to do with this. The tenor, treble, and 2nd are almost in a straight line, the 2nd almost out of sight of the tenor. After ringing a short time, the 5th, through some fault or other, turned stupid, the rope coming off the wheel, and the bell itself getting somewhat fast. Soon after members began to arrive from Lytham, including some noted ringers, by which time the bells were getting settled down, and no further trouble happened, and were kept going till the time appointed for tea, namely six o'clock, the Secretary finding some difficulty in persuading the members to fall on the good things awaiting them at The Miller's Arms hotel, but however a start was made, and found all in readiness, Mr. Clitheroe (Ringing-Master), sitting at the head, supported by the Branch Secretaries and Mr. Staff, of South Shore. The tea was commenced after grace had been said, just thirty members and friends sitting down, and after doing full and ample justice to the good things provided, the business meeting was held. One new member was elected in the person of Mr. Joe Foulkes, of South Shore. The meeting then considered the best means of providing a teacher to the local company, who practically know no method, and who are very anxious to

learn the Art of change-ringing. After several suggestions, several members offered their services during the coming summer, so it is hoped the next time the branch meets at Singleton all the local company will be eligible to join and become useful members of the Association.

During the afternoon one of the secretaries sought an interview with the good and beloved Vicar of Singleton, who was that day celebrating his eighty-second birthday, and still looking young. The chief object was to ask him to preside at the meeting, and also to explain the objects of the Association. The meeting in due time will have had its reward, for the Rev. L. C. Wood has every sympathy with the ringers, and is willing at all times to help them in any good cause.

The bells were kept going until nine o'clock, and thus ended a good and successful meeting, everyone having enjoyed his afternoon's outing.

THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

Ring out ye wild bells the gladdening news,
That brave Baden Powell is released from his foes;
From his prison at Mafeking he now sallies out,
And is hailed by our troops with a joyful shout.

Ring out ye joy bells the news far and wide,
And let it resound on every hill-side;
On the sweet May breezes your melodies float,
All our Empire rejoices to hear your glad note.

Ye bells, ye bells, ye merry bells,
O'er hill and dell your music swells;
And many a one will say to-day,
Listen to what the bells now say.

Then hurrah! hurrah! we'll shout again,
They're relieved at last from the terrible strain;
And Baden-Powell and his plucky men,
Are sharing the blessings of freedom again.

Abingdon.

KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD (aged 13).

RINGERS' OUTING.—On Easter Monday six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association had an outing. The first tower visited was Ashfield Magna, Suffolk, where the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar. Everything was got ready, and the bells were soon raised in peal, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, The Dream, and St. Dunstan's Doubles being rung. The bells were then lowered in peal, the company being very pleased with the go of them. The next place visited was Hunston, in Suffolk. Here the party were made welcome. The bells are a good peal of five, and go well. About the same amount of ringing was done, and thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, the party made another start, the next place being Badwell Ash, in Suffolk. Here they were met by the Vicar, who was pleased to let them ring. At The White Horse a good knife and fork tea was enjoyed, some Grandsire Triples on handbells being rung by W. Rose, 1-2; C. Nunn, 3; E. Youngs, 4; F. Day, 5-6; E. Groome, 7-8. The company wish to return many thanks to F. Day for his kindness of horse and trap. All had a good day's outing.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th, 1900, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 o'clock a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet at 9.30 a.m. on the same day at the Westminster Palace Hotel.

There will be a social gathering in the evening at 9 o'clock at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance), at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

AGENDA.

1.—Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received: for *President*, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart.; for *Secretary*, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).

3.—Appointment of Standing and other Committees.

4.—To receive Report of Committee on Rail Fares.

5.—To receive further Report from Committee on Peal Values with regard to questions left over by last Council.

6.—To receive Report of Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells.

7.—To receive Report of Committee for the definition of a legitimate method.

8.—To consider the following motion:—

"That in the opinion of this Council any protest against the truthfulness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that, if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed. If the record is challenged, it should be submitted to the Central Council, or a Committee appointed by it for this purpose, for decision; and the decision of the Council should be accepted as final."

9.—To discuss the following subject, adjourned from the last meeting:

"How best to instruct beginners in the Art of Change-Ringing."

10.—To consider the desirability of appointing official correspondents with the Central Council, attached to each Association.

11.—To consider the desirability of appointing a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (a) an Association; (b) a Company of Ringers.

12.—To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddlestone Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

Will Mr. A. W. Brighton send the figures of peal of Double Norwich (5008 by H. Dains), rung at Erith on February 2nd, 1899?

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."

CAMPANOLOGY VERSUS CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—This is not, strictly speaking, a technical word at all; and, therefore, we have not considered it necessary to include a definition of it in the Glossary among terms clearly technical in themselves, or which are used in a technical sense. It is the dictionary word for the science of bell-ringing; and is derived from the Latin word *campana*, meaning a bell, and the Greek word *logos*, meaning literally a word, or discourse; and, by expansion, a science. Now, Mr. Daniell will find that the rule for the formation of similar compound words, however derived, is to unite them by the letter *o*; and this word is no exception to the rule. Its first root word ends with *a*, it is true; but so do several others which are similarly compounded with *logos*. I can instance three at random—conchology from *concha*, a shell, and *logos*—horology from *hora*, an hour—etymology from the Greek word *aitia*, a cause. To retain the final *a* in any of these words, when joining it to *logos*, is wrong. If it were right to do so, it would also be right to convert psychology into *psychaeology*, for it comes from the Greek word *psychee*. But I don't suppose even Mr. Daniell would subscribe to such a conversion. Therefore, we must arrive at the conclusion that all writers, ancient and modern, who have committed themselves to campanalogy have blundered in their etymology. H. EARLE BULWER.

SIR,—"Campanalogy" is, I should say, etymologically correct; but "campanology" has now established itself on the analogy of "philo-logy," "bio-logy," "termino-logy," "geo-logy," and other scientific terms ending in *logy*, in the great majority of which *o* is the correct ending for the first part of the word. Analogy, as all students of language know, is one of the most potent influences in changing the form, meaning, or grammar of words; and wherever there is a large group of words of kindred form, the inevitable tendency, in the course of ordinary usage, is for lesser differences to disappear. New words added to the group will also conform to the prevailing type—e.g. "concho-logy" (Latin *concha*, a shell), not "conchalogy." "Campanalogy" has thus had to suffer the usual fate of small minorities, and conform itself to the majority; and it is, I fear, useless to protest against this operation of a general law. The editors of the Oxford Dictionary are right to take the form of the word that usage has established; but I am surprised to learn, on Mr. Daniell's authority, that they ignore the previous existence of another form. I am not, however, surprised that Dr. Raven, or any one else, having started with "campanalogy," should insensibly fall in with established usage and afterwards speak of campanology. T. L. PAPILLON.

NORTON-IN-THE-WOLDS (Staffordshire).—On February 18th, 720 Kent. On March 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; W. Scragg, 2; E. Johnson, 3; J. H. Naylor, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; A. Ryles, 6. On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Woodbine in 27 mins. F. Goldstraw, 1; A. Ryles, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. Goldstraw, 4; T. Johnson, 5; E. Glover (conductor), 6.

ST. CROSS (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 19th, 720 Doubles by Messrs. Betts, Brock, Hadingham, Neweham and Poppy. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Saturday, May 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Ward, 1; J. Rice (conductor), 2; G. Attfield, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. W. Rice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; A. D. Mills, 7; F. Merritt, 8. And another 504, with J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice (conductor), 6; the rest as before. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Saturday afternoon, May 19th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Dines, 1; W. Wellington, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; G. Piper (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington to-day, Saturday, May 26. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Service in church at 5 o'clock.
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) to-day, Saturday, May 26. Meeting house The White Swan hotel. A peal will be attempted at 2.15. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. Contributions are now due.
H. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Steyning to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meat tea at the Norfolk Arms 5.30. Upper Beeding bells will also be available. Half railway fare not exceeding 1s will be allowed. Subscriptions for this division will now be received and duly acknowledged by me the undersigned.
H. EVANS, *Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, May 26, at St. Peter's church, Halliwell, Bolton. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers are welcome.
HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

64, Beverley Road, Bolton.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chippenham to-day, Saturday, May 26th.
C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Hill Street, Kingswood.

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of the Rochdale branch will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, May 26. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers invited.
JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Heckington to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Tea (tickets 1s. each) at The White Horse hotel. All members intending to be present should let me know by Thursday, May 24th.
R. CLARKE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at White Waltham, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock.
H. C. BELL, *Branch Sec.*

Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting of ringers (and others interested in the maintenance of bells and ringing) will be held in All Saints' parish room, Huntingdon, on Thursday, May 31st at 3.30 p.m., with a view to organising a more vigorous Branch of the Association in this district. The bells of St. Mary's, Huntingdon, of Godmanchester and Hartford (one mile) will be available for ringers, and tea

will be provided at a nominal charge, after the meeting is over.

WALTER W. CRUMP, *Haddenham, Ely.*
General Sec.

O. G. HOWE, *Ramsey, Hunts.*
District Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells), on Saturday, June 2nd. Meeting in school at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends invited.
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Sheffield and District Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Norton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 4 o'clock.
R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton, on Saturday, June 2nd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Gilbert, Cheddleton.
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 4. Meeting at 6.30.
WM. CASS, *Branch Sec.*
23, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Essex Association.—Twenty-first Anniversary Meeting at Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, June 4th. Divine Service at 11.15, with address by the Rev. Canon Wigram. Meeting at 12. Dinner at 2, tickets 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand. After dinner, by permission of the Rev. H. A. Labe, the grounds of "Guy Harlings" will be open to members. As this anniversary is a special occasion, a large attendance is expected. To ensure proper arrangements for dinner and for reduced railway fares, notice of intention to be present should reach me not later than May 29th.

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

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A general meeting will be held in Consett and district on Whit-Monday, June 4th. The bells of Consett (8), Shotley Bridge (6), and Blackhill (R.C.) church (6), will be open for use all day. Committee Meeting at The Cross Swords hotel, Shotley Bridge, at 12 noon. Dinner at the same place at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d.; non-members, 2s. 6d. Those intending to be present will kindly notify the secretary before June 1st.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Tynedale House, Wylam-on-Tyne.

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Tonbridge, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Central Committee meeting in parish room at 11 a.m. Divine Service in the church at 12. The address will be given by Rev. D. D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst. Offertory for K.C.A. belfry repairs fund. Dinner in the public hall at 1 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after dinner. Towers open for ringing: Tonbridge (8), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Speldhurst (8), Hadlow (8), Penshurst (8), and Brenchley (6). Members are reminded that reduced railway fares can be obtained by eight or more travelling together from the same station, if application be made to the local station master a few days before. Dinner tickets to be obtained from the Hon. Sec.
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Precincts, Canterbury.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Middlesbrough, on Whit-Monday, June

4th. Committee meeting in St. Hilda's vestry at 12.0. Service at St. Hilda's church, at 12.15. Dinner (members 1s. each), at the Corporation hotel, opposite the town hall. Members intending to be present kindly inform the Hon. Secretary before May 31st. The towers of Stockton and Thornaby will also be open after 3 o'clock.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Stokesley, R.S.O.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Northampton on Whit-Monday. Usual arrangements.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough, May 23rd.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—The address of the Hon. Secretary to the Sussex County Association is Mr. A. B. Bennett, Costers Mill, Midhurst. The address of Mr. G. Lindoff is 20, Dufferin Avenue, S. Circular Road, Dublin.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1900.

NEARLY all the records of peals in this number, and touches also in fact, have been rung for the purpose of honoring the heroic soldier who commanded, and the rest of our fellow-subjects who underwent the horrors of Mafeking's siege. We should like to suggest, *en passant*, to some of our readers, the forwarding of a copy of this number to General BADEN-POWELL. We have given instructions for several copies to be so sent, but we suppose Mafeking is hardly at present under regular postal operations, and it is likely therefore some copies may be lost in transit. Among the host of literature the General may receive, "THE BELL NEWS" will assuredly be to him a novelty.

The war in South Africa is apparently coming to an end, so far as active resistance of the enemy is concerned. The relief of Mafeking, the immediate general advance of every division of our army, the forward and complete

equipment of our soldiers, make for the final overthrow of those who commenced the conflict. Mr. KRUGER informed the world that the war would "stagger humanity." He was right in a measure. It has "staggered" him; also his friend STEYN. The deeds of such men as the heroes of Mafeking have "staggered" also those charitably-inclined people who yearned for the discomfiture of our armies. And they will be "staggered" more yet. The world has to witness an united Empire, welded together and solidified under the British crown, an Empire upon which it may be truly said that the sun never sets. Humanity is "staggered" at the uniform cohesion of the British people all over the world. And well it might be. The Queen of Nations will continue—under Providence—to expand, and its potency for civilisation wax stronger as time rolls on.

TO MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Mr. R. A. Daniell writes:—

"I observe that the Central Council will rise at one o'clock on Whit-Tuesday, and adjourn till 2.30, and I write to say, in case any members may care to know it, that the Rev. H. G. Daniell-Bainbridge, the Precentor of Westminster, has kindly promised me that he will conduct any members who may desire it, round the Abbey at one o'clock, and indicate the objects of interest."

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council requests the Secretaries of the following societies to remit the fees of their representatives with the names and addresses:— Gloucester and Bristol; North Lincolnshire section of Lincolnshire Association; Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	†JOHN KENTISH, JUN... .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN MILLER 6.
JOSEPH J. POWERS† .. 3.	ARTHUR MILLER 7.
WILLIAM TEGG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

†First peal of Major. J. J. Powers, who hails from Hatfield, was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. This composition is now rung for the first time.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	EDWIN GIBBS 6.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. 3.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 8.
HENRY SPRINGALL .. 4.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 9.
SAMUEL HAYES 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE MENDAY, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

(THE KENSINGTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT V. SELBY Treble.	ARTHUR E. BRADLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	SYDNEY H. GODFREY .. 7.
HENRY G. MILES 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 8.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4.	WILLIAM FOX 9.
GEORGE R. FARDON .. 5.	JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6, both in the titlums and handstroke positions without singles. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM TEGG Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN .. 6.
ARTHUR MILLER 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This peal was rung on the day of the official announcement of the relief of Mafeking, the bells being fired at the conclusion several times.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER DARLINGTON* .. Treble.	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 5.
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WILLIAM BENNETT .. 4.	†WILLIAM ANDERSON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOBS Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5.
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THOMAS LANGDON .. 4.	HARRY STUBBS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

*First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking, and also as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. J. Woods hails from Kenninghall, Norfolk.

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

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

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HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
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Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

Rung in honour of the official report of the relief of Mafeking.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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On Thursday, May 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

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WILLIAM J. SMITH 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
JOHN BENSTEAD 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	HARRY WAKLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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On Thursday, May 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE ROUGHTON† .. Treble.	†HARRY F. DAWKINS.. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. LAXTON† .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
LEONARD W. COPSEY† .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
GEORGE R. PYE.. .. 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. The above is the first peal on the bells by a local band during the present century.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. TITCHENER .. Treble.	THOMAS METCALFE 5.
FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 2.	JAMES A. CARTER 6.
CHARLES HALL 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
JOHN H. JONES 4.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE.. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

This peal was arranged and rung in commemoration of the relief of Mafeking, and its gallant little band of defenders.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

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

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5218 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
JOHN W. GOLDING 2.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON 3.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 8.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 9.
HARRY R. PASMORE 5.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BRADLEY, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking; also as a birthday compliment to H. R. Pasmore and W. Cropley. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Two Hours Forty-eight and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART (No. 3). Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble.	JOSEPH PENNINGTON 5.
JOHN DAVIES 2.	FRED MORRIS 6.
WILLIAM FARNWORTH .. 3.	HENRY MOSS 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	JOHN MAKIN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MOSS.

The above peal was taken from Snowdon's Grandsire. Rung in honour of the gallant defender of Mafeking, Colonel Baden-Powell.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Four Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8288 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 5.
ARTHUR SLATER 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
HENRY BOWER 3.	THOMAS SYLVESTER 7.
REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON* 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Major. This peal contains the sixty course-ends, and is the greatest length obtained with this quality. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

SHERE, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in E.

ROBERT J. DAWK Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ERNEST ALLEN 4.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble.	WILLIAM H. BULLOCK .. 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2.	WILLIAM A. GRIMES .. 6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 3.	*CHARLES BRUNNING .. 7.
WILLIAM GRIMES 4.	JAMES RUMSEY Tenor.

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

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. This composition has the 6th twenty times wrong and twenty-four times right, and is now rung for the first time.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOHN SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
ERNEST C. HUNT 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

Rung on receipt of the news of the relief of Mafeking.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE SMART 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 2.	GEORGE BAKER 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN F. MALLABY, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE Treble.	JOHN WELSBY 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Welsby. First peal in the method on the bells.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, May 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER DAVIS Treble.	HENRY T. HOWELL 5.
WILLIAM LANSDOWN* .. 2.	HARRY W. FUSSELL .. 6.
THOMAS ALSOP* 3.	JAMES J. POWELL 7.
FRANK K. HOWELL 4.	*GILBERT WILTSHIRE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY W. FUSSELL.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATIO Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HENRY COOPER Treble.	RICHARD P. HEALD 5.
TITUS BARLOW 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK .. 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
WILLIAM GRUNDY 4.	THOMAS ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal was rung in commemoration of the relief of Mafeking.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	FRANCIS P. POWELL 5.
GEORGE ROOM 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
THOMAS BULL 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, on receipt of the official news. The tenor has lately been weighed by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY JUDGE Treble.	H. WALTERS 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the anniversary of the long peal (17,024) of Double Norwich.

HILLINGDON, EAST, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE HILLINGDON SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART No. 3. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK WEEDEN* Treble.	HENRY S. REEVES 5.
HERBERT J. AYRES* 2.	*WILLIAM HONOR 6.
JAMES W. ODELL† 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	GEORGE BELLAMY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking, and to commemorate the Queen's birthday. It was arranged to attempt the peal on Thursday, the 24th, but being Ascension Day the use of the bells could not be granted.

Date Touches.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 20th, a date touch, 1900 changes, consisting of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles. G. Dolphin, 1; G. Bozzard, 2; H. Salisbury (conductor), 3; W. Reed, 4; J. Dolphin, 5; W. Charlwood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, 1008 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Roughton, 1; W. J. Laxton, 2; L. W. Copsey, 3; W. Pye (conductor), 4; H. F. Dawkins, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob and 336 Stedman Triples. E. Pye, 1; W. Pye (conductor), 2; L. W. Copsey, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. F. Dawkins, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; W. Watson, 7; A. Sorrell, 8. After service 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Roughton, 1; W. J. Laxton, 2; L. W. Copsey, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; H. F. Dawkins, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; W. Pye, 7; E. Pye, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. E. Pye, 1; F. W. Thornton, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; J. J. Lamb, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; W. Foreman, 6; I. G. Shade, 7; W. Berry, 8; H. Flanders, 9; W. Pye (conductor), 10.

CHATHAM.—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 742 Grandsire Triples. F. Moore, 1; A. Duncan, 2; W. Haigh, 3; O. Sullivan, 4; C. Fryatt, 5; W. Hunt, 6; W. Baker, 7; H. Hinkley, 8. Also 504 Grandsire, in which Mr. White, of Luton, rang the 5th, both touches being conducted by W. Haigh. Also two 336's in the same method, conducted by W. Baker. On Sunday morning, May 20th, a special Thanksgiving Service was held in celebration of the relief of Mafeking, at which the Mayor and Corporation attended in state, before which several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung. M. Robinson, 1; C. Fryatt, 2; E. Mexter, 3; W. Haigh, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5; H. Hinkley, 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 53 mins. J. Pitcher, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. Harries, 4; A. Rowley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Coombes (conductor), 1; W. Northey, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; F. Pitcher, 4; J. Harries, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; A. Rowley, 7; C. Price, 8.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, May 19th, at the church of St. Woolos, on receipt of the news of the relief of Mafeking, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. Atwell, 4; H. Russell, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; G. Pippin, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Andrew's church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Bob Major. G. A

Work, 1; E. Titt, 2; T. J. Brown, 3; G. W. Peverell, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; G. Green, 6; F. Charlton, 7; H. Peverell (conductor), 8. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Titt, 1; G. W. Peverell, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; G. Green, 4; F. Charlton, 5; H. Peverell (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Double Court. E. Newman, 1; J. Horrex, 2; E. Kinsey, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Tinsey (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 Double Court. C. Adams, 1; J. Horrex, 2; E. Kinsey, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; W. Stiff, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. After service 720 Plain Bob. C. Adams, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; E. Kinsey, 3; W. Stiff, 4; J. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey, 6. The above were rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking, and as a farewell peal to C. Adams, who is leaving for Romford, Essex.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. J. Scholes, 1; T. Taffender, 2; S. Hayes, 3; T. Faulkner, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Rung on the 52nd birthday of S. Parmenter, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SEDBERGH (Yorks).—On Saturday, May 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Harrison, 1; J. E. Senogles, 2; E. Pennington, 3; W. Pennington, 4; F. S. J. Pile, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6. The above was rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Saturday, May 19th, on receipt of the first news of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Pounds, 1; G. Room, 2; T. Bull, 3; J. Monk, 4; Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, 5; H. Brooks (conductor), 6.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Wednesday, April 18th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Franklin, 1; H. Frankum, 2; R. Frankum, 3; G. Nash, 4; G. W. T. Smith, 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor by the same band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1900 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 21 mins. W. Wilber, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; E. Reader, 8; J. W. Bayley, 9; T. Gordon, 10. Composed and conducted by J. W. Bayley. Rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, a touch of 216 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's church, and the bells fired the number of days the siege lasted. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Nicholls, 1; R. Pickering, 2; J. Purser, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; J. Jagger, 5; R. W. Burrow, 6; H. Knight, 7; F. Jones, 8. It is worthy of note that E. Nicholls is 73 years of age, and took part in the Crimean War.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday morning, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, eight members of the local company rang 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 38 mins. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailey, 5; J. M. Button, 6; C. Samson, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. At the conclusion the bells were fired.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 19th, 1120 Bob Major. E. P. Foreman, 1; F. Cullum, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; E. Chatten, 4; A. Took, 5; J. Howard, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; R. Tracy, 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, 504 Bob Triples. S. Kerrison, 1; E. P. Foreman, 2; F. Lambert, 3; F. Cullum, 4; R. Tracy, 5; E. Chatten, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; J. Punchard, 8. And 350 Grandsire Triples. T. L. Wilson, Esq., 6; W. Lee, 8; the rest as before.

RUMBURGH (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 23rd, 360 Stedman Doubles. R. Tracy, 1; S. Bird, 2; T. L. Wilson, Esq., 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; C. Kerrison, 5. Rung on the occasion of the annual parish tea.

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Danford, 1; A. Miles, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; S. Ellis, 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Punchard, 6. Rung at the reopening of the church by the Bishop of Thetford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, May 19th, an attempt was made for Reeves's variation, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, but it came to grief in the 10th course. E. Usherwood, 1; P. Margreets, 2; H. Woodcock, 3; W. Duckworth, 4; W. Cass, 5; W. Mitchell, 6; C. Bradbury, 7; J. Ramsbottom (conductor), 8.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. Morris, 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 2nd, for practice, 720 in the same method. F. C. Newton, 1; R. Green, 2; J. Witter (first 720), 3; T. J. Morris, 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. C. Newton, 1; J. Turner, 2; R. Green, 3; T. J. Morris, 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; J. Allen, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford standing as before, both conducted by R. Green. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. J. Turner, 1; R. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris (conductor), 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; J. Allen, 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, April 1st, for Divine Service, 1264 Bob Major. A. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; W. Tegg, 4; F. C. Fordham, 5; J. Armstrong, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Glasscock, 1; S. Ansell, 2; F. C. Fordham, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. E. Miller, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; A. Miller, 8. On Sunday morning, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. C. Fordham, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; A. Miller, 5; J. Miller, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; C. Bale, 8. In the evening a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; W. Tegg, 3; A. Miller, 4; J. Miller, 5; J. Armstrong, 6; S. Wade, 7; H. Balaam, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Exeter).—On Saturday, April 28th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Shepherd, 1; F. J. Shnpherd, 2; J. Locke, 3; G. A. Head, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; F. Murphy, 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 32 mins.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, May 19th, at the church of The Holy Cross, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 of Doubles, being 360 Grandsire, and 360 St. Dunstons, with the treble and 2nd in front. J. Godfrey, 1; J. Amphlett, 2; G. Bozzard, 3; G. Dolphin, 4; W. Read, 5; H. Salisbury (conductor), 6; J. Dolphin, 7; W. Charlwood, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On April 15th, for evening service at Christ Church, 360 Bob Minor. W. Walker, 1; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 2; C. Taylor (longest length in any method), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, 240 each of Kent and Oxford, followed by 144 Kent and 72 Oxford. Jos. Thackray (conductor), 1; W. Walker, 2; J. Heckingbottom, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 120 Oxford. C. Taylor, 1; W. Walker, 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. And several plain courses of Bob Minor. M. Broadbent, 3; J. Peacock, 5; others as before. On Thursday, April 26th, for practice, several plain courses of Bob Minor, on handbells, in which E. Swallows, C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, C. Taylor and J. Peacock took part, assisted by Jno. Thackray, M. Broadbent and J. Heckingbottom.

BURBAGE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 in the same method. S. Bennett, 1; R. Ashmore, 2; E. Stamper, 3; J. Bacchouse, 4; M. G. Bennett, 5; G. Ashmore (conductor), 6.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 19th, to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, 720 Kent Treble Bob and three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. T. Weller, J. Akehurst, E. Jordan, A. Wales, F. Tullett, C. Taylor, and D. Jordan (conductor).

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Dines, 1; G. W. Piper (conductor), 2; W. Wellington, 3; A. Shuttleworth, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; T. Brazier, 6; W. Lilley, 7; R. Dines, 8.

PRESENTATION TO A BURNLEY RINGER.

[From the *Burnley Gazette*.]

On Saturday, May 5th, amid the many evidences of May day festivities, merry peals were rung on the bells of St. Peter's church, and the occasion was seized upon by the many friends of Mr. John Pollard, the oldest bellringer at St. Peter's, if not in England. Mr. Pollard, as many of our readers are aware, was the recipient of a gold medal last year, but his friends thought something more tangible ought to be done to show their respect for the veteran bellringer. To aid this a committee was formed and a subscription was set on foot. Head and foremost in the work were Mr. Edwin Gray and Mr. Edwin Tomlinson. The latter falling into poetry, issued a leaflet expressive of the many virtues of Mr. Pollard, and extolling the many sacred duties he had so cheerfully rendered. As a result, a purse of gold rewarded their efforts. The Rossendale bellringers were the first to play their part, rendering a quarter of Grandsire Triples in good style. The manipulators from "over the hills" were: James Taylor, 1; Sam Lord, 2; George Lord, 3; James Eastwood, 4; Walker Taylor, 5; James B. Taylor, 6; J. W. Wright, 7; and Wm. Ormerod, 8. After an adjournment for tea the bells were again set in motion, and 540 changes were rung out in 19 mins. In a subsequent peal Harry Walls and Hartley Heyworth, local ringers, replaced George Lord and Walter Taylor, respectively. An adjournment was then made to The Talbot hotel, where the business pertaining to the presentation was proceeded with. Mr. Elijah Bridge was called to the chair, and upon him also devolved the duty of making the presentation. On rising, Mr. Bridge was heartily cheered. After a graceful reference to their visitors from Newchurch, whose skill at bellringing he had heard of before, he said he would like to speak of a ringer whom they used to have among them, who was a parson, and took very great interest in bells and bellringing. He referred to the Rev. Mr. Turner. Whenever they went on their picnics Mr. Turner might have been seen mounting the belfry steps at whatever place they stopped, taking down the inscriptions on the bells. At Bolton Woods he took off his coat and mounted the belfry at an old ruined church to examine its bell, and he believed his enthusiasm was rewarded. Mr. Turner was really one of themselves, and it was very seldom they had parsons of that kind. Another ringer whom he would now mention was Mr. John Pollard, who had done his duty and done it well for the long period of 63 years. Bellringing, by the way, always made him (the chairman), think of the days when he was connected with St. Peter's himself, for his father and grandfather before him were members of the "clanging Art," so that it was not out of the order of things that he should be occupying that position. He felt pleasure in mingling again with old friends, chief among whom was his dear old friend Mr. Pollard, or, as he loved to call him "Old Jack." Mr. Pollard was a very peculiar character, for he had persisted in assisting to ring the chimes at 63 of Her Majesty's birthdays, and quite as many Christmases and New Years had fallen in under his hammer. He might call him a thorough English gentleman. He had followed the duties of bellringer with an interest excelled by few in Lancashire, and it would be of additional interest to know their friend was the recipient of the gold medal, and was placed on the roll of honour of the "Sunday Companion." It would be something for his children to regard with pleasure. He had now great pleasure in presenting to Mr. Pollard the purse which was the outcome of a kindly and genuine feeling on

the part of a large number of friends and relatives. For himself he had always looked up to Mr. Pollard as one well worthy of being looked up to. Mr. Pollard briefly returned thanks, after which the rest of the evening was spent in singing, etc., Messrs. Jas. Wm. Heys and James Taylor being the first to contribute songs.

AN OWNERLESS BABY.

"On the arrival of the 10.28 up train at Slough on Tuesday night, a well-dressed baby was found under the seat of an otherwise empty 2nd class compartment. Inspector Gomm reported the matter to Mr. Page, the station-master, and a porter was sent for the police. Police constable Hill was found, and he informed Superintendent Sutton, D.C.C., with the result that the baby was removed to the workhouse at Slough, pending enquiries for the mother. The child had a feeding bottle with two tubes. The bottle was full of milk, but the child could not consume it because the tube at its mouth was the dummy one. Although well dressed, the poor baby was very much emaciated, and gave the impression of having been insufficiently fed. The police are thoroughly investigating the case, and it is to be hoped that their efforts will be successful in tracing the person by whom it was abandoned."

The above is an extract from a Slough contemporary. We learn on good authority that the finder of the infant in question was none other than Mr. W. H. Fussell of the above town. The natural embarrassment necessarily attendant upon being such a lucky discoverer is quite sufficient to any ordinary individual, but to one of such a nervous temperament as our friend, notwithstanding his fondness for children, the situation must have been uncommonly provoking. It is somewhat reassuring, however, to learn that after being conveyed to the workhouse and being safely deposited there, several offers to adopt the child have emanated from the good-natured people of Slough, but even in the absence of this there is no doubt that the finder would have seen that the poor child was well cared for.

We shall be much obliged to those Secretaries who will send us all names and addresses of clerical ringers they may know of. Those gentlemen who have already done so have our thanks. A great many more must be received before the intended list is anything like complete. The trouble or expense of sending the particulars on a post-card is not great; and the courtesy would be appreciated.

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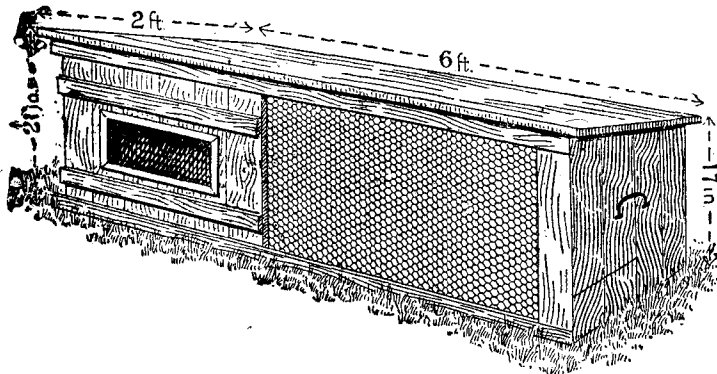
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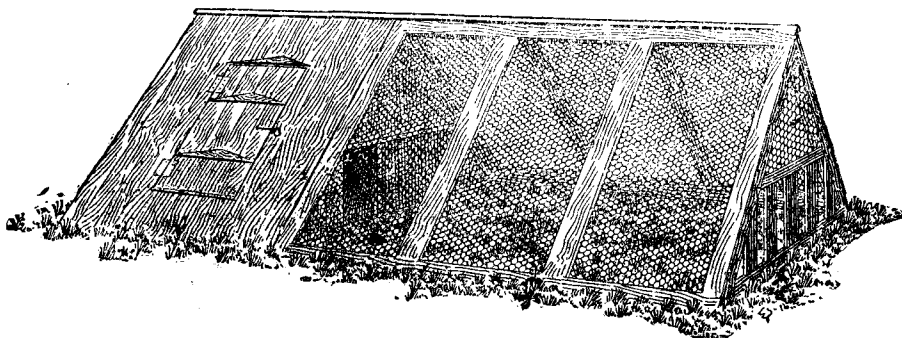
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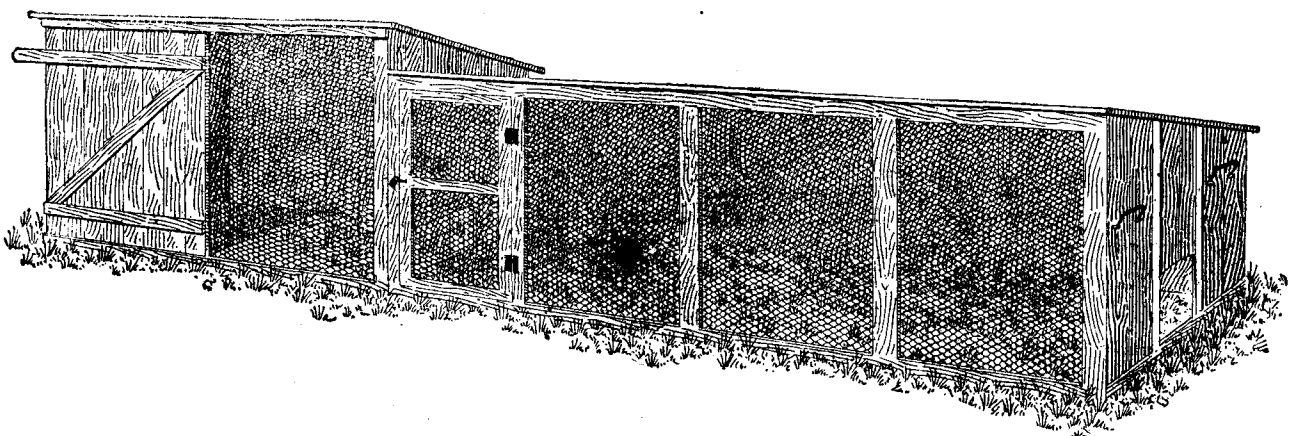
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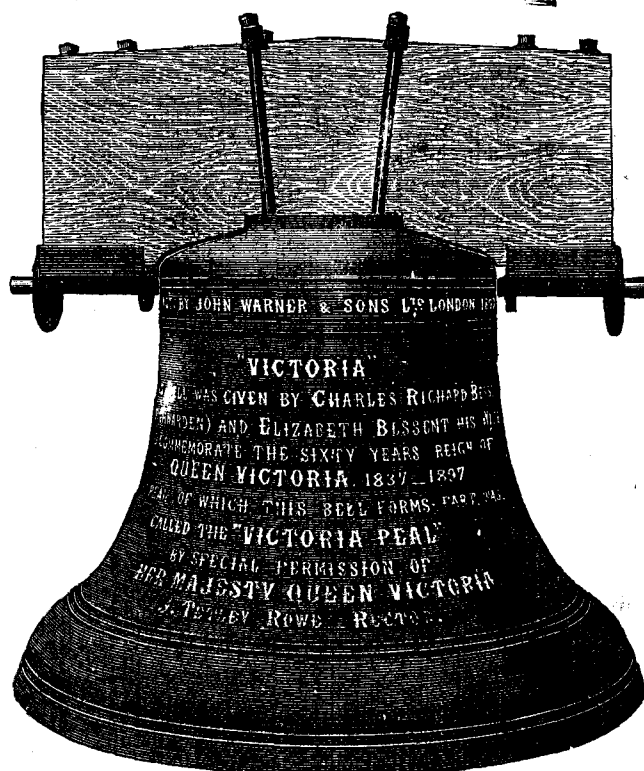
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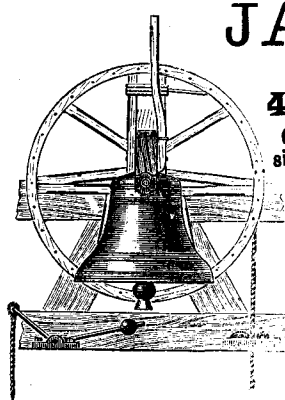
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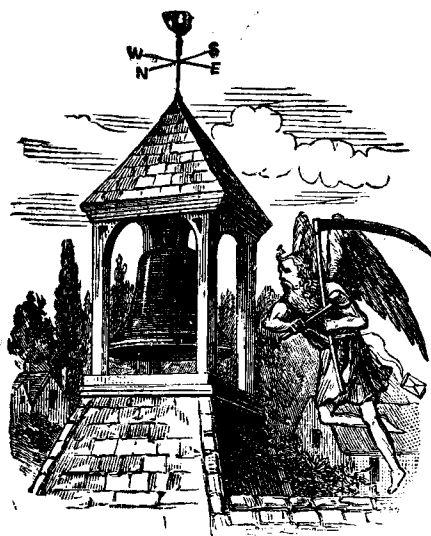
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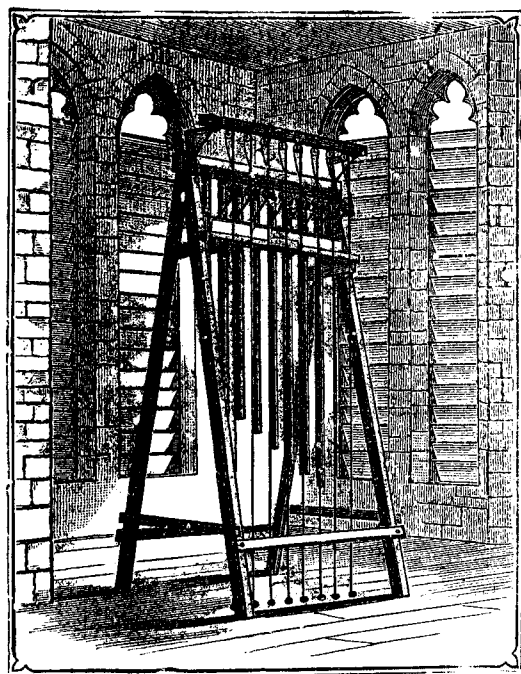
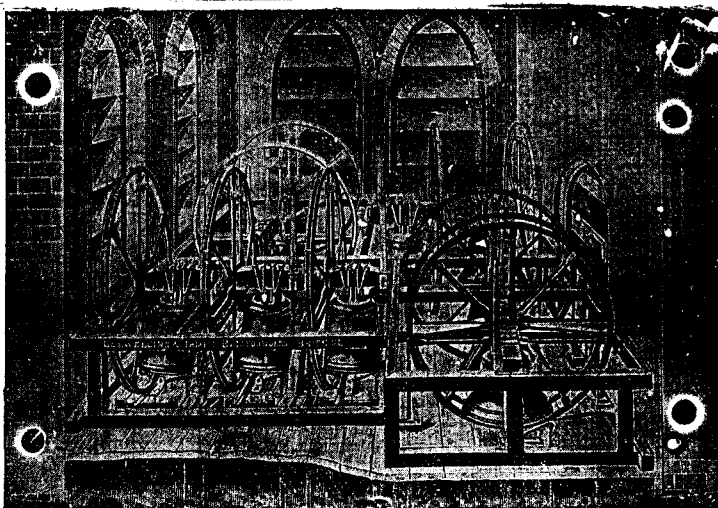
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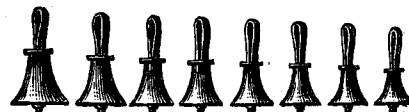
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HALLOW, WORCESTER.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS.

The village of Hallow (above-named) is pleasantly situated close to the west bank of the river Severn, nearly three miles from Worcester. The route thereto, after the environs of the city have been negotiated, is of a most picturesque kind. The path by the river to Hallow is said by an old guide-book to be "positively charming," but the journey by road is scarcely less pleasant. "Hallow Park" contains an old mansion which it is related was once occupied by "good Queen Bess," and is built upon an agreeable situation. Adjoining Hallow is the parish of Grimley, the small plain church of which has a ring of six bells, over which an enthusiastic ringer and worthy brother—Mr. Bullock, is, or was, the presiding genius. The residential estate called "Thorn-grove" is situate in this parish, and here for a short time once dwelt on parole, Lucien Buonaparte, brother of Napoleon I. Further on is the far-famed Witley Court, the seat of the Earl of Dudley, and where for three years the late Queen Adelaide, wife of William IV., resided.

The locality around Hallow is really delightful, and every praise heaped upon it by writers and travellers are well deserved. Yet it was amid such harmonious surroundings that a tragedy took place many years ago, the previous Vicar of Hallow dying by his own hand.

The old parish church was a building which, although of spacious dimensions for a village church, had an appearance quite non-ecclesiological. The present Vicar—the Rev. Canon Herbert G. Pepys, M.A., son of a former Bishop of the diocese—saw the appropriateness of building a new church, and as far back as the year 1868 its erection was commenced from the plans of the diocesan architect. The foundation-stone of the edifice was laid by the Right Hon. Frederick, sixth Earl Beauchamp (father of the present Earl), and the church was consecrated on May 4th, 1869, by the then Lord Bishop of the diocese—Dr. Philpott. The tower was erected ten years later.

The city of Worcester and its neighbourhood owes a great deal to the munificence of the late John Wheeley Lea, Esq., for many years an Alderman and magistrate. No movement which had the well-being of humanity for its object sought his assistance and valuable co-operation in vain. He was a great benefactor to every good work. To the ring of twelve at the Cathedral he gave extra semi-tone bells in order that the renowned chimes should be absolutely perfect. He went about doing good, in fact. And his son, the late Charles Wheeley Lea, Esq., walked in the ways of his father. Many fatherless children and widows have in the present day reason to bless his name. He resided at "Parkfield," in the parish of Hallow, and it is to his memory that the completion of Hallow church, by the addition of a spire and a new ring of bells, has been carried out by Mrs. Lea, his widow. This is explained by the following inscription on a brass plate near the tower entrance:—

"In remembrance of Charles Wheeley Lea, of Parkfield, in

this parish, who died January 13th, 1898; the spire, bells, chimes, and clock were given by his widow in the 63rd year of Queen Victoria's reign, 1900. God save the Queen."

The spire is erected on the massive tower built in 1879. It is a fine piece of workmanship, carried out under the direction of Messrs. Lewis Sheppard and Son, by Messrs. J. Wood and Sons, from the original design of Mr. W. J. Hopkins, the architect of the church. The bells were cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The frames are of massive iron, resting upon and bolted to stout steel girders. The clock has three dials, rather more than six feet in diameter. The total height of the steeple from the base to the capstone is 150 feet, and the weather-vane is eight feet high.

The celebration service took place on Tuesday, May 15th, and was very largely attended. It commenced with the processional hymn "Blessed city, heavenly Salem," after which the Bishop of Worcester read special prayers. Then followed the hymn "We love the place, O God," after which Evening Prayer as far as the third collect was said. The special Psalms were the 24th (sung to Marsh in E), the 84th (to Goodenough in F), and the 150th (to the grand chant by Humphries). The first lesson was 2 Chronicles vii. 1-16, and was read by Canon W. R. Carr, and the second was Luke xix. 37 to the end, read by Canon Claughton. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Edmund Turner in E flat. The service was intoned by the curate, the Rev. C. H. Fuller. The other hymns were "Angel voices, ever singing," and "Now thank we all our God," and "Bright the vision that delighted," the latter being the recessional. As a voluntary, the organist (Mr. W. Wilding), played a Processional March.

The Bishop was the preacher, and took for his text the eighth verse of the 26th Psalm: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth."

In the procession were a large number of clergy, many of them bearing names which appear from long association to be indigenous to the city or county, such as the Revs. Claughton, Douglas, Pepys, Wheeler, Isaac, Hastings, Fowler, etc. The venerable Canon Cattley, who knows how to handle a tenor as gracefully as any ringer in these later days, was also present, and many clericals were among the congregation.

After the service the visiting clergy and other visitors took tea in a large marquee in a field adjoining the churchyard, and subsequently the choir and the ringers were entertained in the parish rooms. During the afternoon the following members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild were at the bells: Messrs. G. Hinton (Master), A. Hadley, W. Page, B. S. Hill, W. H. Johnson, L. Longney, E. Watkins, and A. Winterton. They rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Messrs. W. Page, L. Longney, and A. Hadley respectively; and they also rang a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Page. The Rev. J. F. Hastings also took part in the ringing.

The ringers are very pleased with the "go" of the bells. Their most hearty thanks are due to Mrs. Lea for

the untiring interest she has shown in trying to obtain all things to their satisfaction regardless of expense. There is only one fault left, that is the ringing-chamber, which is somewhat too noisy for ringing any length of time. We have no doubt this will be rectified ere long by the introduction of an extra floor. The ringers were invited to Mrs. Lea's residence, "Parkfield," where refreshments were served out, and a course of Caters and tunes rung on a peal of twelve new handbells kindly given to Hallow church for the young ringers.

This new ring of bells is a most valuable addition to the city and neighbourhood. The Cathedral Guild have now a grand new peal on which to essay their skill. And though several rings of good bells already exist in the old city, the condition they are in prevents their use to any appreciable extent. Would that some liberal patron or patroness of Church Art, some wealthy son or daughter of the Church, could be induced to restore the tower of All Saints' church in the city, with its ring of ten bells, the best in the county of Worcester.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting was held at Eye on Thursday, May 17th, in delightful weather. There was an excellent attendance of members, whose enjoyment and enthusiasm would have been greatly enhanced could they have known that it was really Mafeking day. As it was, however, though in ignorance, the occasion was loyally celebrated by plenty of ringing; and at dinner by the singing of the National Anthem and "Rule Britannia." At 1.30 the visitors repaired to The White Lion hotel, where about fifty members sat down to dinner, the following towers being represented: Beccles, Debenham, Diss, Eye, Framlingham, Haddiscoe, Halesworth, Huntingfield, Ipswich, Norwich, Pulham, Sproughton, Thornham Magna, Wetheringsett, Wickham Skeith, Wissett, etc., with Messrs. Ramplin and Nevard from Dovercourt and Great Bentley respectively. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Secretary, who was supported by the Revs. C. F. Blyth, Rector of Wetheringsett, E. J. Bowen, Vicar of Stoke Ash, and the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, Rector of Framlingham, with the following District Secretaries: Messrs. F. Day (Eye), H. Hopson (Beccles), W. Ireland (Diss), C. E. Borrett (Norwich), F. R. Borrett (Redenhall), W. Grimes (Debenham), and F. Lambert (Halesworth). The toast of "The Queen" having been duly honoured, and a verse of the National Anthem sung, the Hon. Secretary said they would proceed without further delay with the business of the meeting. Having explained that Dr. Raven being away from home, recovering strength after his recent dangerous and severe illness, could not be present, he wished to remind the members of the Association that their beloved President had already expressed his intention and wish to resign, as he no longer felt able to act as he should wish in the office, and indeed had already formally resigned, but as there was some difficulty in finding a suitable successor to Dr. Raven, the resignation would not be formally announced, or acted upon, until the Annual Meeting. Meanwhile, the members would have to consider who should be asked to become President, as it would be unfair to press Dr. Raven to continue in office when he felt himself to be in a precarious state of health, and unable to act. He was sure he might in their behalf convey to Dr. Raven the expression of their sympathy and great regrets. He also wished to tell them that the doubt so

long surrounding the performance of a peal of Norwich Court Twelve-in at St. Peter Mancroft in 1817, had at length been definitely set at rest by the discovery of a record in the Osborne MSS. at the British Museum, in which the peal in question was specially described in full as one of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. The credit of this discovery was due to Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, to whom he had written for a copy of the record. He desired to mention again to them the matter of the restoration of the historic peal-boards in the tower of St. Peter Mancroft, in which work he thought the Association ought to assist. The estimate that had been obtained for the execution of the work necessary to restore the old peal-boards exactly to their original appearance was greater than the Association could meet at once, unassisted; but he asked them to authorise him to expend sufficient to enable at least one of the three records to be dealt with immediately, and he hoped that those in other parts of the country, who were interested in the preservation of these historical records, would be willing to aid by their contributions in carrying out the work fully. Their chief business to-day was to elect new members, of whom he was glad to say he had a longer list than on the occasion of the last meeting. Four non-resident life members, three honorary, and twenty-two performing members were then unanimously elected; after which the company repaired again to the church tower where the sweet-toned eight were soon in the intricacies of Stedman and Double Norwich, some touches of which, with Treble Bob, were brought round during the day. All present enjoyed a very successful and encouraging meeting.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

A very successful meeting of this division was held at Steyning on Saturday last, all the officers except the Master being present, viz., the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs. A. B. Bennett and F. B. Tompkins, the three divisional secretaries, Messrs. S. Saker (Eastern), G. Williams (Central), and H. Evans (Western), also members from St. Peter's and St. Nicholas (Brighton), Angmering, Henfield, Heene, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were successfully accomplished. It may be mentioned that these bells go well, and the belfry is in perfect order. A substantial tea was provided at The Norfolk Arms, the Vicar (himself a ringer), presiding. Tea being over, the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Mr. Alliss, of Henfield, was elected an independent member. It was then resolved that the first quarterly peal organised by the Association should be rung on the Cathedral bells, and that one member from different towers in the division, should be invited to take part, Mr. Williams consenting to conduct. This concluded the business.

Mr. Saker, in a genial speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman. The rev. gentleman in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that he could preach a sermon, or extract a tooth, but he could not master the Art of campanology.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

RINGERS' MEETING AT BARKING, ESSEX.

On Saturday afternoon, May 12th, a number of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and several past and present members of the Barking St. Margaret's society, met in the Abbey tower for ringing. Afterwards, at the invitation of Mr. E. A. Davies, the company adjourned to The Red Lion Hotel, and partook of a first-class meat tea, under the presidency of the Rev. P. M. Wathen, the Vicar. Among those present were Messrs. R. Sewell, M. A. Wood, J. Pettit, S. Hayes, H. Springall, W. T. Cockerill, J. A. Weller, etc.

At the close of the repast the Vicar said that speaking for the parish, as well as for himself, he welcomed to Barking those older members of their society, whose presence encouraged them, and afforded them the greatest satisfaction. He thanked Mr. Davies, their vice-president, very heartily indeed, not only for inviting them there that evening, but for the work which he did in connection with the belfry and St. Margaret's church. Those of them who lived there knew that there was no need for him to speak on that subject, and no doubt their friends who had come from a distance had heard by report what a good friend Mr. Davies was in Barking, and more especially in connection with the belfry and the ringing. He thought that when they looked round the table and saw the number of young ringers they had among them they would agree with him that there was a great future in store for bellringing in the town. It was very encouraging to see young men devoting their time to such a noble Art as change-ringing, and he was sure they would never fail to have the support and sympathy from the elder members of the bellringing community. He was glad to see Mr. Samuel Hayes there, because Barking owed a great deal to his kindness and instruction, and he only hoped that the kind sympathy which the old members had showed them in the past would be extended to them in the future.

Mr. E. A. Davies thanked the Vicar for the kind remarks he had made respecting himself in connection with the St. Margaret's society. For many years he had taken a great interest in ringing, although he was not a scientific ringer himself. His love for bells and bellringing was second to none. He was very proud of their band in Barking, and he was pleased that day to have with them gentlemen from London, who had for many years been connected with the College Youths. They had men sitting round the table that evening whose names would last for all time in connection with change-ringing. He thought he should like to have some of the veterans of change-ringing at Barking, so that his young friends might have the pleasure of meeting them in Barking. He hoped that his young friends would take a pattern from his older friends sitting round that table, because they had most zealously for years striven to further the Art of change-ringing, not only in London, but in the country. They had much to thank them for in Barking; he was especially glad to hear the name of Mr. Samuel Hayes, because they were greatly indebted to him. He was also glad to have their old friend Mr. Sewell with them that day. To him Barking was much indebted for the work he did in connection with the bells when they were in a dilapidated condition. At the time he was referring to the 4th and tenor were cracked, and the belfry was in such a state which they did not expect to see in the House of God. Much could be done now to improve it, and he hoped to be spared to do something more in the future.

Messrs. Pettit and Cockerill having spoken, ringing was

resumed at the Abbey until 8.30., Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative being rung.

The company then reassembled at The Red Lion hotel, where under the presidency of Mr. Davies a social two hours were spent. Touches and tunes on the handbells, songs, etc., made the flow of harmony continuous.

Mr. Winney referred in feeling terms to the loss the College Youths had sustained by the death of John Murray Hayes, who would have accompanied them to Barking that day had he been spared.

The Chairman said he very much grieved to hear of the death of Mr. Hayes: he was one of his oldest acquaintance in connection with the College Youths, and that society, together with the relatives and friends of the deceased, had the entire sympathy of himself and all the members of the Barking St. Margaret's society.

Mr. Samuel Hayes thanked the company for their kind remarks and sympathy, and said that the many letters of condolence he had received from ringers in all parts of the country had been a great consolation to the family and to himself.

The toast—"The Health of the Chairman," suitably responded to by Mr. Davies, concluded the proceedings.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 26th, when the following towers were represented: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Wakefield, and the local company. A peal was to have been attempted, but owing to there being three funerals, it had to be abandoned. The business meeting was held at The White Swan hotel, the President, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was then arranged to attempt a peal at Calverley on Saturday, June 2nd, and also one at Rothwell on Saturday, June 16th. One new member was elected, viz., Mr. J. T. Eason, of Wakefield. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, moved by Mr. John Thackray, seconded by Mr. C. Pratt, and carried unanimously, Mr. W. Abbishaw briefly responding. During the evening several touches of Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung on the tower bells. The handbells were also kept going at the meeting-house until it was time for the visitors to bid a hearty good-night.

On the usual monthly practice-night (Tuesday, May 1st) at St. Paul's Cathedral, by the kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean, the whole-pull-and-stand was rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a mark of respect to the late John Murray Hayes, by Messrs. J. Pettit, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Cooter, R. French, E. Gibbs, G. Muskett, G. Dorrington, H. Springall, M. A. Wood, H. R. Newton, W. Prime, and W. T. Cockerill and E. Horrex. Afterwards three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in which C. T. P. Brice, E. P. O'Meara, and C. F. Winney took part.

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.

A WEEK-END IN WEST CHESHIRE.

By W. WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield*.

Having duly received my notice to attend the Annual General Committee Meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild to be held at Liscard on Saturday, May 19th, I along with our branch secretary left Macclesfield by the 9 a.m. train (Great Central Railway), and arrived in Liverpool at 11 a.m. Here we found everybody frantic with joy over the relief of Mafeking. The city was gaily decorated, processions of every description were parading the streets, making every conceivable noise, demonstrating their joy at the success of now Major-General Baden Powell, whose brother represents a portion of Liverpool in Parliament. After dinner we crossed the river Mersey to Seacombe, and walked to Liscard. When the meeting was over, most of the Committee adjourned to the tower, where six courses of Stedman Triples were rung, conducted by J. Dillon; also 168 Bob Triples, conducted by W. Walmsley. The bells are rung from the ground floor with about sixty feet of rope, which makes it rather uncomfortable to ring. After falling the bells in peal, a friendly glass was partaken of. My companion, Mr. Norbury, having to return home the same night, Mr. Dillon gave me a pressing invitation to stay the week-end along with him. Of course I thankfully consented, and supper time found me with my knees under Mr. Dillon's hospitable table. Ten o'clock in the morning found us in Bebington church tower, with a hearty welcome from the local band, and a 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung. S. Breeze, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; H. E. Hough, 4; W. Walmsley, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. Arrangements were made for an early meet in the evening at Bromborough, where Mr. Dillon is a regular ringer. Here a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung. J. Woods, 1; J. Shone, 2; F. Jones, 3; H. E. Hough, 4; W. Walmsley (conductor), 5; J. Ollerhead, 6; E. Breeze, 7; J. Dillon, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. The bells here are a grand peal, but the belfry is very noisy. In conclusion I would express my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Dillon, and the many other ringers who contributed to my pleasant week-end in that locality, and I hope to be able in about five months to extend my return invitation, not only to Mr. Dillon, but to all ringing friends, to our beautiful restored parish church at Macclesfield, which we are looking forward to be ready for a grand re-opening about next October. The church was closed on May 1st, 1898, and by the time it is opened again, something like £20,500 will have been spent; in the meantime due notice will be given in "THE BELL NEWS" of the opening of our church, which was founded in 1278.

Obituary.

DAVID STEVENSON.

Those of our readers who recently were present at the golden wedding celebration at Tong, will remember this gentleman, who kindly attended at the invitation of his friend and companion—T. Maude—and took several photographic groups of the visitors. He then appeared as the embodiment of perfect health and strength, and they will doubtless regret to hear of his early death at the age of thirty-nine. The deceased was unacquainted with ringing, but was ever ready to give his assistance to help forward any movement for his friends at Tong. In connection with Christ Church, Bradford, he held several offices.

NORTH'S ENGLISH BELLS AND BELL LORE.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th, 1900, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 o'clock a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet at 9.30 a.m. on the same day at the Westminster Palace Hotel.

There will be a social gathering in the evening at 9 o'clock at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance), at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

AGENDA.

1.—Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received: for *President*, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart.; for *Secretary*, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).

3.—Appointment of Standing and other Committees.

4.—To receive Report of Committee on Rail Fares.

5.—To receive further Report from Committee on Peal Values with regard to questions left over by last Council.

6.—To receive Report of Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells.

7.—To receive Report of Committee for the definition of a legitimate method.

8.—To consider the following motion:—

"That in the opinion of this Council any protest against the truthfulness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that, if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed. If the record is challenged, it should be submitted to the Central Council, or a Committee appointed by it for this purpose, for decision; and the decision of the Council should be accepted as final."

9.—To discuss the following subject, adjourned from the last meeting:

"How best to instruct beginners in the Art of Change-Ringing."

10.—To consider the desirability of appointing official correspondents with the Central Council, attached to each Association.

11.—To consider the desirability of appointing a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (a) an Association; (b) a Company of Ringers.

12.—To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary*.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddlestons Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

Notices.

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The East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Alfreton (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, June 2. Meeting in school at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends invited. T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Sheffield and District Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 4 o'clock. R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Gilbert, Cheddleton. W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 4. Meeting at 6.30. WM. CASS, Branch Sec. 23, Chesham Road, Bury.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at St. James, West Derby, to-day, Saturday, June 2nd.

REV. CHAS. A. CLEMENTS, Branch Sec. 91, Hawshead Street, Southport.

The Essex Association.—Twenty-first Anniversary Meeting at Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, June 4th. Divine Service at 11.15, with address by the Rev. Canon Wigram. Meeting at 12. Dinner at 2. tickets 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand. After dinner, by permission of the Rev. H. A. Labe, the grounds of "Guy Harlings" will be open to members. As this anniversary is a special occasion, a large attendance is expected. To ensure proper arrangements for dinner and for reduced railway fares, notice of intention to be present should reach me not later than May 29th.

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

Durham and Newcastle Association.—A general meeting will be held in Consett and district on Whit-Monday, June 4th. The bells of Consett (8), Shotley Bridge (6), and Blackhill (R.C.) church (6), will be open for use all day. Committee Meeting at The Cross Swords hotel, Shotley Bridge, at 12 noon. Dinner at the same place at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d.; non-members, 2s. 6d.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec. Tynedale House, Wylam-on-Tyne.

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Tonbridge, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Central Committee meeting in parish room at 11 a.m. Divine Service in the church at 12. The address will be given by Rev. D. D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst. Offertory for K.C.A. belfry repairs fund. Dinner in the public hall at 1 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after dinner. Towers open for ringing: Tonbridge (8), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Speldhurst (8), Hadlow (8), Penshurst (8), and Brenchley (6). Dinner tickets to be obtained from the Hon. Sec.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec. The Precincts, Canterbury.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Asso-

ciation, The Annual Meeting will be held at Middlesbrough, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Committee meeting in St. Hilda's vestry at 12.0. Service at St. Hilda's church, at 12.15. Dinner (members 1s. each), at the Corporation hotel, opposite the town hall. The towers of Stockton and Thornaby will also be open after 3 o'clock.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Stokesley, R.S.O.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above Association will take place at Northampton on Whit-Monday, June 4th. By special permission the bells of the churches of All Saints (8), St. Giles (10), St. Sepulchre (8), St. Peter (8), and St. Edmund (8), will be at liberty for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. There will be Divine Service at St. Edmund's church at 1 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. A. Walters (curate of St. Edmund's.) The luncheon and business meeting will be held at The Peacock hotel, Market Square, at 2 p.m. Visitors from other Associations will be very welcome.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Wellingborough, May 29th.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—East Branch.—The next meeting of this branch be held at Hagworthingham, on Monday, June 4th. J. M. RYLATT, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Standish, on Whit-Saturday, June 9.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

60, Church Street, Blackrod.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Lightcliffe, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The half-yearly meeting of the above-named Society will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at The Radcliffe Arms, Almondbury, at 5 o'clock. Any member having any notion for alteration of rules to be brought before the general meeting must hand it in to the Secretary at this meeting. The annual six-bell contest will be held at Holmfirth, on Saturday, August 4th.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wadhurst (six bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Further particulars next week.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WARWICK.—The last peal rung on these bells was on March 1st, 1899. The bells are a ring of ten, by Rudhall, 1702, and run the reverse way round. It is the conductor's 20th peal, made up of the following, and rung in sixty-two different towers. Double Norwich 36, conducted 6; Grandsire Triples 20, conducted 12; Bob Major 19, conducted 9; seven methods 19, conducted 9; Stedman Triples, 18; Kent Treble Bob Major 17, conducted 7; Stedman Caters 13, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise 10, conducted 1; Cambridge Surprise 8, conducted 2; Stedman Cinques 7, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 5; Double Oxford 4, conducted 4; Canterbury Major 4, conducted 3;

Triples 4; Bob Royal 2, conducted 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters 3, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Canterbury Royal, 1; Duffield Major 1; Bob Caters 1; Grandsire Major 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Triples 1; Union Triples 1; five methods 1, conducted 1; four methods, 1, conducted 1. Total rung 200; conducted 64.

LIST OF 50 PEALS RUNG BY JOHN J. JONES, GUILDFORD, SURREY.—Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Grandsire Caters 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 7; Bob Major 9; Stedman Triples 3; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Bob Triples 4; Grandsire Triples 19. Total 50.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, eight members of the Yorkshire Association will attempt a 13,440 of College Single Major at the church of St. Leonard, Wortley, near Sheffield, on Whit-Tuesday, at 7 a.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. G. J. Smith is 226, Blackstock Road, Highbury, N.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HARLOW.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

REV. H. ELWELL'S

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E. F. GARLAND, }

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SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1900.

EVERYTHING is of secondary consideration in view of the intelligence which has been received on the eve of our going to press. We had intended to comment upon another topic, but the news from South Africa outweighs every other consideration. Krugerism has suffered an undignified collapse. The man who prophesied the total and ignominious dispersion of the British forces is now a fugitive. A report however reaches us as we write, that he has fallen into the hands of some of our own people, and is virtually a prisoner! Whatever may be the actual condition of affairs concerning him, he will have opportunity to reflect upon the text: Let him that putteth on his armour boast not as he that taketh it off. Of swash-bucklerism KRUGER was certainly a past master.

The course of events gives to us all a great feeling of relief, if only from the fact that battle and slaughter is at an end, or at least greatly mitigated. We shall know how

to render all the honours due to our gallant soldiers—from the commander-in-chief to the private—who have maintained the prestige of their county in a foreign land thousands of miles away. They have come successful out of a conflict the like of which was never yet waged, and their countrymen will not be backward in making them feel that their efforts have been duly appreciated.

TO MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Mr. R. A. Daniell writes:—

"I observe that the Central Council will rise at one o'clock on Whit-Tuesday, and adjourn till 2.30, and I write to say, in case any members may care to know it, that the Rev. H. G. Daniell-Bainbridge, the Precentor of Westminster, has kindly promised me that he will conduct any members who may desire it, round the Abbey at one o'clock, and indicate the objects of interest."

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, also writes:—

"The tower of St. Michael's Cornhill will be open to Central Council representatives for a twelve-bell peal on Whit-Monday, at twelve noon; and a sufficient number of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attend to take part if required."

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8th, eight members met and attempted a peal of Oxford Bob Triples as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Beadle and J. Bowen, but it was unfortunately lost when just over half-way. The same band went for it again on the following day, when it was again lost four leads from the finish, owing to the tenor rope breaking. The band were V. E. Beadle, F. Goddard, J. Basden (conductor), H. Chandler, T. Beadle, J. J. Pratt, H. Browning, and H. Seward. In wishing these gentlemen many happy returns, the conductor remarked that if only all the members took as much interest in the Association and ringing in general as Mr. T. Beadle did, it would be better for all; for one thing he was at all monthly meetings of the South and West Districts, and a good few in the North and East District. Besides being regular at practice in his own tower, he generally managed to get over to Ealing during the winter months.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, KILBURN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lbs.

E. P. O'MEARA Treble.	J. ROWBOTHAM 5.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	E. HORREX 6.
C. F. WINNEY 3.	W. T. COCKERILL 7.
M. A. WOOD 4.	W. E. GARRARD Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung after the dedication of the new ring by Bishop Barry on the above date, which was St. Augustine's Day, and is the first peal on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES HANNINGTON Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER 5.
THOMAS LANGDON 2.	JOHN WOODS 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
DICK BEVAN 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. HANNINGTON.

Rang in honour of the 81st birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Mr. Woods hails from Kenninghall.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE B. LUCAS, JUN. Treble.	FREDERICK A. NUNN 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. 2.	FREDERICK PERRIN 6.
CHARLES T. HOPKINS .. 3.	FRANK HULL 7.
ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE .. 4.	RICHARD ELLIOTT Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS, SEN.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION, Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	*WILLIAM BERRY 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
EDWIN BARNETT 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by the late J. RILEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Royal.

The Provinces.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

H. J. BAGSHOT Treble.	GEORGE VEY 5.
E. V. HINTON 2.	T. F. BEST 6.
STEPHEN BEST 3.	GEORGE PRESTON 7.
WALTER KERLEY* 4.	WILLIAM SAFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

A. J. LINCOLN Treble.	E. BAILEY 5.
F. WATLING 2.	G. THOMPSON 6.
C. BAILEY* 3.	J. BUTTON 7.
R. WELLS 4.	G. HARDY Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by A. J. LINCOLN.

*First peal. Rang in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. NAISBY*Treble.	JOHN NAISEY5.
R. W. LOVIE2.	THOMAS RICHARDSON 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 7.
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4.	RICHARD W. LANGTON ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

*First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN SLOMAN†Treble.	HENRY J. CREED 4.
FRANK WYATT*2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED3.	JOHN CRIDLANDTenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

*First peal of Minor away from the treble. †Longest length. Rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

BERTRAM PREWETTTreble.	FRANK A. SMITH 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 6.
FRANK A. MILNE3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KINGTenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

This is Mr. Milne's first peal of Stedman, and was rung to commemorate the eighty-first birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and the relief of Mafeking.

FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 23, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LEVER†Treble.	HENRY MOSS5.
JOHN POTTER2.	ALFRED POTTER 6.
WILLIAM LEVER† 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
RICHARD P. HEALD 4.	TITUS BARLOWTenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

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

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR HARDING*Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS 5.
EVERED J. WALSON 2.	†ROBERT GEORGE 6.
JOHN BASDEN3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
ALLEN H. TABER4.	WILLIAM WARDTenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal. First peal on eight bells. Rang in honour of the Queen's birthday.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5113 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

FREDERICK CLAYTON ..Treble.	JOHN BARBER 7.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 2.	ALBERT WALKER 8.
THOMAS MILLER 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 9.
WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11.
BERNARD WITCHELL 6.	WILLIAM PAINTERTenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty courses behind the 7th in the titums, and nineteen courses behind the 8th in the inverted home position, and was rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of our beloved Queen. *First peal of Cinques as conductor.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST FOXALLTreble.	WILFRED OVERTON 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER 2.	JAMES W. HOWARD 6.
JOHN ELCOCK3.	JOHN OVERTON 7.
BERTRAM HEAD4.	HARRY JONESTenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and

Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

First peal in the method by the first six ringers. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking, and also of the Queen's birthday.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE MOTTASHAW ..Treble.	EDMUND WILLIS 5.
CHARLES E. HART 2.	ALBERT ED. THOMPSON .. 6.
JOSEPH DAVIES3.	SAMUEL MASKREY 7.
CHARLES DRAPER4.	GEORGE WHEELDONTenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday, and the relief of Mafeking.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, May 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ..Treble.	RICHARD A. JUDD 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 8.
JESSE GILLET4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 5.	WILLIAM T. PEGLERTenor.

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

The above peal has the 6th five course-ends at home with only 4-5-6 in 6ths place, and is now rung for the first time. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, the relief of Mafeking, and also in honour of the birthday of Mr. Ward, which by a happy coincidence falls on the same day.

SWINTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD OWENTreble.	JOHN BROCKBANK 5.
EDWARD CASH2.	CHARLES CASH 6.
RICHARD PEARCE 3.	WALTER HESKETH 7.
DAVID CLARKE4.	THOMAS JONESTenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

Rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 25, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble.	WALTER LONGSHAW 5.
GEORGE BARTLETT 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
JOHN LONGSHAW* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SAMUEL COOMBS 4.	ALFRED MILES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the Spring Meeting of the Chip-ping Norton branch of the Guild.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES LEIGHTON* Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
WILLIAM C. BENNETT* .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON* 3.	*JOHN J. LEIGHTON 7.
JOSEPH PATTISON* 4.	†THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

MELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

TOMAS T. HAYWARD .. Treble.	FREDERICK SKUSE 5.
WALTER BISHOP 2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 6.
EDWIN C. FRICKER 3.	HENRY W. BROWN 7.
G. MILES 4.	FRANK REBBECK Tenor.
	EDWIN R. PRESCOTT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY W. BROWN.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 7th. First on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Prescott, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. E. R. Prescott was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE READING* .. Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ERNEST ALLEN 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hunt. Great credit is due to Mr. Lilley for the way in which he rang his bell, as it was not considered pealable for Major.

FARNWORTH, BOLTON.-THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES CASH Treble.	JOHN WELSBY 5.
EDWARD CASH 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
HENRY MOSS 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
JOSEPH LOWE 4.	FRANCIS HYDE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

WARWICK.-THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5173 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 6.
ALBERT WALKER 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 7.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	THOMAS MILLER 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th in the titmums, and twenty-four behind the 8th in the inverted home position, and is the conductor's 200th peal. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

DUBLIN.-THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1900, in Four Hours.

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

THOMAS GRANT .. Treble.	WALTER C. HUNT 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY .. 7.
JOHN LAMBERT 3.	ROBERT T. F. GREENE .. 8.
GEORGE LAMBERT 4.	RICHARD R. CHERRY 9.
GEORGE SALTER 5.	ROBERT MURPHY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal on the bells, and by the majority of the band; also first peal on tower bells by the Association, as well as being the first peal of Grandsire Caters in Ireland. Great credit is due to the treble and tenor men, it being their first attempt for a peal.

ABINGDON, BERKS.-THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES 6.
W. H. ADKIN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	HARRY JUDGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. H. T. Maitland to the vicarage of Abingdon.

BIRMINGHAM.-THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, May 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

THOMAS MILLER .. Treble.	ALBERT WALKER 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
HENRY MIDDLETON 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	CHARLES MACKENZIE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal completes the extent of the Stedman Principle from Cinques to Triples by the above Guild in five days, each peal being rung at the first attempt, and is thought to be a record. The composition has 240 bobs and ten singles, and is thought to be rung for the first time in Birmingham.

Miscellaneous.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—On Monday, May 7th, for practice at St. Patrick's cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Caters. *T. Grant, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; W. E. Hunt, 3; G. Lambert, 4; J. Lambert, 5; R. Greene, 6; C. Murray, 7; R. T. Greene, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; *R. Murphy, 10. On Monday, May 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; W. C. Hunt, 2; G. Salter, 3; R. R. Cherry, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. J. Greene, 6. Recently, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Grant, 1; G. Lambert, 2; W. A. Cooke, R.N. (late of Gillingham), 3; J. Lambert, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. R. Cherry, 6; W. C. Hunt (conductor), 7; R. Murphy, 8. *Longest length.

THE ANCIETT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins. R. Sewell, 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; G. W. Faulkner, 3; C. Fenn, 4; R. Carter, 5; R. Fenn, 6; T. Faulkner (conductor), 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, April 1st, for evening service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 896 Grandsire Triples. R. Sandford 1; J. Beavan, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. Hill, 4; A. Phillips, 5; E. Wells (conductor), 6; W. Aldridge, 7; H. Beckford, 8. On Easter Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 364 Stedman Triples. H. Hill, 1; J. Beavan, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6; A. Phillips, 7; H. Beckford, 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 364 Stedman Triples. H. Hill, 1; J. Beavan, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter (conductor), 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Aldridge, 7; H. Beckford, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Sandford, 1; H. Harman, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. Hill, 4; J. Beavan, 5; G. Carter, 6; E. Wells (conductor), 7; H. Beckford, 8. For morning service on Sunday, April 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Hill, 1; J. Beavan, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; A. Neale, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Aldridge (conductor), 7; H. Beckford, 8.

CHATHAM.—On Monday, April 23rd, being St. George's Day, several courses and two 168s of Grandsire Triples. H. Hinkley, 1; M. Robinson, 2; F. Moore, 3; W. Haigh, 4; C. Fryatt, 5; F. Shedd, 6; W. Hunt, 7; A. Lilley, 8. A 240 and 360 Bob Minor, and several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, with 4-6-8 behind, conducted by W. Haigh and W. Hunt. On Sunday, April 29th, before Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. A. Duncan, 1; W. Haigh, 2; W. Hollier, 3; Quarter-Master Sergt. Fryatt, R.E., 4; E. Mexter, 5; W. Hunt, 6; J. Tullett, 7; H. Hinkley, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Conyard, 1; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; E. Audsley, 6; W. J. Smith, 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Thursday, May 24th, after Divine Service, to celebrate the Queen's birthday, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Saxby, 1; G. Conyard, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; W. J. Smith, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; P. Wisdom, 8.

TONBRIDGE.—On Saturday, May 19th, to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Chivers, 1; Major Warner, 2; C. Cook, 3; C. Cook, 4; G. Stonestreet, 5; W. Steed (conductor), 6; A. Lawrence, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Also another 168, conducted by A. Lawrence, and 336, conducted by W. Steed. On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Chivers, 1; G. Stonestreet, 2; C. Cook, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Steed (conductor), 6; S. Mankelov, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, April 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Borrett (first 720), 1; H. Matthews, 2; F. Borrett, 3; J. Boughton, 4; C. Tann, 5; J. Tann (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Tann (conductor), 1; H. Matthews, 2; J. Boughton, 3; R. Whiting, 4; F. Borrett, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Surridge, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, May 18th, on hearing of the relief of Mafeking and its gallant defenders, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. J. Bovington, J. J. Parker (conductor), J. Parker, G. Basden, J. Elderfield, A. Crook, C. Clarke, W. Bovington. Also 1344 Grandsire Major, in 48 mins. J. Bovington, W. Clark, G. Guttridge, J. J. Parker (conductor), J. Elderfield, C. Clarke, G. Basden, A. Crook. Arrangements which had been made for a peal to commemorate this event unfortunately came to grief. On Thursday, May 24th, two unsuccessful attempts were made for a peal of Grandsire Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On Saturday, May 21st, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Eden, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. J. Lewis, 3; F. Protherough, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; A. E. Edwards, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. The bells were also fired and other touches rung, in which F. Lewis and H. T. Gardner took part.

WATERMOOR.—On Thursday, May 24th, three 6-scores of Stedman

Doubles. F. Lewis, 1; H. Nettle, 2; T. J. Lewis, 3; A. C. Harmer, 4; S. Moore (conductor), 5; T. Curtis, 6. And seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Lewis, 1; H. Nettle, 2; H. J. Nettle, 3; F. J. Lewis (conductor), 4; F. Protherough, 5; H. Clutterbuck, 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, April 1st, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins. J. Basden, 1; C. Edwards, 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; H. C. Chandler, 5; T. Beadle, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; A. Sheard, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Sheard.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH.—On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 26 mins. B. Elmer, 1; A. Redwood, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; A. Morris, 6; C. Ramplin (conductor), 7; W. Pannifer, 8. Also several other touches and firing on the bells during the day.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday, April 8th, at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. W. Denteh, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; J. W. Parker (conductor), 4; J. Butler, 5; R. L. Patterson, 6. On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Denteh, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; R. H. Blakey, 4; J. W. Parker (conductor), 5; R. Manning, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. R. Manning, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; J. W. Parker, 4; J. Butler, 5; R. L. Patterson (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 College Single. J. W. Parker, 1; G. S. Taylor, 2; G. R. Taylor, 3; R. H. Blakey, 4; J. Butler, 5; R. L. Patterson (conductor), 6.

ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, May 19th, four of the Coventry ringers visited this place and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 23 mins. J. White, 1; S. Hope, 2; S. Brown, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; R. Bosworth (conductor), 5. This is the first 720 ever known to be rang on the bells, and was rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 700 and 672 Grandsire Triples. I. Folkard, 1; F. Day, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; W. Burrows, 8. Also 434 in the same method. E. Bird, 1; I. Folkard, 2; A. Williams, 8; the rest as before. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. I. Folkard, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; W. Felgate, 5-6; F. Day, 7-8; R. Baker, 9-10.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. A. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Markwell, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. On Friday, May 18th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, two 504s of Stedman Triples. A. E. Lish, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; S. Burt, 3; H. Markwell, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. On Sunday evening, May 20th, after Divine Service, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. A. J. Ives, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; H. Markwell, 4; C. Tyler, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, March 19th, 574 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Coleman, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; A. Dubber, 5; T. Holmes, 6; H. King, 7; C. J. B. Cooke, 8. Conducted by A. Dubber. This was Mr. Coleman's first long touch with a bob bell. On Easter Sunday, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; C. J. B. Cooke, 3; J. George (conductor), 4; A. Dubber, 5; T. Holmes, 6; A. Bramall, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. On Sunday evening, April 30th, 574 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; R. Watson, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; A. Dubber, 6; T. Holmes, 7; R. Clarke, 8. On Monday, May 7th, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman (conductor), 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; C. J. B. Cooke, 3; S. Hope, 4; J. George, 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. Coales, 8. On Saturday evening, May 19th, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. B. Fenton (composer and conductor), 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; T. Holmes, 5; J. George, 6; A. Bramall, 7; H. King, 8. Rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking. On Monday, May 21st, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

CAMPANALOGY OR CAMPANOLOGY.

In their letters in the last number of this paper Mr. Bulwer and Mr. Papillon differ on a point of etymology. Mr. Bulwer says all writers, ancient and modern, who have committed themselves to campanalogy have blundered in their etymology, whilst Mr. Papillon intimates his opinion that Campanalogy is etymologically correct, and that Campanology has established itself on the analogy of certain other terms. Except that I think that "established" is a much stronger word than I should use, I agree, if I may respectfully say so, with Mr. Papillon; though it is comic to be told that it is the process of analogy which has converted Campanalogy into Campanology. Indeed I have always thought that Campanalogy itself was formed on the precedent of analogy. But if Mr. Bulwer is right, analogy should be anology, unless, which seems impossible, it is a rule of word formation, that the final a of the first root word may remain a when that word happens to be a preposition, but must become o when it happens to be a noun substantive. But analogy was not formed in England; it is a Greek formation, and with the final "ia," is to be found in Liddell and Scott's Lexicon, where Plato and Aristotle are referred to as using it: so that if Mr. Bulwer is correct, then, unless he can establish the distinction in the case of a preposition, it would appear that those eminent persons blundered in their etymology; which at present, though my classical knowledge, never great, has long been becoming small by degrees and beautifully less, I find too hard to believe.

In fact, with the word analogy before us, it seems impossible to contend with success that Campanalogy, formed more than two centuries ago, is bad as a matter of spelling. The other words Mr. Bulwer and Mr. Papillon refer to—conchology for instance—are, I believe, much later in formation, and have taken the form they have for the reasons given by Mr. Papillon. But I am not finding fault with them, nor do I wish to convert psychology into any other form. I am not aware that these words ever had any other form. But Campanology had. This is where I differ from Mr. Bulwer. He says this word is no exception to the rule; I, on the other hand, assert that it is an exception because its *original* form was etymologically correct, and has undergone corruption in later times. And therefore, *pace* Mr. Bulwer, I think it is open to any one to commit himself to Campanalogy if he so pleases, without blundering in his etymology.

R. A. DANIELL.

ON METHODS.

In the agenda of business to be transacted by the Central Council, item 7 reads as follows: "To receive report of Committee for the definition of a legitimate method."

I suppose from this that the Council will give its decision in favour of, or against, the report given by the Committee.

To the members of the Council not on the Committee I should like to point out one or two questions that may be raised, and which ought not to be overlooked.

With regard to Triples, it is possible that such methods

as New Bob Triples or the methods I give below, may be condemned because of the alteration of the course order at the lead-ends (the 1st, 3rd, and 5th lead-ends being out of course, and the 2nd, 4th, and 6th lead-ends being in course), but in Major, it is more than likely that many methods in which the course order is altered several times in the interior of the lead, may be upheld because the lead-ends are all of one nature.

Against this probable inconsistency I wish to call the attention of the members of the Council; if it is permissible to alter the course order in Major in any way we choose in the interior of the leads, why should methods of Triples be condemned because of the alternating in and out of course of the lead-ends?

Here I may remark that in Triples the bob method lead-ends 1426375 and 1352746 are the only lead-ends that will keep the bells in proper coursing order, and at the same time produce the full extent of changes in the plain course; also they are the only lead-ends in which a perfectly symmetrical method of Triples can be obtained.

In Grandsire Triples the bob lead make the method symmetrical but the plain lead does not, a perfectly symmetrical method cannot be had with a bell in the hunt; an illustration of this may be given as follows: if 3rds or 5ths place is made over the treble when the treble is hunting up, neither place can be made in the same position when the treble is hunting down, as this would throw the second bell out of the hunt.

In conclusion I do not say that the Council would be wrong in condemning New Bob Triples or the methods given below, but my idea is "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," and if alteration is to be made at all, the only rule that would be fair all round would be as follows:—

For Triples, triple changes only throughout.

For Major, alternate quadruple and triple changes throughout, and similarly on the other numbers of bells.

With regard to the exclusive use of Grandsire lead-ends for odd bell methods, or Bob Major lead-ends for even bell methods, there are plenty of so-called methods having these qualifications (Major particularly) that are unworthy the name of method (confusion would be a more fitting title). When these confusions are done away with, the time will be near at hand when we may say Bob Major or Grandsire lead-ends only in a legitimate method.

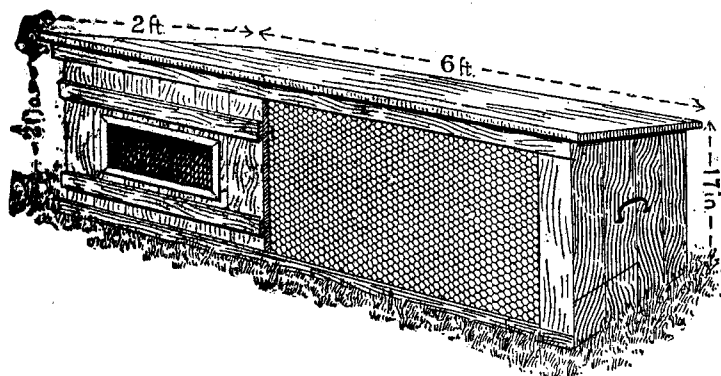
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P.S.—Method No. 3 cannot be reversed.

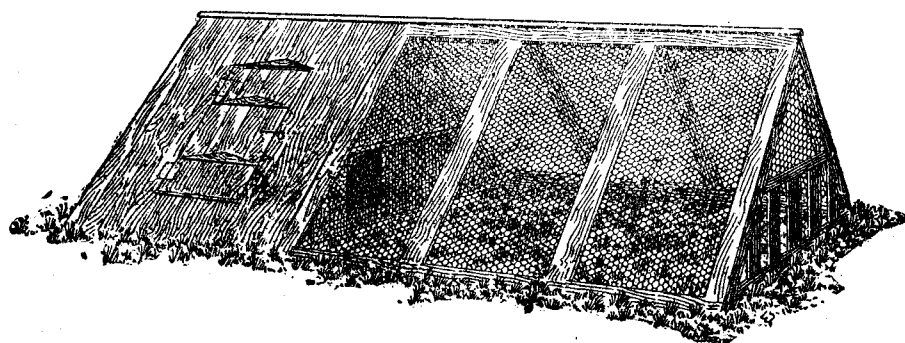
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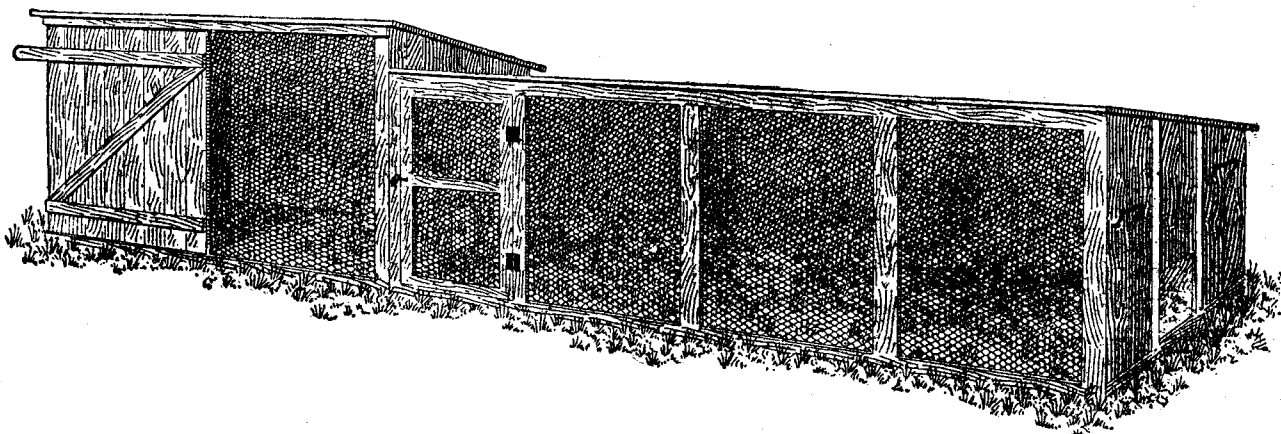
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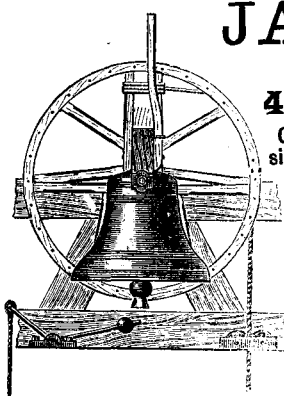
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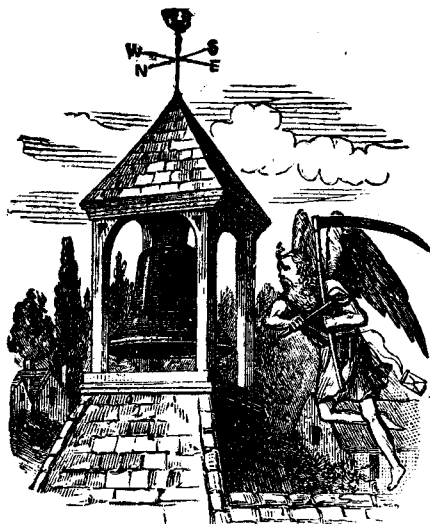
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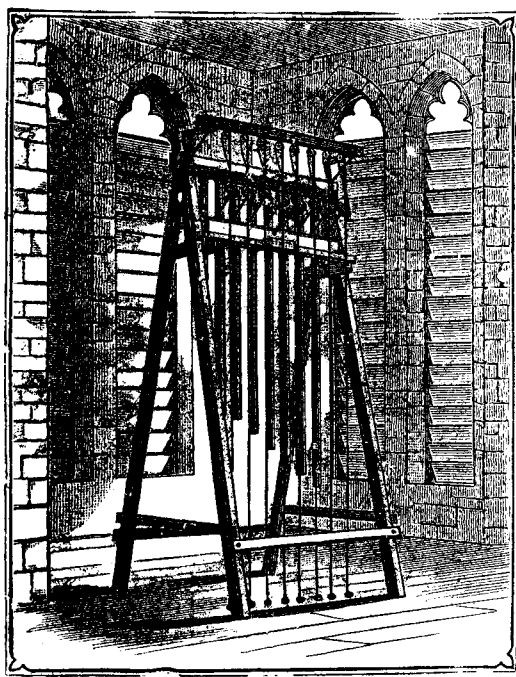
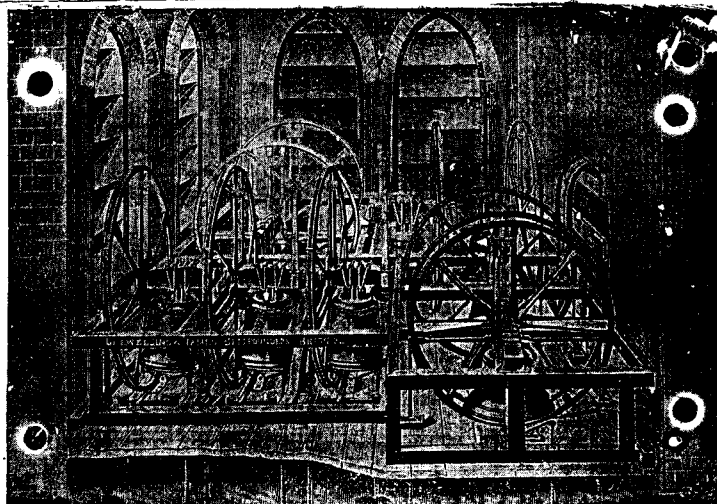
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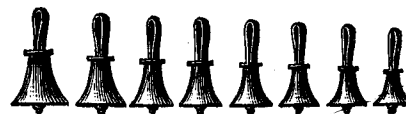
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

"A most successful meeting and a very enjoyable time" was the frequently-expressed opinion of every one when at the Inns of Court hotel last Tuesday the social gathering of the first meeting of the fourth Central Council came to an end, and friends gathered from all over the country dispersed for another year.

Monday's ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, had not been a success. Probably the fact that so many councillors did not arrive in town till later in the day was the cause of so poor a meeting. Mr. T. Hattersley was there from Sheffield, and Mr. Ridyard from Eccles, Mr. Borrett from Norwich, and Mr. Barber from Birmingham. Several College Youths also turned up, but no peal was attempted, and indeed of several attempted touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, not one was blessed with rounds at both ends, some not at either.

But if the representatives were conspicuous on the Monday rather by their absence than their presence, a goodly number were in Dean's Yard, Westminster, while Big Ben was striking 11 a.m. on Tuesday, and soon the room appropriated for the meeting was quite full. One noticed several new faces, and one or two familiar figures were absent. Perhaps those most missed were the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. John Carter. The latter's many friends will learn with regret that the state of his health did not admit of his attendance.

The more or less formal business of the re-election of the President and Hon. Secretary was followed by the election of eight Hon. Members, including Messrs. Carter, Lockwood, and Pettit, and the appointment of the Standing Committee. The President then called on the Rev. H. A. Cockey to make a statement as to the petitions which had been sent to the various Railway Companies. As the committee of the Railway Clearing House had not met, there was nothing definite to communicate to the Council, but Mr. Cockey treated the representatives to a good many very interesting figures of the size, weight, and number of the various petitions which were to soften the implacable hearts of the railway directors. A statement by the President on the unfinished work of the Committee on Conditions of Bells, and by the Rev. H. Law James on that of legitimate methods, was followed by a motion by Mr. Attree altering the points to be assigned to Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, and fixing those to be allowed for "Bristol" Surprise. On this motion the Hon. Secretary stated what he considered should be a "Surprise" method, and as London Surprise did not comply with his conditions, he proposed to re-name it "London Marvel." Asked what he called a "marvel" method, he elicited considerable applause and amusement by the promptness and neatness of his reply.

But now the hour of one was striking, and the wisdom of the division of the meeting into two parts was manifest, for several councillors were beginning to think of their lunch. But first a good number had the pleasure of being shown round the adjoining Abbey by the

Precentor, whose interesting descriptions were greatly appreciated by his audience, some of whom were now inspecting the historic fane for the first time. Half-past two o'clock saw the meeting resumed, and the Council then tackled the most important and thorny item of its agenda—the consideration of the appointment of a Committee of appeal to deal with the cases where the truth of any peal performance is called into question. The Rev. H. J. Elsee proposed the rather lengthy motion on the agenda in a long speech which was distinguished by great tact and sound common sense. The correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS" about certain peals during the previous year had been calculated to sadden the hearts of those who believed in the honour of ringers and the brotherhood of the Exercise, and to undermine the confidence which ought to be reposed in conductors. He did not hope very much from the direct work which the committee which it was proposed to appoint could do, but he thought it would tend to raise public opinion among ringers generally, which alone could say that such things that had been lately alleged could not and should not continue to be possible. A long and interesting discussion followed in which Mr. Snowdon, Mr. Attree and others took part. A little dispute between the President and Mr. J. S. Pritchett on a nice point of the difference between a misdemeanour and an indictable offence rather tickled the Council, who were unable to follow the magistrate and the lawyer into the mazes of the law.

But perhaps the best point of the debate was made by Mr. W. Wakley, who pointed out that in nothing which involves competition is a man's own word taken for any performance he has done, or record he has broken; that as it is in racing, and billiards and athletics, so should it be in peal-ringing. The one way to prevent disputes about record peals is to compel those attempting them to take such precautions that impartial and independent witnesses should be able either to testify to the goodness or to condemn the badness of any performance which aspires to go one better than the previous best. Let there be qualified umpires appointed by authority and let the figures of the peal be in the hands of an independent man, sealed if desired. The President summed up and pointed out that the question was one upon which as yet a good deal had to be said. One thing which the Council had already touched but very gingerly at Bristol had to be looked in the face. Before we can settle how to condemn bad peals we must settle what constitutes a good one. On the understanding that the question should be considered at the next session he advised the withdrawal of the original motion and the various amendments, which was done. A discussion on "How best to instruct beginners," followed, upon which the Revs. W. E. Carpenter and Maitland Kelly, and Messrs. Snowdon, Groves, Storey, Attree, and others spoke. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in a short amusing speech gave his one cure for all troubles with beginners—the door. Does the novice look at the ceiling when he should look at the ropes and being admonished continues obdurate—"Out you go!" Does he look at the floor—"Out you go!" Does

he take his rope in his wrong hand—"Out you go!" Possibly a mighty remedy in the hands of Mr. Coleridge, but hardly so effective in the hands of one who is not a modern Son of Anak. With a few pertinent remarks the President wound up the discussion, and the Council's time being up the session came to an end having lasted just five hours.

Tuesday was Pretoria Day, and it was only appropriate that some ringing should be done. Both leading societies offered a tower and soon the twelve at St. Martin-in-the-Fields were going in Stedman Cinques and Caters and Treble Twelve. Then a move was made to St. Clement Danes, where more Caters were rung.

At nine o'clock most of the Councillors and other ringers accepted the invitation of Sir Arthur Heywood to a social gathering, where amid clouds of smoke, jingling of glasses, ringing of handbells, and singing of songs, three hours passed away pleasantly. At the conclusion the Master of the College Youths proposed the health of the President, and Mr. Coleridge seconded in his own breezy style. The toast was honoured with the greatest energy, and passers by in the streets could hardly miss the strains of "For he's a jolly good fellow," lustily sung by fifty voices.

Sir Arthur replied, and mentioning the fact that his son had that day with the Coldstream Guards followed Lord Roberts into Pretoria asked the company to sing the National Anthem. This was done with the greatest enthusiasm and amid a multitude of hand-shaking the company broke up, to meet again we trust at Derby next year.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at St. Andrew's Church, Great Roll-right. Amongst those present were the Revs. W. S. Guest-Williams (Rector), J. E. Philipps (president of the branch), F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), P. A. M. Sullivan, Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, B. W. Barford, C. Page, W. J. Palmer (Enstone), Mr. W. Bradford (hon. secretary to the Deddington Deanery Branch), Messrs. J. W. Hughes (churchwarden), Gillett, Large, W. C. Hayes, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. F. Barlow), etc. The service was taken by the Rev. P. A. M. Sullivan, the lesson (Hebrews 1) being read by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. After the singing of hymn 519 (A and M.), a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, who based his remarks upon St. James, 1st chap., 16th and 17th verses, "Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

In the course of his remarks, the preacher pointed out that though the words of the text formed a commonplace truth, they should not be easily dismissed from the mind, as it was a very important truth. It was very often forgotten and still more imperfectly realised. In was so in St. James's time and is so to-day. It should always be borne in mind that every good and perfect gift came from above. Humanity was apt to forget it because good gifts were so continuous. Some people only thought of it during such times as when recovering from an illness, when life had been preserved in a moment of danger, or when some unexpected good fortune was showered upon them. It was blessed to look up to the Father of lights during such times, and thank Him for good gifts, but His hand should be recognised at all times. Some people

thought good gifts came by themselves through cleverness, and thought it was dishonouring God to acknowledge every good gift. The greatest gifts coming from His hand were grace, redemption, and pardon, but all gifts should be recognised as of Divine origin. As members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers they had been gifted with the talent of producing bell-music. There was a class of people, who though they loved bells, could never learn the science and Art of bellringing. Some were unable to learn change-ringing, composing, or conducting. Good gifts did not become private property. Their motto should be progress; they should not be content with having ascended one step, but should always try to go forward. These gifts were given to them by God to use as a priestly work. A priest was one set apart for the service of God; they (the members of the Guild) were set apart as bellringers, and were entrusted with the work of showing people in their lives the character of God. They (the clergy) were set apart for a special priestly work in declaring God's forgiveness to the penitent. The work of a priest was the work of an ambassador, just as bellringers were the representatives of God in calling people to worship in His name, and thus speaking to them through the bells they ring. When they rang the bells at the relief of Mafeking they sent forth the people's thankfulness to God. They had acted as God's representatives, and were set apart as members of the Royal Priesthood. The text was one of the grandest in the Bible, seeing that it stated that there was no changeableness in God, neither any liability to alter, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. In Him there is no shadow of turning. It was a grand and inspiring thing to see a great and noble man giving confidence to his people. There was one name upon the lip of nearly all to-day—that of Colonel Baden-Powell. The Boers had treacherously broken the flag of truce arranged by them for the Sabbath. Everything assumed a state of disorder and confusion one Sunday morning as the sound of cannon was heard coming from them, whilst Baden-Powell was at a service. On leaving the church, he quietly marched across the square, and having adjusted his field-glasses, he took up his position, calmly on the look out, and thus inspired such confidence that people went about their business again and saw that it was all right. Such was the confidence placed in Baden-Powell. Bellringers should have confidence in their conductor. But after all, the best soldier, the best conductor, was human and liable to fail, but there was no shadow of turning in God. He would punish sin, though he was a God of love, and one question they should seek to answer was, "What hast thou done with thy bells?"

Hymn 12 having been sung, the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. E. Philipps.

The service ended, a short peal was rung, after which forty-three members and friends sat down to an excellent cold spread provided by Mr. A. Pearson, in the school-room, which was followed by a business meeting under the presidency of the Rev. J. L. Phillips. Letters of apology regretting their inability to attend were read from Revs. H. Barter, R. H. Hart-Davis, T. W. Lee and Mr. Burden.

The following were elected members: Rev. Rayner E. W. Cosens (hon. member); Messrs. F. Hewett, E. Townsend, F. Townsend (qualified); Mr. Richard Lydiatt, Moreton-in-Marsh (life-subscriber); Messrs. James Pearce, W. Simons, Horatio de Ville Filling, Reginald William Slay, William Allen and Frank Pierce (probationers). Several certificates of membership were given out.

The President remarked that it was very satisfactory to note that so many bell-ringers had joined the Guild. He hoped all of them would use their individual influence in trying to get all the towers in the Deanery to join, as he believed much more could be done by this means than by speaking at such gatherings. He hoped each tower would join the Guild, as it was the only way they could obtain satisfactory results. The old belfries of long ago were doomed. He hoped all would do their best as individuals to get other towers to join them.

It was unanimously resolved that the autumn meeting of the Chipping Norton Branch of the Guild be held at Chipping Norton in November.

The President wished to call their attention to the annual meeting of the Guild, which would be held at Oxford on the 16th of July. He would like to see all who could make it convenient to attend. It was their duty to be present in order to make the meeting a success. He sincerely hoped a large number would attend.

The Rev. W. S. Guest-Williams moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn for having preached such a useful sermon. He hoped that all would take the sermon to heart, because it was delivered by a born bellringer.

Mr. Barlow seconded the vote of thanks, and expressed much pleasure in doing so, remarking that the sermon was both instructive and interesting.

Mr. Jenkyn thanked them for the way in which they supported the vote of thanks. It was the first sermon he had delivered to bellringers, and it afforded him much pleasure in being present.

The Rev. W. J. Palmer proposed a vote of thanks to the Master, Rev. F. E. Robinson, for the interest he took in the working of the Guild, and for the untiring efforts he exerted on its behalf.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in responding, said he was pleased to accept the invitation to be present that day, and he heartily supported the remarks of the President. He hoped all would attend the annual meeting at Oxford. He well remembered the reception they had there nineteen years ago. He had never missed a single gathering and thanked God for having had good health. He would continue to do all he could for the Guild so long as his health permitted.

The President of the branch moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. W. S. Guest-Williams, and all who had rendered any assistance to make the meeting a successful one. Their friend Mr. Guest-Williams appeared before them as a kind of pluralist, and they much enjoyed his performance on the organ, and felt a debt of gratitude, was due to him for so kindly receiving them. He hoped the next time they came there the bells would be re-cast, as at present they were horribly out of tune.

The Rev. W. S. Guest-Williams responded, and said that they were well aware that the bells were out of tune, but they did not like to have them re-melted, as had been suggested, as they bore inscriptions of old and familiar names, and there were certain legends connected with them, though perhaps it was rather sentimental.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson interposed by remarking that in re-casting the bells the inscriptions could be faithfully reproduced. He was pleased to see so many present and was glad if he had contributed any thing towards the success of the meeting.

The Rev. B. W. Barford proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Phillips for having presided over the meet-

ing in such an able way, to which that gentleman suitably replied.

A hearty vote of thanks to the hon. sec., Mr. T. F. Barlow, for his indefatigable services, was proposed by the Master, and was briefly acknowledged, after which the meeting terminated.

Several touches of Double and Minor were rung during the afternoon, and in the evening a 720 Grandsire Minor was pulled off in 22 mins. A. Newman, 1; F. Grafton, 2; J. F. Barlow, 3; Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, 4; Walter Large 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, May 26th. A service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. H. H. Dibben, Rector, who also delivered an interesting address, which included a hearty welcome to the Guild to Brierley Hill. The Rev. H. C. Drake, curate of St. Augustine's, Holly Hall, read the lesson; the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, President of the Guild, and Mrs. Maitland, were also present. After service a tea was provided by the Rector in the schoolroom. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. H. Drake presided, the Rector having to meet a clerical friend from a distance, who was announced to preach the School sermons on the following day. The minutes of the Annual Meeting were read, and after several questions arising out of them being satisfactorily answered, were confirmed. The Secretary called the attention of the members to Rule vii., which states that "each society in union should elect a delegate to act on the Committee," which had not been complied with. This omission was rectified. Six new members, including the rev. chairman, were elected.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Netherton on August 25th. It was suggested that during the ensuing quarter an attempt be made for a peal of Bob Royal at Dudley, the last attempt coming to grief; also that peals be attempted at Netherton, Tipton, Brierley Hill, Cradley, and Rowley, to encourage the younger members of the Guild. It was resolved that a book be provided in which to record the peals rung by the Guild, the Secretary undertaking to enter them.

Votes of thanks were given to the Rector for his hospitality, the service and address in church, and the use of the schoolroom and bells; also the Rev. H. Drake for presiding. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Stedman were rung during the afternoon. The bells were kept going till 9.30, the "colts" having a good drilling, which afforded them much pleasure and satisfaction.

We shall be much obliged to those Secretaries who will send us all names and addresses of clerical ringers they may know of. Those gentlemen who have already done so have our thanks. A great many more must be received before the intended list is anything like complete. The trouble or expense of sending the particulars on a post-card is not great; and the courtesy would be appreciated.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal rung at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on May 26th (St. Augustine's Day) should read *Thurstans' four-part*.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at the Priory church, Christchurch, Hants., which appeared in our last issue, was rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

A NOTE ON PURCELL.

The seventeenth century gave birth to several musicians of the name of Purcell; but when this surname is used alone it signifies HENRY PURCELL, who was born about 1658 and became, among other things, a chorister of the Chapel Royal, and Organist of Westminster Abbey. He died in 1695, and lies buried in the north choir aisle of Westminster Abbey. Affixed to a pillar close by is a tablet bearing this inscription—"Here lies HENRY PURCELL, Esq., who left this life and is gone to that blessed place where only his harmony can be excelled." Laudatory as these words are, they are not, as is so often the case with monumental praises, bestowed on an undeserving object. Short as his life was, his musical gifts were applied in many directions, and the writer of the article about him in the late Sir George Grove's Dictionary of Music summarises him thus—"We see in him the improver of our Cathedral music; the originator of English melody as the term is now understood; the establisher of a form of English Opera which was almost universally adopted for upwards of a century and a half; the introducer of a new and more effective employment of the orchestra in accompaniment; the man who excelled all others in his accurate, vigorous and energetic setting of English words; and the most original and extraordinary musical genius that our country has produced."

I do not know that we can connect Purcell with the practice of the ringing exercise, but he was contemporary with the vigorous youth of change-ringing. He was about ten years old when Stedman's *Tintinnalogia*, the first treatise published about ringing, appeared; about nineteen years old when Stedman's *Campanalogia* appeared; about twenty-seven years old when the *School of Recreation* appeared; and he died about seven years before the publication of the London Scholars' *Campanalogia Improved*, in which instructions for ringing Caters are given for the first time. The fact that all these books, dealing in some way with change-ringing—the *School of Recreation* among other subjects, the three other books exclusively—were published within little more than thirty years is clear evidence of the vigour with which the exercise was being practised whilst Purcell was doing his life's work. It is therefore interesting to note that he has left behind him an incidental piece of evidence that he was not uninfluenced by all this ringing which he heard. Amongst his sacred compositions is an anthem commonly known as "The Bell Anthem"; not that the words have anything to do with bells, the opening words are "Rejoice in the Lord alway," and the passage set is, in fact, the Epistle for the fourth Sunday in Advent. But for some reason PURCELL prefixed to this a prelude founded on eight bells, the melody of ringing which runs through it.

R. A. DANIELL.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of clergy, churchwardens, and ringers was held on Thursday, May 31st, under the auspices of this Association in the All Saints' parish room, Huntingdon, to endeavour to do something to remove the general apathy in regard to change-ringing which has existed in this county. In the unavoidable absence of Archdeacon Vesey, the Rev. H. L. Jackson presided, and was supported by the Revs. K. H. Smith (Ely), W. W. Crump (Haddenham), H. Vicars (Huntingdon), A. Sloman (Godmanchester), A. E. Couch (Ramsey), Campbell (Warboys), W. S. Beevor (Somersham), etc., and a considerable number of ringers from various parts of the country.

The chairman offered a brief but hearty welcome to the visitors, after which the Rev. K. H. Smith (treasurer of the Association) detailed, with a touch of his familiar humour, the circumstances leading to the formation of the Diocesan Association, and reviewed its subsequent history. The geographical difficulties had been great, but had now been overcome by the sub-division into independent archidiaconal districts, and from the attendance at that meeting he trusted Huntingdonshire would soon be able to hold its own with the other parts of the diocese.

The Rev. W. W. Crump (general secretary) then further explained the plan of re-organization undertaken a few years ago, of each Archdeaconry working independently, except that in order to preserve uniformity they kept the old name and rules, and the finances were managed by the central fund. Hitherto Huntingdonshire had been represented by only two companies—Ramsey and Hemingford Grey—and it had been absolutely impossible for this Archdeaconry to hold independent meetings. The association was therefore anxious to stir up more enthusiasm, and if the clergy and ringers would rally round and support it, the Association would encourage the men to take a keener interest in their work, and go in for some good sound change-ringing. The question of instructors was a most difficult one, but he hoped, if things progressed satisfactorily, to see that matter practically dealt with some day. But first we must make a good beginning. After touching on the present condition of the association throughout the diocese, and its usual plan of meetings, he concluded with an earnest appeal to the ringers to regard their work from the highest motives, and to the clergy, to regard their ringers with a more sympathetic eye, as men trying (often in a modest way) to do something to show their interest in and affection for their old parish church. He proposed the following resolution: "That it is advisable that the Archidiaconal Branch of the Diocesan Association, in the county of Huntingdon, be thoroughly organized, capable of holding its own independent meetings, and that we who are present pledge ourselves to carry this into effect as far as possible." Mr. O. G. Howe (secretary for Hunts.) seconded the proposition, which was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

On the further motion of the Rev. W. W. Crump, seconded by Mr. G. Middleton (Ramsey), a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, to the Rev. H. Vicars for the use of the room, and to the local clergy who had kindly granted the use of their bells for the occasion. The chairman and Rev. A. Sloman replied, and expressed hearty concurrence with the objects of the association.

At the conclusion of the meeting most of the visitors partook of tea, after which the bells of St. Mary's, Huntingdon; Godmanchester; and Hartford were put through various methods. It is greatly to be hoped that the meeting may prove the first of many such, each more successful than its predecessor.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BEVERLEY, YORKS.

Saturday, June 2nd, will long be remembered as a "red letter day" in the history of the above church, the occasion being the dedication of a new ring of ten bells by Dr. Maclagan, Archbishop of York. The bells, which have been cast by Messrs. Taylor, possess a most musical sound, and are in the key of D flat, ranging from a treble weighing 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. to a tenor 34 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs., the total weight being 142 cwt. 21 lb.

The whole ring is tuned upon the principle propounded by the Rev. Prebendary Simpson, Rector of Littleworth, the harmonic tones of each bell being in true relation to its fundamental note.

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The cost of the whole work will be about £1600, towards which the late Mrs. Crust, widow of a former Town Clerk, and mother of the present Mrs. Nolloth, bequeathed £850.

The dedication service, which took place at 4.30, was largely attended and conducted by the Archbishop, opened with the processional hymn 525.

After the prayers usual on these occasions, His Grace gave an appropriate address.

Owing to the unfinished state of the floor, which separates the bells from the ringing-room, only one or two plain courses of Grandsire/Caters were attempted in which the following took part: J. Taylor, jun. (Loughborough); Messrs. C. Jackson, T. Clarke, T. Stockdale, G. T. Marshall, W. Southwick, H. Jenkins, F. Merrison, and J. W. Dale (Hull); H. Smelt (York); A. N. Wood (Middleton); Messrs. F. Osgerby, J. Youney, and H. Blyth (Beverley).

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above association was held at Alfreton, on Saturday, June 2nd, when a good attendance of members were present from the following towers: Alfreton, North Wingfield, Brampton, Tibshelf, Ripley, Bolsover, Clay Cross, and Horsley. The Rev. F. Brodhurst presided, and the minutes of Easter meeting were read and confirmed. It was decided to hold a special ringing meeting at Pentrich on Saturday, July 14th, with consent of the Vicar. The secretary read a post-card from Brampton, stating the Vicar would not allow the next meeting to be held there. It was therefore decided to hold the September meeting at Heath, and December at Horsley. One new member paid his entrance. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the president, and also to the Vicar of Alfreton, for his kindness in entertaining the members to tea, and also for the use of the bells during the day. The members were loud in their praise of the beautiful splice which Messrs. Taylor and Co., have made to this peal by the addition of two new trebles.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 7th, at the church of St. Denys, 504 of Stedman Triples, in 20 mins. F. Bedford (conductor), 1; R. Stringer, 2; N. E. Snow, 3; F. Hilton, 4; T. H. Holditch, 5; E. Rowbottom, 6; C. Harwood 7; F. Aneyan, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. [The weekly practices are now closed. I believe we are the only band in Lincolnshire ringing Stedman Triples. N.E.S.]

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

AN OBJECTIONABLE FLAGSTAFF.

SIR,—The authorities are about to have a flag fixed on the church tower by a local builder. The pole is 40 ft., and a 15 ft. flag on it, resting the pole on the bottom portion of the frame, and it is to be bolted to the top portion which is not very strong. I have a great objection to its being fixed there myself as a ringer. I should like to have your opinion, Sir, and some experts on the matter.

A NOVICE.

CAMPANOLOGY v. CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell is surely in error in pleading for "campanalogy" on the precedent of "analogy." Except in the way in which Mr. Papillon employed it, *i.e.* as the name for a recognised process of reasoning—the word "analogy" has nothing whatever to do with the formation of the other word. It is merely the English form of an entire Greek word, and remains as it was originally formed for the purposes of the Greek language. The retention of the final *a* in the prefix was essential; for however impossible or ridiculous Mr. Daniell may deem it, if the form of a preposition be altered, in joining it to another word to make a compound word, the chances are that either its force will be destroyed, or its meaning totally altered. This is precisely the case here. For if "*ano*" be substituted for "*ana*," it is the substitution for one word of another of quite a different meaning. Analogy, if there were such a word, would mean "above or beyond reason," *ano* in Greek being equivalent to the Latin *supra*. I am, therefore, by no means committed to *analogv* because I contend for *campanalogy*. I still assert that when 200 or more years ago campanalogy was formed, it was wrongly formed. "Horology" and "Horoscope" were much older, and furnished a precedent, as did "Doxology," of the way to treat the final *a* of the Latin or Greek derivation noun for the purposes of the English language.

H. EARLE BULWER.

RINGING AT PUBLIC REJOICINGS.

SIR,—I think your suggestion of sending a copy of "THE BELL NEWS" recording the ringing on the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking to friends in those places excellent, and I have acted on it, sending a copy in the latter case to the Rector. Might I suggest on future similar occasions that each band which attempts a peal should ring a preparatory short touch, so that if the peal was not attained, at any rate something would be done which could be recorded at once in "THE BELL NEWS." Each of the ringers and their friends would then like to obtain a copy to keep for their children as a record of the extent of the public rejoicing. I know of many peals (though not present myself) which did not come off on those two occasions, and thus neither the band nor the ringers were represented in your columns.

H. DRAKE.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

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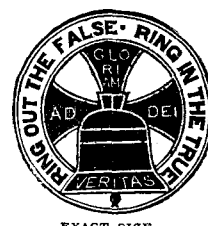
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1900.

THE discussion now proceeding with regard to the word "Campanology" is one perhaps not calculated to afford any valuable addition to the known technicals of bell-ringing. Yet though discussion of the subject may be futile, it is made interesting by the treatment it is receiving at the hands of those gentlemen who have favored our readers with their opinions upon it: The Rev. H. T. ELLACOMBE—we speak from our own knowledge—abhorred the word in any shape, and prevented its use on every occasion he could. To us it appears at once clumsy and far-fetched, and as applied to half-pull ringing should be abandoned. At present it is supposed to do duty for anything appertaining to bells or bellringers. A round ringer or a tune-player on handbells, under any and every conceivable condition, dubs himself "Campanologist" with no small amount of gratification. This of course is not satisfactory. Members of the ringing

Art ought not to be content with a vague definition by which they are included among non-scientific postulates. If those learned gentlemen who are now discussing the formation of the word would give a better definition of scientific ringers and ringing, we should certainly have something to be thankful for, especially if "Campanology" or any or all of its derivatives were made practically obsolete.

On another page appears an interesting account of the principal features of the Central Council Meeting, forwarded by a reliable correspondent. A full report of the proceedings will duly appear.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-first Anniversary of this Association took place at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, when the entire proceedings were of a successful character. The proceedings commenced with the service at St. Mary's, Canon Wigram giving a practical address. The Annual Meeting followed under the genial presidency of the Rev. H. A. Lake. Discussion took place upon the proposed division of the county into districts, and ultimately a committee was appointed. A paper upon Ringers as Church workers was read by Mr. B. Keeble of Romford. At the dinner which followed there were 151 present. The attractive grounds of Guy Harlings were afterwards open to those present by the kindness of the Rev. H. A. Lake. An extended report will appear next week.

The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being 720 each of Ely, Bristol, Lichfield, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

W. DORAN Treble.	J. MOULE 4.
W. MILLER 2.	J. MARDELL 5.
W. KEEBLE 3.	T. H. BEAMS Tenor.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

This is the quickest peal on the bells, and was rung in honour of the recent British successes in South Africa.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ALBERT PITTAM Treble.	CHAS. H. MARTIN 6.
THOMAS CARD 2.	*GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. 7.
HARRY BARTON 3.	*HENRY STUBBS 8.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9.
HENRY DAINS 5.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

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On Tuesday, May 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Treble.	JAMES A. SMITH 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	EDWARD READER 7.
ISAAC HILLS 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 8.
JOSEPH CHURCH 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON 9.
HARRY SEAR 5.	DONALD THOMPSON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal has the 6th her extent behind the 9th, and also behind the 8th in the band-stroke home position. First peal on ten bells by the ringers of 4, 6, and tenor; and also first peal on ten bells away from the tenor by H. Sear. Messrs. Sear and Reader hail from Bletchley; Newell from Reading; Houghton from Irlthlingborough, the remainder belong to the local band. It was intended to ring this peal on the relief of Mafeking, but owing to several of the local band having left Bedford lately, it was rang on this occasion with the help of several out-county members.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. H. C. BELL Treble.	A. W. PIKE 5.
G. L. BODDINGTON 2.	*ERNEST BRUCE 6.
FRANK HOPWOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal of Stedman with a bob bell.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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On Saturday, June 2, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES LEIGHTON Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
WILLIAM C. BENNETT .. 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
JOSEPH PATTISON 3.	*ROBERT S. STORY 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT S. STORY.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER* .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT 3.	†WALTER PERKINS 7.
ALPHAUS PERKINS 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

†First peal in the method away from the treble. *First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

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

On Saturday, June 2, 1900, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES; Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HENRY PRING Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 6.
FREDERICK G. MAY 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 7.
CHARLES H. HORTON 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	RICHARD CLARK 9.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This peal has the 5th and 6th exclusively in seconds place and behind the 6th. It was arranged for Mr. Pemberton, of Ipswich.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM BEVAN Treble.	*ALBERT STOWELL 4.
STEPHEN THOMAS 2.	*WILLIAM STOWELL 5.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	†JOHN A. BURFORD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal by treble man away from tenor.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

A. S. NEWMAN Treble.	J. F. BARLOW 5.
F. GRAFTON 2.	J. MONK 6.
W. LARGE 3.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
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Conducted by J. MONK.

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On Saturday, June 2, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED CHAPMAN Treble.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
FRANKLIN GRIMSHAW .. 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN 7.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

This peal has the 6th her extent each way in 5-6, five times wrong and six times right. Grimshaw and Pratt belong to Calverley; the rest to Rothwell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY 5.
GEORGE FOSTER 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 6.
ALFRED J. PULLING .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	BEN CHORLEY Tenor.
	JOHN BURGESS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED TARBUN Treble.	†WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. The above is the first peal in the method ever rang in the neighbourhood of Chelmsford.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED TARBUN Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble.	THOMAS ROBBINS 5.
CLIFFE DRONFIELD 2.	G. W. DRONFIELD 6.
GEORGE PARKIN 3.	JOHN DRONFIELD 7.
THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY, and

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

Rung in honour of the hoisting of the British flag at Pretoria. It was intended to attempt the 13,440 of College Single, but one of the band not turning up the above was rung instead.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120s of Plain Bob and thirty-eight of Grandsire.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY MARRIOTT Treble.	WILLIAM E. WHITE 3.
GEORGE HICKLING SIMPSON 2.	WALTER WHITE 4.
	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to commemorate the entry of the British army into Pretoria. This is the first peal on the bells, and also the first peal by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 5th bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Treble.	THOMAS SHORT 5.
REV. H. C. BELL 2.	*WILLIAM GORDON 6.
W. H. ADKIN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	HARRY HYDEN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the surrender of Pretoria.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Recently in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

A. SMITH* Treble.	C. LYES 5.
S. KNIGHT 2.	H. FORD 6.
T. 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. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Thursday, May 24th, to celebrate the Queen's birthday, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, being the last 1900 of the first half of Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 11 mins. A. T. Winter, 2; E. Collingburn, 2; T. Spurr, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. R. Winter, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. The bells were afterwards fired four times in honour of the Queen, Lord Roberts, Major General Baden-Powell, and General Buller.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

NORBURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas' church, a date touch, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., being 100 Plain Bob, 560 College Single, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent. J. Kelleit, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

NEW MILLS (Derbyshire).—On Friday, February 16th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob. J. Johnson (conductor), 1; W. Lowery, 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; G. D. Warburton, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 6. The conductor hails from Disley, G. D. Warburton from Norbury. On February 23rd, for practice, a 720 Oxford in 26 mins. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; W. Lowery, 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter (conductor), 6. First 720 in the methods by all save 1 and 6; and first 720 in the methods on the bells by a local band. On March 1st an attempt was made for a date touch in honour of the relief of Ladysmith, which failed after reaching 1180 changes of Plain Bob. W. Lowery, 1; T. Ramsay, 2; F. Holt, 3; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter (conductor), 6. On March 9th, a 720 Oxford. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; W. Lowery, 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; the rest as above. On March 26th, a 720 Kent, in 27 mins. T. Ramsay, 1; W. Lowery, 2; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter, 6. First 720 in the method as conductor. On April 6th, a 720 Kent, in 27 mins. W. Lowery, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; T. Ramsay, 3; 4, 5 and 6 as above. Also a 720 Oxford in 26 mins., standing as above. First 720 in the method as conductor. On Easter Day, for 8 a.m. service, a 720 Plain Bob in 27 mins. (twenty-six singles, see "THE BELL NEWS," March 31st) T. Ramsey, 2; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 3; the rest as above. On April 30, a 720 Plain Bob. *Jas. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; F. Holt, 3; I. H. Jackson, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 6. *First 720. On May 4th, a 720 Oxford; fifteen bobs, composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal. Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 1; W. Lowery, 2; T. Ramsay, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter, 6. Also a 720 Kent in 27 mins., standing as before. On May 6th, for evening service, a touch of 2160, made up of 360 and a 720 Plain Bob, 720 Kent, and 360 Oxford, in 1 hr. and 17 mins. T. Ramsay, 1; W. Lowery, 2; S. Rutter, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. W. Newman. Longest length on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Thursday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Cottis, 1; A. Deards, 2; T. Faulkner, 3; G. W. W. Faulkner, 4; A. J. Carter, 5; A. C. Hardy (composer and conductor), 6; C. Fenn, 7; E. A. Davis, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Willett, an old and respected parishioner.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Dewsbury Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 8th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts's 1800th 720. And on Easter Sunday morning, at 6.30 o'clock, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For morning service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 240 Stedman Doubles. W. Watts (conductor), 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Cavill, 6. For after

noon service, 600 Plain Bob Minor. W. Watts (conductor), 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Cavill, 6.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Saturday, May 19th, to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, 270 Grandsire Caters. A. T. Winter, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. Swannack, 3; T. Spurr, 4; T. H. Denman, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; J. Swannack, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 10. The bells were also fired several times. A quarter-peal was lost in the last course through a wrong call. On Sunday, May 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, 520 Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. W. Abbott, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; T. Spurr, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; T. H. Denman, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; J. B. Joynes, 10.

EAST MARKHAM.—On Sunday, May 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. W. Taylor, 1; T. Brett, 2; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 3; G. R. Winter, 4; C. Crawford (conductor), 5; J. T. Stacey, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Thursday, May 24th, at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. Jim Hardcastle, 1; G. Titterton, 2; E. Wheeler, 3; Joe Hardcastle (conductor), 4; W. Cundall, 5; W. Bolton, 6; S. Clarke, 7; J. Wotton, 8. This touch was rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. H. Wood, 1; C. Ward, 2; J. R. Green, 3; R. Masters, 4; T. Humberstone (conductor), 5; T. B. Wood, 6. On Sunday morning, April 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. W. H. Wood, 1; T. B. Wood (conductor), 2; R. Masters, 3; C. Ward, 4; T. Humberstone, 5; J. R. Green, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONE BUCKS).—On Saturday, April 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. F. White, 1; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 2; Rev. H. C. Bell (conductor), 3; J. Evans, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Countess of Buckinghamshire.

LEAFIELD (Oxon).—On May 8th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Triples. — Hewett, 1; A. Franklin, 2; C. Hadland (conductor), 3; F. Powell, 4; Rev. Cyril Jenkin, 5; J. Monk, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Franklin, 1; F. Powell, 2; Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, 3; J. Monk (conductor), 4; C. Hadland, 5; A. Holloway, 6. Messrs. Monk, Powell and Jenkyn are from Witney, the rest are members of the local band.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 22nd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 8th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 23rd, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; W. Russell, 4; E. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, March 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples. F. S. Bayley, 1; J. Harper, 2; P. M. Hannam, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; A. C. Collins, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And on Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Harper, 1; J. J. Symons, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams).—On Tuesday, May 1st, at the parish church,

two 6-scores each of Canterbury and Oxford, and a 6-score each of April Day, Grandsire, and Old Doubles. F. Bowtell, 1; E. Webb, 2; P. Webb, 3; A. Lilley, 4; J. Webb (conductor), 5; F. Crick, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Monday, April 29th, at St. Alphege church, with the bells half-muffled, a 620 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Fox, 1; M. W. Paice (conductor), 2; W. D. Smith (Hackney), 3; F. T. Brett, 4; G. Jenkins, 5; P. H. Peirce, 6. And on Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a 720 Treble Bob. J. Fox, 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; F. T. Brett, 3; R. T. Rossiter, 4; A. A. Saxby, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

HACKINGTON (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, at St. Stephen's church, with the bells half-muffled, a 224 Grandsire Triples. S. Martin, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; M. W. Pierce, 4; — Pittman, 5; F. T. Brett, 6; W. D. Smith (Hackney), 7; J. Balaam, 8. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins. W. D. Smith (Hackney), 1; J. Fox, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; G. Jenkins, 4; M. W. Pierce, 5; F. T. Brett, 6; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 7; J. Balaam, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. — Pittman (Faversham), 1; W. Tott, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; J. Fox, 4; M. W. Pierce, 5; F. T. Brett, 6; P. H. Pierce, 7; G. Jenkins, 8. All these touches were rung as a tribute of respect to the late George Sayer.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Luke's church, Bedminster, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Thomas, 1; W. Stowell, 2; A. Stowell, 3; J. Thomas (first as conductor), 4; A. M. Isaacs, 5; J. Burford, 6. First 720 by W. Stowell.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, May 6th, before Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. H. Miles, 1; R. Coombes, 2; W. Longshaw, 3; R. Hartley, 4; S. Coombes, 5; A. Turner, 6; G. Bartlett (conductor), 7; A. Miles, 8.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, May 21st, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cook, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; J. George, 7; T. Holmes, 8. Composed and conducted by James George. Rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. On Thursday, May 24th, a 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. Rowbottom, 8. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. King, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; J. W. Shotton, 4; R. Clarke, 5. This church has two towers, one with a peal of eight bells, the other a peal of 5, and both these touches were rung on both peals at the same time. This is supposed to be the first time a method has been rung in one church on two peals of bells at the same time. Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's 81st birthday.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, May 19th, at Christ Church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Oxford. W. Walker, 1; Jno. Cooper, 2; A. Windsor, 3; J. Holden, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. Also the usual firing and some rounds with the Rev. G. Atkinson ringing the 3rd. On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent and 72 Oxford. W. Walker, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; W. Smith (late of Keighley), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. For evening service two plain courses of Bob Minor. Jno. Thackray, 1; C. Lockwood, 2; C. Taylor, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; J. Peacock, 5; M. Broadbent, 6. And 240 Oxford. C. Taylor, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; W. Walker, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. Also 240 Violet. W. Walker, 1; T. Latimer (Pudsey), 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; the rest as before.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Monday, May 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. G. Hobson, 1; R. Thompson (conductor), 2; J. Prickett, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Hughes, 6; B. Tamplin, 7; W. Davis, 8. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking. On Sunday, May 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. B. Tamplin, 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Prickett, 3; G. Hobson, 4; R. Hughes, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Davis, 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. B. Tamplin (first 720), 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Prickett (conductor), 3; G. Hobson, 4; R. Hughes, 5; R. Thompson, 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Davis, 8. On Thursday, May 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. J. Prickett, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Morley, 3; J. Smith, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; R. Haigh, 6; B. Tamplin, 7; W.

Davis, 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. B. Tamplin, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; R. Hughes, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Davis, 8.

EMBERTON (Berks).—On Saturday evening, May 9th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Lett, 1; T. Wright, 2; W. Freeman (conductor), 3; W. Mynard, 4; H. Lett, 5; J. Lovell, 6. Also 360 College Single. F. Mynard, 1; J. Lett, 2; H. Lett, 3; W. Mynard, 4; J. Lovell, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. On Thursday evening, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 College Single. F. Mynard, 1; J. Lett, 2; H. Lett, 3; W. Mynard, 4; J. Lovell, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. J. Lett, 1; W. Mynard, 2; F. Mynard, 3; W. Freeman (conductor), 4; H. Lett, 5; J. Lovell, 6.

HEENE (Sussex).—On Saturday, May 19th, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Lindup, 1; J. Paice, 2; B. Bassett, 3; H. Evans, 4; R. Standing, 5; G. Norris, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Lindup, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Tulett, 1; H. Evans, 2; A. Arnell, 3; A. W. Groves, 4; R. Standing, 5; B. Bassett (conductor), 6; G. Norris, 7; F. Lindup, 8. Rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Saturday, May 19th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins. E. Stacey, 1; J. Wright, 2; A. Strutt, 3; J. Howes (conductor), 4; H. G. Naish, 5; G. Strutt, 6; J. Strutt, 7; J. Chandler, 8. Also 630 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Strutt, 1; J. Wright, 2; A. Strutt, 3; E. Stacey, 4; H. G. Naish, 5; J. Baldwin, 6; J. Howes (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

MATHERN, NEAR CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Monday, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, and 540 Grandsire in 40 mins. This was rung in place of Minor owing to one turning up short, and is also the longest length on the bells. M. Close, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Morley, 3; R. Thompson (conductor), 4; R. Hughes, 5; G. Daniels, 6. Tenor about 11 cwt. Messrs. Hobson, Morley, Thompson, and Hughes hail from Chepstow; the rest from Mathern.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, April 1st, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; *J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Stubbington, 8. *Hails from St. Thomas's, Portsmouth.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 26th, touches of Double Norwich, Grandsire and Oxford Treble Bob were rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Elijah Harber, the last survivor of the old Redenhall company. He died on the 21st inst., aged 73. He had taken part in peals of Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. He rang the tenor to a peal of 10,080 Oxford at Redenhall in 1860. The following took part in the ringing: F. Smith, E. Lincoln, F. Borrett, E. Borrett, J. Tann, R. Whiting, J. Betts, E. Poppy and J. Souter.

SEVENOAKS (Kent).—On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, the bells of St. Nicholas were fired, and the following touches were rung: 360 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. J. Stevens, 1; H. Jarvis, 2; T. Groombridge (conductor), 3; C. Hazelden, 4; H. J. Ford, 5; J. Rivers, 6; W. Paskin, 7; E. Seymour, 8. Also 630 Grandsire Triples. S. Avon, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; *J. Sinden, 3; *H. J. Jarvis, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Stevens, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; *E. Seymour, 8. On Monday, May 21st, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinden, 1; S. Wright, 2; T. Groombridge (conductor), 3; H. Jarvis, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; J. Stevens, 7; S. Avon, 8. On Thursday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, the bells were fired and 336 Grandsire Triples were rung. C. Seymour, 1; J. Sinden, 2; J. Stevens, 3; H. Jarvis, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; S. Avon, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. Paskin, 8. *Longest length.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, May 13th, at St. Marie's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Wallace, 1; T. Sarel, 2; G. Bradshaw, 3; F. Bugar (conductor), 4; H. Ward, 5; J. A. Dixon, 6; W. Midgley, 7; J. Vernon, 8.

WINCHESTER (Hants).—On Thursday, May 3rd, for practice, at the Cathedral, 518 of Grandsire Triples. E. Andrews, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; J. W. Elkins, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; W. T. Tucker, 5; W. H. George, 6; W. Andrews (conductor), 7; W. Payne, 8; C. Russell, 9; F. Smith, 10. Rung on the front seven, 8-9-10 covering. And 360 Grandsire Caters. F. Smith, 1; J. W. Elkins, 2; W. Andrews, 3; G. Smith, 4; C. Russell, 5; W. T. Tucker, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; W. C. Lampard, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; W. H. Loveland, 10. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles on the front six.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 2nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Batten, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; C. Pearce, 3; V. Rowe, 4; M. Steer, 5; J. Tucker, 6; W. Horne (conductor), 7; D. Leary, 8.

Compositions.**DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.**By ROBERT S. STORY, *Whitley, Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

5024.

	I	4	5	6
32654	-	-	-	-
362			s	
623			-	
236			-	
263			s	
32465	-			
243			-	
432			-	
423			s	
234			-	
342			-	
35246	-	-		
523			-	
235			s	
253			-	
532			-	
325			-	
25436	s		-	
542			-	
524			s	
245			-	
452			-	
425			s	
23645	s	-	-	
263			s	
632			-	
326			-	
362			s	
24563	s	-		
452			-	
524			-	
542			s	
425			-	
254			-	
52364	-	-	-	
235			-	
253			s	
532			-	
325			-	
452			s	
23654	s	-	-	
362			-	
326			s	
263			-	
632			-	
23456	-	-	-	
34256	-	-	-	
423			s	
432			-	
324			-	
243			-	
234			s	
234			-	

Rung for first time at All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on June 22nd, 1900.

By T. T. GOFTON, *Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

5040.

	I	4	5	6
23456				
342			-	
423			-	
432			s	
324			-	
243			-	
32645	-		-	
263			-	
236			s	
362			-	
623			-	
632			s	
42365	-		-	
234			-	
243			s	
432			-	
324			-	
342			s	
45263	-	-	-	
524			-	
542			s	
425			-	
52364	-	-	-	
235			-	
253			s	
532			-	
325			-	
352			s	
25463	-	-	-	
245			s	
52346	-		-	
235			-	
253			s	
532			-	
325			-	
352			s	
52436	s	-	-	
245			-	
254			s	
542			-	
425			-	
452			s	
23654	s	-	-	
362			-	
326			s	
263			-	
632			-	
23456	-	-	-	

Has the 6th the extent in 5-6 with-out the 2nd. First rung at All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on May 26th, 1900.

GRANDSIRE CINQUES.By WILLIAM T. ELSON, *Fulham.*

5037.

234567890E

4532678E90*
34526 7th in 4
53426 7th in 4
32456 11th in 4
25436 11th in 4
42536 7th in 4
54236 7th in 4
43256 11th in 4
35246 11th in 4
23546 7th in 4
52346 7th in 4
24356 11th in 4

* 9th in and out at 3 and s at 1.

These twelve courses repeated, calling the first course 11th in 4s produces—

2345678
43652 10-11
64352 7th in 4
45362 11th in 4
34562 7th in 4
54263 10-11
25463 7th in 4
42563 7th in 4
52364 10-11
32465 10-11
43265 7th in 4

2354768†

8234567 6th in 3

† Bob at 1 and 10-11. Round by E in with s and out at 1 with a double. Round at hand next lead.

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

5152.

	M	B	W	H
23456				
24536			I	2
24365	2		2	I
42563	2			2
32465			I	
32654				I
25346				
43526	I			2
53246			2	I
45362	2		2	2
52364	I			2
53624			I	2
56234	I		2	2
63254	I			
36452			I	2
62453	2		I	2
23456	I			2

This peal, which reverses to the same, contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5ths place, and the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths, all at five course-ends.

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.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will take place at St. James, West Derby, on Saturday, June 9th, *not* June 2nd, as before advertised. Bells ready at 4 o'clock.

REV. CHAS. A. CLEMENTS, *Branch Sec.*
91, *Hawthhead Street, Southport.*

The Rev. C. A. Clements writes:—Will you very kindly allow me to apologise to the members of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association? Through some incomprehensible mistake I inserted a notice in your paper for a meeting to take place at West Derby on June 2nd. It should have been June 9th. I sincerely trust the members of the various towers will pardon my carelessness, and that in despite we shall have a good meeting to-day Saturday, June 9th.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Standish, to-day, Saturday, June 9.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*
60, *Church Street, Blackrod.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Lightcliffe, to-day, Saturday, June 9. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The half-yearly meeting of the above-named Society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 9, at The Radcliffe Arms, Almondbury, at 5 o'clock. Any member having any notion for alteration of rules to be brought before the general meeting must hand it in to the Secretary at this meeting. The annual six-bell contest will be held at Holmfirth, on Saturday, August 4th.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*
47, *Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—An extra District Meeting without allowances will be held at Brabourne, on Saturday, June 9th, at 4 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wadhurst (six bells) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at The Queen's Head at 5.30. Special terms, including train fare, trap and tea to members who send their names to the undersigned by the first post on Wednesday, the 13th inst.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
"Arran," *Baldslow Road, Hastings.*

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 6.30. Unveiling of peal tablet. Free tea to all sending names to Secretary before June 12th.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*
83, *Chesham Road, Bury.*

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Mytton church, on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.

WM. BRACEWELL, *Sec.*
10, *Oak Street, Accrington.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will

be held at Whitefield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, June 16th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 30th. Full particulars later.

Hy. W. TOMKINS,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
Williton, Somerset.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT GUILDFORD.—This was the first peal of Stedman in the town of Guildford, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Chorley (the respected secretary of the Holy Trinity Society) the ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was the first peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th, and also Mr. Willshire's first peal of Stedman as conductor. Messrs. Winney and Millway were elected members previous to starting for the peal. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank Messrs. Winney and Harman for kindly making up the band at so short a notice.

BILSTON RINGERS.

A gentleman holding an official position in the town of Bilston was relating to a few friends the share which his town took in the general rejoicings on the relief of Mafeking. One incident he mentioned was by no means patriotic. "Did you have the bells ringing on Friday night?" queried one of the gentlemen present. "Oh, yes," replied the other. "Directly we heard the news the ringers went up in the belfry and rung a merry peal, and we had them ringing again on Saturday. But (he went on) there was one thing I very much regretted. You see we have no fund out of which to pay the ringers for their services on these extra occasions. We have to raise the money by going round collecting it. We thought, however, that under the circumstances the ringers might meet us half-way by giving a portion of their services free. They did so on the Friday night, and then before going into the belfry on the Saturday my colleague and myself guaranteed to give £2. That would be five shillings apiece for the eight of them. To my surprise, however, it came to my knowledge on the Monday that they had actually been round the town, calling on different tradesmen and other residents with a collecting-sheet themselves, and had got altogether a sum of £1 7s. 6d. So when they came to me for the £2, I told them we should have to think the matter over before paying them the full amount promised, as they had actually collected some of the money they had got from the very individuals whom we had intended calling upon ourselves. But they objected to this very strongly. They said some of them had lost a day's work in going into the belfry on the Saturday, and they didn't see why they should not be paid the full amount agreed upon, in addition to what they had collected, as that was simply for 'beer money.' However, he added, beer money or no beer money, I refused to pay their demand until I had consulted one or two others."

"And quite right, too," remarked one of the other gentlemen present.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, May 15th, at St. Martin's church, a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted for the late John Murray Hayes, of London. It however came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. F. Clayton, 1; P. W. Davies, 2; W. Short, 3; W. H. Barber (conductor), 4; T. Miller, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; J. Barber, 7; A. Walker, 8; H. Middleton, 9; J. Buffery, 10; A. E. Pegler, 11; W. Painter, 12.

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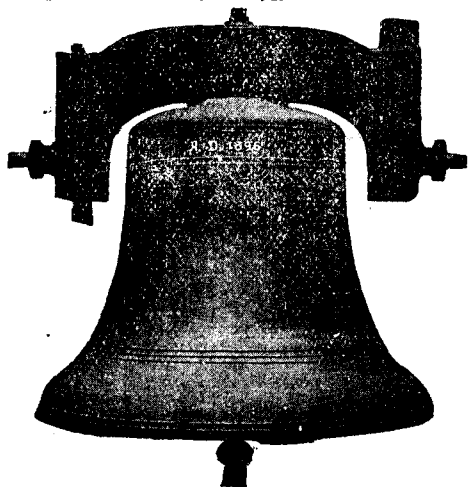
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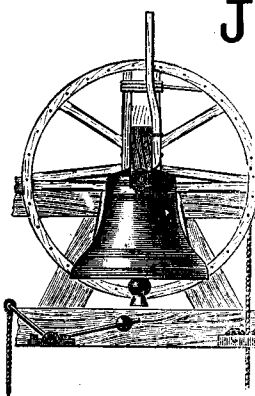
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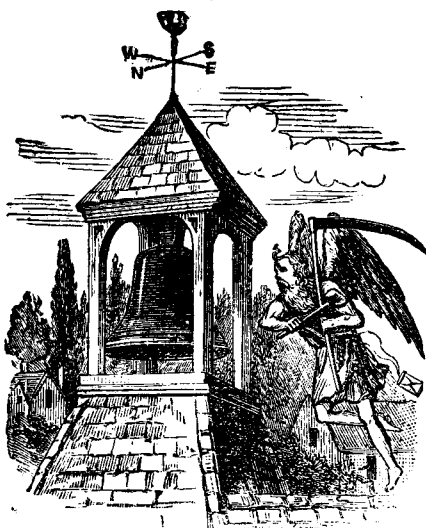
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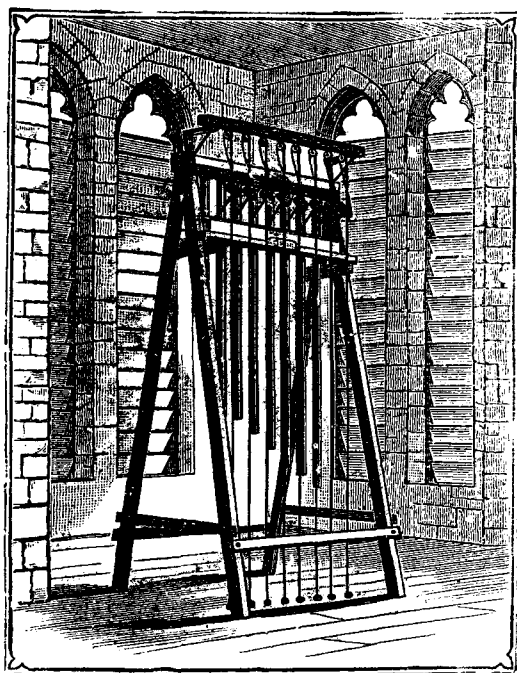
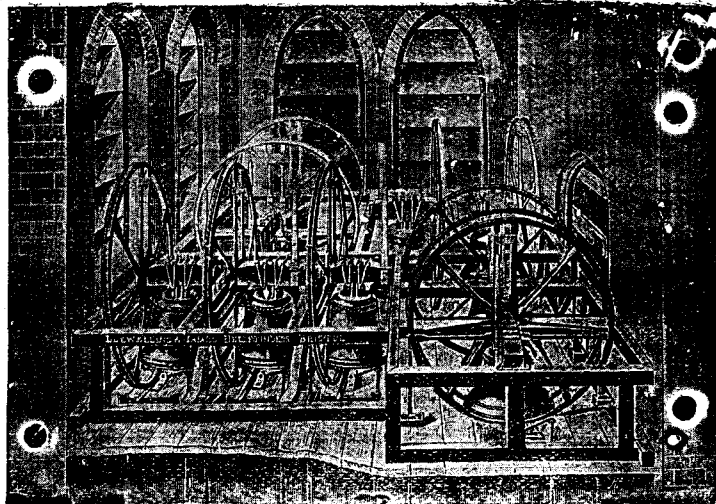
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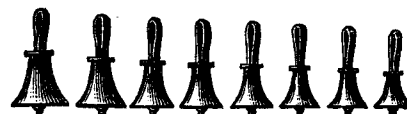
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of the above Association, who were appointed last year to arrange for the twenty-first anniversary, have the pleasure of looking back upon one of the most successful gatherings of the Association. Undoubtedly whatever may have been the result of the gathering itself, the Association has made itself known far and wide throughout the county, bills and circulars having been sent to every clergyman in Essex having charge of a ring of bells, setting forth the proceedings of the day, and further expressing a hope that those who did attend the anniversary would be present at the service, which was the first order of the day. At 11.15 a.m. a choral service was held at St. Mary's church, where there was a larger attendance of ringers than usual. The Rev. Canon Wigram (Hertford), gave an address, and those assisting in the service included the Rev. H. A. Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Assistant-Secretary. The Bishop of Colchester, who occupied a seat in the sanctuary, pronounced the Benediction.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Corn Exchange, the Rev. H. A. Lake presiding. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee were again appointed, and a number of new members were elected. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from the Mayor of Chelmsford (Councillor A. G. Maskell), Mr. T. Osborne, M.P., Major Rasch, M.P., and several members.

The question of booking a peal rung at Lavenham was brought before the meeting. It appeared that Mr. C. Sillitoe who was formerly a ringing member, but ceased to be so, rang in a peal between that period and that in which he became a non-resident member; and the booking of two other peals in which Mr. Andrews, whose name appears connected with the Barking tower, one of which was rung at Writtle, the other at Barking. It appeared that Mr. Sillitoe was not aware of the fact that through arrears he was not a member of the Association when he rang in the Lavenham peal, and in the case of Mr. Andrews he was under the impression that his subscriptions had been paid. The meeting decided to book each of the peals.

Mr. Howard called attention to conductors not sending in peals for some months after peals were rung.

After some discussion notice was given of a new rule that unless the booking fee was sent in within one month of the ringing of the peal, that the whole fee be paid by the band instead of half as at present. A further notice was also given that if a peal appear under any other name but that of the Association, the whole booking fee should be paid.

Mr. F. Pitstow called attention to the absence of any foot-note to peals rang, such as "first upon the bells."

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Faulkner pointed out that the handbell peal of Treble Bob at Barking (8896), was the longest in the method, but had no foot-note.

The Hon. Secretary read an extract from a district

meeting held at Loughton deciding that foot-notes should not appear in future.

Mr. S. Hayes, as the mover of that resolution, said the object was to keep out all reference to other societies, such as: the band are all members of the College Youths or Cumberlands. His aim was to make it merely an Essex Association record and nothing more. It was not intended to debar such foot-notes as had been referred to.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey (Oldlands, Bristol), a former Secretary of the Association, in proposing the adoption of the report, said the growth and prosperity of the Association were very praiseworthy.

Mr. S. Hayes seconded the motion, and the report was agreed to.

The Secretary read a motion of which Mr. J. H. Beams, who was not present, had given notice. In effect, this was that the area covered by the Association, being of such extent, the Association could be more advantageously worked if it were divided into three districts—the Eastern, Western, and Northern—each with its own Secretary and quarterly meetings.

Some considerable discussion followed. Ultimately the Rev. H. A. Cockey moved the adoption of the proposal, and that a committee consisting of Messrs. F. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), W. Alps (Waltham Abbey), J. Beams (Leytonstone), T. Faulkner (Barking), W. Chalk (Maldon), C. Beckwith (Coggeshall), C. Ellis (Harwich), H. Judd (Rayleigh), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), with the Hon. Secretaries and Auditors, were appointed a committee to deal with the matter and report to the next Annual Meeting.

The business of the meeting having been concluded, Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, read a short paper, "Ringers as Church Workers; their duty to the Church." (This will appear next week).

Dinner was afterwards served by Mr. J. Hicks, the Rector taking the chair. About 150 enjoyed a capital repast. At the conclusion the opening verse of the National Anthem was heartily sung.

On the proposition of the Secretary thanks were accorded to Canon Wigram for his visit and address, to the Rector for presiding, and to the authorities of the various towers which had been placed at the disposal of the Association.

A cutting from the *Essex County Chronicle* of the first meeting of the Association twenty-one years ago having been read, the company dispersed, some to enjoy a stroll in the grounds of Guy Harlings, by invitation of the Rector, and others to visit the following towers which were open for ringing: Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Widford, Writtle, Boreham, Broomfield, and Springfield.

The kindness of the Rector of Chelmsford in opening the grounds of Guy Harlings, was highly appreciated. Here the handbells were brought into use, while others of the company delighted themselves in testing their skill at bowls, etc. A feature of the day's proceedings took place after the dinner, when the brothers Pye with Mr. Wightman attempted to ring double-handed a course of Superlative Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-first Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Tonbridge, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Favoured by weather of the loveliest June type, bright and warm, yet not too warm, and with the country in its freshest summer garb, those who came by train had a pleasant journey in spite of the delays inseparable from Bank Holiday traffic, while some favoured few, like our friends from Gravesend and Swanscombe, who came by road, must have found the drive one of the most enjoyable parts of the day's proceedings. The towers open for ringing besides Tonbridge were St. Peter's Tunbridge Wells (8), Speldhurst (8), Hadlow (8), Penshurst (8), and Brenchley (6). Some of these, however, were not visited at all.

A meeting of the central committee was held in the parish room, Tunbridge, shortly after eleven. A few new members were admitted, and Messrs. E. Barnett (Crayford), W. Martin (Swanscombe), J. W. Lennard (West Malling), J. Preston (Edenbridge), and W. Spice (Charing) were added to the committee.

At noon the annual service was held in the church, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, reading the prayers. Psalm xix. was sung, and the *Jubilate* after the Lesson (1 Cor. xii. 1-14) a small choir of boys being present, as well as the organist. After the well-known hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," the address was given by the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst, from Zechariah xiv. 20—"In that day shall there be upon the bells Holiness unto the Lord," the two points emphasised by the preacher being the importance of (a) attendance at church, and (b) discipline in the belfry. The hymn "Hark on high the joyful music" was sung during the collection, which, as for several years past, was for the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund, and amounted to £1 3s. 6d. The Blessing brought a very hearty and well-attended service to a close, though it would be better perhaps, if on occasions of this sort ringers would overcome their natural modesty, and venture to take the front seats, instead of sticking religiously to those at the bottom of the church.

At 1.30 an excellent dinner was ready in the public hall (Mr. W. Austin, Tunbridge, caterer), and no doubt the members were ready for it. The Vicar of Tonbridge, the Rev. C. G. Baskerville, presided, being supported by G. D. Warner, Esq. (churchwarden), B. Wadmore, Esq., the Hon. Secretary, Messrs. A. Palmer, W. Latter, A. Osborne, P. E. Bex (District Secretaries), W. Haigh and F. W. Thornton (Central Council Representatives), T. Groombridge, F. Hayes, W. Martin and other members of the central committee, Miss Macalpine Leny, well-known and beloved for her constant interest in the members and the doings of College Youths and Kent County Association, and her sister Mrs. Mackinnon were also present, while the vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, Rector of Woolwich, an old Tunbridgian, with whom sat the preacher of the day, the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon. At the conclusion of dinner the toast of "The Queen" was given by the Chairman, and of course was received with acclamation, the whole company, who numbered 117, rising and singing the first verse of the National Anthem. Mr. G. D. Warner then proposed "The health of the Archbishop and Clergy," to which the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon replied. Pipes and other smokables were then produced, in order, it was suggested

that greater attention might be given to the Hon. Secretary's report. The Association had experienced a shrinkage, the report stated, the total membership being now 758, as compared with 819 at the last annual meeting. Seven towers had to be struck off, viz.: Aylesford, Leeds, Harrietsham, Sundridge, Brenchley, Bobbing and St. Margaret's, Lee, and only three fresh bands had joined—Dartford, Wrotham, and Tunstall. Reference was made to the death of Archdeacon Smith, W. F. Browell, Esq. (Tunbridge Wells), E. Martin, Esq. (Sevenoaks), Rev. W. Wodehouse, Vicar of Elham, and of George M. Sayer (aged only 25) a most efficient member of the Canterbury Cathedral band. The operations of bellhangers in the county during the past year were noticed, and great satisfaction was expressed at the statement that the fine ring of eight at Margate were in the hands of Messrs. Taylor. Financially the Association was prospering, the balance in hand being £35 10s. 3d. as compared with £19 17s. 7d. at the close of the previous year. A grant of £2 2s. had been made towards the rehanging of the Maidstone ten from the Belfry Repairs Fund, which amounted to £32 1s. 9d. compared with £27 10s. 3d. Sixty-nine peals had been rung in 1899, including the Association's first peal of London Surprise, of Duffield Major, and of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, as well as what was at the time the "record" peal of Double Norwich. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. B. Wadman, seconded by Mr. W. Latter, and carried. A small addition to one of the rules insisting upon the figures of peals being sent in before a peal can be inserted in the peal-book, proposed by the Hon. Sec. and seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, was approved. The Vice-presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and Committee were re-elected. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, and suitably responded to by the Vicar, concluded the proceedings.

A party had been made up to go for a peal of Stedman at Edenbridge, but success did not crown their efforts. The Rev. D. D. Mackinnon kindly invited to tea any of the company who liked to walk over to Speldhurst, no trap being available. Ringers' teas on the lawn at Speldhurst rectory are agreeable and now well-established institutions; and therefore it is not surprising that as many as seventeen readily accepted the invitation. After a walk through some of the prettiest part of the county, a few touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the bells before tea. Great interest was shown at the exhibition during tea of an empty cartridge case specially kept for Mr. Mackinnon. It was the case of the first shot fired from the twelve-pounder gun by the Naval Brigade from H.M.S. Powerful at Ladysmith. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Leny for their very kind hospitality was given, to which Miss Leny replied, and cordially invited all present to pay them another visit. Though the Tonbridge meeting of 1900 was not a large one, it was certainly one of the most enjoyable of the twenty-one annual gatherings since the foundation of the Association. The Association will celebrate its "coming of age" next year, and it is hoped that the event will be marked by a great accession of strength in the matter of numbers, a general advance in change-ringing throughout the county, and a "record" gathering at the Annual Meeting.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its second annual meeting on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Middlesbrough, when a large and representative gathering assembled at St. Hilda's parish church, and afterwards at the Corporation hotel for dinner.

Ringling began at an early hour in the morning, and was continued up till service time, which was 12.15.

A Committee Meeting was held previous to the service, at which the business to be afterwards brought before the General Meeting was discussed.

A goodly number of members were present at the service. The prayers and lessons were read by the curate of the church (Rev. R. Scott), who afterwards joined the Association as an hon. member, and a most appropriate discourse was given by the Rev. F. L. Perkins, Vicar of Thirsk, also an hon. member, from the two texts: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," and "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Dinner was served at the Corporation hotel in a most satisfactory manner, and forty members sat down.

The President occupied the chair, and both the Vice-Presidents were also present. Before proceeding to the general business the usual toasts of "The Queen," and "The Bishops and Clergy" were given and received with that fervour which enthusiastic ringers know how to put into things.

The Rev. F. L. Perkins in a very humorous speech replied on behalf of the cloth.

The President next called upon the Hon. Secretary for the Report. This showed the Association to be in a most flourishing condition. It has grown to a membership of 146; has rung ten peals in the year, including three of Surprise Major, three of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Plain Bob, one of Double Norwich, and possesses a balance of £6. The Report was considered to be highly satisfactory.

The places for next year's meetings were arranged as follows, October, Bedale; February, Stokesley; Whit-Monday, Ripon and Sharow.

It was also decided to take steps to have a representative on the Central Council, that representative to be the president, Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

After dinner the towers of Stockton and Thornaby were thrown open to members, and ringing was continued until nine o'clock at night. Ringers were present from Darlington, Northallerton, Thirsk, Sharow, Stokesley, Middlesbrough and Stockton, and among the touches rang were 516 of Treble Bob Major and 504 Grandsire Triples, by G. J. Clarkson, W. J. Kitchen, J. Carter, J. Waller, T. Burdon, F. P. Howcroft, T. Stephenson, R. Borrowes, J. Wrighton, J. Neesam, G. Lungley, G. Park and T. Metcalfe.

It was considered by all present that a most useful and enjoyable meeting had been held.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Whit-Monday, June 4th, five members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, paid a visit to Blakenhall near Bloxwich, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. T. J. Elton of Bloxwich. Ten 6-scores (each called differently) and 50 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung in 43 mins., by J. C. Adams (conductor) 1; E. J. Stafford, 2; A. Painter, 3; A. Tarley, 4; F. Edwards, 5. The company were afterwards entertained at the house of Mr. Elton, where the Bloxwich band made him a present of a dinner service.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, on Whit-Tuesday, June 5th. The following representatives were present: Messrs. M. A. Wood, E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill, and T. Taffender, Ancient Society of College Youths; H. Dains, A. Jacob, and R. A. Daniell, Royal Cumberland Youths; R. Cartwright, and S. Reeves, Archdeaconry of Stafford; F. T. Spencer, and W. Godden, Chester Diocesan Guild; Rev. Maitland Kelly, Devonshire Guild; R. S. Story, Durham and Newcastle Association; C. Sillitoe, Ely Diocesan Association; Rev. T. L. Papillon, N. J. Pitstow, W. J. Nevard, and B. Keeble, Essex Association; Rev. H. A. Cockey, and F. G. May, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and F. W. Thornton, Kent County Association; Rev. H. L. James, and G. Chester, Lincolnshire Association; Rev. H. J. Elsee, R. Ridyard, and C. A. Clements, Lancashire Association; J. W. F. Holgate, Leeds and District Association; Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., J. Griffin, S. Cooper, and W. Wakley, Midland Counties Association; Messrs. J. Waghorn and J. Basden, Middlesex Association; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and J. Motts, Norwich Diocesan Association; Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and F. W. Hopgood, Oxford Diocesan Guild; A. Smith, Salisbury Diocesan Association; G. F. Attree, G. Williams, and S. Saker, Sussex Association; C. Dean, Surrey Association; C. F. Winney and W. Weatherstone, St. James' Society; W. H. Godden, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and J. W. Whiting, Winchester Diocesan Guild; R. E. Grove and J. Smith, Worcestershire and Districts Association; W. Snowdon, Yorkshire Association; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Messrs. F. W. J. Rees, J. W. Taylor, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, J. W. Mitchell, and J. Pettit, Hon. Members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer having been voted to the chair *pro tem*, called upon the Council to proceed to the election of President, of which there had been but one nomination received, viz., Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said it gave him great pleasure to move the election of Sir Arthur. This was the tenth year of the existence of the Council. Sir Arthur had hitherto presided over the meetings of the Council in a very able manner, and the Council were much indebted to him for the manner in which he had conducted the business. The Council could not therefore do better than to re-elect him to the presidency, the duties of which he had hitherto so ably discharged. It might be said that Sir Arthur had presided over its infancy, its childhood, and its youth. He was sure the Council could not do better than to ask him to preside over its manhood (applause).

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge in seconding, said he could join most heartily in all that the proposer had said.

Sir Arthur Heywood who on taking the chair to which he was unanimously elected, said he wished to thank his old friend Mr. Robinson for the very kind words that he had used in proposing his re-election, and to express his gratitude to the Council for the manner in which those words had been received. If he might lay claim to anything that he had done, it was to endeavour to get through with all dispatch the lengthy business of the Council. In the days of its childhood it had at all times been necessary for him as President to guide the discussions, and so to somewhat exceed his duties as chairman, but he felt no cause to regret the line he had taken. As his friend Mr. Robinson had pointed out, the Council was now entering upon its manhood. It had established itself before the Exercise and the country, and it might not, he hoped, be necessary for him to take so much part in the discussions in the future as he had in the past. As one who had to attend many meetings, he was entirely alive to the importance of avoiding waste of time, and he was glad to say this had not been a fault of the Council (hear, hear). The Council had now become to be regarded as of importance, and if the same spirit of earnestness continued to pervade its work, it would become a body of great influence. It would be his aim in the future to do all he could, as he had in the past, for the welfare of the Council (bear, hear). He regretted that the large amount of business he had to attend to

prevented him from travelling about as formerly and meeting friends in all parts of the country. He trusted that although he was not able now to do this, that it would be remembered that he had equally as much at heart the welfare of the Exercise, for there was not a week went by without his considering matters connected with ringers or ringing (hear, hear).

ELECTION OF HON. SEC.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said however efficient a chairman a body like that of the Council had—and he was one of those who considered the Council had as they all knew an efficient chairman—yet it was necessary for him to have a right hand. In their esteemed friend Mr. Bulwer, Sir Arthur had got an efficient coadjutor. He did not know anyone who could, or would be at all disposed, to devote so much time to the work as Mr. Bulwer did. Of one thing he was sure, that there were few if any who could devote so much time to the complicated work of the Council as Mr. Bulwer had done in the past, and he had therefore great pleasure in proposing his re-election as Hon. Secretary.

Mr. W. Snowdon, in seconding the resolution, said he did so with pleasure, for Mr. Bulwer had done a large amount of work for the Council in the past, for which the Council were much indebted to him.

The President said before submitting the resolution to the meeting, he should like to say how thoroughly he endorsed every word that had been spoken. Mr. Robinson had said it was necessary for the chairman of such a body to have a right hand. He had no hesitation in saying that Mr. Bulwer had proved an invaluable right hand, and a great deal of the credit for the work of the Council was due to Mr. Bulwer.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer said he desired to thank the mover and seconder and the President for the very complimentary remarks that each had made as to his work in connection with the Council. He was pleased to find that the Council gave him credit for what he had done in the past. So long as God gave him the strength, and the Council choose to elect him to the post he should be happy to discharge the duties to the best of his ability. If at any time there appeared to be any hasty action or words on his part, he trusted that they would bear in mind that it was only for the moment, and no sooner done or said it was gone. He desired to take that opportunity to thank the members of the Council for the assistance they had given him in the discharge of his duties, and also to thank the various Secretaries of the different Associations who had rendered him assistance.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and having been approved were signed by the President.

HON. MEMBERS.

On the proposition of Mr. F. W. Thornton, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the following were elected Hon. Members for the ensuing three years: Rev. H. J. Pilkington, Messrs. J. Carter, F. W. J. Rees, J. S. Pritchett, J. Trollope, J. W. Taylor, F. E. Ward, and J. Pettit.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the following were appointed as a Standing Committee: Revs. F. E. Robinson, C. D. P. Davies, G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, E. W. Carpenter, H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Dains, W. Snowdon, F. W. J. Rees, C. H. Hattersley, T. Lockwood, G. F. Attree, and R. S. Story.

ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary submitted the accounts which showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £60 15s. 2d., Subscriptions for the year were £10 14s. 0d., the expenditure was £4 11s. 0d., leaving £66 18s. 2d. in hand.

The President said the accounts had been examined by the Standing Committee and found correct. If the Council desired it auditors could be appointed, but he did not think it necessary.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the accounts were passed.

RAILWAY FARES.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said the Committee had carried out

to the best of their ability this matter. All the petitions that had been received from the various Associations had been sent in to the respective railway companies. He had hoped to have been able to make a report as to the result that day, but he found that the Clearing House did not meet for almost another fortnight; it would be necessary, therefore, to make known the result through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." One satisfactory feature was that the petitions would be backed up by the manager of the Great Western, and he trusted that if there were any members of the Council who could approach the Manager or Director of any railway company that they would do so, and secure their assistance. He was sorry the petitions had not been so numerous as they might have been, while some had taken a long time in getting the signatures. Three companies had already replied. One—the Great Eastern—said that if the Company went on granting reduced fares the time would come when no traveller would pay his full fare (laughter) for travelling. Unfortunately the petitions had gone in at rather a bad time, for not only had coals gone up considerably, but the companies were raising some of the cheap excursion fares, and also looking after excess of luggage. If it had been possible to have sent in the petitions twelve months ago, they might have looked forward with better hopes of success than they could do now. The cost to the Council had been a little over £4, and he was one of those that would have preferred seeing the matter taken up in a better spirit among the Exercise at large. He was aware that some of the local Secretaries had experienced some difficulty in getting in the petitions from the various towers. If anything of the kind should be done again he did hope that ringers in general would take it up more keenly. The number of signatures was as follows: Bath and Wells Association, 337; Chester Diocesan Guild, 266; College Youths, 115; Cumberlands, 40; Devonshire Guild, 150; Durham and Newcastle Association, 273; Essex Association, 266; Gloucester and Bristol Association, 172; Kent County Association, 581; Lancashire Association, 514; Lincolnshire Association East, 60; North, 197; South, 20; Liverpool Diocesan Guild, 20; Middlesex Association, 236; Midland Counties Association, 378; Norwich Diocesan Association, 697; Oxford Guild, 750; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 30; Salisbury Guild, 17; Surrey Association, 178; Sussex Association, 402; Winchester Diocesan Guild, 315; Worcester and Districts Association, 212; Yorkshire Association, 624; total 6817. The petitions have been sent in—Great Western, ten with 2285 signatures; London and North Western, ten with 3057 signatures; Midland Railway, twelve with 2929 signatures; Great Northern Railway, eight with 2347 signatures; London and South Western, seven with 1761 signatures; Great Eastern five, with 1511 signatures; Great Central five, with 1949 signatures; South Eastern three, with 1161 signatures; London, Brighton and South Coast three with 747 signatures. Some of the petitions were very long, that sent in to the Great Western was about nine yards.

Mr. A. Smith said no petition had come under his notice, and asked if Mr. Cockey could say how long ago it was sent. Possibly an explanation would be that the Secretary of the Salisbury Guild had gone to South Africa.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey replied that the petitions were sent out about eighteen months ago.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said the St. James' Society had not taken the matter up, as the members belonged to other societies, and therefore to have signed would have been in duplicate.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said it would only be right for him to mention that the low number of signatures by the Cumberlands was no doubt due to the fact that most of the members also belonged to some other society.

On the proposition of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by the Rev. M. Kelly, the Committee were re-appointed.

The President in submitting the same to the Council, said he was sure the very best thanks of all would be recorded to Mr. Cockey and the Committee which had worked so hard with him. He trusted that some good result would come in return for the large amount of the labor that had been given.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE RE CONDITION OF RINGS.

The President said he had taken the principal part in the work of this Committee. As soon as the Council had approved

of the circular, these were sent out to forty-four Associations asking them to fill in the name of the representative ringer of each tower containing eight or more bells. There were still four returns which had not been received, which meant that the Committee had not yet been able in these cases to send out to the representative ringers the forms to fill in. This delay was of course a serious one. From the forty circulars returned there had been sent out 914 forms to representative ringers of which 663 had been received back. He hardly knew how to emphasise the importance of having these returns made as soon as possible. Mr. Cockey had called attention to the lack of interest in making returns in connection with the rail fare question. Some of the returns made were already eleven months old, consequently they might be out of date before the report could be issued, simply because of the delay of those who had not sent in the returns asked for. He would ask the Council to give the Committee the power to publish the list of the names of those who had not complied with the request in "THE BELL NEWS," and in doing so to be permitted to use forcible language in connection therewith (hear, hear). He had drafted the form in which he proposed to recommend that the information should be published, and he thought from what he had already seen of the returns, that the information would be of great value and interest to the Exercise.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved the re-appointment of the Committee, and that the Committee have authority to publish in "THE BELL NEWS" the list of those who had not made their returns. The mover further suggested that the Committee should send to the secretaries of Associations the list of towers from whom no returns had been furnished in their districts, remarking that it might be possible for the secretaries of Associations to bring some pressure to bear to obtain the returns.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

The President said he desired to thank those secretaries of Associations who had given the Committee all the information they could as to representative ringers, and to the representative ringers who had sent in the returns. It was a pity that those who had not sent in the returns did not see that by their action they were increasing what was already a large amount of labour.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFINITION OF A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

The Rev. H. Law James said he prepared a draft which was sent to the Hon. Secretary, and he understood that it had gone on to the other members of the Committee, but it had not come back to him; until it was returned he was not in a position to make any report.

The Hon. Secretary said he received the draft, and according to the usual practice sent it to one member of the Committee for him to pass on, but it had stuck somewhere. It might be that their friend Mr. Carter who had been ill for three weeks had it. It was a subject which required a great deal more consideration than had as yet been given to it, and he would therefore move the re-appointment of the Committee.

Mr. Story seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

THE GLOSSARY.

The Hon. Secretary said he had obtained an estimate from "THE BELL NEWS" office for printing the Glossary, which it was estimated would make 96 pages. He had also sent out circulars asking what support he might expect, and it was gratifying to find that some 6000 copies would be purchased; this, however, was upon the condition that it was sold at one penny per copy. As he had already stated it was likely to make 96 pages, those who purchased it for a penny would find they had got a good pennyworth. He did not however see how it could be published at a penny, in fact it would be worth a little more. The definitions of Tittums he considered worth 2½d. of itself (laughter), while the appendix, which occupied thirty-four pages of ms., he thought would be considered an important part of the work, and should be worth 6d. He had estimated that by increasing the price to 2d., the purchases would diminish by one half, and upon this supposition he thought it would be best to proceed. To procure it for 2d. it would go through the Asso-

ciations, but if any one sent for it privately, he thought that the price should be 4d. Whatever was done the Council should repay itself the cost of the printing. There would be a great deal of work, and he could not see how it could be done for less than the estimate he had received.

The President said even that price would be ridiculously low for the value of the work. The man who would not pay the price of a cheap drink for such a work was not fit to be a ringer (laughter).

(To be continued.)

Obituary.

SIMEON LANGSTAFFE.

On Whit-Monday the death took place of the above ringer at his residence, St. Laurence's Terrace, Pudsey, aged seventy years. The deceased when seventeen years of age, joined the 33rd regiment (Duke of Wellington's), and went through the Crimean War, being wounded three times at the battle of the Alma through the right hand, and again through the right leg and the hand. He served eight years in the army, and was discharged in 1856, his certificate stating "in consequence of being found unfit for further service from wounds received in action," and was granted a pension of 9d. per day. At the close of the Crimean campaign he received two medals, one from the hands of the Queen at Chatham, and the other from the Sultan of Turkey. Two episodes in his military career he used to recall with pride and pleasure: first—when laid up with his wounds he was tended by Miss Florence Nightingale; and the second, his attendance at the funeral of the Duke of Wellington. Since the outbreak of the Transvaal War the deceased warrior has several times expressed his regret that he could not take part therein. Deceased was an enthusiastic ringer, either in the tower or out—and has been engaged at several local churches during the last forty years, but the infirmities of age have prevented him of late years from taking an active part. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and has a record of fourteen peals with that society. The funeral took place on Thursday, June 7th, in the Pudsey Cemetery, and the following ringers were present as representatives of the various towers: Messrs. Benson, Pratt, Page (Calverley); Broadbent and Walker (Armley); G. Bolland and S. Oddy (Tong); J. Smith, F. Birks, and W. Bateman (Pudsey). The handbells were rung at the graveside, and muffled touches upon the bells of St. Laurence's church after the interment. T. M.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddlestons Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1900.

For an old-established body like the Devonshire Guild it must be considered strange that the Report just adopted at the Annual Meeting contains no record of a peal during the year. We are willing to believe in the observations of the excellent president that such omission must not be taken as a test of the work done, though most people will think that the publication of a peal or two would have made the Report more in harmony with the usual order of things. The county of Devon is of great area, and in consequence there is some difficulty in working up the necessary practical enthusiasm. Ringers in Devon must be taught, the same as anywhere else; teachers must be found for the purpose, and expense is thereby incurred. Some people say that a brigade of instructors is a luxury—a thing to be dispensed with as unnecessary. Really competent men possessing the

desired attainments are not very plentiful. The employment of a ringing instructor needs discernment, but if ringing is to make the headway desired, such instrumentality should be secured without delay. Difficulties of all sorts arise, the most important perhaps being those of finance. We should think a travelling instructor who could journey from place to place throughout the county by means of a bicycle would be the best to employ. We cannot in such a matter pay by results, but the efficiency or otherwise of the teacher would soon become apparent. One really good competent person would do great things, but he should receive a fair emolument. We commend the hint to the Executive of the Devon Guild, and greater and happier results would doubtless figure in the next year's report.

On another page will be seen an advertisement appealing for funds to erect a new ring of eight bells at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex. Such a movement is most worthy the attention of and cordial reception by all good Churchmen, especially of the County. The erection of such a worthy addition to the fabric is intended to adequately mark the completion of the twenty-fifth year of the ministry of the beloved Vicar. Could not the County Association help forward this grand work?

We are very sorry to hear of the serious indisposition of our valued friend Mr. JOHN CARTER. He has sustained a heavy attack of the dreaded influenza and has been obliged to take to his bed. Other complications seem to have arisen, necessitating an operation. The Exercise will be glad to hear that at the time we write he is just able to get up a little, but it is feared that his recovery will be prolonged. This illness hindered him from attendance at the Council. We hope to give a better account of our friend in our next number.

THE LATE JOHN MURRAY HAYES.—Next week will be published a brief memoir of this distinguished ringer, with a list of his peals. Unfortunately we have not been able to secure a trustworthy portrait for reproduction.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JAMES PETTIT	Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD.. ..	6.
EDWIN GIBBS	2.	SAMUEL HAYES.. .. .	7.
THOMAS FAULKNER	3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL..	8.
CALEB FENN	4.	CHALLIS F. WINNY.. ..	9.
ROLAND FENN	5.	EDWARD A. DAVIES.. ..	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN W. WHITING	Treble.	GEORGE CHAPPELL	5.
FRANK BENNETT	2.	ROBERT J. DAWE	6.
GEORGE GRAHAM	3.	CHARLES GILES.. .. .	7.
JOSIAH HARRIS	4.	HENRY WHITE	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sunday, June 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor about 14 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN	Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER	5.
JOHN AUSTIN	2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	6.
FREDERICK G. MAY	3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS	7.
FRANCIS E. HART	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. ..	Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

FREDERICK WEBB	Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT	6.
NOBLE SPINDLOW	2.	EDWIN HIMS	7.
FRANK TUBB	3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD.. ..	8.
FRANK BARRETT	4.	R CHARD WHITE	9.
WILLIAM ADKINS	5.	STEDMAN WHITE	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 4, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES.

WALTER G. BROCKHURST* Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN	5.
JOHN J. JONES	FRANK BENNETT	6.
ROBERT J. DAWE	WILLIAM W. THORNE ..	7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	JAMES HUNT.	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, June 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN ..	Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN	5.
JOHN AUSTIN	2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS	6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER	3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ..	7.
JESSE GILLETT	4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. ..	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT EDWARD SMITH* .. Treble.	JAMES HAWKES 5.
ALFRED JOHN LE CLERCQ .. 2.	CHARLES FRY 6.
FREDERICK A. BARNETT .. 3.	ALFRED WHITE 7.
HENRY LEWIS GARFATH .. 4.	*THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the entry of the British Army into Pretoria.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
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On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs. in E Flat.

F. W. WADE Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM DYER 7.
RICHARD A. JUDD 3.	A. W. HUMPHRIS 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 9.
WILLIAM T. PATES 5.	JOHN BALLINGER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES—SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
GEORGE A. KING 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
ALBERT D. STONE 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. F. Steadman, who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble.	HENRY FOUND 5.
SAMUEL MASKREY 2.	CHARLES E. HART 6.
GEORGE MOTTASHAW .. 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
JAMES W. DENT 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Rung in commemoration of Her Majesty's troops entering Pretoria.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Two and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD RADDON† Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
ERNEST ALLEN 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	*GEORGE READING Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in the method away from the tenor. Also the first peal of Stedman on the bells. This was intended to have been a local peal with the exception of the conductor, but unfortunately Mr. Thorne could not come so the ringers wish to thank Mr. Reeves, of Reading, for taking the spare rope.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JOHN SMART Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
CHARLES SMART 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. W. Thorne, who hails from Oakham, Surrey, was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWENS Treble.	GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY REEVES 3.	THOMAS SPARKS 8.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD 9.
WILLIAM ARGENT 5.	ARTHUR MOSELEY Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

STANSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob, College Exercise, Kent Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung to celebrate the entry of Lord Roberts into Pretoria.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD BRUNSDON .. Treble.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PATES 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 7.
JESSE GILLET 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIE WALKER* Treble.	PRATT CORDINGLEY 4.
TOM LATIMER 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3.	JOHN THACKRAY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the occupation of Pretoria by the British troops.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Being 720 each of Double Court, Violet, Woodbine, New London, Oxford, Kent and Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	THOMAS LEVITT 4.
ROBERT WILDING 2.	ARTHUR KEEBLE 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 3.	WILLIAM KINSEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. KINSEY.

This is the first peal in seven methods in the Sudbury District, if not in the whole Diocese. Messrs. Gladwell and Kinsey from Felsbam, Levitt from Hitcham, Symonds from Lavenham, Wilding and Keeble from Monks Eleigh.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH PATTISON Treble	JAMES LEIGHTON 5
JOHN W. ROBINSON* 2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6.
THOMAS F. GOFTON 3.	WILLIAM C. BENNETT 7.
FREDERICK SHERATON 4.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES PLATT, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

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

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

On Tuesday, June 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
SAMUEL BOOTH 2.	BENJAMIN THORP 6.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	ALBERT ADAMS 7.
BENJAMIN GILL* 4.	WILLIAM BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the fall of Pretoria. This peal was rung on the front eight.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1900, in Three Hours

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER KNOTT Treble.	LUKE ILLINGWORTH 5.
SIDNEY GOODALL 2.	J. W. LANG 6.
GEORGE BROOK 3.	WILLIAM WALKER 7.
WILLIE THOMAS 4.	WILLIAM COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM GOODALL, and
Conducted by LUKE ILLINGWORTH.

It was the first peal and the first attempt by the treble, 4th and 7th men, and also the Silver Wedding day of J. W. Lang.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above was rung for Divine Service in the evening.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 24th, 1008 of Bob Major, in commemoration of the 81st birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. G. Rumsey, 1; A. Grimes, 2; W. Grimes (conductor), 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Groom, 5; G. Rowe, 6; G. Brunning, 7; W. Rumsey, 8. At the conclusion the bells were fired eighty-one times. A peal was to have been attempted, but it being Ascension Day the bells were not available. On Sunday, May 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Major was rung. G. Rumsey, 1; W. Rumsey (conductor), 2; J. Rumsey, 3; E. Diaper, 4; W. Groom, 5; W. Tydeman, 6; C. Brunning, 7; A. Grimes, 8. In the evening, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Rumsey, 1; W. Grimes (conductor), 2; W. Groom, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Bullock, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; A. Grimes, 7; C. Brunning, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Diaper and Tydeman hail from Stowmarket.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLETSOE (Beds).—On Saturday, May 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. J. Bird (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. Church (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; G. Valentine, 5; W. J. Barker, 6. This was the first 720 on the bells. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; F. G. Crouch, 3; G. Valentine, 4; H. Munday, 5; F. J. Bird, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. G. Crouch, 1; F. J. Bird, 2; G. Valentine, 3; J. Church, 4; H. Munday, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, May 22nd, 720 Double Court. D. Thompson, 1; I. Hills, 2; B. Jealous, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. J. Barker, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 3rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; A. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, May 5th, seven 720s, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob, and 720 College Single. J. Dean, 1; J. Fernley, 2; S. Rutter, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; S. Fernley, 4; A. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Wednesday evening, May 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. Kellett, 1; S. Fernley, 2; J. Fernley, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; A. Fernley, 5; H. Lee, 6. On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, May 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; W. Lowry, 2; T. Ramsay, 3; J. Dean, 4; A. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Thursday evening, May 31st, 720 Violet. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, June 5th, at the parish church, on receipt of the official report of the entry of Lord Roberts into Pretoria, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wallis, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; R. S. Garner, 3; A. Biggs, sen., 4; A. Biggs, jun., 5; F. Hunt, 6; H. Baker (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Whit-Sunday, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; H. Charlton, 2; W. E. Pitman, 3; W. J. Willis, 4; R. S. Garner, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6; W. Holdstock, 7; G. Pearson, 8.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Rayner, 1; A. Osborne, 2; T. Chantler, 3; J. Kidd, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; W. Baker, 6; J. Tulett (conductor), 7; W. Ashbee, 8. On Thursday, May 31st, 720 Grandsire Triples. G. Lock, 1; E. Rayner, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Kidd, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6; J. Tulett, 7; W. Ashbee, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Lock, 1; W. Baker (conductor), 2; G. Chantler, 3; E. Rayner, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; W. Ashbee, 6; J. Tulett, 7; J. Kidd, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Wednesday, May 23rd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Perkins, 1; E. Mankelov, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; H. Martin (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Smith, 5; S. Perkins, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. On May 31st, for practice, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Perkins, 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Smith, 3; B. Wadmore,

4; W. Latter, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; H. Porter, 7; S. Perkins, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, 224 Bob Major. J. Perkins, 1; S. Perkins, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Porter, 4; A. Welsh, 5; G. Smithers, 6; J. Mugg-ridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. S. Faithfull (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Perkins, 2; W. Smith (first quarter-peal), 3; H. Martin, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Latter, 8. Composed by A. N. Wood, of Middleton, Yorks.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Leonard's church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. M. Cherryman, 1; A. J. Cherryman, 2; M. Broomfield, 3; G. A. Steele, 4; R. Stredwick, 5; F. W. Steele (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Tuesday, June 5th, in honour of Lord Roberts entering Pretoria, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Jakeman, 1; J. W. Holme, 2; J. Donald, 3; R. Wimpenny, 4; G. H. Donald, 5; H. Palmer, 6; W. Wolstencroft (conductor), 7; H. Ashton, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, May 23rd, 1298 Bob Major in 43 mins. F. G. May (conductor), 1; J. Thomas, 2; — Isaac, 3; A. Knight, 4; W. Landsdown, 5; H. Howell, 6; R. Clark, 7; G. T. Daltry, 8. Longest length in the method by all except the treble and tenor men. On Monday, May 28th, 864 Stedman Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1; W. Gist, 2; J. Thomas, 3; S. Thomas, 4; A. Harvey, 5; J. Burford, 6; R. Clark (conductor), 7; J. Luke, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, and to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 30 mins. R. Vest, 1; J. Bean, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; A. Pigg, 4; R. S. Story, 5; E. Weightman, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs add two singles). C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; J. Bean, 2; A. Dodds, 3; the rest as before. On Monday, May 28th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 29 mins. R. Vest, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; A. Dodds, 3; A. Pigg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ISLIP (Northants). On Sunday, April 15th, for early service, 720 Plain Bob. A. Allen, 1; J. Allen, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob. F. Knight, 1; L. Chapman, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; J. Nickerson, 4; F. Tiney, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. For evening service, 360 and 180 Oxford Bob. A. Hudson, 1; J. Hudson, 2; J. Allen, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; F. Knight, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 30th, 720 London Single, in 23 mins. G. Hewitt, 1; J. Hudson, 2; D. Redhead, 3; J. Nickerson, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. J. Hudson, 1; G. Hewitt, 2; D. Redhead, 3; F. Knight, 4; R. Loveday, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Hudson, who is leaving. On Saturday, May 5th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Shaw, 1; F. Willford, 2; L. Chapman, 3; A. Stewart, 4; J. Nickerson, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6.

RYE (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. H. Henley, 1; G. Billenness, 2; E. Reed, 3; C. Price, 4; J. H. Durrant, 5; W. Billenness, jun. (conductor), 6; E. Curd, 8. This was rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday. On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. L. T. H. Seers (first 720), 1; G. Billenness, 2; E. Reed, 3; C. Price, 4; J. H. Durrant, 5; W. Billenness, jun. (conductor), 6; W. Tomsett, 8.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. C. Darwin, 1; T. Sale, 2; A. Gordon, 3; J. Barlow, 4; J. A. Gordon, 5; A. S. Gordon, 6; W. Gordon (conductor), 7; H. Leigh, 8. Composed by T. Brook. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Monday, April 16th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. L. Chapman, 1; J. Nickerson, 2; J. Hudson, 3; R. Loveday, 4; F. Tiney, 5; H. Chapman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. A. Kingsford, 1; W. Yates, 2; W. Shaw, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Hudson, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The time of the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, on May 29th, should read "three hours and thirty minutes," not "three hours and three minutes," as published.

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."

CAMPANOLOGY V. CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—I am still unconvinced by Mr. Bulwer. In his last letter he gives a good reason why he is not to be regarded as committed to anology, but I do not see that he shews that under any circumstances it is an imperative law of word formation to replace an *a* by an *o* at the end of a first root word. Granted that the practice has grown to be general, it is not thereby shown to be essentially right, and it is not apparent to me that the inventor of the word Ecclesiology, for example, would have deviated from anything except custom if he had formed ecclesiology. I certainly should have thought that the very fact of a word having been formed in the Greek language would afford a good precedent for forming modern compounds; but I should like to hear the voice of a greater authority than mine. Mr. Papillon in his recent letter said that he should say Campanalogy was etymologically right. Will he kindly tell us why he took that view? And whether he has since changed his mind? And, if so, why so?

Now you, Sir, in your comment last week, appear to make an onslaught on the word in any shape and for any purpose. I am not prepared to go your length, though of course I am entirely with you in your strictures on the use of the word for ringing performers or performances. It is simply absurd for a man to call ringing or tune-playing Campanology; he might as well call dung-spreading stercolology. If you break your leg, which Heaven forbid, you will send for a competent person to set it. The person you summon may be a great authority on the science of bones, and their behaviour when broken or otherwise, but he will not call the setting of your leg osteology; he will call it surgery. His knowledge of the science of bones—osteology—will be one of the things which will put him in a position to do the practical operation of surgery; but the operation is not osteology. The distinction between terms meaning knowledge or science on the one hand and practice on the other, is generally observed in the ordinary conduct of life. If our butcher were to replace the name of his trade over his shopfront by the word carnologist, we should think him a fool; a navy does not call driving a tunnel geology, nor does a singer call himself a vocologist. Was ever anybody ass enough to call organ playing organology, or to announce a pianofortological recital?

The use of the word Campanology to signify any performance is, therefore, preposterous; but it does not follow that the word is to be altogether got rid of. Passing by the question of spelling, what better term could you have to express the investigations of those learned gentlemen who have written and are writing about the history and incidents of our bells and bell foundries? No doubt it is somewhat of a bastard word, but that cannot be helped, because bells, as we now have them, have come into existence since classic Greek ceased to be a living language. But if the science of these gentlemen is to have any name at all, this word is useful and appropriate for the purpose.

The word, however, came into existence in another connection, namely, as the title of a book about the science of change-ringing. It was not very happily chosen, for the science the book describes is not so much of bells themselves as of the methods of producing changes when ringing them; and this I suppose, is why the word has been disused by the learned of later times. But the word can never be dissociated from the classical literature of change-ringing, and therefore I hope it is not altogether futile to attempt to arrive at the correctness of its form and its meaning.

R. A. DANIELL.

PEAL-RINGING.

SIR,—During the last few years the bells of Worcester churches have been unpealable, and the ringers of that place had rung on in the hope that an existing six would be increased to eight, or that an octave would be erected at St. Mary's or Hallow, that they might have a chance of ringing a peal. This latter has been accomplished, and eight bells now hang in Hallow tower. The hopes of the ringers accordingly rose, and

several peals or attempts talked of; but vain hope! almost ere the bells are hung it is said "the Rev. So-and-So will bring a band for a peal at an early date; Mr. — will also do the same." Bands from a distance will leave their own district where they have plenty of chances for peals, and deprive local ringers of their one and only chance. I believe in the old saying—"All is fair in love and war;" but do not think it applies to ringing, but rather "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you."

L. LONGNEY.

Croome, Worcester.

THE ST. MARY'S (WOOLWICH) SOCIETY, KENT.

In sympathy with the general rejoicings which have recently taken place all over the country consequent upon the success of the campaign in South Africa, the St. Mary's ringers (in common with many others), have been taking their part. The relief of Ladysmith was the first incident, but in honour of Lord Roberts' entry into Bloemfontein, and when the relief of Mafeking was accomplished, special requests were made in these two instances that the parish church bells might be rung, whilst for the day when Lord Roberts entered Pretoria, the ringers had permission to set the bells going all day long on and off, but they were to wait until the news was authentic. As soon as the news was received in Woolwich on June 5th, the ringers employed in the Royal Arsenal obtained the requisite leave, and mustered at the tower just at the time when the newspapers were being rapidly brought up announcing the news officially. Soon after 4 o'clock the bells pealed forth, and were kept going until nearly 11 o'clock, except for an interval which had been pre-arranged for by the Rector and Mrs. Escreet, who had invited the ringers, together with the honorary members, to supper. After doing justice to the spread, the Rector said that on this memorable occasion "The Health of the Queen" must be drunk, which was loyally done. The next toast was "The Army and the Reserve Forces," to which Mr. W. J. Aldridge responded, and remarked that at the meeting of the Kent County Association held the preceding day (which he and others from Woolwich attended, including the Rector, who is on the Central Committee), it was said that there was a growing tendency amongst ringers to bind themselves in cliques to ring certain methods to the exclusion of others who might wish to learn. This he regretted, but thought possibly there was some truth in the statement.

Mr. H. G. Hill then proposed "The Church and its Officers," when Mr. Churchwarden Rahtz responded, and said it gave him much pleasure to be among them, and promised to aid the ringers in their work as far as he was able.

The next toast was the Ringing Community at large, to which Mr. E. O. Masters replied, and said he was proud of the Woolwich band. They had lived in harmony during the past twelve months, and had no dissensions. He was grateful to them for their patience to him in trying to get him to handle his rope proficiently. Whether he should succeed remained to be seen. Referring to the meeting at Tonbridge, Secretaries were reminded there that they must look after the contributions, but he was pleased to say there was no difficulty in getting the Woolwich band to pay up. The balance-sheet for the year ending Whit-Sunday now to be submitted showed a most healthy state. Beside the ten members of the band they had twelve honorary members who were not at all exactly probationers, for some could ring.

Mr. Bex, Secretary of the Lewisham District, and who was present at the Rector's invite, had said Woolwich men were the first to pay the Kent County Association contribution, and numbered the strongest band in his district, having fifteen members. Besides meeting this and other incidental expenses, there remained a substantial balance which would be devoted to the annual outing. Mr. Masters said he attributed this flourishing state to the set of rules which he believed were second to none in any other tower. In support of this he had had several applications from ringers in various places for a copy.

The following were then re-elected for the ensuing year. Mr. H. G. Hill, steeplekeeper, Mr. W. J. Aldridge, master, Mr. H. G. Carter, assistant master, and Mr. E. O. Masters, hon. sec. Mr. J. E. Beaven was appointed auditor. The annual ex-

cursion was fixed for Saturday, the 30th June, and the place chosen was Eastbourne. This concluded the business, and ringing was then resumed.

During the time the following touches were noted, A 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Harman, 1; W. J. Aldridge, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. G. Hill (conductor), 4; A. Phillips, 5; R. G. Carter, 6; J. E. Beaven, 7; A. K. Sandiford, 8. And 518 of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Harman, 1; J. E. Beaven, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. G. Hill, 4; A. Phillips, 5; R. G. Carter (conductor), 6; W. J. Aldridge, 7; A. R. Sandiford, 8. Also 518 of Grandsire Triples. A. R. Sandiford, 1; J. E. Beaven, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; P. G. Bex, 4; H. G. Hill, 5; R. G. Carter, 6; W. J. Aldridge (conductor), 7; J. Hoare, 8. And 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. Phillips, 1; J. E. Beaven, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. G. Hill, 4; J. E. Sykes, 5; A. R. Sandiford, 6; W. Aldridge (conductor), 7; E. O. Masters, 8.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Escreet, for their hospitality, and two honorary members were added to the roll, namely, Rev. F. Meyrick, and Mr. F. G. Bex, which now numbers twenty-five, including the regular band.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Devon Guild was held in Stoke Schoolroom, Devonport, on Whit-Monday. Bands of ringers journeyed down in the morning from different parts of the county, and the towers of St. Andrew's, Charles, St. George's, and Stoke having been placed at the disposal of the members of the Guild, the bells were soon pouring forth their melodious notes. At the tea, followed by the meeting at 4.30 p.m., there were present the Rev. Maitland Kelly (President), Messrs. W. Banister and J. E. Bone (vice-Presidents), the Rev. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary), the Revs. S. W. E. Bird, S. G. Ponsonby, and J. M. Clarkson. The following bands, among others, were represented: The Three Towns, St. Edmunds (Exeter), Heavitree, Ottery, Harpford, Withycombe, Ilfracombe, and Sowton. The report of the Committee tended to show that the strength of the Guild was well maintained, three new bands having joined during the year (Woodbury, St. Thomas, and Totnes), while other bands in the diocese were desirous of becoming affiliated to the Guild, but the expense of instruction and the difficulty of procuring an instructor within reasonable distance was the chief hindrance to the extension of change-ringing. Several attempts to score peals had been made, but they had not proved successful. A generous gift of a set of twelve hand-bells had been made by the St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Society of Ringers for the use of the members of the Devon Guild. The Guild deplored the loss of several of its oldest members, notably the late Sub-Dean Acland, Mr. S. Mardon, and Mr. J. Baxter. The President, commenting on the report, expressed his opinion that the progress of the Guild was very satisfactory. The fact that no peals had been scored must not be taken as a test of the work, but the addition of three new bands testified more forcibly to the progress of the Guild than the ringing of peals. The more experienced members were getting old and less inclined for the severe ordeal, and he suggested that younger ringers must learn to conduct a peal. The report was adopted. The accounts showed a balance carried forward of £24 11s. 5d. Mr. J. E. Bone proposed the re-election of the Rev. M. Kelly as President, and testified to the great help and advice which Mr. Kelly had given him when he and his family proposed to place the peal of bells in St. George's, Stonehouse. The Rev. F. Molineux was re-elected Hon. Secretary. The other officers and members of the Committee were re-elected. A proposition to allow lady associates to qualify for the certificate of the Guild when they can ring a touch of 120 changes on hand-bells was received with general approval, as tending to encourage ladies to learn change-ringing, and thus render assistance in the instruction of young ringers. A service in Stoke Church, with an address by the Rector, concluded the day's arrangements.

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The Sussex County Association.—East-ern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wadhurst (six bells) to-day, Saturday, June 16. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at The Queen's Head at 5.30.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 6.30. Unveiling of peal tablet.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Mytton church, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.

WM. BRACEWELL, *Sec.*

10, Oak Street, Accrington.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, to-day, Saturday, June 16th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, June 23rd, not the 16th, as previously announced. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 30th. Full particulars later.

Hy. W. TOMKINS,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Williton, Somerset.

Notice.—Meeting at Lavenham on Thursday, June 21st. Ringing commences at 7 a.m. Bells placed at the disposal of any brother-ringer during the day.

A. SYMONDS.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, June 23rd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Moreton, Kingsley.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. The bells of the Cathedral (ten), St. Mary's (eight), and St. Michael's (six), will be available during the afternoon and evening for touches only. Subscriptions to be paid in the Cathedral beltry between 2 and 4 p.m. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 p.m. and an address by the Rev. Prebendary Southwell, a member of the society. Tea at the Coffee House at 5.30, to be followed by the general meeting. Tickets for tea will be sixpence each to those only who have paid their subscriptions, and who send in their names before the 19th inst. To others it will be one shilling.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Dronfield, on Saturday, June 23rd. This being the Feast, I hope there will be a good turn up. Meeting at The Green Dragon at five o'clock.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hughenden on Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing will begin at four o'clock.

H. C. BELL, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers invited.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 30th. Meeting-house—The Greyhound inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.15. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are cordially invited.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 30th. Further particulars next week.

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That we've fought bravely through.

Bravely through many perils,

Our armies have been led;

Till they reached the goal, Pretoria,

With Roberts at their head.

Then ring ye bells still louder,

And tell to all around;

That in spite of every danger,

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A DIRGE.

Lay him beneath the grassy mound

Below the church tower grey and old,

Among the gravestones calm and cold,

Where steals the cadence of the bells' sweet sound.

Last week he was our chief; we all

To him gave honour as his due;

Next week we chose a captain new;

Another then the bobs shall call.

So shall it be to you and me,

Who think none else our place can take;

The next of our mistakes shall make

His mark; and scorn our memory.

SEDBERGH, YORKS.

OUTING.—On Saturday, June 9th, the ringers of the above place had their annual outing. During the last few months the company has been reduced by three, two leaving the town and one going to fight Boers, and so only six were available. The place chosen was Kirkby Stephen. At 8.20 a.m. four set off to drive. Mr. Woodhouse followed later on a bicycle. Unfortunately, owing to rain,

Mr. Pile was unable to join them, and thus the members were reduced to five. After dinner at The Croglin Castle hotel, a move was made to the church. It is an old church with several interesting monuments. They were met by Mr. Parkinson, the parish clerk, who gave them a cordial welcome. Six-scores were then rung in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, New Doubles and College Single. J. W. Harrison, 1; E. Pennington, 2; W. Pennington, 3; J. Senogles, 4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5. They then walked back to the hotel for tea, and left Kirkby Stephen at 7 p.m., arriving home at 10 p.m.

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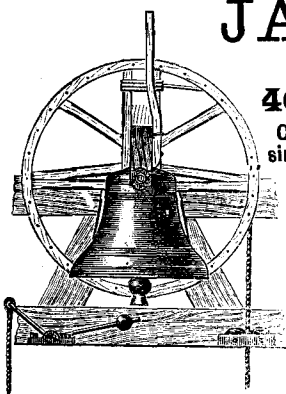
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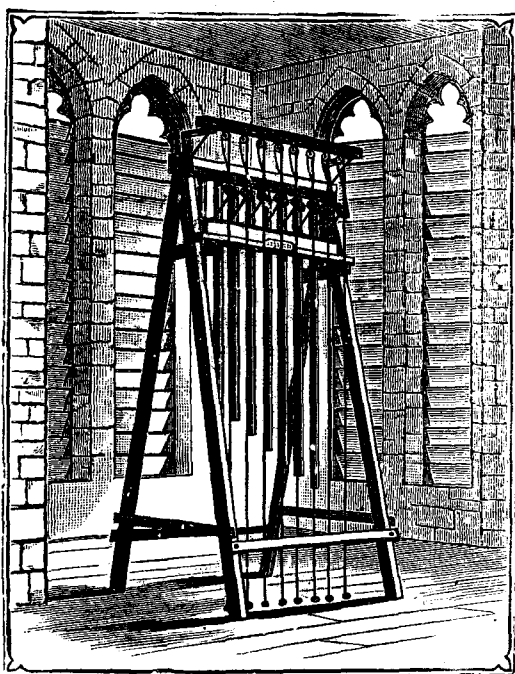
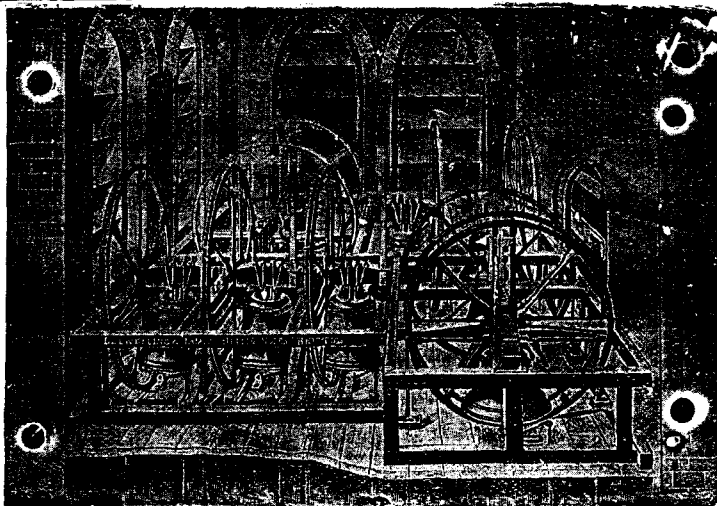
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

The spring meeting of this district of the above-named Association was held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 12th, and was attended by twenty-five members. These were welcomed on their arrival by Miss Macalpine Leny, and conducted by her through the gardens and grounds of the Rectory. The belfry was next visited, and touches in various methods rung.

At six o'clock the members adjourned to partake of an excellent tea, kindly provided by Miss Leny. The Rector presided, and entertained the company during tea with an interesting account of his recent visit to Gibraltar; and also exhibited an interesting relic of the siege of Ladysmith in the shape of the cartridge-case of the first 12-pounder shell that was fired by the naval brigade on their arrival at Ladysmith. This had been specially brought home and presented to him by the officers of H.M.S. *Powerful*.

At the conclusion of tea, Miss Leny thoughtfully suggested that as the room was rather crowded it would be much more comfortable to adjourn to the Rectory lawn for the business meeting. This was done, and the usual business was transacted.

The District Secretary, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed that votes of thanks should be returned to the Rector for the use of the bells and the rectory grounds, and to Miss Leny for the kind manner in which the members had been entertained, and also to express their regret at the serious illness of Mrs. Mackinnon, with their hopes for her speedy recovery.

Miss Leny, in replying, said that she was very pleased to meet them, and hoped that they would all be spared to pay another visit next year. She was sure Mrs. Mackinnon would be very glad that they had enjoyed themselves, and would feel gratified at their vote of condolence with her in her illness.

The belfry was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock. This ended the most pleasant and best attended meeting (except annual meetings) that the district has ever held.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

The Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held at Hagworthingham on Whit-Monday, ringers attending from Boston, Skirbeck, Freiston, Friskney, and Spilsby, the Boston contingent driving by way of Revesby, and returning by way of West Keal and Stickney. The bells were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor, and several touches in both methods were rung by mixed bands until 2 p.m., when the members adjourned to The George and Dragon inn, where dinner was provided, the chair being taken by the worthy President, the Rev. J. P. Cheales, Vicar of Friskney, Mr. A. Barber, of Freiston, occupying the vice-chair. The business meeting,

which was of a routine character, was held immediately, after which an adjournment was made to the church for more ringing, followed by evensong, after which the ringers began to disperse, having enjoyed the day's outing in this, one of the most picturesque districts of Lincolnshire.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A muster of forty-five members turned up at the Whit-Monday meeting. The weather was good, and ringing was kept up throughout the day at Shotley Bridge, Consett, and Blackhill churches. The dinner was held at The Cross Swords hotel, Shotley Bridge, at one o'clock, Mr. R. Story (president) in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin (Vicar), Messrs. E. E. Ferry, W. Story, the Hon. Secretary, etc. The loyal toast was received with musical honours. The president next proposed the toast of "Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses," coupled with the name of the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin. The latter, in replying, was glad to see so many present who took an interest in this branch of Church work. A course on handbells and election of members followed. The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Consett parish church and of Benfieldside church for the use of their bells during the day. This was carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Wednesday, the 20th June, was a red-letter day in the annals of the old borough of Newcastle-on-Tyne, now the city of the diocese of the same name. The Prince of Wales and the Princess, accompanied by Princess Victoria, visited the city, the Prince laying the foundation-stone of the new infirmary, to the cost of which every class on Tyneside and throughout Northumberland and the greater part of Durham had subscribed, headed by the princely gift of £100,000 from the late John Hall, a Quayside merchant (given during his lifetime). Never has such an expression of welcome and loyalty been exceeded as issued from the people of this district, and the town was in gala costume throughout. The immense crowds which assembled were in the best of humours, and no accident, nor objectionable feature of any kind, occurred to mar the happiness of the day. Naturally the ringers contributed to the general festivities, and at the Cathedral several touches of Stedman Caters, as well as Grandsire, were rung in excellent style. In addition to the regular band many ringers from other towers turned up, and there was no lack of willing performers. Among those who took part were J. Simm, R. Richards, R. S. Story, E. E. Ferry, S. Power, H. Dall, A. Hillier, R. Simm, R. Simm, jun., F. J. Harrison, W. Holmes, J. Foreman, G. R. Holmes, J. W. Robinson, J. Cliff, etc.

On the preceding evening a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of the event at St. Stephen's, particulars of which appear in the proper column.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association took place at Standish on Whit-Saturday, June 9th. Representatives were present from Blackrod, Chorley, Leyland parish, Leyland (St. James), Penwortham, Standish, and Stand. After ringing had been done during the afternoon, thirty-one sat down to a bountiful tea at The Black Horse hotel. Full justice having been done to the repast, the President (Mr. J. Banister) expressed the great pleasure it gave both himself and the Standish ringers to welcome the Association to their tower. The Secretary next read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. The chairman then called on one of the auditors (Mr. D. Sanderson), to read over the accounts of the past year, which was satisfactorily done and confirmed. Next came the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of all of them. A few new members were then admitted into the Association. Votes of thanks to all the officers for their past services, and to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and some touches of Plain Bob, College Single, and London Single Bob were rung.

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE.

On Wednesday, June 13th, the Rev. Alfred Allen, Vicar of the above church, invited the ringers of the parish church together with the adult choir members and sidesmen of the parish church, St. Andrew's and Whitley Road Mission Hall, to accompany him to London. The party, to the number of thirty-seven, assembled at the railway station at 8.30 a.m., and were soon speeding along northward. After a somewhat slower journey than usual, but which passed pleasantly enough with discussions on "How we could end the war," "on Ranji's cricket," and with an anecdote or two, Victoria station was safely reached. Here everybody was told to do as they liked, but to be back again at 12.50 for dinner. In all directions the party dispersed, although the crowd in the streets did not seem appreciably increased by the invasion from the country. Dinner-time however found the party together again, and a splendid spread was provided by the Vicar's kindness at the Continental Cafe. But the menu! Oh dear! how nearly some of them did break their jaws. It was dreadful to think what would have been the result if the ringers' captain had pronounced some of the items, his conducting days would have been ended. Courses! how they came up, all in perfect order, no blunders, and no change-courses, and even the thin members of the band were brought "round" by the abundance of food that disappeared.

At the conclusion of the meal a most cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness. Mr. G. Howse on behalf of the ringers also added his acknowledgments, as did the sidesmen of the various churches.

In reply the Vicar thanked all those who had spoken for the cordial way in which they had referred to him, and said that next year he hoped to see a larger party, as that would show that the work they were engaged in was progressing. In former excursions the members of the belfry and the choir specially connected with the parish church had been the only ones invited, but in future he (the Vicar) did not mean to differentiate between the parish church and the daughter churches of Whitley Road and St. Andrew's. Each was doing its part to spread Christ's kingdom, and all should work together, remembering St.

Paul's words—"If one member suffer, all the members suffer with it."

A move was then made to the underground railway to visit Earl's Court exhibition. Here, with the music provided entirely by the ladies, with the water chute and the great wheel, a pleasant time was spent, and when train time came, one and all returned to Eastbourne after having spent a most enjoyable day, with deep feelings of gratitude to the Vicar for the pleasure he had given to his lay-helpers. P.

THE OLDHAM SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.

The ringers in connection with the above society had their annual trip on Whit-Friday night to Dublin, which place was safely reached on Saturday morning about 8 o'clock. After partaking of breakfast they had a drive around the principal places in and about the city, including Phoenix Park. After dinner they wended their way to St. Patrick's Cathedral, when they were kindly met by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, the conductor, to whom their thanks are due for getting them the required permission to ring for the 4 o'clock service. They afterwards rang a short touch on the bells of Christ Church, and after a walk around the principal streets in the city they had tea and then made preparations for going home, where they arrived safely on Sunday morning after having a fine day and a capital trip. They take this opportunity to thank their friend Mr. Lindoff on their behalf, and also for the few friends from Rochdale who accompanied them, and for his courtesy in shewing them through the tower, and also through the streets in the city.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

A very successful excursion was arranged by the members of the above society on Saturday, June 9th. The London and North Western station at St. Albans was the meeting place, and a good muster presented themselves at 3 o'clock. We took the train to Bricket Wood, from there we walked through the beautiful park of Munden, to the village of Aldenham, we were there met by Mr. D. H. L. Buckingham of Bushey, and the members of the local company. By the courtesy of the Vicar the fine ring of eight at St. John the Baptist were placed at our disposal, some excellent touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples having been rung, we adjourned to The Chequers, where an excellent meal was provided by host Jones. After tea the handbells were brought out to the village green, an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major was rung by Messrs. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; T. Walter, 7-8. The remainder of the evening was spent in the belfry, where good ringing was the order. We started for St. Albans at 9 o'clock arriving there about 11, one and all agreeing that we had spent a pleasant afternoon, and hoping that this was the fore runner to many such pleasant Saturday afternoon's excursions during the summer. Hearty thanks are due to the Vicar for use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Hewett for having them ready for our use. H.L.W.

Mr. JOHN CARTER.—We hear there is no great improvement perceptible in the health of Mr. Carter. He manages to get up for an hour or two each day, but little or no advance towards convalescence is seen; in fact though the surgical operation he submitted to was successful, he makes no headway. Yet amid all this he manages to read his "BELL NEWS" regularly, and not only to write a letter, but also to compose peals for publication.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

We hear that these bells are now in position, and will be available for ringing after the opening ceremony. Messrs. Taylor have erected a frame for twelve bells, but only eight is at present therein. When the ring of twelve is complete it will be the only one of that number in the county. Perhaps we may be allowed a small share in the credit of this work, for we strenuously advocated that provision should be made for twelve bells in the tower of this historical edifice.

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."

CAMPANOLOGY V. CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Daniell's question in your last issue, I said that Campanalogy was etymologically right, because the word *campana* belongs to the class of words whose stems end in *a*, just as bio-logy is etymologically correct, because its first half (Greek *bios*) belongs to a class of words whose stems end in *o*. My point was that usage, resting upon the analogy of the majority of such forms, over-rides etymology, and treats all such compounds as if their correct form was ology; whence the phrase "all the ologies." Thus "horology" (from *hora*), "ecclesiology" (from *ecclesia*), "morphology" (from Greek *morphe*), though wrong in theory, are right in practice; while campanalogy, though theoretically correct, is practically wrong because it violates usage, which in the long run determines the accepted standards of language. To insist on campanalogy, ecclesiology, horology, etc., is not so much wrong, as pedantic and unpractical.

As to the meaning of the word, I agree that it is out of place "for ringing performers or performances." But as meaning the science of bells in general, I do not see why it should not include both scientific bell-founding and scientific bell-ringing, as well as the history of bells or bell-lore; the science, that is, of Messrs. Taylor or Mears, of Fabian Stedman and other composers, and of Mr. Haweis or Dr. Raven. T. L. PAPILLON.
Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE DRAFT OF THE LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—In last week's issue it is stated that the draft of the above had got stuck somewhere, and might be still in my hands through my illness. I beg leave to say that I sent it on to Mr. A. Craven more than five weeks ago, the third day after receiving it from Mr. Trollope. JOHN CARTER.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddlestons Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On June 4th, 720 College Single. E. Watkins, 1; F. Smith, 2; A. Hadley, 3; A. Hill, 4; C. Watkins, 5; W. Page, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. A. Hadley, 1; F. Smith, 2; A. Hill, 3; E. Watkins, 4; C. Watkins, 5; W. Page, 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PEAL VALUES.

Mr. Attree said the question referred to the Committee last year was the points to be allowed for Double Norwich Maximus and Double Norwich Royal. No doubt those who had practised these knew more about the value of points that should be allowed than those who had not practised them. It was suggested that 32 points should be allowed for Double Norwich Maximus, and 28 for Double Norwich Royal. These it was thought would be but right. There had however appeared another method, viz., "Bristol Surprise." In this no peal had as yet been rung, although one or two bands had practised the method, and attempts had been made to bring off a peal, but without success at present. He considered the method more difficult to ring than London Surprise.

The Hon. Secretary having stated that Bristol Surprise had not come under his notice, said in the appendix to the Glossary he had ventured to suggest that "London" should no longer be reckoned as a "Surprise" method, but be known as "London Marvel." The reason of taking "London" out of the Surprise category was that the best test to decide what was a Surprise method was that a working bell should not exactly repeat its work in passing from the front to behind or *vice versa*, in any subsequent lead of the same course. "London" failed under this test, and he had therefore suggested that it should be known by a name which would still preserve its distinction as a difficult method, and he was glad to hear of another method which might possibly be classed with it as a member of the same family.

Mr. Attree moved that 32 points be allowed for Double Norwich Maximus, and twenty-eight for Royal, and added in reply to a question that the same number of points would be allowed for "Bristol" as for "London," viz., 50.

Mr. Trollope, in seconding, expressed his satisfaction at the result which had been arrived at. His object in bringing the matter forward was because he considered the Ipswich band suffered from an injustice. He considered he was justified in bringing the subject forward, and hoped the meeting would approve of the resolution.

The resolution having been approved,

Mr. Williams asked what distinguished "London" from other methods? Was it to be removed from the Surprise world for a theoretical or practical reason? There were methods easy in theory, but very tricky when one came to ring them.

The Hon. Secretary said it was impossible to allow practical considerations to have any influence in deciding the question, which was one of construction and form, and had nothing to do with difficulty and skill in ringing. He had heard it stated that when a ringer got thoroughly accustomed to "London" it was as easy to ring as any other method. He had not the slightest intention to depreciate "London" by removing it from the Surprise methods, but on the contrary he desired rather to exalt it to a higher grade than Surprise by giving it the name of "Marvel," and hoped that at some time other methods might appear of which "Bristol" seemed to promise to be one to constitute with "London" a family of eccentrics. In reply to a further question as to what distinguished "London" from other methods, he replied that "London" was distinguished for its eccentricities and irregularity (laughter).

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President thought it would be well to consider the place of meeting for next year. It would be remembered that the Midlands was visited first, after which came visits to north and south and then to west and east. He thought they should again go to work on the same lines; if so, the Standing Committee recommended Derby should be the place selected for next year's meeting, which might possibly be followed by a visit to Worcester, although at present this would not be decided upon. If the same lines were followed by the next Council, possibly York might be selected as the northern town with some town in the south to follow.

On the proposition of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by

Mr. J. W. Taylor, it was agreed to hold the next Council meeting at Derby.

The President said everything that could be done to ensure a successful meeting at Derby would be done.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore remarked that although it might be looking far ahead, he hoped at some time a visit might be paid to Canterbury if the Standing Committee would bear it in mind.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said it was thought that the business of the Council would be facilitated if it had some official correspondent in each Association. It was considered that there should be some one official of each Association who could so far as desired be in constant touch with the Council. This it was thought would often enable the Council to obtain an answer in much less time than was at present sometimes the case. He was aware that there were in some Associations members willing to help the Council in every way they could. What was wanted was such men in every Association. He would move that the Council proceed to the appointment of official correspondents for each Association.

Mr. Williams seconded.

Mr. Snowden said there were some Secretaries of Associations who had an enormous amount of work to get through, and it might so happen that just as he was engaged in the business of his Association that some matter in connection with the Council would come before him, he was bound to put something on one side, and that might be the business of the Council. He thought that if the right man could be secured for such appointments it would be a relief to the local secretary, and the result a good one. He considered it desirable that if the Hon. Secretary knew of a good man in an Association he should be selected for the purpose, if not the Standing Committee should appoint.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett considered that each Association should be invited to make their own appointment, otherwise there might be some grievance by the Association's Secretary.

The President considered that the Council should select their own representative to act for them in each Association. If necessary, the person so appointed could put himself in communication with the Secretary of his Association.

Mr. Story did not think that the Secretaries of Associations would be aggrieved if the work of the Council was taken from them.

The Rev. M. Kelly was of opinion that confusion would often result if anyone but the Secretary of an Association was selected. They had heard complaints as to the getting in of the returns, but he thought the best man to do the work of the Council in each Association—let it be what it might—returns or otherwise—was the Secretary of the Association.

The Rev. H. Law James thought the Hon. Secretary of the Council should be empowered in case of failing to obtain what he wanted from an Association Secretary, to fall back upon some representative of the Association upon the Council to look up the Association Secretary and obtain the necessary information.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought there must be some misunderstanding. It did not appear to him to be any intention for any one to be appointed to interfere with the work of the Secretary of any Association. To leave it to the Association to select some one to do the work would not have so good a result as might be expected if the Hon. Secretary of the Council nominated some one to act for him.

Mr. Reeves pointed out that there were some cases in which the Secretary of an Association was not the representative upon the Council. He thought it desirable that there should be some one in each Association that the Hon. Secretary could apply to if he failed to obtain the information he desired from the Association Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary said when the Council was formed it was agreed that "THE BELL NEWS" should be the medium of communication. It was not intended that he should have to occupy his time in continual letter-writing. Sometimes when he had written he did not get much by it. In taking a general view of the whole question, he did not see that to adopt the resolution would be much advantage to him in his work unless

they got gentlemen who would reply when a letter was sent them. It might not be known to all that there are some Secretaries of Associations and also officials who seldom or never see "THE BELL NEWS," and who do not take much interest in the work of the Council. It was the laxity of officials that caused the trouble when there was any. The question was how to get prompt answers.

Mr. Daniell said that generally speaking the Secretary of an Association was some one of ability. If the Hon. Secretary of the Council found however that the Secretary of an Association was slack in replying to a communication, he should communicate with some representative of the Association upon the Council. If the Council appointed some one for that purpose, they might by chance appoint some one just as slack as the Secretary.

The President thought that after the line that the discussion had taken, it would be wise for the resolution to be withdrawn. At the same time it might be as well for them to understand that if the Hon. Secretary of the Council failed at any time to get a reply from the Secretary of an Association, that he should be at liberty to ask the assistance of one of that Association's representatives upon the Council.

The suggestion of the President to withdraw the resolution was adopted.

(To be continued.)

CORRECTION.—Among the names of Council members given last week, one of the representatives of the Chester Guild should have been "W. Gordon," not "W. Godden."

RINGERS AS CHURCH-WORKERS; THEIR DUTY TO THE CHURCH.

A Paper read at the Twenty-first Anniversary of the Essex Association held at Chelmsford, Whit-Monday, June 4th.

Many people have an erroneous idea that the ringing of Church bells does not require any intellectual ability, while others regard ringing to be a hobby only for the stalwart section of the community who choose to display their physical powers. Such fallacies prevail, because to many people change-ringing is shrouded in mystery, but like some other things which appear to verge at first sight on the impossible, when judged from hearsay, or viewed from the distance, on investigation turns out to be intensely interesting. If the uninitiated who fondly cherish such imagination were to attend a few ringing practices, their pet theories would vanish for ever. Other imaginary ideas exist because of the deplorable condition that many belfries drifted into, and the class of occupants that were permitted to practise in them previous to the revival of Church life. With this revival has come the formation of Diocesan and County Associations like our own, through which the precious metal which hangs in our towers has received attention, belfries have become recognised as part of the House of God, and the ringer is at last in some parishes gradually becoming recognised as a Church Worker.

In these days of increasing demands upon the time of the parish clergyman, it is necessary if he wants to build up and keep in regular motion like the hands of the clock, a centre of Church life, that he should have the co-operation of a body of genuine Church Workers, each section of which should have its particular vocation, but all working for the Church of which they are, or should be, members. Church Workers should comprise not only churchwardens, sidesmen, choir-men, and choir-boys, superintendents of Guilds and Sunday Schools with teachers, district visitors and such like, but where there is a ring of bells there should be a Guild of ringers with its warden, not an ornamental warden, but one who will work with the ringers even if he is not a ringer, one who will pay frequent visits to the belfry. I use the word Guild because it has a ring of Churchmanship about it, more so than either the word band or company, and makes those who are members to be more closely attached to the Church. With the exception of the ringers it is rare to find any of the sections of Church Workers I have just mentioned not recognised as such. I fully admit they are all duly entitled to be so recognised. The

ringer who desires the same recognition should do his duty in ringing the bells upon the Sabbath morning, and if he does his duty to his Church he is equally entitled to be recognised as a Church Worker.

In the celebration of our twenty-first anniversary it may be well for us who were present at its formation and have watched its work year by year, to look back. In round figures there are 160 towers in the county which have rings of five and upwards. One-third of these are connected with the Association, and a large number of those not connected have been visited by members. We are thankful for the restoration of many belfries, and can honestly claim that considerable advancement has been made in the science of change-ringing. These are however not the only objects the founder of the Association had in view when he brought it into existence. He had a still higher and nobler object, viz., that we as ringers should ever remember the first and most important use for which Church bells were intended to be put, and for which they exist, claiming at the same time that those who by the music of the bells call on the Sabbath morn the people to the House of God, should be encouraged to a real and efficient discharge of their duties by a due recognition of their services as Church Workers.

As Church Workers we rejoice at the great change which has taken place since the days when so many belfries were regarded as little better than the tap-room of a village beer shop. A large majority are now regarded as part of the Church, and ringers who are church-workers realise the fact that their conduct in the belfry should be such as is becoming in other parts of the church. I am afraid however that notwithstanding what has been accomplished there are still even in Essex towers where not only the bells but the ringers also are much neglected. If this is so, there is still for us, not only as members of this Association, but as Church Workers, work for us to do. Be this so or not, I am sure I shall find some support here to-day if I ask is there not in some parishes even where the ringer is acknowledged to be a Church Worker, too great a distinction made from a social point of view between the ringer and his fellow Church Worker.

The man who sings on Sunday in the choir makes use of the talent which his Master has given him, and so leads the praises of the congregation. The man who rings for the services of the Church makes use of the peculiar intellectual talent which his Master has given him, and thus calls the people together for worship. Both are equally Church Workers, and there should be no distinction in recognition as such. If asked for an explanation of the term "peculiar intellectual talent," I can only repeat what was said at the Reading Conference in 1882, viz., "that the man who daily follows the plough often makes not only a good ringer but a composer of peals, while the Latin and Greek scholar has been known to fail to grasp a knowledge of the science of change-ringing."

If we as an Association are going to extend its influence and bring in those ringers from towers in which still bells and ringers are neglected, if we as Church Workers are going to remove the distinction which exists in too many parishes between other Church Workers and ringers, let us all unite, the clergy on their part, and the ringers on their part, in promoting a bond of brotherhood between all Church Workers without distinction in the social scale or otherwise of one section above another, and let unity for the good of the Church of which we are sons, be our watchword.

Unity is an important factor in the advancement of the science of change-ringing, as those who practise peal-ringing well know. There must not be divided counsels, but all should and must if success is to be achieved, work together in unity. The steam engine or machine has to have all its parts properly fitted, every part must be united and work in harmony one with the other. Just so in peal-ringing, if one is thrown out of gear, so to speak, success is often rendered next to impossible.

As unity is an important factor in successful peal-ringing, so is the promotion of brotherhood an important factor, not only in securing ringers a proper recognition as Church Workers, but in removing that distinction between Church Workers as a body. Church Workers should be a united body. Jealousies and heartburnings should be unknown, for such are a course of weakness and discredit either among a section or a body of Church Workers. Success in all ringing depends not only upon

skilful eye and keen memory, but also upon good temper and patience of each individual member. The due and proper recognition of ringers as Church Workers depends upon their unity and co-operation with other sections combined with their proving true and loyal sons of the Church.

The clergyman who desires to promote a spirit of brotherhood among all Church Workers will do well to look after the ringers just the same as he looks after his choir. Ringers should not be left to themselves. The presence of the clergy in the belfry has just as much influence as it has amongst the choir. If unable to visit the belfry he should take care that it should be the duty of the assistant-priest to do so, or if single-handed he should impress upon his churchwardens or some one of tact and influence to pay frequent visits to the belfry. When the choir are taken to the sea-side there should be the same thoughtful consideration for the ringers; in fact what is done for one section of the Church Workers should be done for all, even down to the use of the broom upon the belfry floor, or the use of the duster round the hat rails and seats, if by chance there is such in the belfry.

Having pleaded for the bond of brotherhood let me remind my brother-ringers that such must not be left to the clergy, but that they as ringers have their part to do. If they have the privilege of proclaiming by the music of the bells that the House of God is open for prayer, they must do their duty to the Church of which they are sons, by joining in her services. I am no narrow-minded Sabbatarian who would deprive the working man of his pipe and stroll upon the Sunday; neither would I lay down a hard and fast line that you must attend every service for which you ring. It may be that the ringer is a married man with responsibilities at home, if so he must share some of those responsibilities with her who at the altar he made his own, and so permit her to also enjoy some of the privileges of worship.

In conclusion some of you may remember the joy it was to the founder of this Association to have a band ring for early service on Easter Sunday, all of whom attended and took part in that service. A few weeks ago I read that at the first service on Easter Sunday of this year at the Abbey Church, Barking, at 5 a.m., there were fifteen communicants, of these twelve were ringers. After the service the Vicar with one of the assistant-priests went into the belfry and there held a short service. From personal knowledge I am aware that the Vicar of Barking associates himself with his ringers outside the church, and joins them in their pleasures; thus there is a bond of brotherhood between the clergy and the ringers. Those who know the belfry at Barking know it to be a model of what a belfry should be, while the band is well-known for its great efficiency in the Art of change-ringing. Truly may it be said that it is a band of loyal sons of the Church who are duly recognised as Church Workers upon an equality with other sections.

Finally let me ask those who are here to-day, upon the occasion of our twenty-first anniversary, whether they go to the belfry to ring on Sundays, for practice during the week, or for peal-ringing, to remember that as an Association we are one body, as such we must work not for individual self gratification, but should set before us the objects of the Association, and strive honestly to carry them out. If we do this not only should we be worthy of recognition without distinction as Church Workers, but knowing our duty to the Church we should do it.

Members of the Essex Association can have a copy of the above by sending a penny stamp to Mr. B. Keeble, Romford. Twelve copies sent for ninepence.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 21st, at St. Stephen's Westminster, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins. W. H. Pasmore, 1; E. Ellis, 2; W. V. Newman, 3; J. Ellis, 4; F. Dench, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; C. T. P. Brice, 7; J. Oxborrow (conductor), 8. ~~Newman and Houghton~~ hail from Irthlingborough, Northants.

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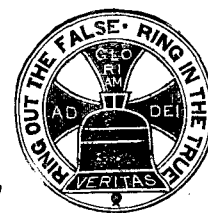
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1900.

THE references at the recent meeting of the Central Council to the Glossary which is to be published under its auspices should not be lost sight of, but well pondered by every change-ringer or bell-antiquary. It will be easily understood that we have seen the ms. of the work, and have no hesitation in saying that in its compilation a vast amount of care, erudition, and research is shown. The Exercise owe a debt to those gentlemen who are responsible for this encyclopædic work. According to report it is to consist of about 100 pages; we shall expect it to be of greater dimensions. The price of publication of many works of reference showing nothing like so much labour as this Glossary does, have been twenty or thirty times the amount. This should be dwelt upon with gratitude by the Exercise—we mean gratitude to those

who have labored in the cause. In the observations made by the Hon. Secretary when introducing the subject to the Council, and also in the remarks of the President, we fully concur. SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD's pointed observation was exceedingly well-timed, and we hope it will make those think upon it who have never thought of anything before, and those who have sometimes thought, think the more.

THE newspapers tell us that the arrangements of the General Post Office in London are temporarily out of joint. This appeared to be of comparatively small concern to us until late on Thursday evening; letters which ought to have come to hand not later than Wednesday morning arriving more than twenty-four hours late. However strange it may appear to those who have an opinion that the Post Office is infallible, it is nevertheless true that this postal derangement has prevented our paper from appearing this week at the usual hour. What would have been said if half-a-dozen peal records had been a week late. We don't expect that a similar thing will again happen; in fact the new controller, or director, or whatever he is called, has promised that on Monday next postal concerns will attain their usual condition. We may here mention that we are about to publish some very appropriate illustrations with a larger number, and also to offer some handbell prizes. Full particulars will be duly announced.

Attention has been drawn ere this to the manner in which that excellent Church paper—*The Guardian*—refers to church bells and ringing. This week's number has a *resume* of the Central Council's proceedings, concluding with a reference to the great number of ringers in existence, and pointing out, as has been done in this journal on more than one occasion, that the Church should find in such body a valuable support. In the same number the Rev. T. L. PAPILLON has an interesting paper on "Church Bells and their Uses," which will doubtless be followed by others from the same writer. Whatever proceeds from Mr. PAPILLON's pen is sure to be practical, and at the same time very agreeable and interesting to his brother-ringers.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. Treble.	*WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 2.	†ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM 8.
JOHN JAMES LAMB* 4.	WILLIAM BERRY 9.
HARRY HOSKINS 5.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

Rung on the occasion of the visit to Greenwich of the Lord Bishop of London, to lay the foundation stone of St. Andrew's church, Greenwich Marshes. *First peal of Royal. †First peal of Royal as conductor.

The Provinces.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, June 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

F. WADE Treble.	C. R. LILLEY 6.
G. PHILLOTT 2.	W. DYER 7.
R. A. JUDD 3.	A. W. HUMPHRIS 8.
J. AUSTIN 4.	W. T. PEGLER 9.
W. T. PATES 5.	J. BALLINGER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

Rung to celebrate the surrender of Pretoria.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER PRIOR Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	GEORGE DENT 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WALTER HOBBS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method on the bells.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE W. DRONFIELD .. Treble.	THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. 5.
JOHN PARKIN 2.	C. D. POTTER 6.
CLIFFE DRONFIELD 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS 7.
GEORGE PARKIN 4.	JOHN DRONFIELD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN DRONFIELD.

C. D. Potter, for whom this peal was arranged, belongs to St. Mary's, Barnsley; it is also his first peal of Plain Bob; all the rest belong to the local company.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The ringers desire to thank Mr. J. Garard, the steeplekeeper, for having everything ready.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 6.
WILLIAM BARKER 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Garratt.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	JOHN HUTCHBY 4.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 2.	ISRAEL LOVETT 5.
JOSIAH MORRIS 3.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

First peal on the bells. Wesley hails from Luton; Lovett from Sileby, Morris from Leicester; Inglesant from Quorn; Hutchby and Grundy from Loughborough.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM CORDING* .. Treble.	HENRY PEARCE 5.
HENRY J. POOLE 2.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. 6.
ALEXANDER EVANS 3.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4.	EDMUND HARRIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

*First peal.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
REV. H. C. BELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Conducted by THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 300th peal of Stedman Triples.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

HY. T. MOSTON Treble.	SAML. HORSFALL 5.
GEO. D. WARBURTON .. 2.	JOSEPH HUGHES 6.
GEO. R. NEWTON 3.	ROBT. GEO. LEWIS 7.
SAML. FERNLEY 4.	FREDK. THOS. SPENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Warburton and Fernley, who hail from Hazel Grove.

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

HARRY LAST Treble.	*EDWARD MILLS 4.
WILLIAM BACON 2.	*EDGAR ROWE 5.
ARTHUR FRIEND* 3.	†WILLIAM NICHOLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM NICHOLS.

*First peal. First peal of Minor by all by except H. Last. †First peal as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES CLIFF* Treble.	J. E. R. KEEN 5.
JOHN W. ROBINSON 2.	HUGH DALL 6.
GEO. R. HOLMES 3.	R. S. STORY 7.
S. O. FERRY† 4.	†E. E. FERRY Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Prince of Wales. *First peal. †First peal of Major. †First peal in the method as conductor. Great credit is due to J. Cliff, as he had never rung in Major before, and took the place of an absentee at a minute's notice, ringing excellently. He and the 3rd ringer hail from Blayden.

Handbell Peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. J. MOULE, 192, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD, ESSEX,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	EDGAE WIGHTMAN .. 7-8.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN, 9-10.

Composed by the late G. NEWSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Keeble. Messrs. J. Moule, W. H. Doran and J. Rann also heard the greater part of the peal. The above are also members of the Middlesex, Kent and Norwich Associations.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Farnham on Thursday, June 7th, in which the conductor's name was omitted, was conducted by Henry L. Garfath.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PANGBOURN (Berks).—On Sunday, May 20th, 720 College Single, 720 Oxford and 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Tidbury, 1; J. Bower, 2; F. Hopgood, 3; C. Giles, 4; W. Horne, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. And 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Tidbury, 1; J. Wedge, 2; J. Bower, 3; W. Horne, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins. W. Cross (first quarter-peal), 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Basden, 3; W. Clark, 4; J. Elderfield (conductor), 5; C. Clarke, 6; A. Crook, 7; W. Bovington, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Thursday, May 24th, at 6.30 a.m., at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Afterwards the bells were fired, followed by a course of Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. The above was rung to celebrate the 81st anniversary of the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to commemorate the relief of Mafeking. On Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; E. Grey (Stansted, Essex), 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; E. Grey, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 120 College Single, standing as before.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Tuesday, June 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins., to celebrate the occupation of Pretoria by the British troops. J. Mellor, 1; S. Booth, 2; J. Booth, 3; J. Leigh, 4; B. Thorpe, 5; S. Wood, 6; A. Adams, 7; W. Booth, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On May 16th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, 1;

W. Miller, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule (conductor), 5; W. Keeble, 6. On May 17th, 720 each of London and Wells Surprise. W. Doran, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. On May 19th, 720 each of Ely, Bristol, Lichfield, York and Durham. W. Doran, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mordell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Markby, 1; W. Reeves, 2; W. Doran, 3; T. H. Beams, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; G. Dawson, 6. Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking. On May 27th, 720 Lincoln Surprise. G. Hayden, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Keeble, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. On May 30th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, 1; W. Miller, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On April 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Keeble, 1; H. Torble, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Monle, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On April 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Withers, 1; T. H. Beams, 2; W. Howell (Sudbury), 3; W. Keeble, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; J. Moule, 6. On April 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Moule, 3; A. J. Neale (East Ham), 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. T. Lincoln, 1; A. Head, 2; J. H. Cheesman, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; E. Wightman, 6; E. Pye (conductor), 7; W. Lincoln, 8.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 6th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 840 Bob Triples. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; H. J. Collins, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; E. F. Slade, 6; F. Thompson (Kelsale), 7; W. Hammond, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, Shipway's quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 44 mins. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Pilcher, 5; E. F. Slade, 6; H. J. Collins, 7; W. Hammond, 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, June 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes. A. Tarbun, 1; W. Wellington, 2; *H. Head, 3; *W. Chalk, 4; A. Shuttleworth, 5; G. Piper, 6; A. Head, 7; W. Lincoln (conductor), 8. *Longest touch in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Monday, May 21st, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Holy Trinity church. F. Merrison, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Highfield, 3; T. Clark, 4; R. Chaffer, 5; W. T. Verity, 6; D. W. Brown, 7; G. T. Miller, 8; C. Jackson, 9; J. W. Dale, 10. Composed and conducted by C. Jackson.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

HECKINGTON.—Recently, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Warrington, 1; T. B. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; H. P. Nash, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Houlden, 8. Composed by J. Howes, of Kingston-on-Thames. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. On April 22nd, for Divine Service, 608 Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Hilton, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. First touch of Bob Major by W. Houlden. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major, the band as before, with the exception of F. Warrington, 1. On May 6th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering. F. Warrington, 1; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Clark, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Houlden, 8. First 720 in the method by J. Hilton. On May 13th, for service, 640 Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; F. Hilton, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; J. H. Clark, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWAINBY.—On Saturday, June 16th, by a party of ringers from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Thornaby and Stokesley, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; N. Kidd, 2; J. Carter, 3; F. P. Howcroft, 4; A. M. Macfarlane, 5; W. Newton, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; W. Newton, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; T. Beckwith, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6.

STOKESLEY.—On Saturday, June 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; W. T. Titchener, 3; J. Carter, 4; A. M. Macfarlane, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Tuesday, May 15th, in honour of the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Church Missionary Society, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., with 9-8-10 covering. F. Smith, 1; E. Andrews (first quarter-peal),

2; J. W. Elkins, 3; C. Russell, 4; E. G. Lampard, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; Wilfred Andrews (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. S. Lampard, 8; D. Froome, 9; W. H. Loveland, 10.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 27th, 1900, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 15 mins. A. Chuter, 1; G. Nichols, 2; W. H. Trimmell, 3; E. Watkins, 4; A. J. Boniface (conductor), 5; F. Gould, 6. This is the longest touch rung entirely by the local band.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 11th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater (conductor), 1; P. Garwood, 2; R. Gowers, 3; T. E. Slater, 4; A. J. Clarke, 5; G. Smith, 6. This is T. E. Slater's first 720, and it is somewhat remarkable that his grandfather, the late John Slater, for many years a ringer at Glemsford, rang his first 720 on these bells, and his father, S. Slater who conducted the above, also rang his first 720 on these bells. Thus three generations of the Slater family have accomplished their first 720 on the same bells, the one by John Slater being rung about 1838, S. Slater in 1865, and T. E. Slater, 1900. On Tuesday, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1; A. J. Clarke, 2; P. Garwood, 3; T. Garwood (first 720), 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 29th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Papworth, 1; P. Garwood, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Richardson (Poslingford), 4; J. Frost (first 720, Poslingford), 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. John Frost (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Smith, 2; S. Slater, 3; A. Richardson (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; R. Gowers, 5; A. J. conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Wilkins (conductor), 1; G. R. Pye, 2; W. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Garrard, 6; E. Wightman, 7; J. Hoare, 8. Also 504 in the same method. E. Wightman (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; J. Lowrey, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Garrard, 6; W. Pye, 7; J. Hoare, 8. On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Wilkins (conductor), 1; W. Axtell, 2; H. J. Sayer, 3; A. Groves, 4; G. Groves, 5; J. Garrard, 6; E. Wightman, 7; J. Hoare, 8. Also 336 with E. Wightman, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; the rest as before. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. *R. McWharter, 1; W. Axtell, 2; *H. J. Sayer, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; H. Gibbs, 5; J. Garrard, 6; C. Wilkins, 7; D. Burgess, 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by a local band.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service, 560 Double Norwich. J. Saxby, 1; G. Conyard, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; W. J. Smith, 6; T. Saxby, 7; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 8. On Tuesday evening, June 6th, on the occasion of the occupation of Pretoria, 720 Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. E. Audsley, 1; J. Saxby, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; E. Barnett, jun., 4; G. Conyard, 5; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, June 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Conyard, 1; T. Saxby, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; E. Audsley, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On April 18th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. B. Chorley, 1; G. Foster, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. Blondell, 4; J. Hunt, 5; S. Radford, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; G. Gunner, 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of W. G. Nicklin, Esq., hon. member of the Holy Trinity Society. On the 21st inst., on the night of the festivities for the relief of Mafeking, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Jelley, 1; A. Pulling, 2; G. Foster, 3; G. Gunner, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; R. Wood, 6; F. Blondell, 7; T. Maynard, 8. Longest touch by W. Jelley. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. Foster, 1; A. Pulling, 2; R. Wood, 3; G. Gunner, 4; B. Chorley, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; F. Blondell, 7; T. Maynard, 8. Longest touch in the method by the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service at the parish church, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; H. Withers (conductor), 2; W. Verry, 3; B. Starkey, 4; T. Verry, 5; R. Faux, 6; F. Workman, 7; T. Westwood, 8.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., composed by James George, of Rugby. A. Lee, 1; J. W. Parish, 2; S. Astbury, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; J. Hall (conductor), 5; J. Tilley, 6; R. Hall, 7; A. Knight, 8.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, May 27th, 593 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Bright, 2; W. Powell, 3; A. Hill, 4; A. Hadley, 5; G. Hinton, 6; W. H. Johnson, 7; G. Checketts, 8; W. Page, 9; T. Malim, 10.

VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR.

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	32715486	9302457186	vx4x302978561
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SIR,—To commemorate the completion of the 63rd year of the glorious and beneficent reign of our good and gracious Queen, I have composed the above method and propose to call it by the above name. It is a Surprise method according to the latest definition, and is the first method published in our paper on the lengthening lead-plan (combined with a clean proof scale) in which the changes are alternate, quadruple and triple throughout in Major, and similarly on the other numbers of bells.

There are six consecutive places in the Minor of this method, but in Major, Royal and Maximus there are only four each, and this I believe to be the least possible number of consecutive places in a Treble Bob method in which the above qualities are to be found. All Treble Bob compositions will of course be available for this method, and new compositions unattainable with Oxford and Kent

Treble Bob will now be possible. Further remarks concerning the method are unnecessary, but I am sure that the ringers of the British Empire will all join with me in wishing that our beloved Queen may yet be spared, "Long to reign over us, Happy and glorious; God save the Queen."

GEORGE BAKER.

90, Church Road, Hove.

CHURCH BELLS.

Du Cange says it is uncertain who introduced church bells, but that they were invented by the Italians, the large in Campania and the small in Nola. Others say that they came into use in the seventh century, and that Bede is our first author who mentions them. The Roman custom of consecrating them is not earlier than the tenth century. A brass bell was used by the Latins to convoke them to church. The ancients used bells for signals and gave them the names of men and women. On the Thursday in Passion Week the ropes were tied up. The priests anciently rung themselves, afterwards persons incapable of other offices, as the blind, &c., and in cathedrals the clockmen. Ringing of bells upon a person's coming into a town was anciently a sign of dominion and often stipulated by charter. To have alarm or town bells was a civic privilege, and all persons within the district were bound to come. They were anciently rung for victories and used to give alarm of robberies, of fire, and to summon artisans to work. The name Tom is presumed to be taken from the sound. Of muffling or buffeting bells there is no precedent in antiquity, and Brand thinks that it was introduced after the Restoration. Ringing the morning and evening bell was to excite the people to repeat the Angelus, according to the custom in Catholic countries. They were rung to drive away thunder and evil spirits, as well as to expedite childbirth when women were in labour. The custom of striking them with a hammer, not a clapper, began with this mode of summoning the monks to the refectory. Ancient bellropes had at the end silver or brass rings. The practice of ringing bells in changes is said to be peculiar to England, but the antiquity of it is not easily ascertained. Sir Matthew Hale is said to have belonged to a set of bellringers in his youth, and Anthony Wood learned to ring. Hentzner says that the English, when they had got a glass in their heels, ran to some belfry, and gentlemen have been known to have spent their fortunes in the pursuit. To this rage probably many parish churches owe their bells. Bells were often often rung backward on alarms, as of fire, etc., or as a general mark of sorrow.—From the *Illustrated Carpenter and Builder*.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Rev. W. P. Wright, Hon. Secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, writes us that the names of Guisbrough, Richmond, and Whitby towers were inadvertently omitted from the list of representatives attending the above Association annual meeting on Whit-Monday at Middlesbrough, and trusts this correction will be inserted.

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 LATE JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

It is an unfortunate fact that many estimable members of the Exercise "shuffle off this mortal coil" without one single elegiac being written upon them. The writer of these lines has more than once been astonished during the past twelve months to find that many well-known names in the ringing world had "slipped" out of being as it were, without the least vestige of an obituary notice. Why should this be? Materials may not be exactly at one's hand for the composition of a memoir, however brief, of these departed worthies, and none think it their duty or business unfortunately to make an endeavour to collect information necessary for the purpose. A prominent ringer of this age, like the late John Murray Hayes, has the prowess of his deeds in the belfry to speak from—and in his case they speak eloquently. But there have been many estimable men, who in their lifetime were greatly beloved by their fellows in the Exercise, who have gone over to the majority without one word of respect being paid to their memory, and in some cases not even has a "buffed" touch been rung for them. The attainments of such men in the belfry may not have been high, but their sociable qualifications were a pleasure to those with whom they came into contact, and they were universally respected and beloved. The subject of this notice was too prominent an exponent of the ringing Art for his memory to suffer by such neglect or unconcern.

The late John Murray Hayes was born on the 25th of February, 1841, in the village of Bocking, Essex. He was the second son of the late Mr. Joseph Hayes (whose portrait was published with this journal about three years ago). His ringing career of course commenced in his native village, in connection with one of those good old-fashioned six-bell companies who could ring all the methods known (and very likely many that were not known.) His progress was so slow, however, that he was on the point of giving up the idea of being a bellringer, but the influence of his elder brother Samuel, who at that time was a little further ahead in the science than himself, decided him to persevere and overcome all difficulties. His progress was in consequence soon of that character known as "leaps and bounds." In 1862 he migrated to the town of Gravesend, in Kent, where his brother had preceded him a year before. At this period ringing affairs at Gravesend looked well. A master-stonemason—Mr. W. C. Middleton—was at the head of the Gravesend ringers, and to his establishment the brothers Hayes—being also masons—at once bent their steps. Here they met with another mason in the person of the late Henry Booth, a ringer whose abilities were well-known both in London and the country. A lasting friendship ensued between the three, which was only broken by death.

In 1863 Henry Booth returned to London. His departure was a great loss to the Gravesend company, who were practising Double Norwich, and in Booth's absence the practice of this method was abandoned. Then came the inevitable result: the company had a lingering existence, finally a dissolution. In 1865 the subject of this memoir followed his friend Booth to London, where among the members of the College Youths and other bodies he soon made his mark.

A great career was now before Murray Hayes. Ringers of heavy and bad-going metal were at a premium. The celebrated Dwight had passed his zenith, or nearly so; at any rate he had retired from the "heavy-end." In "Murray"—as he came to be called—was found a youthful athlete of acknowledged ringing skill. We don't think it wrong or inaccurate to state that the two most prominent heavy-bell ringers at this period was the subject of these lines and our friend the late James Barrett, of the Cumberland Youths.

The late Mr. H. W. Haley (towards whom Murray Hayes always preserved an unshaken loyalty) was quick to perceive his abilities, and always secured his services whenever rough work was to be done. He rang the tenor in the 15,000 of Treble Eight at Bethnal Green (his friend Booth ringing the 4th) and the same company, standing in the same positions, soon after rang 8448 in the same method on the heavy and eccentric-going ring at Christ Church Spitalfields; the latter feat being supposed to eclipse the former. A list of peals, so far as they can be ascertained, will be found below, and they need not be particularised here. It may be said, though, that his first peal

was one of Grandsire Triples, rung at Gravesend, which for the mere sake of commemoration the record is given: Nelson Epps, 1; Joseph W. Atkins, 2; Samuel Hayes, 3; William Loft, 4; Henry Booth, 5; John Murray Hayes, 6; William C. Middleton (conductor), 7; Henry Allen, 8. This was Samuel Hayes's first peal also; and it may be remarked that on March 17th of the present year the brothers both rang together in a peal of Treble Ten at Stepney, which was poor Murray's last peal. The company who rang this peal were: James Scholes, 1; William Truss, 2; Thomas Faulkner, 3; Thomas H. Taffender, 4; Samuel Hayes, 5; Henry Springall (conductor), 6; John M. Hayes, 7; Emanuel Hall, 8; Henry Torble, 9; William T. Cockerill, 10.

By the death of Murray Hayes a deep incision is made in many time-honored reminiscences. When what may be called a "revival" of ringing took place at Christ Church, Spitalfields, about 1870, he was, next to his old friend Booth, a regular attendant at the meetings in that steeple. There a choice (the word is used advisedly) body of spirits, young and old, were constantly to be found. All sorts and conditions of ringers visited on practice-nights at "the fields" in those days, and if any of these gentlemen peruse this imperfect memoir, they will doubtless remember the happy circumstances which seemed to constantly envelope the company assembled. Henry Booth and Murray Hayes were the Siamese twins of these gatherings; Robert Jameson (old Bob) one of the band of the long peal of Stedman Cinques—here, and here only, would call a favorite touch of Grandsire Triples when opportunity occurred; and another veteran, George Tanner, would give *ciao* to the proceedings by his common-sense remarks. Johnny Mayhew, only a treble-man to be sure, was another; Samuel Reeves and William Greenleaf in their salad days loved to be with Harry Booth and Murray Hayes; and the aristocratic R. J. Haworth and the versatile Dorrington sometimes enjoyed the society of the "Spitals" for an hour or two. These days are past; with a pang the fact is written. Murray was to the fore here, willing like the British Army to go anywhere and do anything in the shape of ringing. There is a mournful kind of satisfaction to the writer in making these allusions to the Spitalfields party, as only he and about two others remain to dwell upon the retrospect which vividly appears upon the memory.

This memoir we conclude with a list of peals by Murray Hayes, so far as can be ascertained, and in conclusion we would point to the effort being made for the benefit of Mrs. Hayes, the widow, and in asking for a good response to this appeal, the writer would have his readers know that J. M. Hayes was a thoroughly characteristic Englishman; that he was one of the pioneers of the Essex Association; that he was a distinguished member of the College Youths and other London Societies; that his house was always open for hospitality and handbell practice; and that he was a sociable generous comrade. Will the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" help his widow to the best of their ability in her bereavement? We are sure they will.

	Tower bells		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	70	15	6	1
" Major	1			
" Caters	23	6	3	3
Stedman Triples	47	14	1	
" Caters	32	6		
" Cinques	21	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	51	18		
" Royal	24	9		
" Maximus	7	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1		
" Royal	4	3		
Bob Major	2			
Double Norwich Major	12	8		
Superlative Surprise Major... ..	2			
	297	84	10	4

Total rung 307; conducted 88.

[Mr. Samuel Hayes desires through this medium to return his sincere thanks to all those kind friends who have written letters of condolence. It is a great consolation to him and the family to receive these marks of sympathy from so many members of the Exercise.]

Notices.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield to-day, Saturday, June 23rd, not the 16th, as previously announced. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m. **W. BROWN, Branch Sec.**

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley, to-day, Saturday, June 23rd. **W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.**

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield to-day, Saturday, June 23rd. The bells of the Cathedral (ten), St. Mary's (eight), and St. Michael's (six), will be available during the afternoon and evening for touches only. Subscriptions to be paid in the Cathedral beltry between 2 and 4 p.m. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 p.m. and an address by the Rev. Prebendary Southwell, a member of the society. Tea at the Coffee House at 5.30, to be followed by the general meeting. **S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Dronfield, to-day, Saturday, June 23. This being the Feast, I hope there will be a good turn up. Meeting at The Green Dragon at five o'clock. **E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.**

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hughenden to-day, Saturday, June 23rd. Ringing will begin at 4 o'clock. **H. C. BELL, Branch Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, June 23. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers invited. **JAS. JACOBS, Branch Sec.**
48, Church Street, Middleton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The 277th anniversary of the above society will be held as usual on Wednesday, June 27th. All ringers invited. **F. J. FITSOW, Hon. Sec.**

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 30th. Meeting-house—The Greyhound inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.15. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are cordially invited.

HY GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Leigh, near Malvern, on Saturday, June 30th. Service in the church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me not later than Tuesday, June 26th. The tower will be open for ringing. Leigh Court is the nearest station, G.W.R. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions. **JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.**

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held at Bath, on Saturday, June 30th. Dinner at The

Alliance Commercial hotel and restaurant, Westgate Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. each, 1s. to members. Business meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented, and election of officers take place. Short service at 4 p.m. at the abbey, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Quirk). Various towers in the city will be open to members. **HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.**

Williton, Somerset.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 30th.

**W. W. C. BAKER, } Hon. Secs.
ISAAC HILLS, }**

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Wouldham on Saturday, June 30th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Committee Meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Sheffield and District Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday, July 7th. Further particulars next week.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

West Ham.—Notice.—There will be no practice at this tower during the hot weather or until further notice.

W. DORAN, Steeplekeeper.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

The two following paragraphs are taken from *The Wiltshire Chronicle*:—

TROWBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—A set of new ropes for the tower bells has arrived at the belfry and will shortly be attached. It is a pleasure to be able to congratulate and to thank this band of campanologists for their promptness in pealing forth the "joy bells" on Tuesday, so soon after the receipt of Lord Roberts's official telegram. Being the treat-day of the Sunday schools, many of the ringers were in the fields taking part in amusing the children; but, on hearing the "call bell," they at once hurried to the tower. The conductor, Mr. William McCaffrey, and several of his band of men arrived early, and with the assistance of the Rev. M. D. Wardrop and Mr. Warden at once raised six bells, and in less than an hour enough men had arrived to raise them all. Ringing and the firing of the bells continued at intervals during the remainder of the day up to 9.45 p.m. It speaks well for the patriotic spirit displayed, and we trust the townsfolk appreciated their efforts in adding joy to all around upon such an occasion of victory to our arms.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.—On a recent Wednesday, by kind permission of the Rector, the parish church ringers, Trowbridge, rang during the day, in honour of Mr. William Alley attaining his 80th birthday. This veteran ringer is well-known and respected. He was baptised by the Poet Crabbe, then rector of Trowbridge, and began his ringing career when quite a youth, in this tower. He rang at the Queen's Coronation, and on all great events since, and it is pleasing to relate, Her Majesty graciously accepted his photograph, with bell-rope in hand, after ringing at her Diamond Jubilee celebrations. He is a Trowbridge man, and

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Diss (Norfolk).—On Friday evening, April 27th, at St. Mary's church, 1008 Double Norwich, in 36 mins. W. Ireland, 1; J. Tite, 2; W. C. Wiskens, 3; W. Salter, 4; G. Archer, 5; J. Smith, 6; E. Hayward, 7; J. Souther, 8. This touch was rung as a compliment to C. Farrow, Esq., who attained his 90th year on that day; also to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the ringing of the peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells by three of the Ipswich and three of the local ringers.

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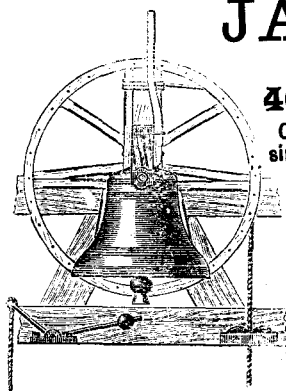
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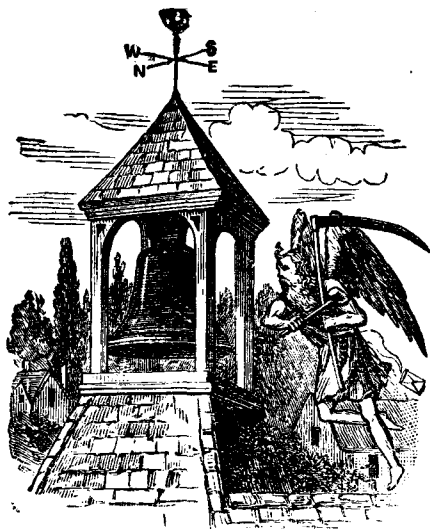
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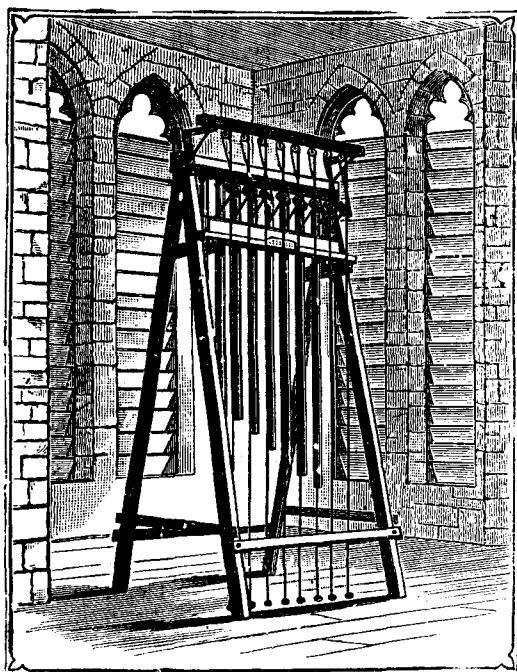
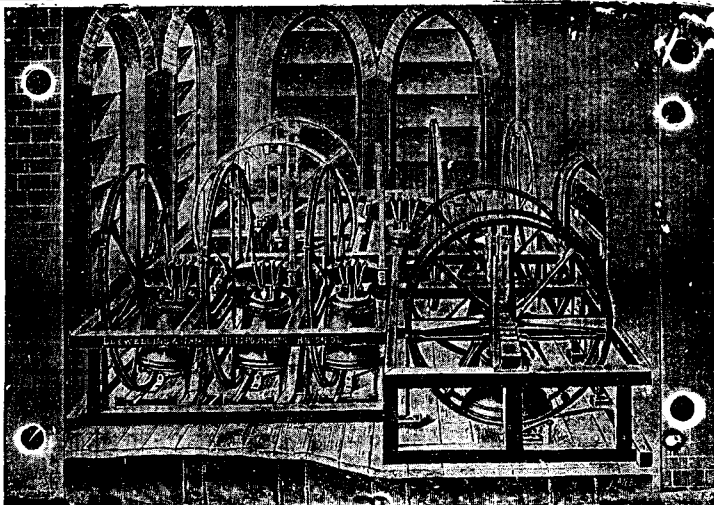
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MEMBURY, DEVON.

The completion of another section of restoration work in connection with the parish church of Membury, has just been celebrated by a thanksgiving service and festivities. The restoration of the tower was completed in 1898 at a cost of £550, the architect being Mr. Caroe; the contractor Mr. S. J. Bishop of Chard; and the foreman of works, Mr. Woollcombe. The restoration of the bells was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, who at a cost of £200 has rehung the five bells in a new cage (with an additional pit for a sixth bell), provided them with new fittings, and had the tenor (which weighs about 17 cwt.) recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, the work being executed in excellent style. The scheme of restoration began in 1893, and since then something like £2000 has been expended in connection with the church. This in an isolated parish like Membury reflects the greatest possible credit on all concerned, and especially the Curate-in-charge, the Rev. F. E. W. Langdon.

The thanksgiving service was attended by a crowded congregation, and was of a bright and hearty character. The robed clergy present were the Revs. F. E. W. Langdon, J. Owen (Kilmington), J. Erskine Williams, A. V. Cox (Stockland), C. R. Elrington (Chard), A. Newman (Axminster), J. H. Copleston, R.D. (Offwell), and E. Capel-Cure (now of Stour Provost, Dorset, but formerly of Bradninch, near Exeter), the latter of whom preached an eloquent sermon on the words "Be ye filled with the Spirit." The service was choral, with Miss May Attwood presiding at the harmonium. The collection was in aid of the church bells fund.

After service a band from the Devonshire Guild, comprising the Rev. G. F. Molineux (Hon. Secretary of the Guild), Messrs. J. E. Baker, H. Channon, and W. H. Godfrey (Ottery), and F. Shepherd and W. Shepherd (Exeter), rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Other bands from Bradninch and neighbouring parishes also tried the bells. A public tea took place in a spacious marquee, Mr. and Mrs. W. Carter Down, of The Red Lion, Membury, catering in capital style. School children of Membury, Stockland, Yarcombe, and All Saints' (Axminster), were entertained at tea. A dance afterwards took place in the large marquee. The weather was very inclement, and considerably interfered with the festivities, but, all things considered, a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent, and the day will be long remembered by the parishioners. The services were continued on Sunday.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MARGATE.

The lovely ring of eight bells at this, the parish church of Margate, which have been practically unringable for some years, are now in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, who are going to rehang them in a steel frame, with steel headstocks, and all the latest improvements. The bells are now at the foundry, and they are expected back very shortly.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION).

A meeting of this division was held at Wadhurst on Saturday, June 16th, and judging from the opinions expressed by those who attended, resulted in a very enjoyable outing. By the kindness of the General Manager of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company, a special reduction was made from the ordinary return fare from Hastings, of which privilege eight members availed themselves.

Members representing the following towers were present, viz.: Christ Church (Blacklands), St. Clements (Hastings), Christ Church (St. Leonard's), St. Mary's (Battle) Mayfield, and Wadhurst). Mr. May (Prestbury), Mr. Card (Southborough), Mr. Tribe (Tenterden), Mr. Carter (Woolwich), and Mr. Hutton (Guildford), also favoured the meeting with their company, which was much appreciated.

The bells are a very musical ring of six, tenor 13½ cwt., and they were kept going from 3 o'clock to 5.30, and from 7 to 9 p.m. to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Kent Treble Bob Minor. A very substantial tea was served by host Tully of The Queen's Head, to which twenty sat down.

The usual business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. F. Lock, in the absence of the Vicar of Wadhurst, at which the election of two members belonging to St. Peter's, Bexhill, was confirmed, and a resolution passed that the next quarterly peal in the eastern division should be Grandsire, the Secretary to arrange the tower to suit the convenience of the majority of those members whose names he had received.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the chairman received a hearty response, and brought the meeting to a close.

GRAND BAZAAR AT RAUNDS, NORTANTS.

The committee and churchwardens are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, for notwithstanding the unfavourable weather at intervals, and its proximity to the feast, the receipts were far in excess of the most sanguine expectations, amounting to over £170. This will not only clear the debt off the bells, but leave a good balance in hand for other purposes. A suggestion has been made that the church authorities may now seek to provide a new church clock; a very appropriate and useful addition. Why not next go in for one that will strike the quarters and sound out the hour with a dignified stroke on the beautiful new tenor?

OSSETT, YORKS.

On Sunday, June 24th, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. W. Illingworth (conductor), 1; G. Crawshaw, 2; J. Hewitt, 3; G. W. Wrigley, 4; D. Stephenson, 5; W. Dixon, 6. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Lord Kitchener.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 23rd. Favoured with fine weather a good muster of ringers from various towers in the Archdeaconry assembled in the Cathedral city, and kept the bells going steadily during the afternoon. The special form of service used by the Society was read in the beautiful Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at five o'clock by the Rev. Prebendary Southwell, a member of the society, who also gave a suitable address. Subsequently a company of about eighty-five sat down to tea at the Coffee House, and having refreshed the inner man, proceeded to get through the business programme usually transacted at the general meeting. The gathering may be considered to have been most successful and enjoyable. The next meeting of the Society will be held at Wombourn in September.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23rd, the Lawton and Kids Grove members of the above Guild and friends, numbering twenty-four in all, took brake to Acton, in Cheshire. The day was the one appointed for the Guild meeting, the following towers being represented: Audley, Crewe, Lawton, Kids Grove, Whitchurch, and Acton. After partaking of slight refreshments the bells were found in readiness, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was soon tapped off. Information was then given that tea was awaiting the party at the vicarage, so all went and did ample justice to the good things provided.

After tea Mr. Jos. Mason proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. H. Moore, M.A.), for his kind hospitality, and also for the use of the bells. He was pleased to see the room so tastefully decorated with flowers, flags, and banners, and all were pleased to know that the British flag was waving in many of our foreign countries, viz., Ladysmith, Mafeking, and Pretoria. He hoped all the ringers would still be joyful when we got the good tidings of peace proclaimed in the realm.

Mr. R. Langford seconded.

The Vicar, in response, welcomed all the ringers to Acton, and said he was always very pleased to see them. He rejoiced to hear the sound of the bells, and was glad his ringers had had no occasion to ring any muffled peals, but many joyous peals had been rung. He was pleased the ringers had enjoyed their tea, but thought they were not like the people in Japan, who when they made a feast, each brought a small box to deposit that which remained, and he found they had not done that, for the remains were upon the table.

After tea an adjournment was made to the tower, and a 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. Several short touches of Grandsire, Kent, Oxford, and Woodbine were rung by other bands, thus ending a pleasant afternoon.

Acton is a country place in Cheshire, about five miles from Crewe. From information received by one of the parishioners it appeared that a many years ago, in the time of the late Vicar (Rev. W. H. O. Hodge, M.A.), there was a poor woman with an only son, dependent upon the parish for support, the son receiving a free education from the schools. In course of time his mother died, and he went to Liverpool as apprentice to a trade. With steady progress he made his way in the world, and gained for himself a name. A few years ago he came over to Acton, where he had spent his boyhood days, and meeting

with the Vicar of the parish enquired about his mother's grave. The two sought diligently until they found it. He desired that an headstone be made for it, and after viewing the church, he noticed several cracks in the masonry of the exterior, and told the Vicar, upon certain conditions, if he would have it pulled down, and each stone to be placed in the same position as where it came from, he would pay the whole of the cost. The architect was set to work at once; he numbered every stone in the masonry, and replaced it, and the cost incurred was £3000. The Vicar sent the bill to the gentleman—now Sutton Timms, Esq., and a cheque was returned to the Vicar for the full amount. Lord Tollemache undertook the renovation of the chancel. Henry J. Tollemache, M.P., built the organ-chamber. The parishioners subscribed for the organ; all things completed costing £9000. All this expended in the course of six years. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday evening, June 21st, the Staveley branch of the above Associations rang at the parish church a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a 768 in the same method. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late F. J. Fenton, Esq., of Amber Villa, Ashover, formerly of Staveley, who died on Monday, June 18th, his 57th birthday, and was interred on the 20th. He was a kind benevolent gentleman, as he gave a new treble bell to the parish church of Ashover, making them a ring of six. He also gave to his native town, Staveley, a good handsome present towards two new trebles in a ring of eight, in place of the old ones, in the Diamond Jubilee year, 1897. His loss will be deeply felt in the district by all who knew him.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

. It is earnestly requested that all intending subscribers will forward their donations on or before Monday, July 9th, when the subscription list will be closed.

LORD GRIMTHORPE.—It is announced that from increasing years, this nobleman has resigned his office of Vicar-General of the Diocese of York, which he has held for twenty-two years. His Lordship has led an active life, and has been a most acute controversialist. He has spent much of his wealth in praiseworthy objects, notably the complete resuscitation of St. Albans Cathedral.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 88.)

TRUTHFULNESS OF A PEAL.

The following was the next item upon the agenda—"That in the opinion of this Council any protest against the truthfulness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed. If the record is challenged, it should be submitted to the Central Council or a Committee appointed by it for this purpose for decision; and the decision of the Council should be accepted as final."

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, in moving the same, said that no excuse was necessary from him for bringing this matter under the notice of the Council. They had all read with sorrow the correspondence which had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" since the last meeting of the Council. It was greatly to be regretted that it should be possible to raise any question as to the truthfulness or worthiness of a performance, or that correspondence on this subject should be conducted in such a tone as had been in letters in "THE BELL NEWS." He had himself no special qualification for bringing the matter forward unless this was one, that he had no personal interest in any of the peals which had been challenged, or connection with the ringers who had been attacked. He hoped that in the discussion on the motion no reference would be made to any particular peal which had been challenged, but that they might discuss in an impartial manner the larger question whether, if unfortunately the truthfulness of a peal was called in question, it should or should not be referred to the Council for its decision. He would not indeed venture to hope too much from constituting the Council a kind of Court of Appeal, for after all these things had to be left chiefly to the honour of ringers themselves. What the Council could really do was to raise the tone of public opinion among ringers, and make it to be felt a discreditable thing that any peal should be open to suspicion. If however any doubt were expressed, then it should be brought in a proper way before some authority which was qualified to look into the facts and give a decision. He did not hope so much from the direct work of the Council or Committee which might be appointed if his resolution was adopted, but he believed that it would help to raise the tone of opinion among ringers, who alone could say that such things as had been alleged were unworthy and must not continue to exist. What was the evil actually resulting from the present state of things? Ringers had been noted for the brotherhood that had existed among them; and this feeling of brotherhood had been fostered by the work of the various Associations in bringing ringers together, and cemented by the existence of the Council, representing ringers from all parts. But the tone of the correspondence which had taken place, and the faults alleged, if correct, would do much to loosen this sense of brotherhood and mutual respect among members of the Exercise. Moreover such correspondence took away attention from the merits of any performance and fixed it exclusively upon its alleged faults. It tended to destroy the public confidence in the skill and integrity of ringers, and of ringers in the honesty of conductors. Such was the evil, and it was not hard to see how it had arisen. There were two chief causes at work. First there was the desire, almost universal in any field of athletic exercise, to break records. As in other matters, so in ringing, those who wanted to break a previous record went in for a performance which would stand at the head for some time. What he suggested that the Council might do was to hold an enquiry, if such a performance was challenged. Secondly, there was the universal spirit of competition in the present day, and among ringers this was made keener by the masterly analysis published at regular intervals by Mr. Attree. Ringers were naturally desirous to see their particular Association stand well up on the list, and with some Associations this feeling was very strong. Thus there might easily grow a tendency to record a performance which was not altogether sound if it should happen to count well in points for the Association, while on the other hand some might be equally keen to pick holes in the records of a rival Association. In these ways had been brought about the present condition of things. Then what remedy was possible? He did not greatly desire that the Council should set itself up as a legal body to decide matters of this kind, but he did think

that much good might be done by a thorough discussion and expression of opinion in the Council. The true remedy must be the force of public opinion among ringers, but the Council might greatly help to form this. Much of the correspondence which had taken place shewed a very unhealthy spirit, for words had been written which would scarcely have been spoken had the writers been brought face to face. Now as to the terms of his proposal. It would at all events afford a basis for discussion. He had brought it forward at the request of the Lancashire Association, and in doing so he would point out that this Association was not concerned in any dispute which had arisen and was therefore not interested from that point of view. It simply desired to find some remedy for what at present was a discredit to the Exercise. There might be some misunderstanding as to the exact words of the resolution. The term "truthfulness of a peal" was not intended to be used in its merely technical sense, but include alike truthfulness of composition and conducting and correctness of striking, in short the worthiness of record of a peal in every way. The resolution contained two parts. A time limit of three months was suggested, after which no complaint should be admitted. The period was open to consideration. He himself thought that if no challenge was made as to the truthfulness or worthiness of a peal within three months, the record should stand. It was unfair to rake up accusations and allegations years after a performance had taken place, more especially if some of those who had taken part in it were no longer able to speak for themselves, and when it was too late to deal with the whole matter. Some, no doubt, would differ upon this point, but for himself he thought that three months was sufficient time for an expression of doubt to be given if any was to be forthcoming. If there was anything in a performance which a band made up its mind to conceal it could no doubt be concealed for three years just as well as for three months. Then the resolution suggested the Council as the body to which reference should be made in case of dispute. Some might think it more desirable that when a performance was challenged it should be referred to the Committee of the Association concerned, as it would be better able to get at the facts, and if necessary to bring pressure to bear upon its members. No doubt there was a great deal to be said upon those lines, but there was another side of the question. Generally speaking those performances which had been discussed were intended to break a record, and was therefore of interest to the Exercise as a whole. In any case of real doubt reference ought therefore to be made to some body possessing the confidence of all ringers, and he knew of no more suitable authority than the Council, or perhaps better, a Committee appointed for this purpose by the Council. As to its appointment, this might be left to the nomination of the President and be afterwards ratified by the Council. But in whatever form the Committee was constituted, it should proceed upon direct evidence and not upon mere hearsay statements. There would have to be definite testimony put before it, such as was given in a court of law, and evidence upon both sides, not on one side only. But the very existence of such a Committee, even if no other result followed, would check the evil they were complaining of to-day. Men would hesitate to claim anything unworthy if they knew that there was a body in authority by whom they might be discredited, while others would hesitate to challenge if they knew that they might be brought to book to prove their case. He trusted that there might be a wide discussion upon this important matter, that an expression of opinion might go forward from the Council that, if doubt was raised as to a performance, it should be laid before some definite authority for decision, and that the whole matter might be dealt with in an honourable spirit such as should be worthy of ringers at large.

Mr. Wm. Snowdon, who seconded, said it might appear somewhat "Irish" to do so, because he was obliged to say that he did not quite agree with the wording of the resolution. There could be no limit to the time which might be required for the truth to come to the surface, and all would agree that a lie was a lie for all time. His feeling was that a challenged peal should be officially taken up by the two Societies or Associations in question, and not left to irresponsible critics to wrangle over. If it was desired to submit the evidence to the Council he could not see how the Council could refuse to act as a Court of

Appeal, but it was very undesirable to form themselves too readily into a body for washing dirty linen, except as a final Court. If after the two Societies had sifted the evidence, for and against, and were unable to agree, it might be possible for the Council to consider the signed evidence and give their opinion upon it, which would then bind both sides. It would be quite impossible for the Council to hear and sift evidence, that must be done before it was submitted. His earnest hope was that the discussion itself would do good and clear the way for some better understanding.

Mr. G. F. Attree considered the whole question to be one of the most important yet discussed by the Council. He thought, however, that the Council was starting upon the wrong road. As to the time limit, he did not think three months should be allowed for the truth to come out. The longest time that he would allow was the next issue of "THE BELL NEWS." Certainly it ought not to wait three months. He did not think it would be possible to judge between a band and their accusers. His opinion was that if as ringers they made an affidavit and put their names to a statement that a peal was rung true, this ought to be sufficient, just the same as it is in any Court of Justice. Such statement, however, should not wait three months before it was made, but be made at once. If this was done there ought to be sufficient faith in ringers at large to accept it as correct.

Mr. W. Wakley said the same precautions as were adopted in all kinds of athletic sports when attempts were made to break a record ought to be adopted in ringing. It was one of the delights of an Englishman to break a record. A man's own word however was not taken either in racing, billiards or athletics of any kind, and he did not see how a man's word could be taken in ringing. There were certain laws and declarations laid down in all kinds of athletics with which those who attempted to break a record had to comply. So should it be in ringing. If the rules and regulations that were laid down in athletics were not complied with, it was little use making any attempt; but where they were complied with there was no friction, and the performance, let it be what it might, was accepted. If it was desired to prevent disputes arising, then some rules and regulations should be laid down by which bands attempting to break a record in ringing should be compelled to take every precaution that could be taken. He thought that the Council should adopt the same line of action as all Athletic Associations adopted for performances which were to break a record. Men were found who were enthusiastic in that particular kind of sport and who saw that the laws laid down were obeyed, and thus impartial and independent witnesses were able to testify to the correctness of the performance or to condemn it, when it was desired to break a previous record. In no branch of skill was a man's own word taken. If he said he ran a mile in less time than it had been previously accomplished or performed some record swimming feat, there must be something more than his own word before the performance could be recognised as having broken the record or before he could be said to have won a championship. He did not think that the Council would be asking too much in suggesting that record performances in ringing should take place under somewhat similar conditions. He did not think it would be very difficult to draft rules and regulations for the purpose. The figures of a peal should be placed in the hands of some official of the Council beforehand, sealed up, if necessary, and there should be two or three men appointed to go and listen to the performance; for there were plenty of men capable of taking down the course-ends for comparison with the figures that had been sealed. He could not see any reason for objecting to this being done. He believed that qualified umpires would be the means of doing away with that class of correspondence which of late had taken place.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon moved that the words "within two weeks of its publication" be inserted in the resolution in place of the words "three months." He said he did not think that three months was necessary or that the next issue of "THE BELL NEWS" was long enough, as it might be after the publication of a performance that something might become known to the Exercise, and he therefore thought fourteen days a better time. In the last part of the resolution he thought it would be better if the word "opinion" was inserted in place of the word

"decision," for he thought it would be impossible for the Council to act as a Court of Appeal. He agreed with Mr. Elsee that it was necessary to raise as far as possible the general tone and opinion of ringers in such cases, and he hoped the influence of the Council might have weight in doing so, which he was sure would be for the benefit of the Exercise.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said he failed to see how sufficient evidence could be obtained to give a decision. If however there was sufficient evidence to give an opinion he thought there would be sufficient to give a decision, and therefore did not see that any advantage would be obtained by altering the word. As to the composition, he thought this should be placed in the hands of Mr. Attree; but as to striking how were they to decide? The Council was not a court of law that could subpoena people to attend and give evidence. At the same time he agreed that it was most desirable that something should be done to put a stop to such disputes as had arisen, but how it was to be done he could not say.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said if it was thought desirable to establish the means of appeal he did not think there need be any difficulty. In law cases there was no limit as to time. If an appeal was to be entertained he did not see why there should be any limit as to the time if evidence could be brought forward. If it was that any action should be taken, he considered that an inquiry might be held in a somewhat similar way to that which a County Court holds an inquiry. He did not think there would be much difficulty in getting five impartial and honourable men who would go to a place and hear both sides. If the Standing Committee of the Council appointed some members to hold such an inquiry it would he thought, go a long way at establishing the truth, and he believed that their decision would be accepted by the Exercise at large. He would go to the Standing Committee in order that the members of that Committee might decide whether there was a prima facie case for holding an inquiry, and he did not see any reason why this should not be done.

The President said that Mr. Pritchett's reference to the law must be qualified. He would not say a defect in peal-ringing was to be considered a misdemeanour or a criminal case, but in the former summonses had to be applied for within six months (laughter).

Mr. J. S. Pritchett pointed out that in criminal cases the longer the period before proceedings were taken, generally speaking, the weaker became the case. There should be no limit of time in the question of peal-ringing.

The Rev. H. Law James did not consider the question of disputes to be of much importance to the Exercise at large. Those who took part in such correspondence as had lately taken place, lowered themselves in the estimation of the Exercise.

Mr. J. W. Taylor did not think that much good would come until as suggested last year by Mr. Robinson the definition of what was a true peal had been decided. If a judge was sent to listen to a peal instructions must be given him as to what liberty he was to allow.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore did not think that church bells should be made use of for breaking records. If however this was to be permitted then he thought that judges should be appointed to give a decision.

Mr. G. F. Attree thought that the discussion was drifting away from the real question.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey thought that if a Committee of the Council was appointed to watch over such matters, and it was stipulated that before any objection was made in print, that it should be first brought under the notice of the Committee that then many of the objections would disappear, and but a very little would be heard of them. If such a Committee was appointed he thought that it would do much toward getting rid of those objectionable letters which sometimes appeared in "THE BELL NEWS." If a scheme were formulated under which all such matters had to go before a Committee he thought many trumpety objections would disappear.

The President having suggested that if the resolution was to be submitted to the meeting it might be desirable to divide it into two parts, confining the first portion to the question of time limit,

Mr. W. Snowdon failed to see how a time limit could be

fixed, and repeated that what was a lie remained a lie.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee suggested that it might be desirable to stop at the word performance.

Mr. G. F. Attree said so far as the figures of the peal it would make no difference if it was three months or three years.

The Hon. Secretary said if the period of three months was adopted and no notice taken of any objection made after that date, it did not follow that the performance was true, even though no action had been taken within the three months.

The President said the crux of the whole question rested on what was the proper definition of a true peal. When Mr. Robinson brought the subject forward at Bristol, he ventured to point out that it was a question which must be faced. Until this was first done he did not think that the Council could decide upon the measures to be adopted to test the truthfulness of the peals. He thought it would be but wise not to pass any definite resolution upon the question, but for them to return home and fairly think the matter out, and come prepared next year to give a definition of what should be considered a true peal. Till this was cleared he thought the question involved in the resolution was an impossible one to deal with. In the meantime there were two points which clearly should be borne in mind when a record performance was to be attempted. First, due care should be taken that public notice was given of the attempt. Secondly, the figures of the peal should be previously lodged, sealed up if thought desirable, with some independent authority. No honest man could take the slightest objection to such obvious precautions. As to umpires, ringing could not be umpired in the same way as many kinds of sports. Besides there were fewer men to-day able to put down every course-end than there were some years ago. Until the Council had laid down definite lines upon which a peal should be rung it could not enunciate any rules either for an ordinary peal or a record performance. Under all the circumstances he thought it would be best if for the present the resolution was withdrawn.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said his object had been obtained; there had been expressed a general opinion of the Council. He was not committed to the terms of the resolution, and would therefore by leave withdraw it.

The President said the time spent in this discussion had been far from wasted. It was opened in an admirable manner with wise words, and the discussion had brought out points not generally known before.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

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

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

CAMPANOLOGY v. CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. Papillon for his reply to my question, the result of which is to satisfy me, and, I hope, the Exercise in general, that the form of this word used by Stedman, the authors of the London Scholars' Book, the authors of the *Clavis*, Shipway, Hubbard, and, among the moderns, the Rev. T. M. N. Owen in his book on the *Church Bells of Huntingdonshire*, published last year, is the really correct form, which has been corrupted by usage resting upon the analogy of the majority of such forms. Therefore if we adopt Campanology we are departing in deference to custom from that which is strictly right. Mr. Papillon says that to insist on Campanology Ecclesiology, Horology, etc., is not so much wrong as pedantic and unpractical. But I venture to suggest that these words are not all in the same condition; Campanology started right; the others started wrong. Therefore while I agree that it would be pedantic to alter the form of the other words, I do not think that, having regard to the origin and continuous use of our word in its correct form, it should be deemed pedantic if a man prefers not to follow a modern corruption, even though that corruption rests upon analogy. At any rate if Mr. Owen's use of the word is to be deemed pedantic, those of us who prefer to adhere to the old form will find ourselves in respectable company.

The last paragraph of Mr. Papillon's letter is of a very pernicious value. We now have the legitimate use and meaning

of one of our terms defined by one of the greatest scholars belonging to the Exercise. We have henceforth a pronouncement to which we can appeal on these points, whichever form of spelling we may individually prefer to adopt; and when on the one hand we object to the use of the word for ringing performances (or performers, as such), or on the other hand desire to state what the meaning of the word does really include, we need no more enter into discussion; we have only to quote an established authority. The discussion of the form of the word which we have had in your columns has not in the eyes of some, at all events, of your readers, been altogether without interest, but in any case it has I think justified itself by having led to Mr. Papillon giving us his definition.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I have followed the correspondence on this subject with much interest. But as none of those who have written have stated how the "o" came to take the place of "a," even by the Greeks themselves, I venture the opinion that the alteration was made for the sake of euphony; and thus the "a" in "doxa" became "o," as in "doxologia." It is well known that the vowel in a suffix to a word has an influence on the vowel in the word to which it is affixed; so the "o" in "logy" influences the "a" in "campana," and changes it to "o." The broad sound is thus put to a broad sound, and slender to slender. The "a" in Italian is a broad vowel, and corresponds with "o" in logos. Therefore it suits in Italian, but when translated into English the "a" being slender does not agree with the "o," and must be altered for the sake of euphony.

According to Gaelic ideas as to quantity an "o" or "a" is used according as the vowel before it is an open one of the same quality, e.g. in campana, the second a being an open vowel (as a in fall), the "a" before the logia in Campanalogia is attracted into it. So also in doxology, the first "o" being short, the second follows that rule, and doxa, from which the word is derived, becomes doxo (logy), the short sound of the first "o" attracts the second vowel to a short one like itself.

May I suggest that those interested in this subject should take a further interest in the subject of inscriptions on bells. Only recently I brought to light two pre-Reformation bells. The well-known rose and shield stamps showed that although these two bells hang in a church tower in Low Furness they were cast at Nottingham by Richard Mellor, in the latter part of the fifteenth century, and have probably (as stated in "Furness Lore") been derived from Furness Abbey or Conishead Priory at the dissolution of those religious houses.

Barrow-in-Furness.

HARPER GAYTHORPE.

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SIR,—In your last issue Mr. Carter claims to have forwarded the above draft on to me. I am sorry to say that it has not yet reached me. I don't know why, unless Mr. Carter has failed to note my change of address, which is now thirteen months ago. I have written to my late address, enquiring about it, but have not yet received an answer.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1900.

THE discussion—or it might more properly be dignified by the word "debate"—upon "The Truthfulness of a Peal" was, to speak in ringing parlance, "a very creditable performance." As the President of the Council rightly said—"It was opened in an admirable manner with wise words," and it concluded to the satisfaction of all.

So long as human nature is what it is, it is vain to hope that differences of opinion with regard to the value or worthlessness of a peal will not occur. Then in such case what naturally follows? No ringer worthy of the name will be content to rest quiet about a performance he had heard, or partly heard, if he is of an honest opinion that by defective striking or any other reason the peal is not worthy of record. How is he in such case to act but by the machinery of his own organ in the press? We hold it to

be the duty of every one to bring into question unworthy performances, and prevent their record. For such a purpose there is only the medium we allude to.

It is a great drawback, of course, that some correspondents who write to our paper on this and other subjects, are unable to clothe their statements in graceful and polite phraseology. But we can tell those gentlemen on the Council who deplore this sort of thing, that they little know the original character of some of these communications. The "clipping" some of them undergo often completely destroys every vestige of originality. Others have to be suppressed entirely. More than one of those who rush into print have been saved from a legal process against them by this means. None but those who have to do the work are aware of the elimination, and alternation, required before some of the letters are fit for public reading.

There is not only no thanks for this care and trouble, but incivility, and from some threats and abuse. It would be with relief therefore that we should hail the establishment of some popular body which should adjudicate upon these peal disputes, and save from public exhibition the weaknesses of some of our fraternity.

Mr. R. A. DANIELL has made the discussion upon "Campanalogia" more interesting than was expected, in fact it may be said that readers of this paper have not been merely interested but amused also. No one scarcely thought so much could be said about it, and at times in such a diverting manner. Mr. DANIELL evidently knew what he was about in commencing the correspondence, and it shows his great facility in creating a sort of glamour, or halo, about an obscure subject. Let us hope he will without delay touch up some other little-thought-of topic, and make it as interesting as he has this one. We must confess, however, that all the research and talent shown in ringing the changes upon the word has not made it more welcome in our eyes.

THE MURRAY HAYES FUND.—It will be seen on another page that this fund will close on Monday, the 9th proximo. Intending contributors will please send their donations as soon as possible to one of the gentlemen named. It is earnestly hoped that a good sum will be collected for the benefit of the widow of such a well-known ringer as JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNST PYE	Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN	5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	2.	WILLIAM WARD	6.
ISAAC G. SHADE	3.	JAMES PARKEE	7.
SIDNEY WADE	4.	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

This composition is in two equal parts, and contains the 6th bell's extent at home, and is now rung for the first time. This was Mr. Wade's fiftieth peal, and he is only eighteen years of age. Reference to the peal will be found on another page.

The Provinces.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE A. WORK*	Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON	5.
GEORGE W. PEVERELL*	2.	HENRY PEVERELL	6.
JOHN G. GREEN†	3.	JOSEPH PATTISON	7.
WILLIAM C. BENNETT†	4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON	Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

STAINES MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 23, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS*	Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5.
ALFRED WICKS	2.	JAMES D. DURRANT	6.
WILLIAM E. BUTLER*	3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON	7.
HARRY BARTON	4.	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. FUSSELL.

Rung as a peal of welcome for the new Vicar, the Rev. Saml. T. Wood, M.A., B.C.L., who was inducted on Thursday, June 21st, by the Ven. Robinson Thornton, Arch-deacon of Middlesex. *First peal.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court Bob, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

WALTHR BROWN	Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS	4.
HARRY J. MEE	2.	CHARLES PARKER	5.
GEORGE W. MEE	3.	EDGAR RIVERS	Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 120 lbs.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	Treble.	JOHN MONK	5.
THOMAS SHORT	2.	FRANCIS P. POWELL	6.
WILLIAM H. ADKINS	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4.	THOMAS BULL	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

Handbell Peal.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. J. MEE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

EDGAR RIVERS	Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS	5.
GEORGE W. MEE	2.	HARRY J. MEE	6.
CHARLES MEE	3-4.	FREDERICK MEE	7-8.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

This peal was rung on the anniversary of the Sproughton company's first peal of Major.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On May 24th, on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday, the bells of the parish church were kept merrily going during the day. Commencing with firing the bells eighty-one times, after which various touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob were rung, including 720 Bob Minor and several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The ringing was conducted by J. R. Pritchard, with the exception of two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles which were conducted by J. Jackson and A. Trippier, respectively. The day's ringing concluded by firing the bells eighty-two times in honour of the year just entered by Her Majesty. May she reign many more years yet. The ringers who took part were; J. Barrett, A. Barrett, T. Gratton, J. Jackson, P. Jackson, E. Jackson, A. Trippier, and J. R. Pritchard.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, for Men's Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and two singles), with the 2nd left out and the tenor covering. H. C. Curtis, 1; J. Basden, 3; H. Chandler, 4; C. Edwards, 5; T. Beadle, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; A. Saunders, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles with the 2nd left out and 6-8 covering. T. Beadle, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 3; C. Edwards, 4; H. Chandler, 5; H. E. Curtis, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; A. Saunders, 8.

HILLINGDON (Middlesex).—On April 17th, at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples, in 50 mins. F. Weeden, 1; H. Ayers, 2; W. Odell, 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; H. S. Reeves, 5; W. Honor, 6; H. Chandler, 7; G. Bellamy, 8. Composed by the late H. Johnson, and conducted by H. Chandler. First quarter-peal in the method except H. Chandler. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Miss Hemmings, of Manor House, Hillingdon, who was buried that day. During the month of April the following touches have been rung: Oxford Bob Triples, 294-210; Oxford Bob Minor, 360; Grandsire Triples, two 168s; Court Bob Triples, 420 and two 210s. Conducted by H. S. Reeves. And 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Barton. A. Becker and C. Bellamy took part in ringing the above touches, also H. Barton and W. H. Fussell (Slough), and E. Griffen (Barnet).

BARNET (Herts).—On Easter Sunday evening for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Baldwin, 1; J. Wittey, 2; A. J. Chidwick, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; W. F. Dolton, 5; F. A. Milne (conductor), 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. On April 30th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. A. Milne. On May 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Belton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; J. Wittey, 3; A. J. Chidwick, 4; F. C. Perrin, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; H. F. Hull, 7; E. Dolton, 8. And 336 Bob Major. J. Wittey, 1; W. F. Dolton, 2; A. J. Chidwick, 3; F. C. Perrin, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; F. A. Milne (conductor), 6; H. F. Hull, 7; A. H. Belton, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, May 19th, to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Coote, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; W. Webb, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; P. Holmes, 6; W. Hammond, 7; E. F. Slade (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 24th, at 6 a.m., to celebrate the 81st birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 840 Bob Triples (first of Holt's six-part peal) F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; W. Webb, 6; W. Hammond, 7; H. Coote, 8. And 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Coote, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; W. Hammond, 6; W. Webb, 7; E. F. Slade, 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, April 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. T. Hayward, 1; E. C. Fricker, 2; G. Miles, 3; J. Hamilton, 4; W. J. Prescott, 5; C. H. Shearn, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; F. Rebbeck, 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 1st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Matthews, 5; E. Turrell, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Phillips, 8. For afternoon service 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Sturt, 1; E. Bristow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Smart, 4; E. Turrell, 5; E. Rapley (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Lloyd, 8. For evening service 546 Grandsire Triples. G. Phillips, 1; J. Matthews, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Bristow, 4; J. Smart, 5; E. Turrell, 6; C. Smart (con-

ductor), 7; G. Wood, 8. On Sunday morning, April 8, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Sturt, 1; E. Bristow, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; E. Turrell, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Phillips, 8. For evening service 280 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; T. Searle, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; J. Matthews, 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Wood, 8. On Sunday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Sturt, 1; E. Bristow, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; E. Rapley, 5; E. Turrell, 6; J. Matthews, 7; G. Phillips, 8. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; E. Rapley, 5; E. Turrell, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Wood, 8. On Sunday, April 22nd, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; G. Phillips, 5; E. Rapley, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Wood, 8.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 24th, at Christ Church Blacklands, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, and for the 8 a.m. service on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Composed by W. T. Elson, of Fulham. J. Penfold, 1; L. A. Stone, 2; A. L. May, 3; J. Livermore, 4; F. Lock, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; A. E. Barrow, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. Recently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's twelve-part. A. E. White, 1; L. A. May, 2; G. Walsom, 3; J. Livermore, 4; A. Barrow, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; F. Lock, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in commemoration of the sixty-third anniversary of the Queen's Accession. On Sunday morning, June 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; J. Livermore, 2; S. Saker (conductor), 3; L. A. Stone, 4; F. Lock, 5; A. Barrow, 6; L. A. May, 7; W. H. Swain, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, May 5th, at St. Mary's church, 952 Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, jun. (Newport), 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Butler, sen. (Newport), 3; F. Attwell, 4; R. Hughes, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; J. Morley, 7; G. Daniels, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. J. Morris, of Bangor, North Wales. T. Butler, 1; G. Hobson, 2; R. Hughes, 3; F. Attwell, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; J. Butler, 7; G. Daniels, 8. On Sunday morning, May 6th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. B. Tamplin, 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Prickett, 3; G. Hobson, 4; R. Hughes, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Davis, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's parish church, for practice, on Tuesday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. J. Sconce, 1; W. Briscoe, 2; W. Sconce, 3; H. Jones, 4; H. Dew (conductor), 5; J. Tomlinson, 6; W. Moulton, 7; F. Wood, 8. Briscoe hails from Neston, Cheshire, and this is his first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Thursday, May 3rd, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans). J. Evans, 1; F. Dentry, 2; Rev. H. C. Bell, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; F. Bissley, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; G. A. Alder, 7; A. G. Janes, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1176 Stedman Triples. T. Watkinson, 1; C. Watts, 2; A. Walker, 3; S. Brook, 4; W. Pearson, 5; J. Jackson, 6; F. Moody (conductor), 7; F. Barker (Wakefield), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BURGHFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, May 12th, at St. Mary's church, three 720s and 360 Bob Minor in 1 hr. 20 mins. W. Vince, 1; J. Abery, 2; G. Abery, 3; John Abery, 4; T. G. Herridge, 5; A. W. Higgs (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, May 2nd, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; S. R. Garner, 3; C. H. Drake, 4; H. Charlton, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6; W. Holdstock, 7; G. Pearson, 8.

GILLINGHAM.—On Thursday, May 10th, at the parish church, on the back six, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. E. Pitman, 1; W. H. Hollier, 2; A. Mexter, 3; Quartermaster-Sergeant Fryatt, 4; W. Easter, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Saturday, June 16th, a quarter-peal of

Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. *J. Perkins, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; W. Latter, 3; *A. Lawrence, 4; *J. Smith, 5; G. Smithers, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. Steed, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, BELFAST.

HOLYWOOD (Co. Down, Ireland).—On Saturday, May 12th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, on the front six. R. J. Walsh, 1; J. H. B. Hesse, 2; A. C. D. McNeice, 3; F. S. McNeice, 4; N. Jackson, 5; P. A. Jackson (conductor), 6; A. G. Ward, 7; De V. Crossley, 8. First 720 on the bells. The ringing lasted an hour, and the 720 was successfully completed at the third attempt, after which the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Moore, and Miss Moore very kindly entertained the ringers in the schoolroom.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Whit-Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. Leader, 1; H. Barton (conductor), 2; O. Baker, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; W. Wilder, 6; F. V. H. Sinkins, 7; T. Leader, 8.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Saturday evening, June 16th, by permission of the Rev. V. Blake, Vicar, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. H. Fussell, 1; G. Martin (Boyne Hill), 2; J. Durrant (Staines), 3; A. Pittam (Willesden), 4; H. Barton, 5; F. Richardson (Staines, conductor), 6. This band, with two more men, had met to attempt a peal at Slough, but decided not to ring there, owing to the shocking accident at the railway station, which happened the same afternoon, causing the death of five persons and serious injuries to many others, one of the latter being a namesake of a brother Cumberland—Jacob—who was expected down for the peal.

STAINES (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, June 19th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) came to grief owing to a change-course, the conductor calling the bells round at hand after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. J. Phillips, 1; A. Wicks, 2; W. E. Butler (first attempt), 3; T. Sadler (late of Ipswich), 4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5; J. Durrant, 6; F. Richardson, 7; G. Harrison, 8. All local men except the conductor. Permission was kindly given by the curate-in-charge, the Rev. A. J. Judson, M.A.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TREES.—On Easter Monday, April 18th, 3000 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung after an attempt for a 5000. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Carter, 3; M. Kidd, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10. On Sunday morning, May 6th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. W. Newton, 1; J. Clarkson, 2; T. Burdon, 3; J. Waller, 4; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 5; T. W. Waller, 6; W. Newton, 7; T. Stephenson, 8. Tenor 27½ cwt.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. *F. Coates, 1; *J. Williams, 2; H. Smith, 3; S. Gibbons, 4; A. Hardy, 5; C. Cushing, 6. *First peal.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 13th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. For evening service 1056 Bob Major. F. Manning, 1; R. Stannard, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; A. Burch, 6; W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield (conductor), 8.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On a recent Sunday morning for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. G. Darlington, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; H. Lawson, 3; R. Goodchild, 4; W. Ward, 5; J. Parker, 6; A. W. Darlington (conductor), 7; W. Anderson, 8.

EGERTON (Kent).—On Sunday, May 6th, after morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Austin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. First 720 on the bells since 1867.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, 642 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. J. Lamb, 1; E. E. Richards, 2; W. Foreman, 3; J. Tulett, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; H. Hoskins, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; H. Flanders, 8. For evening service four courses of Stedman Triples, with the 2nd left out, conducted by F. W. Thornton. J. Tulett belongs to Rochester.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original in 45 mins. H. Head, 1; G. Foster, 2; A. Pulling, 3; H. Hutton, 4; G. Gunner, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6; C. Willshire, 7; F. Blondell,

8. C. Millway bails from Borden, Kent.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—At the parish church, for Divine Service on Easter Sunday, the following touches of Stedman Triples were rung: for morning service, 504. G. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. For evening service, 504. L. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; S. Burt, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; H. Markwell, 7; W. Markwell, 8. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 1008 Stedman Triples. L. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Groves (conductor), 7; W. Markwell, 8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Friday evening, April 20th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; F. Parker, 2; H. Parker, 3; L. Leeks, 4; T. King, 5-6. First in the method by the 2nd and 4th men. On Monday, April 30th, on the tower bells, 1008 Bob Major. W. Bobby, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. Wilding, 6; A. Symonds, 7; T. King (conductor), 8. This was rung to oblige R. Wilding, who hails from Monks Eleigh.

MARDEN (Kent). On Monday, February 19th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. J. Austin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. On Thursday evening, March 1st, to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins., standing as above. On Wednesday, March 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, 27 mins. G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—Recently a 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Clark, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; G. Cowley, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; G. Valentine, jun., 6. First 720 on the bells. Messrs. Clarke and G. Valentine hail from Bedford; the rest hail from Stony Stratford.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday evening, April 29th, before Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; G. Barnes, 2; T. Cole, 3; W. Wilkinson (conductor), 4; A. Butler, 5; W. Butler, 6; J. Arthur, 7; W. Downs, 8. After service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; Rev. C. Edwards, 2; A. Butler, 3; W. Butler, 4; G. Barnes, 5; W. Wilkinson, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; J. Fruin, 8. On Monday, April 30th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; Rev. C. Edwards, 2; W. Butler, 3; T. Cole, 4; W. Wilkinson, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8. On Monday, May 7th, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; Rev. C. Edwards, 2; A. Butler, 3; T. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On February 3rd, 720 New London. E. Newman, 1; J. Fayers, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Poulson, 4; C. Levitt, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. On February 7th, 720 Violet. E. Newman, H. Poulson, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, C. Levitt, W. Hollocks. On February 10th, 720 Double Court. C. Levitt, H. Poulson, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, T. Levitt, A. Symonds (conductor). On February 13th, 720 Oxford. E. Newman, H. Poulson, C. Levitt, J. Fayers, H. D. Poulson, W. Hollocks. On February 18th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hollocks, E. Newman, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, C. Levitt, A. Symonds (conductor). On February 20th, 720 Woodbine. E. Newman, C. Levitt, J. Fayers, A. Hollocks, H. Poulson, W. Hollocks. On March 17th, 720 New London. A. Symonds, H. Gladwell, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, H. Horrex, W. Kinsey (conductor). Also 720 Kent. T. Levitt (conductor), A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, A. Symonds, H. D. Poulson (first 720 in the method). On March 24th, 720 Woodbine. E. Newman, H. Poulson, A. Hollocks. Also 720 Kent, standing as before, except H. D. Poulson at the 5th.

PLUCKLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, May 6th, before the evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. P. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swain, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. And another 720 in the same method, in 27 mins. J. Austen, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; H. Brown, 4; W. Spice, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—Recently for morning service at the church of St. Giles, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; G. Cowley, 5; C. W. Clark (conductor), 5; G. Valentine, jun., 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. Clark, 1; G. Valentine, jun., 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; E. Yates, 4; G. Cowley, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Thursday, June 21st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Kine, 1; H. Lewis, 2; *C. Giddings, 3; J. Earwicker, 4; *J. Payne, 5; G. Cartmel (conductor), 6. *First 720.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, the 23rd June, sixteen members of the above society were kindly invited by Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny to spend a pleasant day amidst the prettiest of Kentish scenery, but pressure of business detained two of the number, who unfortunately missed one of the best of the many pleasant outings given by that well-known lady.

Special carriages had been retained in the 8.8 a.m. South Eastern train from Cannon Street, and on arrival at Tonbridge the party were cordially greeted by Miss Leny and her sister Mrs. Mackinnon. The usual "four-in-hand" being in waiting the "Youths" were not long in taking their accustomed places thereon, and a lovely drive of nine or ten miles through Shipborne and Ightham brought them to Wrotham, where, after viewing the interesting old church, they rang various touches on the peal of eight bells. The cracked 3rd and tenor detract somewhat from the musical quality of the ring, and it is hoped that this may be remedied at no far distant date.

Whilst everyone was busy discussing the many good things provided at luncheon, Mr. W. D. Smith, who had been unable to join the company earlier, put in an appearance; this called for another visit to the tower. After which the coach was again requisitioned for the return journey to Speldhurst.

The weather being most favorable and the roads in capital condition after the recent heavy rain made the drive most enjoyable, the magnificent scenery calling forth many expressions of admiration. Arriving at Speldhurst, tea on the Rectory lawn was indulged in, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill, on behalf of the company, then asked Mr. and Mrs. Mackinnon's acceptance of a souvenir of their silver wedding, in the shape of a silver-mounted claret jug. Various touches were rung on the pretty ring of eight bells in Speldhurst tower, and at 7.30 p.m. a return was made to the Rectory for dinner, which was rendered more enjoyable by the presence of the Rector. In addition to the more substantial display, the table was prettily decorated with miniature Union Jacks in silk, which afterwards adorned the button holes of the guests. Messrs. Smith and Dawe returned thanks to the Rector, Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Leny. All of whom responded with a neat little speech, the absence of Mr. Pettit and the Master of the Society, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, being much regretted. The return drive to Tonbridge was accomplished in time to catch the 9.56 p.m. train for London, and so came to a close another of those pleasant days so heartily enjoyed by one and all, who tender their warmest thanks to Miss Leny, who leaves nothing undone which will add to the comfort of her guests on these occasions.

A VISIT TO LONDON.

The headline to the following account, sent by our friend Mr. J. Woods, of Quidenham, Norfolk, was not what we have placed above, but thus: "A Norfolk ringer's visit to London; and how spent." After the usual verbose preliminaries concerning trains and the like, Mr. Woods finds himself (it may not be supposed that he had previously lost himself) safe at Kentish Town station about 6.20 p.m. This, it is important to remember, occurred on Wednesday, May 9th. He at once made his way to Highgate New Town and had tea with his friends; then he went in search of his old friend Tom Titchener; and thus he proceeds: "After a little dodging about I found him, and the usual greetings over he informed me that it was the practice

night at the Chapel-at-Ease, Islington, so we started off at once, and there I met more old friends, amongst them Mr. A. Jacob, a well-known London ringer. We could not have any ringing, as something was wrong with one of the chime hammers. Thursday, the 10th, I looked up another old friend, Dick Bevan of Gospel Oak. Saturday the 12th, I went to a meeting of the Middlesex Association at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and there I had a touch of Treble Bob Major with my friend Mr. J. Nudds and Mr. Alderman Newland. On Sunday the 18th, I at the request of Mr. Jacob went over to Hornsey to spend the day with him. I was met on the road by friend Tom Langdon, and making our way to the church we found the local men waiting to ring for morning service. We rung Bob and Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor. After seeing different places of interest, home to dinner with Mr. Jacob. Then the handbells were brought into use and some Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor was rung, and tunes played by T. Langdon, A. Jacob and son till tea time. We met to ring for evening service, and a well struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the local men. On Friday the 18th, I met the Cumberland Youths at their head quarters, and had the pleasure of ringing some treble ten, and met many old friends; and on Saturday the 19th, it being Mr. A. Jacob's silver wedding day, it was arranged to attempt a peal at Hornsey in honour of the event, but one of the band did not turn up, so it had to be given up and a 720 Bob Minor rung instead. Then the company were invited by Mr. Jacob to partake of refreshment at his house; and tunes and handbell ringing was the order of the evening. At the close of the evening we wished Mr. and Mrs. Jacob "Many happy returns of the day." On Tuesday the 15th it was arranged to attempt a peal of Treble Bob Major at St. Anne's, Highgate, but after ringing 2 hrs. 56 mins. it came to grief only a few changes from home. It was arranged to make another attempt at the church of St. Giles-in-the-fields on Monday, the 21st, which was successfully rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins., and was duly recorded. On Saturday the 26th, it was arranged for another attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Highgate, which was successfully rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins., and which has also been recorded. This brought my visit to a close, and I had to say good-bye to all old friends, whom I thank one and all for making my holiday a pleasant one; and to old friend Tom Titchener for conducting me about from one place to another. I returned home on Monday and arrived quite safe after three weeks.

HOLY TRINITY, LLANDUDNO.

On Saturday the 12th inst., Mr. J. George, of Rugby, called here on his way to Dublin. A strong muster of the ringers assembled to welcome Mr. George, who was kind enough to say that he was very pleased with his reception and everything connected with the belfry. After giving the younger members some good advice, Mr. George conducted for practice 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Fairlie, 1; H. Jones, 2; T. Barrow, 3; E. Hughes, 4; F. Brown, 5; J. George, 6; S. A. Cullington, 7; S. Swann, 8.

It may be mentioned that five of the ringers of this church volunteered for active service in South Africa, with the Volunteer Company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and two of them Sergeant "Charlie" Jones (late "leader") and Private Deverill have succumbed from dysentery and enteric.

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 Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Tong to-day, Saturday, June 30. Meeting-house—The Greyhound inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.15. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are cordially invited.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Leigh, near Malvern, to-day, Saturday, June 30. Service in the church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The tower will be open for ringing. Leigh Court is the nearest station. G.W.R. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held at Bath, to-day, Saturday, June 30th. Dinner at The Alliance Commercial hotel and restaurant, Westgate Street, at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. each, 1s. to members. Business meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented, and election of officers take place. Short service at 4 p.m. at the abbey, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Quirk). Various towers in the city will be open to members.

HY. W. TOMKINS,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Williton, Somerset.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn to-day, Saturday, June 30th.

W. W. C. BAKER, } *Hon. Secs.*
ISAAC HILLS, }

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Wouldham to-day, Saturday, June 30th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Committee Meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Sheffield and District Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, on Saturday, July 7th. Belfry open at 3.30. Annual Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. Service in the parish church, with address by the Rev. W. H. Redknapp, Rector, at 7 p.m. All members who intend being present are earnestly requested to inform Mr. W. Masefield, 15, Heath Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than Tuesday, July 3rd.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, the places being Yate, Chipping Sodbury, and Iron Acton. Service at Yate at 5.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, July 14th. Further particulars next week.

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

Cotgrave, near Nottingham.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Stanmore, by the kind permission of the Rev. T. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m. All friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at Penarth, at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that members will make an effort to attend. Bells available for ringing.

REV. MINOR CANON PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held this year at Oxford. By kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Christ Church, there will be a special service with sermon in the Cathedral at 12.30. Business meeting in the old Lecture Room, Christ Church, at 1.20, and dinner in Christ Church Hall at 2 o'clock. Dinner tickets must be procured not later than July 5th, and the money (2s.) sent with the application. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. to probationers. Several towers will be open during the afternoon. All communications respecting the same to be made to

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NOTE TO PEAL.

MR. WADE'S FIFTY PEALS.—On six bells, 7, conducted 7; Grandsire Triples, 12, conducted 7; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 9, conducted 9; Treble Bob Major, 6, conducted 2; Double Norwich, 2; Superlative Surprise, 10. Total—50; conducted 25.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. J. Bartlett, 1; C. E. Allen, 2; W. G. Brockhurst, 3; A. Ashdown, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; T. W. Burdock, 6; T. Attwell (conductor), 7; T. Luft, 8. On Thursday, June 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles on handbells. W. G. Brockhurst, 1-2; A. J. Bartlett, 3-4; G. Luft (conductor), 5-6. First double-handed by all. On Thursday, June 5th, on hearing of the entering of Pretoria by British troops, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles each called differently. Between each the bells were fired. G. Luft, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; T. Attwell (conductor), 4; A. J. Bartlett, 5; H. Remnant, 6. On Sunday, June 10th, 360 and 180 Bob Minor. G. Luft, 1; A. Ashdown, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; W. G. Brockhurst, 4; A. J. Bartlett, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6.

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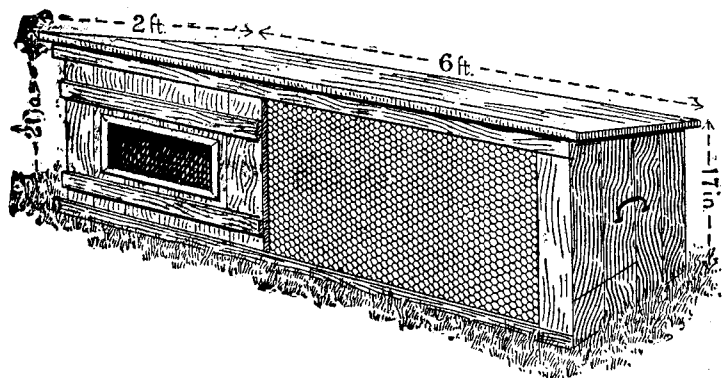
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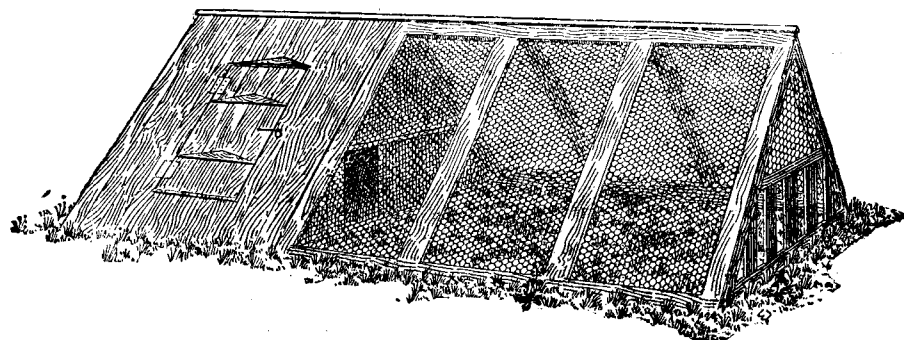
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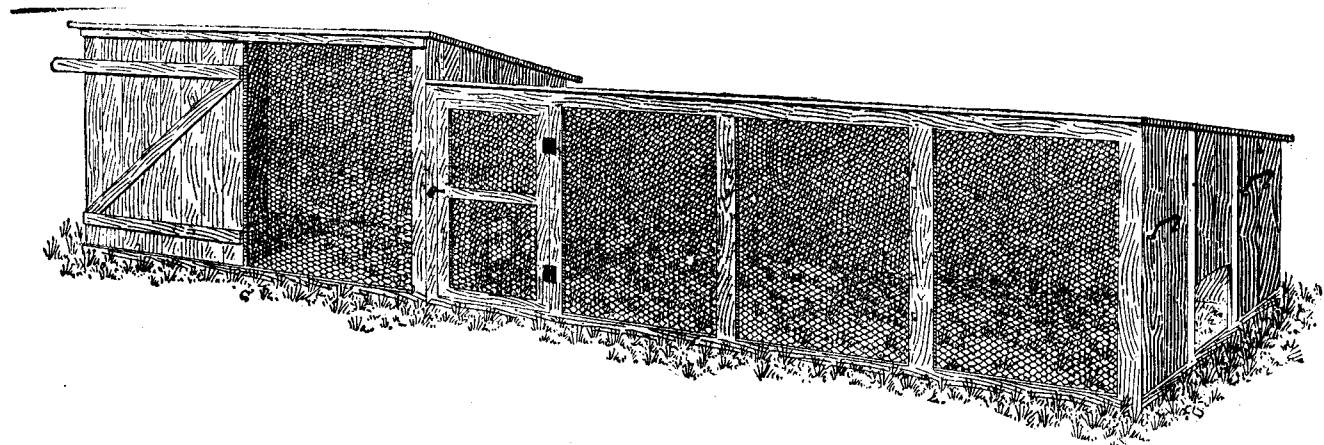
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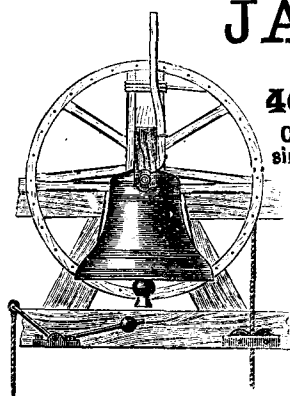
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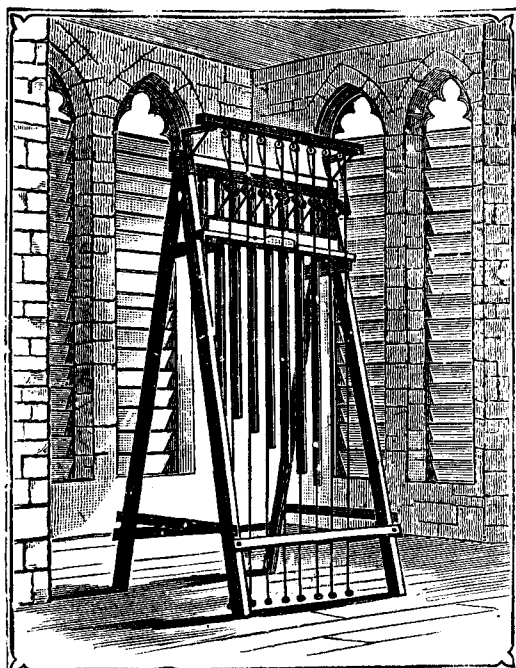
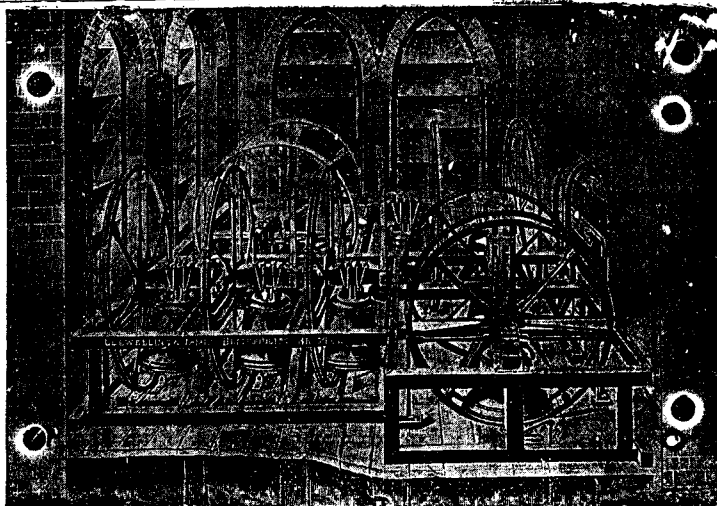
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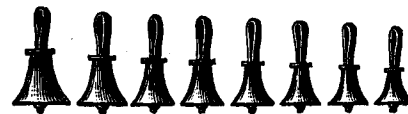
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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

For the fifth year in succession the annual meeting of this association was held at Northampton, and the attendance was fully up to the average, if not in excess of previous years. Mr. James George and Mr. T. Holmes (of Rugby) were present, and the members were very pleased to meet them. At one o'clock a special service was held in St. Edmund's church, and was well attended by the ringers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Walters, curate of St. Edmund's.

The usual dinner was held at The Peacock hotel. The Ven. Dr. Lightfoot, Archdeacon of Oakham, President of the Association, presided, and was supported by the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, Cranford (vice-President), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), Rev. R. Copeman (Stoke Albany), Rev. R. R. Cobbold (Earls Barton), Rev. W. St. George Coldwell (Wilby), Rev. A. Walters (St. Edmund's, Northampton), Rev. S. Summers (St. Peter's, Northampton), Rev. H. C. Holmes (St. Sepulchre's, Northampton), Rev. E. W. Thomas (Irchester), and Mr. Alderman Tomes (Northampton). At the conclusion of the dinner the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Dennes) reported that on the occasion of the meeting at Whiston, Grendon, and Castle Ashby, the Hon. and Rev. L. R. Irby gave a sum of £1 in addition to his annual subscription. He was pleased to state that Mr. Dent, of Harlow, Essex, had presented a new peal-board to the belfry at Irthlingborough. The receipts for the year amounted to £20 16s., and the expenditure to £16 3s., leaving a balance in hand on the year of £4 13s. The balance at the bank was thus brought up to over £30. Although they had that balance, several things were proposed which might reduce it, and they certainly need not keep so much in hand.

Mr. J. Linnell, Wilby House; Mr. W. E. Askham, Mr. E. Noble, Wellingborough; the Rev. E. Law, Mr. J. Kingsmith, Raunds; and the Rev. S. Summers, St. Peter's, Northampton, were elected honorary members of the Association; and Mr. E. F. Slade, Braintree, Essex; Mr. W. Freeman, Olney; Mr. W. Wroughton, Ipswich; and Mr. W. H. Pasmore, London, were elected out-of-county ringing members. New ringing members were also elected from Kettering, Finedon, St. Edmund's and St. Giles's, Northampton, Thrapston, Wellingborough, Mears Ashby, and Grendon.

The next quarterly meeting was agreed to be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, August 25th. The thanks of the Association were granted to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Edmund's for allowing the service to be held at that church, and kindly making all necessary arrangements; also to the clergy and churchwardens of St. Giles's, All Saints' and St. Peter's, for the privilege of the use of their bells; the vote being acknowledged by the Rev. A. Walters.

Referring to the fact that they would this year have to choose a representative for the Central Council, the Hon. Secretary remarked that they required one who would watch and protect the interests both of the clerical and

ringing members. Their Association was founded to promote belfry reform generally, in addition to encouraging scientific change-ringing.

The Rev. E. W. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the President, and spoke highly of the interest the Archdeacon of Oakham took in the welfare and interest of the Association; and also congratulated him heartily on his appointment as Prolocutor of the Lower House of Convocation. The Archdeacon, in reply, referring to his appointment, said it was one of the kindest elections which could possibly have taken place, as he was unanimously elected to his post, and without another nomination having been made. He valued the appointment most highly.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, upon the proposition of the Rev. A. Summers, seconded by Archdeacon Lightfoot, and that gentleman briefly acknowledged the compliment. The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The good attendance at the service at St. Edmund's (although that church is a long distance from the centre of the town) was most creditable to the ringers, and gave much satisfaction to the clergy and honorary members, of whom we have never seen so many present.

The ringing members of the Association have every reason to be grateful to the clergy and churchwardens of the various churches in Northampton possessing bells, for the privilege of using them year after year, also to the foremen and ringers of the different belfries for the practical and kindly interest they take in the meeting (sometimes at considerable inconvenience to themselves). Will they all please accept the thanks of both honorary and performing members?

The lowering of the top of the clock-case in St. Sepulchre's ringing-room is a great improvement, as previously it much impeded the view of the ropes.

St. Edmund's is the oldest of the modern churches in Northampton, having been erected in the year 1852. Until 1884 it possessed only one small bell, but, as a brass tablet in the chancel records—

Pro Deo Et Ecclesia

Thomas William Tomes, Churchwarden of this Parish did present to this Church a peal of eight bells in the year 1884. The parishioners in grateful recognition of so valuable a gift, have have erected this tablet to commemorate the event.—Easter 1884.

The ringing-room of St. Edmund's church is the largest in the town or county. The clock was given by Mrs. Collier shortly after the bells were placed in the tower. There was formerly an ancient church of St. Edmund in Northampton. In the reign of Queen Mary "Humfry Broke of Coton End near Northampton sold two bells of the said church of St. Edmund weighing 4cwt. 3qrs." according to North's *Church Bells of Northants*.

As usual, later in the evening, when all the bells were down, a good few met at The Peacock. St. Peter's fine

old set of handbells, which (through the energy of Mr. A. Smith, sexton of that church) has lately been repaired and improved, afforded amusement to ringers inside and the public outside. Mr. George gave an exhibition of tapping, and Mr. Hensher, assisted by Mr. A. Moore and several ladies belonging to the establishment, went through a very entertaining musical programme.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Christ Church, Bacup, on the 16th ult. Additional interest was lent to the occasion, as this was the date on which a peal-board was to be unveiled. Members were present from Bolton, Pendleton, Helmshore, Waterfoot, Bury, Middleton, etc., and touches of various methods were rung during the afternoon. At six o'clock there was an adjournment to the school, where a very excellent tea had been got ready. About fifty-six ringers tackled that tea, and the way they went into it was marvellous. During the tea the Rev. J. S. Doxey, Vicar of Christ Church, came in. He said he was glad to be able to welcome so many ringers. He was sorry he would not be able to join them, business calling him to Manchester, but hoped they would enjoy the refreshments, and afterwards the ringing.

The Rev. J. H. Elsee, President of the above Association, on behalf of the ringers responded. He thanked the Vicar for his kind welcome, and as for the tea, he had never sat down to a better. He wished he could have two teas.

After tea the tower was again visited and the bells were again set going. Some of the ringers got on to the top of the tower and had a fine view of the surrounding country. About seven o'clock all the members gathered in the belfry, together with the ladies who had helped to make the tea such a success, to be present at the interesting ceremony that was to take place. Mr. J. H. Barnes (Bacup) said he was glad to see such a good muster. He asked Mr. Elsee to unveil the tablet.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he was glad to be present to unveil the tablet, and to see such a good number present. It was his first visit to Bacup, but he hoped it would not be the last. He was glad to be present to congratulate the ringers of Christ Church on their splendid performance, a performance of which any band might be proud. He hoped that Christ Church would prosper. During the last few years the clergy of Lancashire had taken a deal more interest in ringing than formerly. It was always well for a tower if they had a clergyman who took an interest in change-ringing. He would like all clergymen to remember this. And then to the ringers themselves, he would ask them to be careful with their striking. If more attention was paid to the striking there would be far less dispute as to the genuineness of peals than at present. And as to ringing itself: some people seemed to think it was merely a sport. It was a sport in one sense, but there was always a spiritual side to it. The bells belonged to, and were part of the church, and that the church was God's House. He hoped all ringers would remember this, and that all ringing that they did, especially on the Sabbath Day, should be to the glory of God. This peal was rung on a Sunday, but he would be glad if all ringers would try and abstain from peal-ringing on the Sabbath as much as possible. The peal was a credit to them. It was the first peal of Surprise Minor in Lancashire, and the Association had made them a grant

to help them to pay for the board, in recognition of the performance. Mr. Elsee then unveiled the tablet, and read:—

"Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers. — Rossendale Branch.—Christ Church Society.—On Sunday, November 12th, 1899, a 5040 of Surprise Minor was rung in 2 hours and 52 minutes, being a 720 each of the following: London, York, Durham, Lichfield, Bristol, Chichester, and Worcester, the ringers standing as follows: L. Holt, treble; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), tenor. First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band; first on the bells, and first by the Lancashire Association. J. S. Doxey, Vicar; J. Bentham and A. Wright, Churchwardens."

Mr. Lord, on behalf of the churchwardens, said he was glad to welcome Mr. Elsee and all the ringers. As to the ringing of the peal, he would take the rev. gentleman's word for it that it was a fine performance.

Afterwards the business meeting was held, and this got through, the ringers who took part in the peal rang a touch of London Surprise, also in fine style. By this time it was getting late, and the talk (not the walk) of the ringers, as they wended their way to the station, showed whether they had enjoyed themselves or not.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

The old ring of six has recently been augmented to eight by the addition of a treble and tenor from the foundry of Messrs. Warner, at the cost of C. E. Keyser, Esq., of Aldermaston Court. A new iron frame now carries the eight bells. The new bells were dedicated on Sunday, June 10th, by the Rev. J. B. Burne, rural dean, and rung for the first time at the Confirmation service by the local company.

On Saturday, June 30th, the first peal was rung on them (Stedman Triples) by the Reading branch of the diocesan guild, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The go of the bells is excellent. Unfortunately antiquarian sentiment prevented the recasting of the 6th bell, the tone of which is very poor.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Saturday, June 30th, eight members of this society visited the church of St. Andrew, Harleston, Northamptonshire, by invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. Berry.

The company were met on the way by Mr. Craddock, the chief ringer, and very special credit is due to him for the kindly manner in which he entertained the visitors.

On arrival at the church, the bells were set going in Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. The visitors were then entertained to a very substantial tea, followed by a stroll round the grounds of Harleston House, the seat of the Duchess of Grafton.

More ringing was then had on the fine-toned ring of six bells, tenor 21 cwt., and at 8.30 p.m. the visitors' time came to return home, a very pleasant and enjoyable hour or two having been experienced. After the tea a vote of thanks was proposed and carried for the great kindness shown by the Rector.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Dronfield on Saturday, June 30th, members being present from Eckington, Wingfield, Norton, Ecclesfield, and Dronfield. It was arranged to have a meeting at Ecclesfield on the last Saturday in August. The attendance of members at our meetings shows a great falling off; it cannot be the result of bad trade and no funds; perhaps they don't like to leave the work. But again there are not many coal-pits or firms that require their men on a Saturday afternoon; in winter it is football, now it is summer with all its glory. We arrange our meetings for a country village; some come, but many don't. Would that the young ringers would take a hint from our old friend, G. Marsden, who has now passed the allotted time of three-score years and ten. He came as usual; only fancy, walk five miles there and five miles back. Never mind, George; it's not our fault; hope we shall meet again at Ecclesfield.

E. J.

UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLETS.

On Thursday, June 21st, the ringers of All Saints' Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks., and their friends, met together in the tower to witness the unveiling of two peal tablets, one recording a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by G. Martin, one of the local company; and the other, Holt's Original, rung by unmarried members of the local company, and also conducted by Mr. Martin.

The Rev. H. C. Bell, in introducing Mr. Duncan, who kindly performed the ceremony, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of the parish, who was always interested in the belfry and in ringing matters, and who expressed great regret at his inability to be present. They were, however, glad to welcome Mr. Duncan to the tower; they all knew what interest he had taken in other institutions in the parish during his residence in Maidenhead, and it was with very great pleasure that he had asked him to unveil the two tablets.

Mr. Duncan said that he was glad to make the acquaintance of the ringers, and to meet them on such an interesting occasion. He had often listened to the bells and enjoyed them. He congratulated Mr. Martin on his success as a conductor, and exhorted the other ringers to follow his example. Lately they had heard the bells rung to celebrate the victories in South Africa; he hoped before long they would be ringing to celebrate the end of the war and the establishment of a government in the Transvaal, which would make for a remedy of the old corruptions, and would inaugurate a new period of prosperity for South Africa.

The tablets were then unveiled.

Mr. F. Dentry, the foreman of the belfry, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Duncan for his kindness in coming to perform the ceremony, and said he hoped it would not be the last time they would have the pleasure of welcoming him there.

Mr. Duncan having briefly responded, was unanimously elected a member of the belfry and an hon. member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

During the evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung. Besides the local men, ringers were present from Hughenden, Marlow, and Bray.

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REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, June 23rd, the members of the St. Elisabeth's society, Reddish, accompanied by Mr. B. Davis, of the Cathedral band, paid a visit to New Mills, permission having been previously given for a ring on this beautiful ring of six, tenor about 13½ cwt. Thanks to the foresight of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, no time was wasted; the bells were raised, and the first 720 of Bob Minor successfully rung in 27½ mins. W. Lees, 1; R. Minshull, 2; T. Smithson, sen., 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Smithson, 5; B. Davis (conductor), 6. A second 720 by the same band with the exception of A. Barnes (conductor), 6, in 28 mins. was rung, and a third 720 was also attempted with J. Lowery, of the local band on the 2nd, which unfortunately came to grief in the last course.

The bells having been lowered in peal, a move was made for the station, *en route* for Marple, where tea was partaken of. This being over, a move was made to All Saints' church, where the local band had everything in readiness, and where the visitors had the pleasure of the Rev. A. T. Beeston's presence and assistance. The bells were soon started, and a 720 of Plain Bob composed by J. J. Parker was rung. Another 720 with the Rev. A. F. Beeston (conductor), on the 6th, came to grief in the last part.

After a little practice in the same method with the local band, and an attempt at Kent Treble Bob, a course of Grandsire Minor was rung and the bells dropped, each and every one of the visitors having enjoyed their visits to the respective towers. The best thanks of the band are rendered to the Rectors of New Mills and Marple for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal; also to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, and Mr. John Wood, of the Marple band, for the assistance they rendered, and which the visitors hope to have the pleasure of repaying should they favour them with a return visit.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 30th, a quarterly meeting of the above district was held at All Saints' church, Wouldham, and was well attended by members from Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Frindsbury, Upchurch, Bobbing, etc. The business meeting was held in the vestry, Mr. W. Hunt being voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Hinkley and Robinson, of Chatham, were made full members. Mr. W. Haigh proposed, and Mr. A. Day seconded, that the annual district meeting be held at Sittingbourne on the third Saturday in August, which was carried. Mr. A. Ring proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, which was carried unanimously. Mr. A. Kidd proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was duly acknowledged. Several touches were rung during the evening, and a very successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. L. Waddington, 1; A. Hallett, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; J. Earwicker (conductor), 4; E. Whitbread, 5; G. Wright, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; R. Hammond, 8. At St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 35 mins. F. Hearn, 1; J. Payne, 2; C. Giddings, 3; W. Seamer, 4; R. Weatherley (conductor), 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6.

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(Concluded.)

HOW BEST TO INSTRUCT BEGINNERS IN THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING.

This subject, which was adjourned from the last Council Meeting, was, in the absence of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, taken by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who said he had attempted in a small way to instruct beginners, but as most of them had failed he might be better able to give an idea how *not* to do it. It was a wide subject, for there were undoubtedly many ways of going to work. He was not aware if his friend Mr. Davies intended to deal with the question of how best to instruct beginners as individuals or as a band. Two very different matters. If you had to instruct a beginner who would do a little for himself, you could make him a good ringer in a short time, but when one had to take a whole band in hand to teach it was a difficult position to be placed in, and it might be some time before the good seed sown would bring forth fruit. There were of course beginners and beginners. There were those who, for instance, would sit down and make a study of Mr. Snowdon's admirable *Rope-Sight* and other books to get hold of the idea and method which they were learning. There were those beginners who outside the tower would not give one minute to any study. These were a very difficult class of beginners to deal with. There were the educated and the uneducated, and it was very difficult to lay down general rules as to the best way in which to instruct beginners in the art of ringing. He was sure he could not formulate rules himself, and he did not think anyone else could. There was another question. It was not only the beginner, but it was also a question of the instructors. Some will work on and on at instructing but fail to make progress, for they have not the means of imparting their knowledge to others. He thought from experience that it was well to dispense with figures altogether. He would much sooner give pictures, for he believed in pictorial methods. This on the lines adopted in Mr. Snowdon's books was of great assistance, not only to the beginner but in picking up a method when he had got a start. If the pictorial system was adopted more in the present day he did not think there would be so great a difficulty in the instructing of beginners. He had heard ringers say that having learnt a method by the pictorial system they had never forgotten it. They had no difficulty in following a method, it was fixed upon their minds, whereas figures had failed to do so. Another point was that beginners were often started at the wrong end. He thought it wrong to go in for Grandsire, for if you started a beginner at once in Stedman he would have no difficulty afterwards in learning the more easy methods (hear, hear), and with such a system of starting direct into Stedman he believed that not only would there be more ringers but more methods would be rung. If it ever fell to his lot to go to a village where change-ringing was not practised he should start with Stedman and see if it did not meet with more success than starting first with Grandsire.

The Rev. M. Kelly said he was well aware of the difficulties which one had to experience in instructing beginners. Of all things that were required one must have patience. If an instructor had not got patience it was not much good his attempting to teach. He was afraid that some instructors went on talking away under the impression that they were making everything appear perfectly clear, but that at the end of the lesson but very little, if anything, of what they had said had been understood. In this respect he knew that he had been pretty well criticised by his daughter, who had told him that those he was teaching had not understood a word he said (laughter). It was to be hoped that the forthcoming Glossary would make many things more clear, for the great difficulty was to make the language clear. He could not agree with Mr. Carpenter that it was best to start with Stedman. This appeared to him to be wrong. There was place-making and dodging in Stedman, but the beginner did not learn hunting his bell up and down, therefore he did not see how he was to get on so well with Stedman as with Grandsire. He had heard the system of teaching beginners to follow the bell that follows them very much criticised. He thought that a beginner should be taught to see the ropes clear from the commencement (hear, hear). A good practice was that of tying the clappers, for it prevented much of what

might otherwise be annoyance to outsiders. The instructor who had patience was a source of encouragement, however ignorant those might be that he had to teach, and would assist them in getting hold of change-ringing. Especially would this be the case when he had to teach a whole band.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said it was not exactly right to say that you were not ringing a hunting bell if ringing Stedman.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett thought every new band of ringers should have a competent instructor. Every ringer should have an apprenticeship.

Mr. G. F. Attree thought many mistakes were made by losing sight of the fact that a ringer was born a ringer. His experience was that you might start a band of twelve, and if you got one of them through so as to become a good ringer you might consider yourself very fortunate. As to teaching by figures some of the old ringers preferred it, but he wished diagrams were more in use, for there would then be many more methods rung. Diagrams were of great advantage, not only to a beginner, but to a man who wanted to ring a method new to him. Give him a diagram and he could ring it the next day. Half an hour's study would enable him to obtain more knowledge than a host of figures which he might look at for a month without being the wiser.

Mr. R. S. Story said he had had considerable experience in teaching, and thought he had been fairly successful. He had commenced at the bottom of the ladder. He thought the reason why so many did not follow up the practice and become good ringers, was because they did not get properly used to handling a bell at first. To hand a beginner over to a junior member of the band was a wrong step to take. Things would often go wrong, and the beginner too became over-worried. A beginner should be started from the very commencement in a good style (hear, hear) then there might be a chance of keeping him at it. A great point was to make him learn to manage his bell neatly from the very beginning.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge supported the idea of starting beginners direct with Stedman Doubles, and would go on to Stedman Minor, letting them come back to Grandsire after Stedman had been well grasped. The very moment that a young beginner came into the tower he should be taken in hand by some one competent to teach. It was a mistake to attempt to teach a method before rounds could be rung. A beginner should also be taught to raise and fall his bell. Beginners often persisted in doing that which you told them not to do. If a beginner looked up at the ceiling, took his rope in the wrong hand, or looked at the floor, and continued to do so when requested not, there was but one remedy and that was to show him the door.

Mr. R. Cartwright said as one who had at times been fairly successful, he had adopted the rules as laid down by the late Mr. Snowdon in his *Rope Sight*. He had made use of diagrams and considered figures to be a great mistake. He considered that if the science of change-ringing was not made to appear so difficult, many more would take an interest in it, and there would be more that would become ringers. He considered that the more simple methods should be taken first.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey considered it a mistake to start beginners too soon to learn a method. No doubt many were desirous to get through their first 120, but they should be taught to keep their bell up first.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee advocated that beginners should be taught first upon handbells. He had a few simple rules prepared upon one side of a sheet of paper, with diagram upon the other. Handbell practice, when adopted, was of great help to the beginner upon the tower bells.

Mr. W. Snowdon said it was through so many inquiries as to teaching that his brother brought out *Rope-Sight* containing the rules that he himself had adopted with success. He advocated that the beginner should be first started upon four bells, and should be first taught upon handbells which would enable him to get hold of ringing much quicker. Patience was of great importance in teaching, for it was necessary to get the beginner thoroughly to understand what you told him. Men could be made successful ringers, although if born ringers they picked it much more easily.

The President said a very interesting discussion had taken place. His own experience led him to think that an important factor in the difficulties of teaching young hands was their dis-

inclination in the present day to listen to what they were told. He would like to know from such men as Mr. Pettit and Mr. Wood, when they looked back to the days when they were beginners, whether they dared to treat those that taught them with the disrespect and inattention shown by most young men of the present day to their instructors. It was very difficult to have seven beginners, but if the instructor had only one beginner and seven others who could ring, he could get on all right. A man's patience was fairly tried when he had two or three learners who attempted to ring a method before they could strike their bells. There were many ways of learning to ring, and he did not think there could be too many, for each learner would pick out that which suited him best.

Consideration of the following subjects was postponed for want of time:—"The desirability of appointing a Committee to draw up a model code of rules for (a) an Association, (b) a company of ringers," and "To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions and of worthless methods sent to 'THE BELL NEWS' for insertion."

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

In response to the invitation of the President, a large number of members and friends spent a social evening at the Inns of Court hotel, after doing a little ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and at St. Clement Danes.

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."

CAMPANOLOGY v. CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—I fear that I seem very uncourteous in disregarding the kind attempts to "draw" me as to *Campalogy v. Campanology*. The former, of course, is etymologically correct, and I cannot regret that I adopted it in my book on the bells of academic Cambridgeshire. I am penitent now for having fallen away from truth in the *Church Bells of Suffolk*. No doubt it was a feeling of the hopelessness of the struggle against an established perversion of spelling that influenced me. I ought to have stood firm. My attention was drawn to the correspondence when I was away from home, but I have only just read the letters in "THE BELL NEWS." The writers of these letters will, I hope, pardon what looks like neglect.

Fressingfield Vicarage, Suffolk.

J. J. RAVEN.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SIR,—My remarks as to disputed peals are not quite accurately reported. I said that there was no statute of limitations in a criminal case, and this is so in every case triable on indictment by a judge and jury. With regard to petty offences dealt with by the magistrates, the summons must be issued within six months, as the President pointed out. By another little error I am made to suggest an enquiry similar to those held by the County Court: for Court read Council. The point of my remarks was that the Central Council, if appealed to, might depute some of its members to hear both sides face to face, and to report their decision, which when confirmed by the Council would no doubt be accepted as final by the Exercise at large.

J. S. PRITCHETT.

Hill Top, King's Norton.

VICTORIA SURPRISE.

SIR,—I have received the following on an unsigned post card from Leytonstone:—

"ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—LEYTONSTONE.—Wednesday, June 27th, 720 Victoria Surprise Minor. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; J. Mardell, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. W. Keeble pricked out this *Minor* method about ten months ago. It sounds well on the bells."

From the above it will be seen that Mr. Keeble, of Leytonstone, has a prior claim to Victoria Surprise *Minor* as author. So far as the *Minor* of this method is concerned, I am willing that Mr. Keeble shall have the credit of being the first to pro-

duce the same, in the same way that I give Shipway the credit of being the first to produce the *Minor* of Old England Court Bob Major, but in both instances, I produced *first* the *Major* of each method, and then sought for the method on 6, 10, and 12 bells, therefore I consider that I can justly claim authorship of both methods from Major to Maximus, and the fact that the two *Minor* methods unknown to me were in existence, had nothing to do with the result obtained.

GEORGE BAKER.

DEATH OF THE REV. CANON HULL, OF NORTHAMPTON.

It is with unfeigned regret, which will be generally shared throughout the whole of the county, that we have to record the death of the Rev. Canon Robert Bevan Hull, M.A., R.D., rector of Abington, Northampton. The death of Canon Hull removes one of the best known evangelical clergymen in Northamptonshire, and the most popular cleric in the county town, where he has laboured so long and so successfully, and when the sad tidings became known, manifestations of grief were on every hand noticeable. The first public intimation that the end—which it was felt could not long be delayed—had come, was the hoisting of the flag on All Saints' church at half-mast, and the solemn tolling of the passing bell. The cause of death was consumption, and for the last three or four years the rev. gentleman's life has been in the balance, so to speak. At one time he would be seen about the town and heard in his pulpit regularly, and then would come news of a relapse, to be followed by another lease of improved health, but only of a temporary nature, and then a further cessation of work. In this painful way the last few years of the Canon's life were spent, his life doubtless having been lengthened and his strength often maintained by the exercise of that indomitable pluck and perseverance so characteristic of him.

It was in 1877 that the Rev. R. B. Hull was inducted to the living of All Saints' church, Northampton, and during his long residence in the "metropolitan" parish of this busy borough the Vicar of All Saints' earned for himself an unenviable character for broad-mindedness and for his brotherliness towards the Nonconformist ministers of the town which have given an excellent tone to the general feeling between the members of the Established and Free Churches. By his invitation Nonconformist ministers have on several occasions of national or civic importance taken part in services at All Saints'. Canon Hull was most and considerate to his own ringers, and gave a warm welcome to the Central Northamptonshire Association on their first visit to the county town in 1896. One very fitting memorial of this broad-minded hard-working clergyman would be the rehanging and increase to ten of the bells of All Saints' church, the town church of Northampton.

AN APPEAL.

The ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the Exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41, Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21, Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55, Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43, Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39, Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3, St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70, Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35, Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, E. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W. M. A. Wood, 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1900.

To read of bell-extension is, or ought to be, very gratifying to every member of the ringing Exercise. We are seldom without some news of belfry reform in its best sense, and rejoice heartily to hear of the operations of the bell-founder or bell-hanger. There is even some amount of satisfaction in hearing that such and such bells have had new ropes fitted to them. Any intelligence of this sort is agreeable; and it is not so infrequent as formerly. But we never or seldom hear of the many schemes for the restoration of bells which are unsuccessful, which from various causes literally "come to grief." These undertakings are like many peal-attempts, accounts of which never see daylight.

Where the attempts made to restore or augment a ring of bells, or erect new ones prove unsuccessful, and have to be abandoned, it is saddening. The question has often

been put—"Can the ringing Exercise help such movements on in any way?" We say the Exercise can, if it will. It is estimated that there are more than 30,000 trained ringers in existence. It would be folly to contend that such a body is unable to influence the erection of a ring of bells, if it only had a mind to. And we do not hesitate to say that the time has arrived when the Exercise should look further beyond its present borders, and not feel content with its existent area of operations. It should see if by any means it can help on the good work of bell-restoration, augmentation, and so forth.

It may be asked how such an extension of interests and operations can be carried out. There is one fatal word we know, which is at present our *bête noir*—"apathy." If ringers are to continue to take no concern in any movement but what is brought immediately under their noses, forced upon them as with a sledge-hammer, in fact, we can have no hope for anything. But there are signs that the proverbial apathy and unconcern of the change-ringer is wearing off, and it is believed that men are coming to look with enlarged intellects upon the various subjects which concern or interest them as ringers. Surely the addition to our present ringing power by bell extension in every possible shape ought to be, if not the chief, one of the most interesting subjects to the minds of half-pull ringers. The question, is, then how can the Exercise assist towards making such praiseworthy objects successful?

The answer is simple and clear. We ringers are 30,000 strong. Will every one of this 30,000 be agreeable to practise such a small amount of self-denial as to give the sum of one shilling towards the erection of a new ring of bells? We may take a case before us for illustration. The churchwardens of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, a village in Essex, are desirous of having a new ring of bells for their church—a very commendable aspiration. How easy a matter it would be if the 30,000 ringers—all of them—would send one shilling. There would be enough and to spare, and the surplus could form the nucleus for a similar undertaking in some other part of the country.

The scheme which we have foreshadowed is no doubt susceptible of great improvement. There are many among the 30,000 able to elaborate the idea, and make it workable. We hope it may be thought out and acted upon with spirit and resolution.

The Metropolis.

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ASA HOLMES 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7.
JOSEPH E. GOFTON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

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*First peal. †First peal of Treble Bob.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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CHARLES GILES Treble.	A. WATMORE 5.
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GEORGE CONDICK* Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 5.
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On Saturday, June 30, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 30, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE T. WELLER .. Treble.	ERNEST H. HOLDEN .. 5.
GEORGE H. LEE 2.	PERCY H. DOICK 6.
FREDERICK LUXFORD .. 3.	HAROLD D. SEARLE .. 7.
FREDERICK GREENFIELD .. 4.	JOHN NETLEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM* .. Treble.	FRANCIS I. HOAD, JUN. .. 5.
JAMES RUMBLE 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 6.
SYDNEY A. WRIGHT† .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
CHARLES BANCE 4.	ARTHUR HARDY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. It was intended to have rung Major, but one of the band being unable to come at the last moment the above was rung.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1900, in Two Hours Fifty-six and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE LUFF Treble.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
THOMAS ATWELL 3.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 7.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 4.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. RADFORD.

T. W. Radford, for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting, and hails from Taunton, Somersetshire.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	FRANK BLONDELL 6.
GEORGE FOSTER 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 4.	GEORGE GUNNER Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. The ringers thank the Vicar for permission, and the steeplekeeper for having the bells in order.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 2, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN MONK Treble.	FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 5.
HARRY JUDGE 2.	*THOMAS BULL 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 4.	†JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

Handbell Peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, June 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, 37, TRADESCANT ROAD, SOUTH LAMBETH, S.W.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 1-2.	†GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN* .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire—H. Pasmore. *First peal upon handbells. †First peal of Stedman upon handbells. Mrs. Cockerill heard the peal, and took a delight in waiting upon the performers.

OXHEY, HERTS.

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

On Tuesday, July 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by HERBERT MARTIN.

Umpire—John B. Bates.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1900 changes, being 460 Worcester Surprise and 720 each of York and Durham Surprise, in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Kimberley, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPROUTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. W. Brown, 1; H. J. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; A. Rivers, 4; E. Rivers (conductor), 5; G. W. Mee, 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, April 26th, at St. Edmund's church, a date touch of 1900 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Metherell, 1; F. Hopper (conductor), 2; J. Mackay, 3; E. Harris, 4; H. D. Smith, 5; J. S. White, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at the parish church, a course of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Brockhurst, 1-2; A. J. Bartlett, 3-4; T. Atwell, 5-6; G. Luff, 7-8. On Wednesday, June

13th, for practice on handbells, a course of Bob Minor. A. J. Bartlett, 1; G. Luff, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; W. G. Brockhurst, 4; T. Attwell, 5-6. On Sunday, June 17th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. G. Luff, 1; A. J. Bartlett, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; W. G. Brockhurst, 4; A. Ashdown, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 8th, for practice, 720 College Single. R. Crowhurst, 1; T. Streeter, 2; *J. Heathorn, 3; E. Lucas, 4; E. Worsfold (conductor), 5; W. Trewen, 6. *First 720 in the method, and is in his seventy-sixth year.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, May 15th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 308 Grandsire Triples. E. Young, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. T. Tucker, 4; T. Spratt, 5; J. Ashford, 6; W. H. George, 7; G. Aslet, 8. And 504 in the same method *W. Young, 1; *G. Aslet, 2; R. Abraham, 3; E. Young, 4; W. T. Tucker, 5; J. Ashford, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; C. Abraham, 8. Also a 336. E. Young, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. T. Tucker, 4; T. Spratt, 5; J. Ashford, 6; W. H. George, 7; G. Brown, 8. *First 504.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—Recently, at St. Nicolas's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; G. Reading, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; J. Hunt, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Radford (conductor), 1; E. Raddon, 2; G. Reading, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; J. Heather, 5; E. Allen, 6; J. Hunt, 7; E. Heather, 8. A quarter-peal in the same method. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Allen, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Hunt, 6; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 7; G. Reading, 8. Also 504. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; G. Reading, 5; S. Radford, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, for Divine Service, 298 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; E. E. Newman, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; A. G. Collins (conductor), 6; J. Gould, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Longest touch in the method as conductor. E. Reynolds belongs to St. Thomas', Portsmouth. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; A. C. Collins, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Sunday evening, May 10th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. J. Symons, 2; C. Groves, 3; E. C. Newman, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; J. Harris (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service specially held for Portsmouth A.M.C. of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Societies church parade, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. J. Harris, 1; H. White, 2; G. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harper, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. H. White hails from Basingstoke.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On April 19th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; A. F. Hardy, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On April 29th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eight bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On May, 3rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On April 1st, for morning service, 720 York Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, April and, 720 Worcester Surprise. D. Briggs, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. H. Barnes, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. Also 720 Winchester Surprise, composed by C. Severn, of Killamarsch. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and by all the band, and is now rung for the first time. On Sunday morning, April 8th, 720 Durham Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Coventry Surprise standing as in the morning. On Wednesday, April 11th, 720 College Exercise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; the rest as before. On Friday, April 13th, at the church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, 720 Violet. T. Robertshaw, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as before. On Monday, April 16th, at St. Saviour's church, 720 London Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine standing as before, with the exception of Z. Lord, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4. On Friday, April 20th, 720 Westminster Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley,

5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. Composed by F. Dench, and is now rung for the first time. On Sunday evening, April 22d, 720 York Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; H. L. Cockroft, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 27th, 720 Bristol Surprise, standing as above with the exception of D. Briggs, 2. On Saturday, April 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; A. Whiter, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Dewsbury Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and first by all the band.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—The following touches were rung during the day on St. Paul's bells, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Association: 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Sear, 1; J. Church, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; B. Jealous, 4; J. Nichols, 5; W. Barker, 6; F. Webb (conductor), 7; F. Bird, 8. Also 504. J. Sear, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; H. Sear, 3; E. Reader (conductor), 4; J. Nichols, 5; I. Hills, 6; G. Borfield, 7; V. Sear, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob. W. Brown, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; E. Reader, 3; M. Lane, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; E. Herbert, 6; J. Valentine, 7; W. Barker, 8. A 252 of Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; H. Sear, 2; J. Church, 3; D. Harris, 4; B. Jealous, 5; G. Valentine, 6; F. Webb, 7; J. Sear, 8. A 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; D. Harris, 2; W. H. Pasmore, 3; E. Tingey, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; M. Lane, 6; W. Barker, 7; G. Valentine, 8. Also 305 Grandsire Caters. Cyril Herbert, 1; M. Matthews, 2; E. Tingey, 3; J. Church, 4; W. H. Pasmore, 5; B. Jealous, 6; E. Herbert, 7; I. Hills, 8; W. Barker (conductor), 9; M. Lane, 10. And 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; C. D. Smith, 3; D. Harris, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; W. Freeman, 6; G. Valentine, 7; D. Thompson, 8. A 303 Grandsire Caters. F. Webb, 1; M. Lane, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Sear, 6; E. Reader, 7; J. A. Smith, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; W. Freeman, 10. And 324 in the same method. M. Lane, 1; E. Herbert, 2; J. Church, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; W. Hall, 5; M. Matthews, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; E. Reader, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; B. Jealous, 10. Also 216 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; D. Harris, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Hull, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Tysoe, 8. Also 252 in the same method. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; S. Wesley, 5; J. A. Smith, 6; E. Herbert, 7; F. W. Hinde, 8. Another 216 in the same method. F. Webb, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; D. Harris, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Hull, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Tysoe, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; C. D. Smith, 3; D. Harris, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; W. Freeman, 6; G. Valentine, 7; D. Thompson, 8. Three courses of Bob Major. W. Jones, 1; M. Matthews, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. D. Smith, 4; E. Reader, 5; M. Lane, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. A course of Stedman Caters. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; E. Herbert, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; I. Hills, 7; E. Reader, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; H. Sear, 10. A course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. J. Church, 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 2; E. Herbert, 3; D. Matthews, 4; W. Hall, 5; D. Harris, 6; I. Hills, 7; M. Lane, 8; W. Tysoe, 9; C. W. Clarke, 10.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TREES.—On Thursday, June 28th, by a band from Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Thornaby, 540 Bob Royal. R. G. Greenwood, 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; N. Kidd, 4; A. W. Barrett, 5; J. Waller, 6; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 7; J. H. Blakiston, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10. First touch of Bob Royal by all the band. Tenor 27½ cwt.

SHAROW.—On Saturday, June 30th, 800 Bob Major. J. Carter, 1; T. W. Waller, 2; W. T. Titchener, 3; W. J. Wright, 4; A. W. Barrett, 5; N. Kidd, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Saturday, June 30th, three of the Cathedral society assisting, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. T. Titchener, 1; J. Baines, 2; W. Gibson, 3; N. Kidd, 4; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 5; J. Carter, 6; J. B. Blakiston, 7; T. W. Waller, 8; C. Swiers, 9; T. Metcalfe, 10. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Wednesday, April 11th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. D. Heginbottom, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Pile who was one of the first to learn change-ringing in the town. On Saturday, May 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 3000 changes owing to a change-course.

A. Draper, 1; T. Ricketts (conductor), 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; C. Gardiner, 6; S. Hillier, 7; R. Phillips, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. T. Raddon, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; A. Draper, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; S. Hillier (conductor), 5; F. Merritt, 6. Also at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Merritt, 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; S. Hillier (conductor), 5; A. Draper, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 8th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. E. G. Norris (first 720), 1; Josh. Young, 2; James Young, 3; W. Allen, 4; A. Edwards, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Richel, 1; Josh. Young, 2; James Young, 3; W. Allen (first 720 in the method), 4; A. Edwards (conductor), 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Richell, 1; J. Young, 2; James Young, 3; W. Allen (first 720 in the method), 4; A. Edwards (conductor), 5; W. Lincoln, 6. The Rev. E. G. Norris and W. Lincoln hail from Writtle.

WOODFORD (Essex).—Recently, 720 Ely Surprise. J. Kimberly, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6. On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Rann, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Kimberly, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Clarke, 5; J. Mardell (conductor), 6. Also another 720 after service, standing as before.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GORING (Sussex).—On Saturday, May 19th, to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. A. Evans, 1; G. Martin, 2; W. Martin, 3; H. Evans, 4; F. Hayler (conductor), 5; J. Tucker, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH. On Sunday, June 10th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Royal. J. Godfrey, 1; R. Christian, 2; G. Howchin, 3; J. Boughton, 4; J. Adams, 5; F. R. Borrett, 6; R. Tooley, 7; G. J. Reid, 8; J. Matthews, 9; F. H. Knights (conductor), 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 5th, an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 2 mins. W. Brown, 1; G. W. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; H. J. Mee, 4; E. Rivers, 5; A. Rivers, 6; C. Mee (conductor), 7; F. Mee, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MORTIMER (Berks).—On Thursday, May 10th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Austin, 1; H. Cox, 2; J. Mason, 3; T. Neville, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. Jerrom (conductor), 7; W. Ford, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Mason.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. G. Duxley, 1; E. Dunn, 2; J. Craft, 3; J. Town, 4; G. Simpson, 5; W. James, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; J. Wright (first 720), 8. On Sunday evening, April 29th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Humphrey, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Ingham, 3; G. Durling (conductor), 4; G. Simpson, 5; G. Huxley (first 720 with a bob bell), 6; W. J. Smith, 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, May 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Huxley, 1; E. Dunn, 2; J. Craft, 3; Town, 4; G. Taylor, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; J. Craft, 3; G. Taylor, 4; J. Hack, 5; W. Ingham, 6; W. Smith, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8.

CHATHAM.—On May 12th, an attempt for peal came to grief owing to the tenor rope coming untucked. Also 826 Grandsire Triples. A. Moore, 1; W. Easter, 2; W. Hollier, 3; Quarter-Master Sergeant C. Fryatt, R.E., 4; E. Mexter, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6; W. Hunt, 7; F. Hinchley, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. J. Tullett, 1; W. Easter, 2; W. Hollier, 3; C. Fryatt, 4; E. Mexter, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6; W. Hunt, 7; F. Hinchley, 8.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, June 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 45 mins. S. Croucher, 1; A. Charlton, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; S. R. Garner, 4; E. E. Bridges, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6; W. J. Willis, 7; G. Pearson, 8. Composed by W. T. Elson.

ELHAM (Kent).—On the occasion of the relief of Mafeking and Lord Roberts' entry into Pretoria, Queens were rung and several 120s of Bob Doubles. E. Smith, G. Shepherd, J. Whitnall, E. Bush, A.

Castle, T. Bourne, W. Smith, J. Hadaway. On Saturday, June 9th, 360 Bob Minor, 672 and 112 Bob Major, and a touch of Grandsire Triples. A. E. Smith, E. Bush, J. Andrews, S. Finn, G. Finn, J. Whitnall, E. Cheeseman, A. Tanton, J. Prebble.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Henley, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Verrier (first 720), 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Sone, 5; H. Castle, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Marie's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Wallace, 1; T. G. Sarel, 2; G. Bradshaw, 3; F. Burgar (conductor), 4; H. Ward, 5; J. Dixon, 6; W. Midgley, 7; T. Vernon, 8. Rung in honour of J. A. Dixon's birthday, the senior member of the company, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, July 3rd, for practice, 720 Victoria Surprise Minor, and 360 Anston Surprise. W. Platts, 1; H. Turner, 2; C. Fowler (conductor), 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; H. Stenton, 6. These are believed to have been rung for the first time since they were composed.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On April 6th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. J. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On April 8th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 27 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On April 29th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. A. J. Nicholas, 1; A. F. Hardy, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On April 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Gibbons, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On May 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. A. J. Nicholas, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, July 1st, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. T. Hoad, 1; H. Songhurst, 2; F. J. Shepherd, 3; W. Songhurst, 4; G. F. Hoad, 5; E. E. Dodd, 6; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 7; F. Hull, 8. F. Hull hails from Walthamstow. The band wish to thank Mr. Dodd for making arrangements, and the Rev. E. A. Chichester for the use of the bells.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at the church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Goodman, jun., 1; J. Mills, 2; N. Holyoake, 3; S. J. Hughes, 4; J. Fellows, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6; J. Goodman, sen., 7; J. Bayliss, 8. Rung on the occasion of the British troops entering into Pretoria. First quarter-peal by J. Goodman, jun., who is only fourteen years of age.

HARPENDEN (Herts).—On May 6th, after Divine Service at St. Nicholas' church, 1260 Bob Doubles in 52 mins. H. Burgess, 1; B. Jarman, 2; G. Newson, 3; W. H. Newell (conductor), 4; H. Dunckley, 5; D. Deller, 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Ethelreda, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Smith, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. J. Powers, 3; J. Hollingsworth, 4; J. Kentish, 5; J. T. Kentish, 6; T. Waller (St. Albans), 7; H. Tharby, 8. On Wednesday, June 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1; W. J. Rumney, 2; W. J. Richardson, 3; J. J. Powers (conductor), 4; J. Kentish, 5; R. Shepherd, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; G. Smith, 8. On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Smith, 1; W. J. Rumney, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; J. J. Powers (conductor), 4; J. Kentish, 5; R. Shepherd, 6; T. Waller, 7; H. Warren (Wheatthamstead), 8.

KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, at the parish church, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. H. Sumner, 1; F. W. Sumner, 2; A. Pritchett, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. Withers, 5; J. S. Pritchett, 6; W. Palmer, 7; W. Pritchett (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. H. Sumner, 1; J. S. Pritchett, 2; F. W. Sumner, 3; T. Pritchett, 4; J. Betterton, 5; W. Palmer, 6; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 7; J. Williams, 8.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, May 8th, at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; C. Pryor, 4; G. Hollis, 5; W. H. Pryor (first 504 as conductor), 6; W. Nudds, 7; W. Norton, 8. Also 336 Bob Major.

L. Nudds, 1; G. Hollis, 2; E. Bonfield (longest length in the method), 3; W. Pryor, 4; W. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan, 6; F. Hull (conductor), 7; W. Burrows, 8.

REDDISH (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, June 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor on the back six in 28 mins. W. Lee, 1; *R. Minshall, 2; T. Smithson, sen., 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Smithson, 5; A. Barnes (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. First 720 on the bells by a local band.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Whit Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service at St. Giles's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Tucker, 4; G. Cowley (conductor), 5; A. Clark, 6. On Tuesday, June 5th, 720 Bob Minor was rung to celebrate the entry of Lord Roberts' troops into Pretoria. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; W. Tucker, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On April 21st, at St. Mary's church, 1554 Grandsire Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; J. Routley, 2; W. Eveleigh, 3; T. Radford, 4; C. Macey, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; J. Maddock, 7; J. Fowler, 8. On April 22nd, 518 Grandsire Triples. B. Van Tromp, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; W. Eveleigh, 3; J. Routley, 4; C. Macey, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; E. Wyatt, 7; E. Poole, 8. On April 21st, 503 Grandsire Caters. S. Wyatt, 1; J. Routley, 2; B. Van Tromp, 3; J. Maddock, 4; W. Eveleigh, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; C. Macey, 8; T. Radford, 9; E. Poole, 10. On April 29th, 701 Grandsire Caters. E. Kite, 1; J. Routley, 2; B. Van Tromp, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; W. Eveleigh, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; J. Fowler, 7; C. Macey, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; E. Poole, 10. On May 12th, 672 Grandsire Triples. B. Van Tromp, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Routley, 3; T. Radford, 4; E. Burgess, 5; C. Macey, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; J. Fowler, 8. On May 19th, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Wyatt, 1; J. Routley, 2; *B. Van Tromp, 3; A. Doble, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; A. Evans, 7; W. Eveleigh, 8; J. Maddock, 9; E. Poole, 10. *First quarter-peal of Caters with a bob bell. And 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Poole, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Maddock, 3; A. Doble, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; S. Wyatt, 7; E. Burgess, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; E. Harris, 10. These last two touches were rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking. On May 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. *H. Van Tromp, 1; B. Van Tromp, 2; J. Routley, 3; J. Fowler, 4; S. Wyatt, 5; W. Eveleigh, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; E. Poole, 8. *First 500 of Grandsire Triples.

WARE (Herts).—On Saturday, May 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Parcel, 1; D. Bennett, 2; J. Pomfret, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; J. Heady, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 7; G. H. Barker, 8. Also 210, conducted by G. H. Barker.

SUMMER STEAMBOAT ARRANGEMENTS.

The New Palace Steamers, Limited, are now making regular sailings to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate. The Koh-i-Noor leaves Old Swan Pier at 8.50, daily (Fenchurch 9.45), calling at Greenwich, South Woolwich, and Tilbury, arriving at Southend at 11.50, and Margate 1.45; returning from Margate 3.15. The Royal Sovereign leaves Old Swan Pier at 9.20 (St. Pancras 9.50, and Fenchurch-st. 10.28), reaching Ramsgate at 3.0, returning from Ramsgate at 3.15. La Marguerite has also commenced her popular sailings to Ostend and Boulogne, and one of the best ways of travelling to the Paris Exhibition is to cross the Channel by this fast and well-appointed steamer. The catering is now in the Company's hands, and gives entire satisfaction. Particulars may be had from Mr. T. E. Barlow, Manager, 50, King William st., E.C.

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The General Steam Navigation Company have commenced their trips to Margate, Ramsgate, and Southend by the magnificent steamer Eagle, which leaves London Bridge Wharf at 9.10 a.m. daily. The return saloon fares to July 13 are: Southend 2s. 6d.; Ramsgate and Margate 3s. 6d. The boat calls at Greenwich, South Woolwich, and Tilbury. Particulars of these trips and all the Scotch and Continental services of the company may be obtained at the offices, 55, Great Tower-st., E.C.

BELLS WITH A HISTORY.

A peal of bells that has had as adventurous a career as any that hang in Old World towers is the famous peal of St. Michael's, Charleston, South Carolina. Five times have these bells crossed the sea, once as a heap of ruined metal, and two armies have they had to encounter or escape; yet to-day the nine bells are of unusual purity and sweetness of tone.

Cast in England before the Revolution, and brought over to St. Michael's, they met with their first danger in that war. That they might not be injured they were sent back to England. After the war was over the people of Charleston wanted them, and it became the duty of the first American Minister to England to negotiate for them. He was successful, and amidst triumphant ovations they were escorted to the church. All went well with them till the Civil War. Then the steeple of St. Michael's was made the target for the cannon of the besiegers. It was necessary to remove the bells to a safer place, and they were sent to Columbia. When Sherman's army took Columbia, the sheds in the yards of the State-house, in which the bells had been placed, were broken into, and the bells broke into fragments, while the sheds were set on fire. They were not yet done for, however. At the close of the war the pieces were carefully gathered together and shipped to Liverpool, together with extracts from the records of St. Michael's, shewing where the bells were cast and the proportion of metals forming the component parts. Upon inquiry, it was found that the firm of bell-founders that had cast the bells was still in existence, unchanged in name, and consisting of the descendants of the original firm. The records of the firm contained an account of the casting of the bells, and the proportions corresponded with those in the St. Michael's records. Under such favourable circumstances it was not hard to recast the bells. Then for the fifth time they crossed the Atlantic, and arrived safely in Charleston.

LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting of the above Society will be held at Holmfirth, on Saturday, July 14th (the June meeting was advertised as the half-yearly meeting by mistake.) Any member having any notice to hand in for the general meeting can do so at the above meeting. The six-bell contest will be held at Holmfirth, on Saturday, August 4th. Method, 720 Oxford. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Cricket.

THE ST. LEONARD'S SOCIETY, WORTLEY, YORKS.

On Wednesday evening, June 27th, eleven members of the above Society played a friendly match at cricket with the village club on the Wortley cricket ground. Scores:—

THE VILLAGE CLUB.—Arthur Makin, 2; J. Saxby, 0; J. Woodcock, 1; W. A. Lansdowne, 10; W. Arbon, 0; E. S. Broughton, 0; E. Sharp, 1; J. Roulstone, 5; C. Copley, 2; W. Woodcock, 0; G. Peacock, 0.

BELLRINGERS.—G. W. Dronfield, 4; E. Copley, 1; Arthur J. Saxby, 0; Cliffe Dronfield, 3; John Parkin, 9; George Parkin, 8; Thos. McKegg, 2; John Dronfield, 0; Thomas Robbins, 2; Edward Helliwell, 0; Edward Robbins, 3.

Mr. T. Robbins was presented with a splendid bat, with a tenor bell painted on it, to play with in the match, but the bowler objected to him using it as it was seven inches broad. A supper was provided on Saturday, June 30th, by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Lansdowne, of The Wortley Arms hotel, to which the players did ample justice. After supper the evening was spent in singing and other amusements.

RANMORE (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 1st, at the church of St. Barnabas, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. F. J. Shepherd, 1; F. T. Hoad, 2; G. F. Hoad, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; J. Hoyle, 5; F. Hull, 6. Rung after meeting one short for a peal of Major.

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.

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.

Sheffield and District Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Wortley to-day, Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme, to-day, Saturday, July 7. Belfry open at 3.30. Annual Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. Service in the parish church, with address by the Rev. W. H. Redknap, Rector, at 7 p.m.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, to-day, Saturday, July 7th. Bells at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 7, the places being Yate, Chipping Sodbury, and Iron Acton. Service at Yate at 5.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. The attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, July 14th. Tower open at 2 o'clock (8 bells.) Committee meeting in the church vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Blue and Green Coat Schoolroom, rs. each. Will all who intend being present at tea kindly send their names to Mr. Geo. Hatton, 11, Leicester Road, Ashby, not later than Thursday, July 12th?

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

Cotgrave, near Nottingham.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Stanmore, by the kind permission of the Rev. T. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m. All friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at Penarth, at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that members will make an effort to attend. Bells available for ringing.

REV. MINOR CANON PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

The Cheltenham and District Guild.—This Society intends to hold its annual outing at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, on Saturday, July 14th next. Any friends wishing to dine with the Guild members are requested to send their names to the Secretary, Mr. A. W. Humphris, Uckington, near Cheltenham, or to G. H. Phillott, 13, Promenade, Cheltenham, on or before Wednesday, July 11th, at latest. This notice applies only to non-members who may wish to be present.

All friends will be made welcome. Dinner at Unicorn hotel at 1 o'clock at 2s. per head. Stow bells are an exceptionally fine peal in excellent going order.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth, on Saturday, July 14th. Tea at 5 p.m., rs. per head. Members intending to take tea are requested to inform Mr. R. Beeston, Blyth, Rotherham, by Monday, July 9th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Leatherhead, on Monday, July 16th. Annual meeting at 10.30 a.m. in parish hall. Service at the parish church at 12.0, preacher the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon. Dinner in the Victoria Hall at 12.45, provided only for those ordering beforehand. Dinner tickets will be provided at the dinner by the Hon. Secretary. The belfry of the parish church will be open previous to the meeting. For other towers available see programme. All claims for expenses must reach me by July 31st.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bursledon, Southampton.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly Meeting at Lower Beeding, on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open from 4 p.m. A conveyance will leave Horsham Station about 3.15 p.m. for members who let me know by Tuesday, the 17th.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held this year at Oxford. By kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Christ Church, there will be a special service with sermon in the Cathedral at 12.30. Business meeting in the old Lecture Room, Christ Church, at 1.20, and dinner in Christ Church Hall at 2 o'clock. Dinner tickets must be procured not later than July 5th, and the money (2s.) sent with the application. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and rs. to probationers. Several towers will be open during the afternoon. All communications respecting the same to be made to

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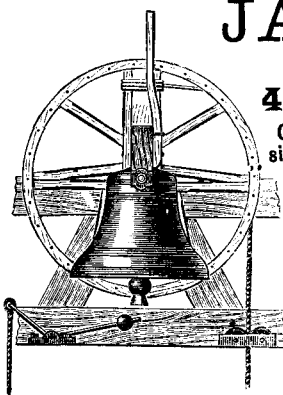
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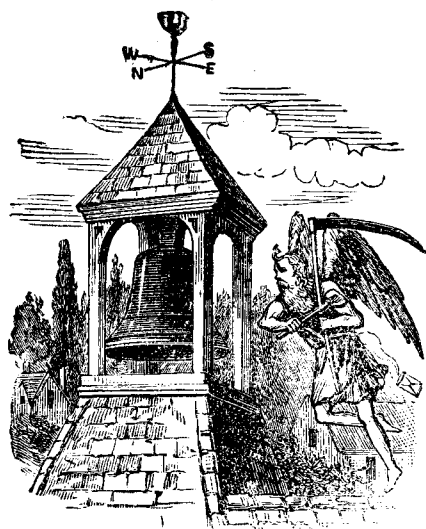
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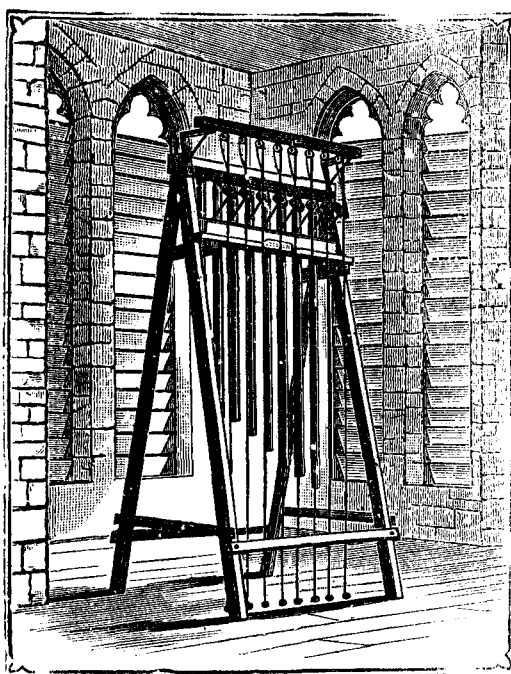
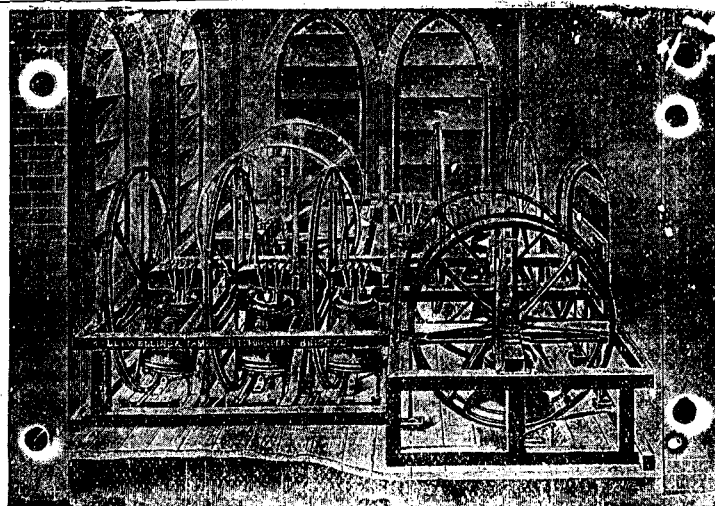
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, June 30th, at Leigh, near Worcester. Even-song was said in the church at 5.30 by the Rev. E. P. Rowland (curate), and an address delivered by the Rev. W. Sweet Escott (Rector), from 1 Cor. xii. 13 (part of): "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." The preacher forcibly brought home to his hearers the lesson that bellringers as Church Workers were a branch of Christ's Church Militant here on earth, even as the choir, Sunday school teachers, district visitors, etc., and exhorted them so to look on their office, and live a life in conformity with Church principles, not forgetting to assemble themselves together to worship after having called others to do so.

After service a bountiful tea was supplied in the school-room, at which a goodly number of ladies assisted the Rector and his curate, and P. H. P. Hayes, Esq. (churchwarden) to serve the good things provided, which added greatly to the pleasure of the repast.

At the business meeting which followed, under the presidency of the Rector, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Revs. W. C. Gibbs (Clerical Hon. Sec., Rector of Hagley), A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley), H. Kingsford (Vicar of Stoulton), W. D. Lownds (Rector of Little Comberton), T. J. Cartwright (curate of Halesowen), and H. Drake (curate of Holly Hall); and Messrs. H. Mason and A. E. Parsons (of Old Hill.) The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Hayes was enrolled an honorary, and ten others performing members. Bromsgrove was selected for the next quarterly meeting. Votes of thanks were given to the Rector for his able address, and for presiding at the meeting; to the donors of the tea; and to the ladies for their presence.

Touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and a 700 of Grand-sire Minor, also several 6-scores of Stedman were rung by mixed bands during the afternoon and evening.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Woburn on Saturday, June 30th. There was a good attendance of members from various districts except Bedford; out of a membership of about eighteen for the county town practically two ringers attended! the lowest number from Bedford at a quarterly meeting since the formation of the Association. Nevertheless members showed up in full force from Woburn, Aspley, and other districts, and a good enjoyable meeting was held, and some good ringing done in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and other methods, conducted by Cyril Herbert and W. Hall.

A tea was provided at Mrs. Phillimore's rooms, and the usual business meeting was held afterwards, presided over by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Sec. The thanks of the Association were asked on behalf of Messrs. W. Avis

and Cyril Herbert for making and writing a very nice peal-board, recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Woburn in March last; it was also agreed that this matter should be placed in the minute-book.

Several new members were elected, and it was carried that the next quarterly meeting should be at Ampthill.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker very kindly obtained permission for the visiting members to inspect the new church built by a former Duke of Bedford. This church is a splendid building. A very nice view of the surrounding country was had from the top of the tower. The only fault to be found with this tower, from a ringer's point of view, is that it only contains one huge bell, weighing 55 cwt., and which is never used. It should be taken away, and a good ring of ten bells substituted; there are plenty of good ringers at Woburn, Aspley, and the neighbourhood, able to ring them.

Handbell ringing at the house of Mr. Charles Herbert, and a friendly talk, concluded a most successful and pleasant meeting.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at Tong on Saturday, June 30th, when the following places were represented: Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds, Pudsey, and the local company. A peal was attempted during the afternoon, but after ringing for about an hour it had to cease owing to some one close to the church being ill.

The members then went to the meeting-house, where one of them threw a challenge for a cricket match, which was very soon accepted. Only one wicket however had fallen before a heavy shower of rain drove the players back to the meeting-house, and the match had to be abandoned.

The business meeting was then held, the President in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the President gave his report of the Central Council meeting, which was much appreciated. Other small items of business were then brought under consideration, and after a little discussion were disposed of. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind and efficient arrangements, were carried unanimously, and responded to by Mr. George Bolland.

The handbells were then brought into use, and after several touches of Major and Minor had been rung, and one or two favorite tunes played, a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

A branch meeting was held on the 7th instant; the following places were visited: Yate, Chipping Sodbury, and Iron Acton. Service was held at Yate church, con-

ducted by the Rev. J. M. Ford, at which about twelve attended.

A short business meeting was afterwards held in the belfry. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Thornbury, on the second Saturday in August. Two new members were elected. Ringing was afterwards indulged in.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

On Saturday, June 23rd, the Deal branch of the Kent County Association paid a visit to this village. On their arrival, the members were met by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Patterson, formerly Rector of St. Andrew's, Deal, who with characteristic kindness had provided a most excellent meat tea for them at a cottage near the Vicarage. After the repast the Vicar conducted the party over his garden, and then to the church, where he kindly pointed out the many objects of interest.

The belfry was then visited. Until recently there were five old bells, in bad condition, but two of these have been recast, and a new treble added, the whole having been rehung in a new iron frame, thus making them a very good ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt.

The first ringing done was a 700 of Grandsire Minor by S. Mockett, E. Newman, H. Denne, G. Denne (conductor), H. Sone, and H. Castle. This was the first in the method on the bells. Several touches of Bob Minor, and a 6-score of Kent were also rung, the following taking part therein: J. Axon, A. Court, A. Denne, J. Henley, and E. Verrier.

After thanking the Vicar for his kindness, the party spent a pleasant half-hour with some of the Littlebourne ringers, eventually reaching home in the early morning, having had a very pleasant time.

THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.

On Saturday last, the members of this society, with a few non-ringing friends, journeyed by break to St. Albans, everyone enjoying the picturesque scenery experienced in the drive. On arrival at the city, a move was at once made for the Cathedral, where by kind permission of the Dean, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. George Wright, of St. Albans, taking part. Another touch, and an excellent dinner having been successfully negotiated, a visit was, by kind permission of the Vicar, paid to the tower of St. Peter's, where was found Messrs. Debenham, Cartmel, and Waller, two touches of Stedman Triples being the result. Then to gratify the juniors, the ten bells were rung in rounds.

Another visit was paid to the Cathedral, and after a touch of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Cartmel kindly acted as guide, and conducted the party over the interior of the Cathedral, explaining the many subjects of interest. Among these were the shrine of Alban (overlooked by the watch tower, from which the monks suspiciously watched the shrine in days gone by), the monument and vault of the Duke of Gloucester (15th century), and others. In the belfry an old tablet reads thus:—

"On Thursday the 19th day of December 1765 was rung here a peal of five thousand and forty Bob Major in three hours and twenty minutes by the following persons, being the first ever completed in this church, the bobs called by Mr. William Kentish, Junr. Mr. Parks, 1; Mr. Jno. Kent, senr., 2; Mr. Robt. Fisher (Beadel), 3; Mr. Richd. Mason, 4; Mr. Thos. Kentish, 5; Mr. Wm. Kentish, senr., 6; Mr. Wm. Kentish, Junr., 7; Mr. Nathl. Turner, 8."

There is no record of any peal having been rung here for more than 117 years, as will be seen by the following record in the same tower:—

"Ancient Society of College Youths, Established 1637. On Wednesday, April 4th, 1883, eight members of the above society rang in this tower Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 15 minutes. *Henry Lewis, Treble; *Newman N. Hills, 2; Jasper G. Crawley, 3; *Ed. P. Debenham, 4; Herbert Baker, 5; Matthew A. Wood, 6; William A. Alps, 7; *Henry Younger, Tenor. Conducted by Matthew A. Wood. Rev. Waller John Lawrance, M.A., Rector; J. T. N. Lipscomb, M.D., T. Kent, J. Chapple, Churchwardens. *Local Ringers."

It is pleasing to know that since this several other peals have been rung, records of which appear in the belfry bearing the names of well-known and highly-respected ringers.

The return journey was on another route to that of departure, home being reached at 10.0 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. Debenham and Mr. Cartmel for having so considerably arranged matters to make the visit so pleasant and interesting. The visitors who took part in the ringing during the day were Messrs. G. Peace, F. Carter, D. Tarling, G. Thurgood, G. Cole, T. Adams, E. Wallage, P. Brown, T. Marshall, and W. A. Alps; the last-named conducting throughout the day.

In reference to the first of the foregoing records, it is worthy of note that any boy who resides in England bearing the name of "Kentish," can receive a free education at the grammar school in the city of St. Albans.

HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The following is taken from the *Hartpury Parish Paper*:

The church tower possesses five beautiful toned bells, the late Vicar spoke of them "as some of the sweetest in Gloucestershire." To those whose privilege it is to ring them, the Vicar would draw their attention to the following excellent remarks of the new Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Chavasse, who addressing some bellringers at a Liverpool church, said: "He considered the work of bellringers was almost as important as that of the clergyman in the pulpit. What would they do without their parish church bells, telling at times of the joy attending the wedding ceremony, at times of the solemnity of death, and at other times of the nation's gladness, as for example at the relief of Mafeking and Ladysmith."

Bishop Chavasse "urged the bellringers to be assiduous in their efforts to perfect themselves in the art of bellringing, adding that when he was a curate at Preston he was for three or four years in close connection with the bellringers, and he counted those days as among the happiest of his life."

For the benefit of those who are interested in our bells the following short account of them, kindly written by Mr. Brunsdon, will be acceptable:—

"The history of the grand old ring of five bells in our parish church tower can, I think, be best studied by giving first the inscription and date on each bell.

They are: Treble—"William Gough, Daniel Babb, Churchwardens, 1715, A. R."

Second and Fourth—"Give thanks to God. T. B. I. B., Ch. W.: May 17, 1626; I. P."

Third—"Ora pro nobis sancte, 1456."

Tenor—"Soli Deo de tur Gloria. I. L. I. N. Ch. W'dens, 1628, I. P."

"The third bell, it will be seen, is the oldest of the five, having

just celebrated her 444th birthday. She is probably the sole survivor of an ancient ring of five of about the same date.

"It would appear from the dates that the other bells were added on each side of her to make the present five, but I do not think this is really the case. I think all the other bells are 'recast bells' from old ones of the same period, as no founder would think of tuning the present 2nd and 4th as they are tuned unless there was already a tenor behind them.

"The 2nd and 4th have quite an history of their own, especially as so few bells in this part of England were cast by the same founder. The I. P. on each of them are the initials of John Pennington, of Exeter, who while he was in this part of the country recast the 6th bell at Longney, and the 7th at Gloucester Cathedral, the inscription on the latter being quite a curiosity as it reads backwards.

"The next bell according to age is the tenor, a really grand bell for her weight. She is undoubtedly a recast of an older tenor (without any additional metal to make up for waste), as she is two or three cwt. lighter than she ought to be in proportion to the other bells, but notwithstanding this she is one of the very best bells in the county, and the whole ring if made up to eight bells would be equal, if not superior to the grand ring at the Cathedral, the musical note being the same (E flat).

"Last and least comes the treble, quite a youngster among her big sisters, but she is quite equal to them in tone, which is not to be wondered at as the A. R. on her denotes that she came from the celebrated foundry of the Rudhalls at Gloucester. She is very lonely with an empty cradle by her side. When may we expect to see a little stranger to swing in it?

"About fifty years ago the bells were rehung by Mr. Isaac Gaze, of Newent, and are in very fair order except the 3rd, which goes very badly, and sadly needs rehanging.

"Mr. Gaze also made a cage for another treble to make up a ring of six, but up till now it has remained tenantless!!

"This is a great pity, as it is almost impossible to do any scientific change-ringing on five heavy bells. If another bell were added it would make real change-ringing possible, and I know of no kind of recreation so well calculated to improve both mentally and physically the musical young men of the parish. The clappers have recently been turned to strike on a fresh place, which has lessened the danger of cracking the bells and has greatly improved their tone. R. B."

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."

CAMPANOLOGY v. CAMPANALOGY.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Dr. Raven for his letter in your last number. I was sorry to learn from a report in your columns, since I tried to "draw" Dr. Raven, that he had been ill and was away from home. Therefore I have understood why he has not written. I hope he is now completely restored to health for his own sake; but, besides this I should much like to "draw" him again.

When he kindly wrote to me last summer and called my attention to Bunyan's poem, he said he partly agreed with what I had up to then been writing in "THE BELL NEWS" about ringing history, but that he had then no time to enter upon the matter. So that it would appear that he had some criticism in his mind. Since then I have completed what I had to say, and Dr. Raven may have much more to criticise. If he now has the leisure I should be very glad to read his views in your columns.

Mr. Gaythorpe's letter in your issue of the 30th ult. is very interesting, but "doxologia" is only Ecclesiastical Greek, and can hardly, I think, be quoted successfully as an instance of what the Greeks themselves did in the matter of spelling when their language was uncorrupted; but in any case Campanology did not, in my view, become Campanology by the process Mr. Gaythorpe describes. I think the only explanation of the change consistent with the history of the term is that given by Mr. Papillon.

R. A. DANIELL.

VICTORIA SURPRISE.

SIR,—I wish to thank Mr. Baker for his letter of the 7th inst., re the above method. I produced it in the Minor method last August, and gave it to Mr. J. Mardell, of Woodford, but I did not take the trouble to produce it on a higher number of bells, as at the time I produced several Minor methods, although I could probably have produced it in Major had I taken the trouble to do so. In my opinion it is the most musical method yet rung on six bells, and is quite easy to ring when compared with any other Surprise method on six bells. The reason I did not publish it was because I thought possibly someone might have obtained it before me, as there are so many Minor methods and also several that I have not seen. I hope Mr. Baker will soon have the pleasure of ringing a peal of Victoria Surprise Major. W. KEEBLE.

192, Chobham Road, Stratford New Town, E.

SIR,—With reference to the Victoria Surprise Minor published by Mr. Baker, and which appears to be claimed by Mr. Keeble, who pricked it out ten months ago, I may say I pricked the same one over six years ago, and my reason for not publishing it was that new methods are very seldom rung.

J. HECKINGBOTTOM.

30, Ramsey Street, Armley, Leeds.

THE DRAFT OF LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—On my return from Blackpool last Saturday, I saw in the previous week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" a letter from Mr. Craven to the effect that he had not received the Draft Report on the above. I sent it to the address written on the report, but on hearing that it had not come safely to hand I made enquiries, but as yet heard nothing about its whereabouts. I will make still further enquiries. JOHN CARTER.

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LATE NOTICE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. Barnehurst, Bexley Heath. P. E. BEX, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. ALPHEGE WITH ALL SAINTS, CANTERBURY.—On Whit-Monday, the members of the above band had their annual outing, Folkestone being the place chosen. Accompanied by the Rector, sidesmen, and a few lady friends, a start was made from Canterbury in a pair-horse brake. A stop was made at Elham, where on the bells of the ancient old church several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Folkestone was reached about 12.15, where a few touches were rung on the parish church bells, after which dinner was partaken of at the Central Cafe Restaurant. During the afternoon photographs were taken by their energetic secretary, Mr. Rossiter, after which boating and other sports and games were indulged in. More ringing was done after tea, and then a start was made for home at eight o'clock. Patriotic and other songs were rendered by several of the company, Canterbury being reached soon after midnight, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

FROM ESSEX TO BERKSHIRE.

"Who says biscuits!" Such was the greeting that fell on one's ears at 5.30 on Saturday morning, July 7th, when in response to the captain's order, the members of the Leytonstone branch of the Essex Association assembled at Liverpool Street Station for their annual outing. But why such a greeting? Were the men already hungry? Some may have been, for all had travelled a fair distance by G.E.R. workmen's trains, in addition to utilising that most patient and responsive of animals—"Shanks's Pony." But even this does not supply the answer. The reason in the speaker's mind doubtless was that Reading—known the wide world over as the biscuit town—had been chosen as a good place for an outing. Nine out of eleven were there to answer the roll call; illness in one case and work in Suffolk in the other, accounting for the two absentees. However the party were augmented by Mr. C. T. Hopkins, of Walthamstow, and Mr. G. Pilgrim, of Woodford, and the number being complete, tracks were made for the Metropolitan Railway, and Praed Street was soon reached. Walking across to the Great Western terminus at Paddington we boarded the 6.30 a.m. train, occupying a saloon most kindly placed at our disposal by Mr. Hart, the ever obliging traffic superintendent. The run down was very enjoyable, the towers passed being eagerly scanned, and the bells they contained commented on; while the journey was further enlivened by touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on Mr. Withers' fine-toned peal of handbells. From Reading station a short walk soon brought us to Jackman's hotel, West Street, which for the two days was our headquarters. Quickly effacing the stains of travel, we were soon, like King Arthur and his knights of old, seated at the round table. Was it the change of air brought about that huge appetite, or the delicacy of the viands? No doubt both assisted, and "father" had plenty to do to serve out the eggs and bacon. And such bacon too—real home-cured Berkshire—vastly different from and superior to many of the noted brands. Hot rolls and fresh butter assisted by tea, coffee, or cocoa, as the fancy dictated, helped to appease the appetite, and soon "that's all" was called. With the stroke of nine appeared the brake, and with it that friend of ringers—Mr. W. Newell. Greetings exchanged, the conveyance was quickly loaded, and the horses' heads turned towards Sonning. In the London Road we picked up W. Pole Routh, Esq., who with Mr. Newell had arranged to spend Saturday in our company. The three miles were soon covered, and we entered the "village of roses." Very rightly is Sonning given this title, for whether it be the cottage or mansion, garden gate or stately arch, each and all are covered with roses of every description. Driving direct to St. Andrew's church we were met and welcomed by the Rector—the Rev. H. Barter, who pointed out to us the numerous interesting details of this handsome parish church. Ascending the belfry the fine peal of eight—tenor 22 cwt.—were soon sending their melodious sounds across the Thames. First Kent and then Stedman was tried and a touch of each brought home. Time being up we started for Hurst, where there is a peal of six, tenor said to be 18 cwt., but doubtless two or three cwt. less.

The Rev. E. Broome conducted us round the sacred edifice dedicated to St. Nicholas, and rich in old carved oak and a genuine old hour glass fixed beside the pulpit, bearing the date 1636. The bells are hung the reverse way round, and go somewhat sluggish. However a couple of touches of Plain Bob soon gave us the feel of them, and in 28 mins. we brought round 720 Victoria Surprise Minor.

Before starting again a successful snap-shot of the party was secured, and away the horses bowled for Wokingham. The parish church of All Saints is a grand building, and in the lofty western tower there hangs a good peal of six, tenor 21 cwt. Grandsire Doubles, with two of the locals standing in, Bob Minor and Kent, and a capital 720 of London Surprise was a record that no one need be ashamed of. This peal is hung the reverse way, and for their weight go fairly well. What a chance for augmentation—a large tower and six good bells!

A visit was now paid to mine host Dallinger of The Ship, and a hot luncheon negotiated. For what better appetiser can one have than fresh air and exercise. A walk through Wokingham brought us to the daughter church of St. Paul—a modern building with a good Early English design. The tower is surrounded by a well-proportioned spire, and contains a good

going peal of eight bells, tenor 18 cwt. Here touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent were brought round.

Time being called, a move was made for St. Bartholomew, Arborfield. The churchyard is moated, and wild strawberries were picked in it. The peal of six, tenor 13 cwt., go fairly well, but sound strange through being in a minor key. After two or three short touches the ringing was concluded by a 720 of York Surprise.

The horses' heads were then turned towards Shinfield. Halting at The Magpie and Parrot, a curious sight was witnessed. An old man, blind from birth, and locally known as Blind John, was sitting by the roadside, without speaking, Mr. Newell whistled the first four notes of the Queen's change. Blind John whistled the last four, and immediately called Mr. Newell by name. No one had any idea of our coming, nor had any one communicated to him what kind of a party or who we were, nor had Mr. Newell seen the old man for upwards of five years. While tea was being prepared, the old man gave a splendid imitation of wild birds' notes and calls.

Having partaken of the cup that cheers, Shinfield church—St. Mary—was visited. Through neglect in the past this old building has been allowed to fall sadly into decay, and the fine-toned peal of six, tenor 16 cwt., go like houses. Nothing daunted we shaped ourselves out, set our teeth, and a good but slow 720 of Cambridge Surprise was the result. Six-score of Grandsire Doubles in addition finished the day's ringing. The newly-appointed Vicar—Rev. Wilmot Ware—came and congratulated us on our performance, and regretted that through the vicarage being in the hands of the builders and himself in lodgings nearly two miles away, he was unable to entertain us. A walk round the vicarage garden brought departure time, and Reading was reached about 9.30. An hour was spent in a stroll through the busy streets of the borough, and all turned in for supper and bed. Of sleep, however, there was little, and soon after 4 a.m. the "early birds" were on the prowl for the milk, and shortly after all were out of doors, some going in one direction, some in another, for a walk before breakfast. Despatching the morning meal, St. Mary's, with its grand peal of eight, tenor 28 cwt., was at our disposal from 10 till 11, and two good touches, one Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples were rung.

St. Giles, eight bells, tenor 15 cwt., was visited at 12.15, and Double Norwich and Grandsire rang there. Canon Ducat met us coming out, and he gave us a most cordial welcome. This brought dinner-time and big appetites, but with the aid of a good knife "father" soon had all the boys hard at it. Scarcely was the meal finished than a start was made for Caversham to ring for the afternoon service. Time only allowed us to ring two touches at this church of St. Peter, tenor 13½ cwt., Double Norwich and Kent being chosen. To judge from the numbers assembled outside, one would think a ringers' district meeting was about to be held, between twenty and thirty being counted.

Wishing our friends on the Oxfordshire side good-bye, and re-crossing the river, the abbey ruins were visited under the guidance of Mr. Hopgood till tea-time. St. Laurence, ten bells, tenor 25 cwt., was the last church on the programme, and for evening service Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung.

Leaving here, a hasty but none the less pleasant visit was by invitation paid to the residence of W. Pole Routh, Esq., who personally conducted us round his grounds and gardens. But time flies all too soon; good-byes had to be said, and we left Reading at 8.20, and separated at Liverpool Street Station, all very happy but tired after our two days' enjoyment.

To all those who assisted to make our outing enjoyable—clergy and ringers alike—we tender our most sincere thanks, for we shall look back on our Reading visit as a red-letter day.

Details of the ringings will be given in the usual columns later.

B.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

THE ST. MARY'S (WOOLWICH) SOCIETY.

The annual outing connected with the above took place on Saturday, June 30th, at Eastbourne. Preparations had been made to have a long day at this fashionable sea-side resort, and by the programme arranged was expected to be there by 8.15 a.m. Owing to some unforeseen circumstances however, our train arrived at London Bridge just as the 6.25 a.m. train for Eastbourne departed. We of course had to wait until the next, and consequently did not reach our destination until 10.20. Once there our party of twenty-three quickly dispersed for a ramble, and ultimately made their way to St. Mary's church, old town, Eastbourne, where ringing was indulged in until dinner-time. This was arranged for at The Star hotel, close by, for 1.30, where Mrs. Elsworth, the hostess, had prepared a capital spread. Considering the early hour we left home it was not surprising our appetites were sharpened, and the dinner thoroughly enjoyed. The Rector of Woolwich (Rev. C. E. Escreet), presided. The Rev. Canon Goodwyn, Vicar of Eastbourne, had been invited, but had an engagement. Mr. J. Oliver, Hon. Secretary, however was present, and one of the clergy. The chairman called for the toast of "The Queen," which was loyally drunk, after which Mr. W. J. Aldridge, speaking on behalf of the Woolwich band, said they were glad to come to Eastbourne, for there the friends made them welcome. Mr. J. E. Beaven also referred to the good feeling existing between the two bands, and thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells. One of the clergy representing Canon Goodwyn, said it was a pleasure to receive the Woolwich band, and hoped they would enjoy themselves.

The Rev. C. E. Escreet then said the next thing on the agenda was of a very pleasing character. They all knew how they were indebted to their Hon. Secretary for all he had done in connection with their belfry at St. Mary's, Woolwich, and on behalf of the Woolwich ringers he had much pleasure in presenting Mr. E. O. Masters with a set of gold studs and links, together with a gold scarf pin the head of which had a section of a bell with Mr. Masters initials (E. O. M.) across it.

Mr. Masters said he was completely taken by surprise, for he knew nothing whatever of their intentions. Of course he had worked for the belfry, but the good state of the ringing-chamber was due to Mr. Hill, for that was his prerogative, but he (Mr. Masters) took credit for the marble tablet which they had, and was proud of it. He thanked them for their gift, and he should yet work for the good of the West End.

A char-a-banc was now waiting, and the party went for a drive to Beachy Head, and from this headland thoroughly enjoyed the view all round. On regaining our seats we were driven back to the Pitman's Institute, where the Vicar of Eastbourne (who was now present), had provided tea both for the Woolwich and Eastbourne bands.

Before separating Mr. Masters said when the Eastbourne ringers came to Woolwich last year everything was done to make them comfortable. Mr. Churchwarden Leatham, who accompanied them, pressed him (Mr. Masters) to persuade the Woolwich ringers to return the visit. This they did, but had it had not been for the very kind letter of Mr. J. Oliver, their Hon. Secretary, coupled with Canon Goodwyn's kindness also, they would have turned their backs upon Eastbourne, for the Railway Company had increased the fare nearly 50 per cent. On behalf of the Woolwich band he thanked the Vicar of Eastbourne for his kind attentions, and intimated that the more the clergy interested themselves in the ringers the greater the good would be the result. It was not the loaves and fishes which were wanted, but the good feeling shown by friends who interested themselves in the ringers which would help the ringing community. The Vicar replied to the effect that he hoped it would not be the last time the Woolwich band would visit Eastbourne.

Ringling was then resumed (this time with the local band) until 7.30, when the shops of Eastbourne found attractive purchasers of little presents for those at home. Good-bye to our friends at the station followed, and we left at 8.30, reaching Woolwich at twelve o'clock after spending another enjoyable day in the records of our annual outings. M.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, the Areley Kings branch of the above had their first annual outing. Leaving Stourport by the 8.1 a.m. train for Hampton Loade, then a two-and-a-half mile walk to Chelmarsh, Salop. Permission to ring was obtained, and the visitors first attended service at ten o'clock. Afterwards we rang two 720s, one of Oxford Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by C. Beaman. The bells go like fiddles. Then refreshments at The Bull's Head, and to Hampton Loade again across the ferry safe and sound. Now for some digging to Alveley, Salop, where we rang a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by T. Griffiths. Being hungry we had some more refreshment. Then we got on the "hard un" for Arley Castle, Staffordshire, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was conducted by T. Elcox. Previous to ringing here, the gardener, Mr. Binton, kindly shewed us round the gardens. The ringing programme here was finished, so we adjourned to The Valentia Arms to have more refreshments and have a little chat with some of the local ringers. The time for getting towards the station arrived, so we ferried across the river again, just in time. We arrived back at Stourport about nine o'clock thoroughly tired out, but pleased with the first annual outing. T.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Horley branch of this Association had their annual outing on Monday, June 18th, Warnham, Sussex, being the place selected. Starting from the parish church, Horley, in a pair-horse brake at about 8.45 a.m., the route taken was through Charlwood and Rusper, where a short stop was made, and having obtained permission for the bells two touches of Grandsire Triples were run through. Leaving Rusper Warnham was reached at 12.30 p.m., a capital luncheon having been provided by Mr. T. Mann, of The Sussex Oak hotel. A start was made for the church tower, and the fine peal of bells were soon in Grandsire and Court Bob Triples, which was continued till it was time for tea. That over, and a stroll through the village brought up the time for the homeward journey which was by way of Capel, and meeting a few old friends there the party were invited by them to have a pull on the bells, and soon three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was done. After a parting glass we were soon on our way towards Charlwood, arriving at The Rising Sun in time for another parting glass with our old friend Mr. F. Wickens, getting to Horley at 10.30 p.m. having spent a most enjoyable day. Through the medium of this paper we wish to thank the Vicars of Rusper and Warnham for the use of the bells, also Messrs. C. Knight, of Rusper, and W. Charman, of Warnham, for having the bells in readiness.

THE QUEDGLEY (GLOUCESTERSHIRE) SOCIETY.

On Whit-Monday the Quedgley ringers and a few friends journeyed to Bath for a day's enjoyment, where they arrived at half-past ten, being met at the station by an old friend, Mr. C. Goodenough, one of the Bath ringers, who had kindly made arrangements. Bath Abbey was first inspected, and the visitors got across to Bathwick, where they had the promise of the bells. A few touches were rung, then we visited an eating-house where dinner had been arranged for, and we sat down, to which very good spread the party did ample justice. After dinner the company divided, some going to the show, others to the Sydney Gardens, and some elsewhere; meeting together for tea about 5.30. St. James' church was resorted to for another touch or two, where the visitors were met by some of the local band. A very good 504 of Grandsire Triples, and another short touch, put an end to the ringing for that day. Mr. Harry Ford, on behalf of the Quedgley ringers, wishes to thank Mr. Goodenough for the very kind way in which he had arranged everything for them, I am sure he made our outing a complete success; also to thank the Vicar at Bathwick and St. James' for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their help; also a note of apology to the Vicar of Christ Church, and Mr. George Kingsman, the steeplekeeper, who had promised the use of their bells, but the company got too far afield, and could not get there at the appointed time. H. F.

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1900.

THE undertaking we suggested in our comment last week has begot more than one letter of approval. As publication of this correspondence is not desired, it is not out of place to refer to the subject again, and refer to some of the points taken up by the writers.

An allusion was made to the fact that a new ring of bells was desired at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow. We hold no brief for this particular object; the fact that bells are wanted there, and that funds are being solicited to carry out such an excellent work, is sufficient for our purpose. Our proposal may be considered utopian, or impossible, but we make it nevertheless. It is that the Exercise generally—the 30,000 ringers all over the world—subscribe one shilling each to such a praiseworthy object.

One of the writers referred to points out that if members of the Exercise could be enlisted in all such movements,

they would in a measure control such undertakings, which might possibly do great good. We can hardly follow our friend in his simile when he says that "the liquor trade is said to be gradually controlling the destinies of the country; in like manner if the Exercise responded in a practical way to what is suggested it would control every scheme of bell-augmentation." We confess this line of reasoning is rather too profound for us.

Another writer taking the Harlow case as one on which to commence operations, provides us with an easy mode of effecting the object in view. He suggests that every one of the 30,000 ringers should on one particular day in every week, affix a penny stamp to one of those forms supplied gratuitously at every Post Office, and when twelve stamps have been so affixed, forward the same to the Harlow churchwardens. An easy mode certainly. It will at once be seen that if the 30,000 ringers were to do this, nearly three times the amount wanted, perhaps, would be raised. This could soon be got over by an undertaking on the part of the Harlow gentlemen that they would refund the surplus, which could be utilised, as we said last week, in aid of a similar undertaking elsewhere.

The notion may appear extravagant to some minds. But it is to be done, if the Exercise has the will to do it. We invite our friends to send us their opinions upon it. If practicable, and we do not see anything unreasonable in it, some particular date may be suggested when these shillings may reach the hands of the Harlow churchwardens.

It has sometimes been thought surprising that ringers who have a business of their own have not taken the advantage of bringing it before their ringing brethren by means of our advertising columns. We notice the announcement, on another page, of Mr. T. Haigh, an old Yorkshire ringer of eminence. Mr. Haigh manufactures almost everything in the way of material for outside apparel, for both sexes. His ringing brethren will doubtless think of giving him a turn when themselves or families are adding to their wardrobes. A very competent authority has declared that goods of Mr. Haigh's manufacture are really excellent.

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HARRY FLANDERS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
GEORGE DENT* 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE* Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
RICHARD HOATHER 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 8.
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GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.	RICHARD FENTIMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal on ten bells.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

SIDNEY A. WRIGHT Treble.	*JOHN HEATH 5.
HENRY J. SELBY 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
DAVID WRIGHT 3.	JOHN HACK 7.
MORGAN WHATLEY* 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
JOHN H. CHESMAN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, July 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

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JOHN HOLMAN 5.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY BROOKER Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON 6.
CHARLES DEAN 2.	ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN .. 7.
CHARLES BANCE 3.	WILLIAM SMITH 8.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS 9.
JAMES RUMBLE 5.	JAMES WIGNELL Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by H. BROOKER.

This was C. Bance's 100th peal, and the conductor's 50th. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Wignell.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX, THE ESSEX AND NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, July 7, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY BOWELL Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
W. J. HAZELL 2.	DAVID ELLIOTT 6.
W. J. NEVARD 3.	H. E. BOWERS 7.
G. A. ANDREWS* 4.	E. W. BECKWITH Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th ringers belong to Great Bentley; the 6th and 3th to Coggeshall; treble and 5th to Ipswich. *First peal of Double Norwich.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 7, 1900, in Three Hours Three and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	WILLIAM DYER 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	ROBERT A. BARRETT 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Major on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S SIX PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT Treble.	HARRY BROOKS 5.
THOMAS BULL 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
FREDERICK WEBB 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
FRANCIS P. POWELL 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

The above was rung for evening service.

BRITH, KENT—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1900, 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 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
EDWIN BARNETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Monday evening, June 18th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Fernley (conductor), 1; G. D. Warburton, 2; J. Dean, 3; J. Fernley, 4; A. Fernley, 5; H. Leigh, 6. H. Leigh hails from Wilmslow, and it is his first 720 in the method. On Thursday evening, June 21st, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. Fernley, 1; W. Lowry, 2; J. Fernley, 3; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. The Rev. A. T. Beeston and W. Lowry hail from New Mills. First 720 in the method by W. Lowry. On Sunday morning, June 24th, for

Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Thursday evening, June 28th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Fernley (conductor), 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; H. Leigh, 6. On Saturday, June 30th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the above branch at Wilmslow, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; W. Wilde, 3; J. W. Bayley, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. And 720 College Single. J. Robinson, 1; J. Dean, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Ramsey, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; A. Barnes, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, July 1st, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins. H. Coote, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; A. Shufflebotham, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; H. J. Collins, 6; W. Hammond, 7; E. F. Slade, 8. Composed by A. Sykes of Huddersfield.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On the occasion of the induction of the Rev. R. L. Allwork, M.A., to the Vicarage of St. Saviour's, by the Ven. T. Stevens, Archdeacon of Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Abrahams, 1; R. Maynard, 2; F. Nunn, 3; E. D. Lillywhite, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; H. Freeman, 6; F. Hull, 7; W. Joyce, 8. After service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Abrahams, 1; R. Elliott, 2; F. Nunn, 3; E. D. Lillywhite, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; E. Pratchett (Hendon), 6; F. Hull (conductor), 7; W. Joyce, 8.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday, April 15th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for early morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brinkley, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; W. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. For mid-day service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Brinkley, 1; H. Elliott, 2; H. Evers, 3; Sergt-Major Fryatt, R.E., 4; W. Keeble, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Brinkley, 1; W. Elliott, 2; D. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Mills, 3; the rest as before. On Friday, May 18th, at 192, Chobham Road, Stratford New Town, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Doran, 1-2; W. Keeble (conductor), 3-4; J. Moule, 5-6. On Friday, May 25th, 720 Bob Minor.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On April 17th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Cornell, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Mardell, 6.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On April 24th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 560 Double Norwich. G. Hayden, 1; T. H. Beams, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Mardell, 8. On Tuesday, May 1st, 336 Double Norwich. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; T. Beams, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. On May 15th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Bottrell, 1; T. Beams, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; G. Hayden, 8. On May 26th, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, which collapsed after ringing 1568 changes in 1 hr. G. Hayden, 1; J. Mardell, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. Longest length of Treble Bob by all except the 3rd, 7th and 8th ringers. Rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. On Tuesday, May 29th, 672 Kent. H. Bottrell, 1; T. Beams, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Rann, 5; J. Mardell, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BOLTON BRANCH.

BOLTON.—On Sunday afternoon, July 1st, for Divine Service, which was held in the churchyard, the first half of Reeves's Variation, in 1 hr. 23 mins. H. Cooper, 1; W. Grundy, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; J. Moscrop, 4; T. Barlow, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; E. Hewitt, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, April 14th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. On April 7th, at Datchworth parish church, 720 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. H. Barker, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first in the method on the bells. On April 20th, 720 Oxford Bob and 180 Bob Minor. A. Wright, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also three courses of Kent Treble Bob. On Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Phillips, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; G. Carter (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. For evening service three 6-scores in the same method. On May 22nd, 860 Plain Bob. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Law-

rence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 26th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; A. Lawrence, 6. On Tuesday, May 31st, 720 Bob Minor. C. Gale, 1; J. Smith (aged 14), 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Smith, and first 720 as conductor by A. Lawrence. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Lawrence, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 120 Kent Treble Bob. The above was rung on receipt of the news of the fall of Pretoria.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON.—For service on Whit-Sunday morning at St. Mary's church, 503 Grandsire Caters. A. Boxall, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Trappitt, 3; A. Arnold, 4; J. Plowman, 5; A. Clayton, 6; J. Wignell, 7; C. Bance, 8; C. Gordon, 9; A. Clarke, 10. For evening service, 611 Grandsire Caters by the same band, except that H. Brooker rang instead of C. Bance. For service on Trinity Sunday morning, 521 Grandsire Caters. J. Rumble, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Boxall, 3; A. Trappitt, 4; A. Arnold, 5; A. Clayton, 6; J. Wignell, 7; J. Plowman, 8; C. Bance, 9; A. Clayton, 10. For evening service, 519 Stedman Caters. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; E. Bennett, 2; C. Dean, 3; A. Trappitt, 4; J. Rumble, 5; A. Arnold, 6; J. Plowman, 7; C. Bance, 8; A. Clayton, 9; J. Wignell, 10. A. Arnold hails from Northampton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER.—On Saturday, June 16th, at the Cathedral, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing over 2 hrs., owing to a change-course. G. Williams (conductor), 1; G. H. Lee, 2; H. Evans, 3; C. Hills, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Norris, 6; E. Lindup, 7; F. Tulett, 8. A social hour was afterwards spent with several of the local band before train time, the conductor leaving earlier by cycle for a twenty-two miles' ride to Droxford, Hants. Arrangements to attempt the same peal at Heene were made for the 23rd inst., but owing to some misunderstanding only seven turned up at the time appointed.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday morning, June 24th (Hospital Sunday), 1008 Stedman Triples. H. Hoskins, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; F. H. Gooch, Esq., 8. F. H. Gooch belongs to Poplar, and this is his longest length.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

KENWYN (Truro).—On Monday, July 2nd, the following members of the Penzance band-in-union rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. F. Kessell, 1; J. Hodder, 2; H. Williams, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; P. Hitchens, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase, 7; T. Kessell, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. First quarter-peal of Grandsire on the bells. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells of Ladock, tenor 11½ cwt., and Probno, tenor 22 cwt., in the morning, this being the occasion of the Penzance band's annual outing.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, June 24th, at Holy Trinity church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. H. Head, 1; C. Willshire, 2; G. Foster, 3; R. Wood, 4; B. Chorley, 5; A. Pulling (conductor), 6; F. Blondell, 7; T. Maynard, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor by A. Pulling. On Sunday evening, July 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. H. P. Harman, 1; R. Wood, 2; G. Foster, 3; G. Gunner, 4; C. F. Winney (conductor), 5; C. Willshire, 6; F. Blondell, 7; T. Maynard, 8. Longest touch in the method by Messrs. Wood and Maynard.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SEDBERGH (Yorks).—On July 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Pennington, 1; J. E. Senogles, 2; E. Pennington, 3; G. Chester, 4; F. S. Pile, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. G. Chester hails from Lincoln.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Exeter).—On Sunday, May 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Shepherd, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Sandover, 5; F. Murphy, 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Lowton, 8. A 504 in the same method. J. Ford, 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; W. Midin, 5; F. Murphy, 6; J. R. Sandover, 7; W.

Lowton, 8. Rung on receipt of the news of the fall of Pretoria. Both of these touches were conducted by F. Shepherd. On Sunday evening, June 17th, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Shepherd, 1; T. Laver, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. C. Burrough, 4; W. Midin, 5; J. Sandover (conductor), 6; F. Murphy, 7; W. Lowton, 8. On Thursday, June 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. J. Ford, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; T. Laver, 3; F. Shepherd (conductor), 4; J. Sandover, 5; F. Murphy, 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by the Heavitree band. On Sunday, July 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Hancock, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; W. Shepherd, 3; W. Burrough, 4; T. Laver, 5; J. Sandover, 6; F. Murphy, 7; W. Lowton, 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday, July 1st, at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; A. Searle (conductor), 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Ackerman, 8. On July 12th, at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Mudge, 1; C. Carter, 2; A. W. Searle, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Richardson, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; E. Sargent, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ARELEY KINGS.—On Saturday, May 19th, 720 Treble Bob. E. Mapp, W. Martin, J. Reynolds, T. Elcox, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman (conductor). Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking. On Wednesday, May 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Martin, E. Mapp, T. Elcox, W. Bowen, J. Reynolds, T. Griffiths (conductor). On Wednesday, May 30th, 720 Treble Bob. E. Mapp, J. Reynolds, T. Griffiths, T. Elcox, C. Beaman, W. Martin (conductor). On Sunday, June 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by J. Reynolds. On Wednesday, June 6th, 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Martin. On Sunday, June 10th, 720 Plain Bob. C. Beaman, E. Mapp, T. Elcox, W. Bowen, J. Reynolds (conductor), T. Griffiths. On Sunday, June 24th, 720 Treble Bob. W. Bower, W. Martin, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, C. Beaman, T. Griffiths (conductor). First 720 in the method by W. Bowen. On Wednesday, July 4th, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Griffiths, E. Mapp, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, C. Beaman, W. Martin (conductor). On Sunday, July 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Bowen, T. Elcox, T. Griffiths, W. Martin, C. Beaman, J. Reynolds (conductor).

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

TIMBERLAND.—On May 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Minor in 45 mins., being 1080 of Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Bob Minor. F. Curtis, 1; H. King, 2; W. Elkington, 3; A. West, 4; A. Sharpe, 5; G. Elkington, 6. On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Elkington, 1; F. Curtis, 2; F. Cobb, 3; A. West, 4; A. Sharpe, 5; G. Elkington, 6. Both conducted by G. Elkington. On Sunday, May 20th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Curtis, 1; H. King, 2; F. Cobb, 3; W. Elkington, 4; A. Sharpe, 5; A. West (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 5th, in honour of the fall of Pretoria, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Curtis, 1; H. King, 2; W. Elkington, 3; A. West, 4; A. Sharpe, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6.

LITTLE COMBERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. *G. Dolphin, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Smith, 3; *W. Mead, 4; H. Salisbury, 5; H. Price, 6. *First 720 in the method.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Barnabas' church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. G. Wright, 1; F. Vickers (conductor), 2; A. Cheshire, 3; W. Willis, 4; C. White, 5; W. Neale, 6. On Sunday, May 20th, for afternoon service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Webster, 1; A. Cheshire, 2; T. Willis (first 6-score with a bob bell), 3; F. Vickers (conductor), 4; C. White, 5; A. Vickers, 6. For evening service another 6-score. H. Webster, 1; W. Willis, 2; T. Willis, 3; F. Vickers (conductor), 4; C. White, 5; A. Cheshire, 6. On Thursday, May 24th, to commemorate the Queen's birthday, another 6-score. H. Webster, 1; W. Willis, 2; F. Vickers (conductor), 3; G. Wright, 4; C. White, 5; W. Neale, 6. And two 6-scores. T. Willis, 1; W. Willis, 2; A. Cheshire, 3; F. Vickers (conductor), 4; C. White, 5; W. Neale, 6.

WORDSLEY (Staffordshire).—On July 4th, at Holy Trinity church, 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Darby, 1; G. Green, 2; G. Husselbee, 3; W. Fryer (conductor), 4; H. Jones, 5; J. Pagett (Kidderminster), 6.

YORK.—On Monday, July 2nd, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Haigh (conductor), 1; J. Neill, 2; L. Woodcock, 3; Rev. — Brown (Stokesley), 4; F. T. Earnshaw, 5; J. Thompson, 6; W. H. Howard, 7; A. Haigh, 8. L. Woodcock's first quarter-peal. The above rev. gentleman was on a visit to the city, and was wishful to have a pull, and was gratified through the permission of the Very Rev. the Dean.

A NEW METHOD.—NEW WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDRICK DENCH, *London.*

SIR,—This method derives its name from Westminster Surprise that I published some time ago. It being a great improvement by the coursing order being extended, also the clearing of false changes. It will be seen that this method admits of two kinds of bobs, 4ths place and 6ths place. By the use of the former only the most selected musical changes are used, but I am inclined to think that this musical advantage verges on monotony. I have therefore adopted the 6ths place bob which will fall short of monotony, and also retain its musical effect, both in method and composition. The music throughout being of a high class, I can safely say without fear of contradiction, that this method will require a lot of beating. It has opened up a field for new compositions, and is specially adapted for peals with tenors apart, as there is no need of cross proof.

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Four times repeated. This is the longest peal composed in any method on the Treble Bob system.

BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *Fulham.*

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Twice repeated. This peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 with the 2nd never in 5-6, and the 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end. First rung at Christ Church, Southgate, on February 8th, 1900, conducted by S. Wade.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

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Twice repeated.

First rung at Pulham, Norfolk, on December 27th, 1895, conducted by James Tann.

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The Midland Counties' Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch to-day, Saturday, July 14. Tower open at 2 o'clock (8 bells.) Committee meeting in the church vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Blue and Green Coat Schoolroom, 1s. each.

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

Cotgrave, near Nottingham.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of this district will be held to-day, Saturday, July 14, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Stanmore, by the kind permission of the Rev. T. F. L. Bernays. The bells will be raised about 4.30 p.m. All friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday July 14, at Penarth, at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that members will make an effort to attend. Bells available for ringing.

REV. MINOR CANON PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

The Cheltenham and District Guild.—This Society intends to hold its annual outing at Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, to-day Saturday, July 14. All friends will be made welcome. Dinner at Unicorn hotel at 1 o'clock at 2s. per head. Stow bells are an exceptionally fine peal in excellent going order.

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B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The half-yearly meeting of the above Society will be held at Holmfirth, to-day, Saturday, July 14th (the June meeting was advertised as the half-yearly meeting by mistake.) Any member having any notice to hand in for the general meeting can do so at the above meeting. The six-bell contest will be held at Holmfirth, on Saturday, August 4th. Method, 720 Oxford.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Leatherhead, on Monday, July 16th. Annual meeting at 10.30 a.m. in parish hall. Service at the parish church at 12.0, preacher the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon. Dinner in the Victoria Hall at 12.45, provided only for those ordering beforehand. Dinner tickets will be provided at the dinner by the Hon. Secretary. The belfry of the parish church will be open previous to the meeting. For other towers available see programme. All claims for expenses must reach me by July 31st. CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bursledon, Southampton.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley, on Saturday, July 21st. The bells at Bletchingley (8) and at Nutfield (6) will be available from about 3 o'clock. Tea will be supplied to ordinary members at The Red Lion, Bletchingley, at 6 o'clock, and life and non-members can also join at 1s. 6d. per head.

The usual business meeting will follow. Those intending to take tea must send their names to Mr. Fred. Balcombe, Stycken's Cottages, Bletchingley, not later than Thursday next. Bletchingley is 1½ miles from Nutfield (S.E.R.) and about 3 miles from Redhill Junction.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly Meeting at Lower Beeding, on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open from 4 p.m. A conveyance will leave Horsham Station about 3.15 p.m. for members who let me know by Tuesday, the 17th.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Bury, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea provided for all sending names to me not later than first post on Thursday, July 19th.

WM. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James's, East Crompton, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Next monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held this year at Oxford. By kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Christ Church, there will be a special service with sermon in the Cathedral at 12.30. Business meeting in the old Lecture Room, Christ Church, at 1.20, and dinner in Christ Church Hall at 2 o'clock. Dinner tickets must be procured not later than July 5th, and the money (2s.) sent with the application. The whole amount will be refunded to changing members, and 1s. to probationers. Several towers will be open during the afternoon. All communications respecting the same to be made to ALFRED H. COCKS.

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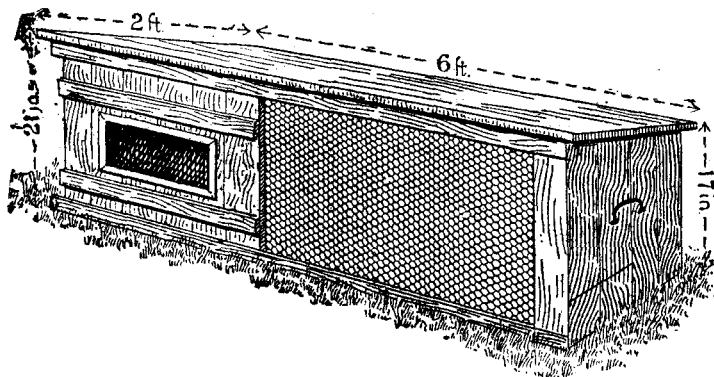
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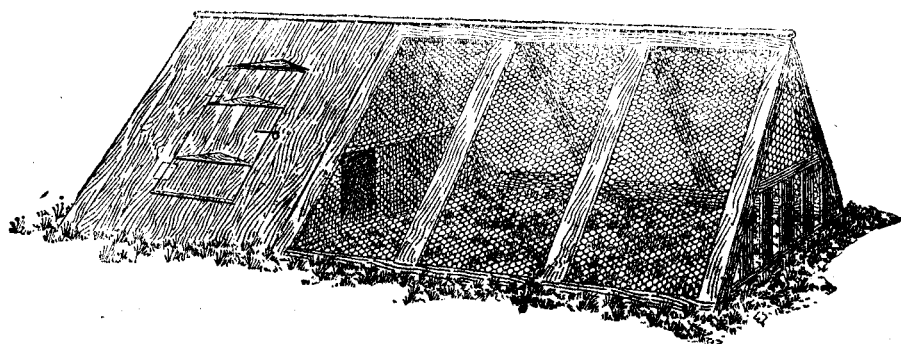
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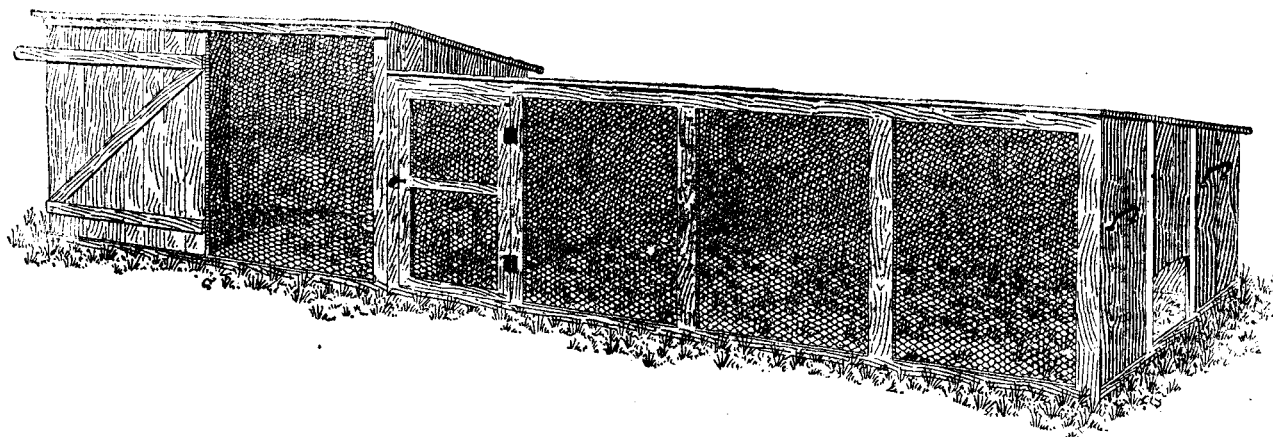
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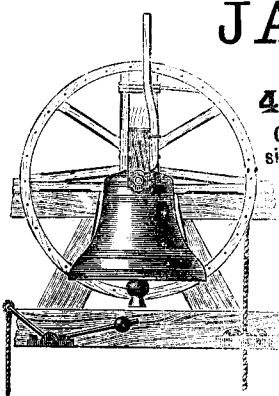
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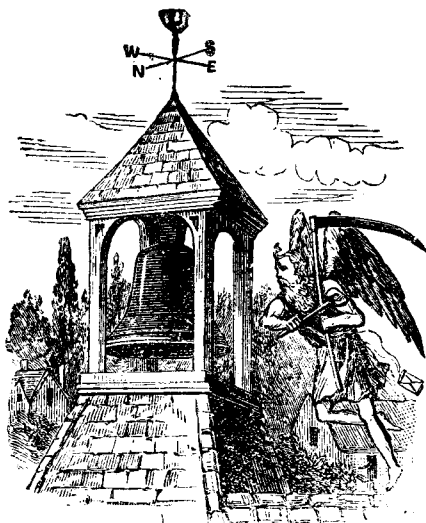
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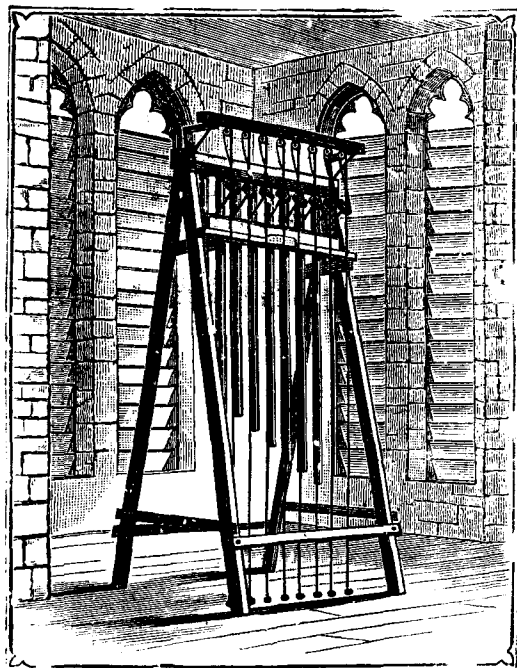
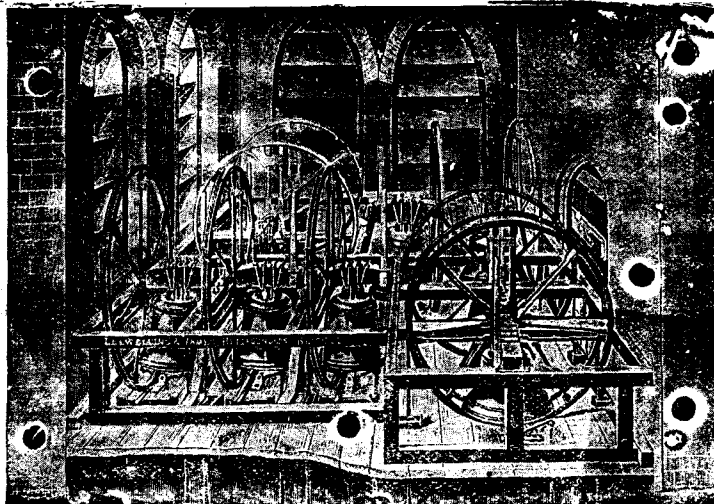
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PORTMADOC, NORTH WALES.

A local paper informs its readers that Thursday, the 29th ult., was a memorable day in the history of the Church at Portmadoc, and one which churchmen had looked forward to with intense interest. The occasion was the dedication of the tower, with ring of bells, at St. John's church, and the opening and dedication of the new church room. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. John's church at eight o'clock in the morning, and at half-past eleven a choral service, which was attended by a very large congregation. A numerous array of clergy were present. Following the singing of the first hymn the National Anthem was sung. The clergy officiating at the service were the Rev. Llewelyn R. Hughes, Vicar; Rev. J. Lloyd Jones (Criccieth), Rev. John Morgan (Llandudno), and the Rev. R. H. Williams, curate. An address was delivered by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who took for his text Psalm lxi. 3: "For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy." His lordship appropriately referred to the churches of the land as an emblem and a sign which reminded them of the noble army of martyrs, and of the blessings which the Almighty conferred upon the faithful. A tower again was, in all its strength, and in all its majesty, an emblem and a sign of the refuge and protection of God's people—refuge, rest, and a home for the wearied ones. A tower in all its strength and solidity was an emblem of the Church—a refuge and a real defence against their spiritual enemies. The bells also had their signs. They gave out their peals of glad tidings, and mourned, as it were, with those who wept; they might be a sign of rejoicing of some great deliverance the Lord had vouchsafed to His people. The bells also rang out their invitation to public worship. If people would go to church they could not close their ears to the appeal. He thought their Vicar had exercised a wise discretion in choosing the psalms for the day.

The choir afterwards walked out of the church in processional order, followed by the Bishop and clergy through the west door, and entered the tower by the north door. Mr. and Mrs. Percival followed the bishop, and there was also present the lord-lieutenant of the county. The dedication service of the tower and bells was held outside, and as the Bishop pronounced the Benediction the bells rang forth. The ringers of the day were from St. David's, Bangor, under the superintendence of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, who had kindly volunteered their services for the occasion.

According to our contemporary this church of St. John, Portmadoc, has since its dedication in 1876, been blessed with a number of benefactions. For its final completion however, the town will always be indebted to the munificence of Mr. and Mrs. Percival, of Bodawen. In October, 1897, the memorial stone of a handsome vestry was laid by Mrs. Percival, and the vestry was completed and dedicated in May, 1898, having been built at the sole expense of Mr. Percival at a cost of £500. Mr. Percival

has been for some years the chairman of the executive of the church, and in 1898 he generously offered to complete the church by the building of a handsome tower. The work was commenced in August of that year, and during the last two years the inhabitants of Portmadoc have seen steadily rising in their midst one of the finest pieces of church architecture in North Wales, the expense of the tower alone being £2500. Just before the completion of the building Mr. and Mrs. Percival announced that they would place in the tower a ring of bells. These have been cast and erected by Warners. They are six in number, tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. in G. It may be added that the dedication ceremony took place on Mr. Percival's birthday, and it is the wish of all that both Mr. and Mrs. Percival may spend more happy years where their good works are so much valued, and among people by whom they are so much beloved. In the entrance to the tower there is a handsome piece of brass which bears the following inscription:—

"To the honour of God, and in thankful remembrance of forty-four years happily spent in this valley; this tower with peal of bells was erected by Francis Samuel Percival, and Martha, his wife, June 28th, 1900. Llewelyn R. Hughes, M.A., Vicar; E. T. Perrott, F.R.I.B.A., Architect; Evan Jones, builder."

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PRINCETHORPE, NEAR RUGBY.

At the new (R.C.) church of Our Lady of the Angels attached to St. Mary's Priory, Princethorpe, a chime of eight bells, tenor 10 cwt., with an angelus bell, was on the 25th ult. consecrated by the Bishop of Birmingham. Each bell had its dedicatory name, legends, and sponsors. The ceremony took place under a large awning. The bells were arranged in a circle on large blocks, which were covered with red cloth and adorned with flowers, evergreens, and appropriate mottoes. After reciting several psalms, the bishop blessed salt and water, with which the bells were washed inside and out by the clergy. Then followed other psalms, after which the bishop consecrated the bells with holy oil and chrism, each bell receiving twelve unctions, while the dedicatory prayer was repeated with each anointing. The function ended with the singing of the Gospel, and the episcopal blessing. The bells were then rung by their respective sponsors.

The eight bells were cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and have been by them suspended in an English oak frame, arranged with their special apparatus for chiming only. The angelus bell is however hung for ringing.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

This Association, which was founded in 1890, held its annual gathering in Bath on Saturday, January 30th, no less than eighty members from all parts of the diocese—some came even from Minehead, driving twenty-six miles to Taunton—being present. The towers of the Abbey, St. Mary's, Christ Church, St. James's, St. Mark's, St. Andrew's, and St. Michael's were placed at the disposal of the visitors, who at 1.30 dined together at the Alliance Dining Rooms. The respected Master—the Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Westbury, Bristol—occupied the chair, and supporting him were the Revs. J. T. Muller (St. Mark's), C. C. Parker (St. Mary's), F. M. Etherington (Minehead), E. Newling (Midsomer Norton), E. F. Felton (Milverton), H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Devizes), C. S. Taylor (Banwell), H. A. Cockey (Oldland), Mr. H. W. Tomkins (Williton), Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, etc. After dinner the toast of "The Queen" was honoured, and the annual business transacted.

The Hon. Secretary read the annual report, which stated that their total strength was fifty-four honorary, and 353 performing members, a satisfactory increase despite the fact that deaths and removals accounted for the loss of a good many members. Scientifically the Association's progress had been satisfactory, for although they had only scored eleven peals as against thirteen in 1898, the quality of those peals equalled in value of points the thirteen scored in 1898, and their position in the Analysis had been raised from twenty-fifth position in 1898 to the twentieth in 1899. Five peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung (one in the Chew Deanery, three in the Taunton, and one in the Bath Deanery), one peal of Treble Bob Minor in four different methods, and one peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven different methods, both rung by the Norton Fitzwarren band, who were highly to be congratulated on the success that had rewarded them for their steady perseverance in change-ringing. Four peals of Stedman Triples had to be recorded, two in the Taunton deanery being the first peals in the method by the Association rung by an entirely local band, and thus the hope expressed in the report for 1895 that they might ere long have a Stedman conductor resident in their midst had been more than realised, for they had unearthed two, and one or two others were very near the surface. Financially the Association continued in a most satisfactory condition, between £25 and £30 being in hand. Three successful meetings had been held during the year at Long Ashton, Taunton (the annual), and Midsomer Norton, all of which were well attended. Local branches had been doing good work, and the local secretaries were heartily thanked for the valuable assistance they rendered the Master and Hon. Secretary. The diocesan calendar this year for the first time contained information as to the number of bells in the various towers in the diocese. The Association had previously made many vain attempts to secure their insertion. As a sign of increasing influence of the Association in the diocese, the Hon. Secretary had answered more requests for information about bells, ringers, belfry rules, and the general work of the Association, than during any year he has been in office.

The report was adopted, and the Hon. Secretary, in stating the Bishop of Bath and Wells was ex officio President, read a letter from his lordship regretting that his engagements prevented his being present. His lordship wished the Association well with all its undertakings, and hoped they would not fail to remind themselves when they assembled for their annual service that their work

was done for the glory of God, and therefore should be done in a reverent spirit. The vice-Presidents were re-elected, and the Rev. H. E. T. Bassett proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. Courtney as Master. M. J. Maddock (Taunton) seconded the resolution, which was carried with great enthusiasm. Mr. Courtney mentioned that he had been elected for the fourth time. Now that he was resident in Bristol he was trying to get in touch with all the towers he could reach in that neighbourhood, and he hoped soon to have as many friends as he had in the neighbourhood of Dunster. Mr. Tomkins was re-elected Hon. Secretary on the proposal of the Master, seconded by Mr. E. E. Burgess (Taunton), and he suitably responded. Canon Quirk and the Rev. J. T. Muller were among several new honorary and ringing members elected.

Yeovil was agreed upon as the next place of meeting. The President, the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. F. N. Quantock-Shulldham (Stoke-under-Ham), were appointed delegates to the Central Council, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President and to those clergy who had given permission for the use of their towers.

Later in the afternoon the visitors attended a brief service in the Abbey and heard an excellent address from Canon Quirk. Afterwards the members dispersed to the various city towers.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting was held at Pentrich on Saturday, July 14th. Members were present from Clay Cross, Horsley, Alfreton, Tibshelf, Ripley, South Normanton, North Wingfield, and Pentrich. The Vicar (Rev. J. W. Ledward), kindly entertained the ringers to a substantial tea, to which ample justice was done. The Vicar was duly thanked for the tea, and also for the use of the bells. The rev. gentleman expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the Association to Pentrich, and hoped it would continue to prosper. He hoped every tower in the district with a peal of bells and set of ringers would join if they had not already done so.

The bells are a very handy ring of five; it would be a great boon to the parish could another treble be obtained, they would then be a nice handy six, second to none in the neighbourhood. The ringers were very well pleased with the "go" of the bells, which were kept merrily going all the evening. The thanks of the members are due to Mr. George Hall and the local ringers for making all so welcome and comfortable, a very enjoyable afternoon being spent by all.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, July 7th, and was attended by the Rev. W. H. Redknap, Rector of Newcastle; Rev. —. Warmington, curate of Newcastle; Rev. H. C. Frith, Clerical Secretary and Treasurer; W. Twigg, Lay Secretary; H. Page, Chairman of Committee; and about forty-five members, the following towers being represented: Stoke, Fenton, Longton, Newcastle, Leek, Kidsgrove, Tunstall, Norton, Cheadle, Bucknall, and Audley. Ringing commenced about 3.30, when touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The meeting for business was held in the schoolroom at 5.30, the Rev. W. H. Redknap presiding, and after giving the members a hearty welcome to Newcastle, called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the

last meeting, which were duly passed as read. The Secretary then read the annual report and balance-sheet, which shewed a gain of £2 5s. 1½d. on the year, making a total of £20 1s. 5d. to the credit of the Association, which was greeted with loud applause by the meeting.

Mr. Mason (Kidsgrrove), proposed, and the Rev. — Warmington seconded, that the report and accounts be passed as read, and in doing so congratulated the members on the good work the Association was doing, and also on having such a good balance.

The Ven. Archdeacon Lane was again re-elected President; the vice-presidents and other officers were re-elected with thanks for past services. The members then partook of a bountiful tea provided by the Newcastle ringers, afterwards attending Divine Service at the parish church, when a very practical and earnest address was given by the Rector of Newcastle.

The members then made for the belfry, when touches in various methods were rung. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the tower and bells, for presiding at the meeting, and for the kind way in which he had received the members. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Newcastle ringers for the splendid tea they had provided, and also to the ladies who so kindly waited upon the members at tea. The Rev. — Warmington, in a humorous speech, returned thanks on behalf of the ladies.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14th, eight members of the above Association journeyed to Alnwick, the county town of Northumberland, with the intention of ringing a peal on the bells of St. Paul's church. The bells had been for the foregoing week in the hands of Mr. E. E. Ferry, engineer, of Newcastle, and after the thorough adjusting, etc. they had undergone at his hands, the ringers had no cause of complaint. This is one of the advantages of having a bell-hanger who is a change-ringer. An attempt for Double Norwich Court Bob Major was made, but owing to a stupid blunder about half-way through, it came to grief after some first-class ringing. J. Foreman, 1; J. A. Gofton, 2; R. S. Story, 3; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 4; H. Dall, 5; J. E. R. Keen, 6; W. Holmes, 7; E. E. Ferry, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in the train on handbells by J. A. Gofton, T. T. Gofton, and W. Holmes, unconducted.

A VISIT TO YARMOUTH.

On Thursday, July 5th, a company of ringers from Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Feering, and Great Bentley took advantage of an excursion to Yarmouth to have a ring there. Arriving at the parish church at 10.30, Mr. J. Matthews was soon found, who informed the visitors that they could have the use of the bells all day. After raising the three back bells, a well-struck touch of 688 Bob Major was rung. Then 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major, finishing up with 336 Double Norwich Major.

Dinner time having arrived, a capital restaurant was hunted up, and a good dinner served. After dinner the party rode by tram to Gorleston, and after getting permission rang touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure on the capital ring of six. This finished the ringing for the day, and returning by boat to Yarmouth the rest of the time was spent in beach

attractions, some even venturing up the revolving tower. After having a good tea, and making purchases, etc., Yarmouth had to be left behind, finishing up one of the best outings this company has had. The ringers were—Messrs. Elliott, Sadler, Dyer, Potter, and Beckwith, from Coggeshall; Newman from Feering; H. and W. Elliott from Kelvedon; and W. J. Nevard from Great Bentley.

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."

FUND FOR BELL REPAIRS.

SIR,—In your leading article of July 7th you suggest a method for procuring funds for the erection of new rings of bells. It may not be known to the Exercise at large that the Kent County Association four or five years ago started a special fund for belfry repairs, and, when (if ever) a sufficient amount is available, for new peals. The fund is but a slender thing at present but every year it grows; and some of us are sanguine enough to hope that in the course of the next century we shall be able to afford very material help in the way of grants where help is needed, and so to exercise a wholesome control over repairs and additions to existing rings of bells, as well as in cases of entirely new rings. The amount standing to our credit in the Post Office Savings Bank at the end of last year was £32 1s. 9d. We have £3 a year from capital invested; honorary life members' subscriptions (if any) are added to the fund; and at our Annual Service the offertory (amounting generally to about £1) is given to the Fund. Only three grants have been made as yet, viz.: one guinea each to Edenbridge (two new trebles), and St. Margaret's, Rochester (two new trebles), and two guineas to All Saints, Maidstone (re-hanging). Of course this is nothing to what we hope to be able to do, if only we can procure increased support for the Fund as well as for our ordinary work. Perhaps other Associations may see their way to the formation of a similar fund in their own county or diocese. A more pressing need, however, than the erection of new rings is the provision of a greater number of ringers especially in the country districts. In Kent at all events "there are more bells than ringers," meaning by that term expert change-ringers, men who can really ring and strike properly—not merely pull a bell anyhow.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE,

Hon. Sec. Kent County Association.

"OLD NAMES FOR NEW."

SIR,—I write this letter not for fun, so make you no apology; but when the cultured gents. are done, discussing campanology. I'd like to say (and by the way), I have no words to bandy; but I think the physic that Shakespere throwed to the dogs might come in handy.

For there's mad fever in the land, its symptoms unethereal; and victims come the "Seigneur grand," and dub all things Imperial. The method-builders are attacked, and as you may surmise, Sir; their new-named (?) methods as a fact, are truly no surprise, Sir. Within the garret where I write, I keep a ringer's cupboard; and on its shelves a Shipway stands, with Sottanstell and Hubbard. And if I read those books aright, there is no *rara avis*, of names that's new, for by the way, Imperial's in the *Clavis*.

Oh! will the Brighton Baker look, or simply use his eyes; he'll find in Sottanstell his book, Victoria Surprise! and tho' I'm not a sporting man, I'd like to lay a wager; that in the self-same book there is, the name of "England" Major!!

To move along all methods, there would need a horse and waggon; by Jingo! Sottanstell felt bad, to name one "George and Dragon." But as I've now fulfilled my task, I will no longer trouble you; and tho' I am anonymous, I am yours

DOUBLE W.

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, July 14th, at Blyth, which is an ideal place for a summer gathering. Blyth is full four miles from the nearest railway station, so a wagonette or the poor man's useful hack, the bicycle, has to be called into the service of the N.N. brethren when they meet there. And a very pleasant ride or drive it is from whichever point of the compass they come, all the roads thither traversing a well-timbered undulating country until they converge upon the picturesque village, standing on the banks of the river Ryton, embowered with noble beech trees and other fine timber. The village is grouped on either side of a remarkably wide main street, which widens out at one end into a well-shaded green, at the other end stands the venerable church, which is architectural'y most interesting, and has for ringers the additional attraction of one of Taylors' maiden peals of six musical bells in its well-proportioned tower. Add to all this the fact that host Hinde, of The Oddfellows Arms, himself a member of the local band, was sure to provide more than a "plain Bob's" worth of tea in exchange for the usual shilling, and it is then no wonder that members and friends turned up in good number. Nine of the eleven towers forming the Association were represented, viz.: Anston, Bawtry, Blyth, Harthill, Ordsall, East and West Retford, Shireoaks, and Work-sop. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and tea was taken at five o'clock, the chair being occupied at this and the subsequent business meeting by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Scott-Moncrieff, who gave the members a very cordial welcome.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. M. Meredith, Vicar of Bawtry, was elected a vice-President of the Association. It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bawtry on the 6th of October.

The members attended Evensong at the parish church at six o'clock; ringing being resumed at the conclusion of the service, when some remarkably well-struck touches were brought round.

A pleasant drive home in the cool of the evening after a gloriously fine summer's day formed an agreeable ending to a successful meeting.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The last monthly meeting of this society was held on Saturday, July 7th, at Wortley. A splendid day, but resulting in a poor muster. However, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob were rung, after which a move was made for the train. This being missed, a further stay of two hours was enlivened by courses on the handbells, patriotic and glee songs, etc., eventually reaching home at midnight.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council was held at the Church House, Westminster, on Tuesday, June 5th. Of representative members 54 were present out of 84, representing 25 out of 32 societies; and of Hon. Members 8 out of 14. Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer being the only persons nominated for the respective offices of President and Secretary for the ensuing three years, Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Rev. G. F. Coleridge

seconded the former; Rev. F. E. Robinson also proposed, and Mr. W. Snowdon seconded the latter, both propositions being carried unanimously.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On the motion of Mr. F. W. Thornton, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the following were unanimously elected Honorary Members of the Council for three years: Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Mr. J. Pettit, Mr. F. E. Ward, Mr. F. W. J. Rees, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. J. W. Taylor, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. R. A. Daniell, the following were elected as the Standing Committee for the ensuing three years: The President, Hon. Secretary, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. W. Snowdon, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. F. W. J. Rees, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. T. Lockwood, and Mr. G. F. Attree, with power to add to their number.

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts, showing a balance from the previous year of £60 15s. 2d; receipts from subscriptions, £10 6s. 6d.; total, £71 1s. 8d. Against which there were expenses for hire of hall at Norwich meeting, reporting, printing, committee on rail fares, postage and stationery, £4 11s. 0d.; leaving a balance in favour of the Council of £66 10s. 8d. On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the accounts were passed.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, on behalf of the Rail Fares Committee, reported that the petitions of the Societies had been presented to the Railway Companies, but that up to that time no definite reply had been received. On the motion of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the Committee (consisting of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. Story, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Attree), was re-appointed with an expression of thanks for the work they had done.

The President reported the progress made by the Committee on the Condition of Rings of bells; and on the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Committee was re-appointed.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. R. S. Story, the Committee for the definition of a legitimate method (consisting of the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. J. Carter, and Mr. A. Craven) was re-appointed.

The Hon. Secretary made a short statement on the completion of the Glossary, and with reference to its publication.

Mr. G. F. Attree presented the Report of the Peal Values Committee on the questions referred to them at the last meeting; viz.: the points to be accorded to peals of Double Norwich Court Royal and Maximus; and it was carried on his motion, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, that Double Norwich Court Royal should receive 28 points, Maximus 32 points, and Bristol Surprise, 50 points.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved, and Mr. J. W. Taylor seconded, and it was carried, that the next meeting of the Council be held at Derby.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved, and Mr. G. Williams seconded, that the Council do appoint an official correspondent in each Association. After discussion the motion was withdrawn on the understanding that the Hon. Secretary of the Council should be at liberty when necessary to correspond with one of the representatives on the Council of any Association.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee moved, and Mr. W. Snowdon seconded, "That in the opinion of this Council any protest against the truthfulness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed. If the record is challenged, it should be submitted to the Central Council, or a Committee appointed by it for this purpose for decision, and the decision of the Council should be accepted as final."

After a lengthy and valuable discussion, the motion was withdrawn to await the future determination of what constitutes a true peal performance.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter introduced the subject of the Instruction of those desiring to learn the Art of change-ringing; whether as a band, or singly. An interesting and useful discussion ensued.

A vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. F. W. J. Rees, and seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, concluded the meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

SOCIETY.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	W. T. Cockerill .. M. A. Wood .. T. H. Taffender .. E. P. O'Meara ..	
Royal Cumberland Youths	R. A. Daniell .. H. Dains .. A. Jacob ..	H. Barton
St. James' Society, London	W. Weatherstone .. C. F. Winny ..	
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	Rev. H. C. Courtney .. C. E. D. Boutflower .. Rev. W. W. C. Baker ..
Bedfordshire Association	(Unrepresented) ..	(Name of representative not known).
Birmingham and District Society ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Birmingham St. Martin's Guild ..	W. H. Godden ..	
Chester Diocesan Guild	F. T. Spence .. W. Gordon ..	
Devonshire Guild	Rev. M. Kelly ..	Ferris Shepherd ..
Durham and Newcastle Association ..	R. S. Story ..	T. Hudson .. W. Holmes ..
Ely Diocesan Association	C. Sillitoe ..	
Essex Association	Rev. T. L. Papillon .. B. Keeble .. W. J. Nevard .. N. J. Pitstow ..	
Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	Rev. H. A. Cockey .. F. G. May ..	Rev. E. B. James ..
Hereford Diocesan Guild	(Unrepresented) ..	(Names of representative not known) .. E. P. Debenham .. W. Haigh ..
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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1900.

THE last annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association, a report of which may be read on another page, establishes the fact that the organization has not only reached a position of absolute safety, but one very high indeed among such bodies. The report of the Honorary Secretary—Mr. H. W. TOMKINS—speaks of continual progress; progress onward and upward. Through constant and praiseworthy activity the Association has met from all sides that recognition which generally follows perseverance. The early struggles of the Bath and Wells Association are within our recollection; and it is therefore with pleasure we compliment the Executive upon the high position it has now attained. The Art of change-ringing was at one time, if not an unknown quantity, only

practised here and there within the diocese. Now, the Association holds a place on Mr. ATTREE'S Analysis, not so high as some others, but it is gradually creeping up. At one time the Association had not a local bob-cailer, only in the simpler methods. This reproach is, we find, in course of removal, and the Hon. Secretary may be pardoned if in his report he appears to be somewhat proud of the fact.

There is another instance of the influence which Associations of this description should enjoy in the statement that the Hon. Secretary has had more requests for information upon bell and ringing matters during the past year than he has had in any year preceding. This is the sort of recognition which it is hoped may be greatly extended. It stands to reason that the secretary of an important ringing Guild, who holds the threads of intelligence concerning bells and their surroundings within the area of his jurisdiction, is the proper person to impart useful and practical information to all those who require it. We hope Mr. TOMKINS will be able next year to tell us that applications to him for information of this kind has more than quadrupled.

We have been told this week in the columns of a daily paper that there is a parish in Essex called "Runwell." The information was, we confess, quite novel. According to the published statement we are to suppose that Runwell parish church has a ring of bells of some sort or other, but we don't find that the tower is in union with the county association. This is what the daily paper alluded to says:—

"In the parish of Runwell, Essex, an apparatus has been lately invented by the Rector for ringing the church bells by electricity. The origin of the invention is rather curious. The Rector, finding a difficulty in obtaining bellringers, rung the bells for three months himself. In order to save the labour involved in performing this task, he invented the 'Automatic Ringer,' and erected the apparatus in the church tower. By connecting the machine with the electric current already in use for lighting the church and rectory, he succeeded in ringing the bells with perfect order and precision. The invention is in all respects an absolute success, and the apparatus can be worked by oil power instead of by electricity. This makes the invention of general interest with regard to bellringing. The 'Automatic Ringer,' for which a patent has been obtained, can be supplied to churches and buildings whenever required. The profits will be devoted by the Rector to the fund for restoring the ancient church of Runwell, where the invention had its birth."

We can hardly treat this paragraph seriously. The Rector of Runwell must be an extraordinary clever person. We have never heard that any one man was able to ring more than one bell at a time, but the Rector of Runwell has according to the above, "rung the bells for three months himself." We hope the rev. gentleman will succeed in getting the necessary funds for restoring his church, but we are afraid his patent will deceive him if he trusts to it. Perhaps our well-known popular contributor, who returns next week, may elucidate this matter for us.

The Provinces.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

B. S. HILL Treble.	G. HINTON 5.
A. HILL 2.	W. PAGE 6.
A. WINTERTON 3.	W. H. JOHNSON 7.
A. HADLEY 4.	T. MALIM Tenor.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

WALTER MANNERING* .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
THOMAS MANNERING* .. 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	*ALFRED PALMER .. 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal of Major for 150 years.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	ERNEST BRUCE 6.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR EVANS 4.	ARTHUR FRANKUM* Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

A peal of Double Norwich was arranged, but one of the band not turning up, Stedman was substituted. *First peal.

STON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
HENRY MIDDLETON 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

The above was rung after meeting short for Caters.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM BOWEN* Treble.	†JAMES REYNOLDS 4.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GRIFFITHS.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Huddersfield Surprise, Oxford Delight, Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, and Woodbine Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

This peal was rung to commemorate the twenty-first birthday of H. Little. It is also his first peal in seven Treble Bob methods with a bob bell.

LEEDS, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED W. TAWNEY .. 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	*HERBERT J. FORD .. 7.
WALTER MANNERING .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	ALFRED PALMER 9.
JOHN W. STEDDY 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal on ten bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt!

JAMES GRATRAX Treble.	JOHN POTTER 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. 2.	WILLIAM DENNER .. 6.
JOHN DENNER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	WILLIAM GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. James Gratrix to Mrs. Elizabeth Bell which took place at Prestwich on Monday, July 9th.

Date Touches.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—On Thursday, June 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of Doubles, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins., being three 6-scores of April Day, three 6-scores and 40 of Old Doubles, nine 6-scores and 60 of Grandsire, each called differently. F. Bowtel, 1; E. Webb, 2; P. Webb (conductor), 3; A. Lilley, 4; J. Webb, 5; F. Crick, 6. First date touch by all and on the bells. Rung in honour of the fall of Pretoria.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 9th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but owing to a change-course after ringing 4502 changes, the conductor called "stand." H. Brooker (conductor), 1; C. Dean, 2; A. Trappitt, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; J. Rumble, 5; A. Arnold, 6; J. Fayers, 7; A. Clayton, 8; A. Dean, 9; C. Bance, 10. This is the longest length in the method by the 5th and 6th men. A. Arnold, for whom this was arranged, hails from Northampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 6th, for evening

service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Jennions, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris, 4; J. Turner, (first 720 with a bob bell as conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Turner, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On May 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. Rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking. On May 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green (conductor), 2; J. Turner, 3; J. Lowe (composer), 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 7th, the St. Nicholas' Guild, Guildford paid a visit to this place and rang the following touches: 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Boniface, 1; G. Reading, 2; D. Hayward, 3; S. Radford, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Hunt (conductor), 6. A 360 in the same method. E. Watkins, 1; G. Reading, 2; J. Hunt, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; S. Radford, 5; D. Hayward (conductor), 6. A 108 of Grandsire Minor. G. Reading, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; D. Hayward, 3; E. Watkins, 4; J. Hunt, 5; S. Radford (conductor), 6. Another 108 in the same method. W. Turrell, 3; the rest as before. A 120 of Stedman Doubles. D. Hayward, 1; A. J. Boniface, 2; J. Hunt, 3; S. Radford, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; T. Gould, 6. And another 120. G. Reading, 4; the rest as before.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 21st, the bells were fired and several touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. On Thursday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, some well-struck touches of Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round by the following: W. Welham, C. Alderton, F. Allard, G. Melbourne, C. Souter, W. E. Tydeman, J. G. Wade, A. W. Symonds, E. E. Diaper, W. Souter (conductor), W. P. Rouse. On Tuesday, June 5th, to celebrate the fall of Pretoria, the bells were fired and rung open in the queens and titmums, and a well-struck touch of Bob Major. F. Allard, 1; W. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; G. Melbourne, 4; E. E. Diaper, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; J. G. Wade, 7; W. P. Rouse, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, May 20th, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of St. Mary Abbots, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. E. Garrard (conductor), 1; G. R. Fardon, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; H. G. Miles, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGHFIELD (Berks).—On Sunday, June 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Bruce, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; A. W. Higgs, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; J. Tucker, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. F. Wennan, 1; E. Bruce, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; W. Horne, 4; J. Tucker, 5; A. W. Higgs (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. E. Reeves, 1; E. Bruce, 2; W. Horner, 3; J. Tucker, 4; A. W. Higgs, 5; F. Wennan, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW.—On Wednesday, May 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Bob Major. E. Parish, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; F. Sworder (Epping), 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; G. Dent (conductor), 8. Also 125 Grandsire Triples. On Wednesday, May 9th, 688 Bob Major. Rev. W. S. Willett, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; F. Sworder, 4; E. J. Webb, 5; T. Ellis, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; G. Dent (conductor), 8. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. H. Perrin, jun., 1; F. Sworder, 2; Rev. W. S. Willett, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; G. Dent (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On April 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also another 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Cornford, 1; A. Morris, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Morris belongs to Harwich, and it is his first 720 in the method. On April 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Lane, 1; F. Hayes (conductor), 2; R. Copeling, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes, 6. On April 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Milhams, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On May 13th, 720 Cam-

bridge Surprise. A. Brown, 1; the rest as before. On May 28th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Lingham, 1; R. Brett (first 720 with a bob bell). 2; R. Copeling, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; H. Simmons, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On June 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Brocm, 1; H. Milhams, 2; G. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Milhams, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. On June 10th, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Milhams, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. On June 11th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson, 1; G. Hayes, 2; H. Lingham, 3; H. Simmons, 4; F. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, April 2nd, 784 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; Charles Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; W. Smith, 6; M. Matthews, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Monday, April 23rd, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Brown, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; Charles Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; W. Smith, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; M. Lane, 8. A 504 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; D. Harris, 2; S. Avis, 3; M. Matthews, 4; M. Lane, 5; E. Herbert, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Smith, 8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Smith, 1; W. Brown, 2; Charles Herbert, 3; M. Lane, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; E. Herbert, 7; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On Tuesday, May 1st, at All Saints church, 350 Grandsire Triples. L. Webster, 1; M. Matthews, 2; A. Nash, 3; F. Nash, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert (conductor), 6; G. Bonfield, 7; J. Nicholls, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—At the quarterly meeting of this Association on July 14th, 720 Kent. D. Bale, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; G. R. Winter, 4; H. Stenton, 4; G. H. Watkinson, 5; C. F. Fowler, 6. A 360 of Kent. H. Unwin, 1; J. Guest, 2; E. Russon, 3; D. Russon, 4; T. Smith (conductor), 5; T. Laking, 6. A 720 of Plain Bob. F. Phillips, 1; D. Blagg, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; C. Metcalfe, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Blagg, 6. And 720 Oxford. W. Metcalfe (first 720). 1; J. H. Swinburne, 2; H. Haigh, 3; G. R. Winter, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Friday, July 6th, at St. Mark's church, 720 Treble Bob Minor. *Z. Potter, 1; *W. Cornish, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; J. Morris, 4; W. Miller, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6. Tenor 24 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

ASPLEY GUISE, (Beds).—On Wednesday, March 28th, at St. Botolph's church, 720 Bob Minor. M. Lane (conductor), 1; W. Brown, 2; *S. G. Wilkinson, 3; W. Smith, 4; M. Matthews, 5; E. Herbert, 6. *First 720.

BLAKENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 10th, eight members of the St. Paul's Society, Wednesbury, visited this place and rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. A. Cooper, 1; O. Brown, 2; E. J. Tyler, 3; G. Newbould, 4; W. Johnson, 5; H. Tinsley, 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. Composed and Conducted by W. Johnson.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On May 6th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, on the back six. A. Crane, 1; T. Trasler, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. G. Crane, 5; H. Sear, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; V. Sear, 8. For evening service, six 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; T. Trasler, 2; A. Crane, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. G. Crane, 5; H. Sear, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; V. Sear, 8. On May 10th, 112 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; E. Marks, 5; E. Reader, 6; H. Sear (conductor), 7; A. G. Crane, 8. Also two 168s. W. Sear, 1; A. G. Crane, 2; F. Hedges, 3; L. Meager, 4; E. Marks, 5; E. Reader, 6; H. Sear (conductor), 7; J. Atkins, 8. On handbells, 112 Grandsire Triples. T. Trasler, 1; A. G. Crane, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; V. Sear, 5; H. Sear, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7-8. Another 168. F. Trasler, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; E. Marks, 5; F. Hedges, 6; E. Reader, 7; V. Sear, 8. On May 13th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Crane, 1; T. Trasler, 2; F. Sear, 3; W. Sear, 4; L. Meager, 5; A. Atkins, 6; H. Sear (conductor), 7; J. Atkins, 8. And 168 in the same method. T. Trasler, 1; F. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; H. Meager, 4; V. Sear, 5; H. Sear (conductor), 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 6; F. Hedges, 7-8. On May 17th, at St. Mary's church, 1080 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; L. Meager, 2; E. Marks, 3; H. Sear, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; T. Trasler, 6.

CHARING (Kent).—In honour of the relief of Mafeking, 360 Bob Minor and several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. T. Hatcher, 1; E.

Archer, 2; W. Goode, 3; H. Ward, 4; J. Willis, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. In honour of Her Majesty's 81st birthday, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hatcher, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Goode, 3; E. Archer, 4; J. Willis, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On June 3rd, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Ward, 1; R. Staines (Borden), 2; W. Goode, 3; E. Archer, 4; J. Willis, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. On June 5th, in honour of the fall of Pretoria, 360 Bob Minor, and several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 13th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; E. Young, 4; R. Bevan, 5; W. Pryor (conductor), 6; W. Nudds, 7; C. Pryor, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; R. Bevan, 5; W. Pryor (conductor), 6; W. Nudds, 7; F. Nudds, 8. On Sunday, May 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, 1; E. Pryor, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. Burrows, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6; W. Nudds, 7; W. Miles, 8. And 308 Grandsire. W. Miles, 1; J. Woods (Kenninghall, Norfolk), 2; E. Bonfield, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. Pryor, sen. (conductor), 5; R. Bevan, 6; W. Nudds, 7; C. Pryor, 8.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; S. Burt, 3; H. Markwell, 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. On Tuesday evening, June 5th, in honour of Lord Roberts entering Pretoria, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. H. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; W. A. J. Ives, 3; L. Payne, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

ISLE OF THANET (Kent).—On Saturday, March 31st, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, 504 Grandsire Triples, on the back eight. A. Pointer, 1; L. Willshire, 2; S. Swyman, 3; G. Willson, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; B. Reed, 6; G. Willshire, 7; W. Diplock, 8. On Saturday, April 7th, 540 Grandsire Minor, on the back six, after meeting short for a peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Pointer, 1; S. Swyman, 2; G. Willson, 3; B. Reed, 4; G. Willshire, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 800 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Alcock, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; J. Carter, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; A. McFarlane, 8.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Saturday, June 9th, during the Pretoria celebrations, 720 Bob Minor. A. Davidson, 1; J. Browell, 2; E. Hern, 3; J. Hern, 4; A. Sully, 5; G. Dix (conductor), 6; G. Holmes, 7. On Sunday, June 10th, 420 Bob Triples. A. Davidson, 1; J. Browell, 2; G. Holmes, 3; A. Tully, 4; E. Hern, 5; G. Dix (conductor), 6; J. Hern, 7; T. Teasdale, 8.

NEWTON LONGVILLE (Bucks).—On May 5th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. L. Meager, 1; H. Sear, 2; A. G. Crane, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6. First on the bells.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On May 11th, three 6-scores of Doubles. W. Beal, 1; A. G. Crane, 2; E. Reader, 3; H. Sear, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6. And two 6-scores. W. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; A. G. Crane, 3; W. Beal, 4; F. Hedges, 5; E. Percy, 6.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Wednesday evening, April 25th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Waghorn, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; W. Clapson, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On May 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Waghorn, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6.

SUMMER STEAMBOAT ARRANGEMENTS.

The New Palace Steamers, Limited, are now making regular sailings to Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate. The Koh-i-Noor leaves Old Swan Pier at 8.50. daily (Fenchurch 9.45), calling at Greenwich, South Woolwich, and Tilbury, arriving at Southend at 11.50, and Margate 1.45; returning from Margate 3.15. The Royal Sovereign leaves Old Swan Pier at 9.20 (St. Pancras 9.50, and Fenchurch-st. 10.28), reaching Ramsgate at 3.0, returning from Ramsgate at 3.15. La Marguerite has also commenced her popular sailings to Ostend and Boulogne, and one of the best ways of travelling to the Paris Exhibition is to cross the Channel by this fast and well-appointed steamer. The catering is now in the Company's hands, and gives entire satisfaction. Particulars may be had from Mr. T. E. Barlow, Manager, 50, King William st., E.C.

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ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.

The members of the above society had their annual outing on Saturday, July 7th. Now when the St. Peter's men make up their minds to do anything, they do it in no half-measures. If they go out to ring, they ring; if it is a peal, they set about it with a determination that brooks no failure. If they go out to play, they play, and they enjoy themselves to the fullest of their bent. On the above date they went out to play and they played. It was their annual outing, and a day of more complete enjoyment it would be difficult to imagine. No new ground was broken, no fresh towers visited. The fact, however, that the round had been done in a previous year is sufficient proof of its attractiveness. It was into truly rural Sussex that they went, where rustic beauty charms the townsman as nothing else can.

It was early in the morning when the main body of the party started upon the excursion, and it was only a quarter to eight when they reached the quaint old north Sussex town of Horsham, after a jig-jog railway ride of over an hour. A substantial breakfast having satisfied keen appetites, the Parish Church was visited. After an inspection of the building, the principal feature of which is its magnificent stained glass east window, the bells were set going to Stedman Triples. A short touch having been completed, a course each of Treble Bob Major and Bob Major was brought round. This much having been accomplished, the waggonette to convey the party round the country was announced to be in waiting. By this time the worthy Master of the Sussex County Association, and the moving genius of the St. Peter's band—Mr. G. F. Attree—had arrived on the scene, having driven over from Nuthurst behind a pair of spanking bays. Other additions to the party having put in an appearance, the two vehicles set off with their occupants for the little village of Warnham. This was the place, many members of the Exercise will remember, where, not many years ago, the local ringers made a name for themselves by the number of peals they rung on their own bells, and where an attempt was once made for a 20,000, the peal being lost after more than 15,000 changes had been rung. Two of the band, at least, have each rung over 100 peals in the tower, while a third has rung over 150. In the vestry of the church there is quite a collection of curios, including a pair of stocks, in which many a villager was held up to scorn—and rotten eggs—"in the good old days." Mr. Walter Charman met the visitors on their arrival, and conducted them to the tower. Soon the bells were tapping off Stedman Triples, New Cumberland Surprise, and London Surprise. Then came lunch, and this having been disposed of, the party continued their peregrinations.

Back through Horsham, along country lanes, uphill and down dale, the way lay, till at last Nuthurst was reached. Here at the rectory Mr. Attree has taken up his residence for the summer, and here he and his esteemed and genial wife entertained the ringers for the rest of the day. It was an ideal spot for a country holiday. Standing, as it does, close to the confines of St. Leonard's Forest, the place is surrounded by well-wooded country. The trees, the hedgerows, and the fields on this day looked at their best. Washed by the recent rains, the foliage, in the brilliant sunshine, was the brightest of bright green. It was a place that was a perfect haven of delight for those who, week on end, are subjected to the din and the hubbub of a busy town. Mrs. Attree and her family greeted the visitors, who before long were busily engaged upon the demolition of a most sumptuous repast, spread in the shade of the trees on the lawn. Mr. Attree was at the head of the table, and the company included Messrs. G. Baker, F. Bennett, J. N. Frossell, K. Hart, H. Harman, J. Jay, sen., T. Jeffery, G. King, E. C. Merritt, G. Smart, V. Scardifield, W. D. Stone, J. C. Sharp, P. W. Shelley, G. Williams, and E. D. Reecks (verger of St. Peter's), J. S. Goldsmith (Lewes), W. Palmer (St. Nicholas, Brighton), and F. Cripps (Lower Beeding). After dinner there was practice at cricket, in preparation for a match in the evening, lawn tennis, bat and trap, and other amusements. About half-past three the party went over to the

adjoining village of Lower Beeding, or to be more correct, Plummer's Plain. At the church there is a peal of eight, with about the smallest trebles to be found. Although the tenor weighs about 10½ cwt., the treble just turns the scale at 1½ cwt. and the 2nd at 1¼ cwt. The bells are beautifully cast, having round them some fine moulding, but they want a lot of ringing and they cannot be heard unless they are rung with the clappers on the wrong side. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and courses of London and Superlative Surprise were rung.

By a circuitous route, through a magnificent park, the excursionists were driven back to Nuthurst, where tea was awaiting them. The feature of this meal was the bountiful supply of strawberries, which needless to say were given no quarter when the dozen and a half ringers commenced operations upon them. Subsequently a course of Stedman Caters, and another of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells. One of the most important events of the day was a cricket match, which was played in the evening in a field adjoining the rectory. The sides were chosen by Mr. Attree and Mr. Williams, and as one or two of the visitors were somewhat afraid of broken heads, the teams were made up to ten each by the acquisition of a few local "professionals." In order that the scoring should not be too prolific, limits were placed on the game, each batsman having to retire if he scored ten runs. This restriction, however, was scarcely needed, as it was only necessary to apply the rule once. In every sense the match was most entertaining. Several players displayed a profound ignorance of the rules of the game, some scarcely knew which end of the bat to hold, others preferred to give their opponents a few runs rather than bring their hands in collision with the ball, in fact it was delightful—especially to the batsmen to see the number of catches that were missed. There was an exciting finish to the game, Mr. Attree's side winning by three runs only. The score was as follows: Mr. Attree's team: Sharp, b Hart, 2; Harman, c Shelley b Hart, 1; Atkins, c Palmer, b Hart, 0; Reecks, run out, 0; Scardifield, c Shelley, b Hart, 0; Bennett, b Hart, 9; Attree, retired, 10; Walder, c Hart, b Stone, 0; Goldsmith, b Stone, 3; Andrews, not out, 0; Extras, 2; Total, 27. Mr. Williams' team: Hart, run out, 2; Williams, b Attree, 8; Shelley, c Bennett b Attree, 2; Stone, c Goldsmith b Attree, 0; Feist, st Scardifield, b Attree, 2; Palmer, b Attree, 1; Boniface, run out, 1; Sharp, st Scardifield, b Atkins, 0; Jeffery, not out, 5; Merritt, b Attree, 1; Extras, 2; Total, 23. The match over, it was soon time to return, and when the waggonette moved off for Horsham cheers were lustily given for Mr. and Mrs. Attree. Brighton was eventually reached about eleven o'clock, after a day of most thorough enjoyment, a day that will not be easily forgotten by those who had the good fortune to participate in the outing.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

THE LATE MR. JAMES NICHOLLS, OF COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Saturday last, the remains of the late parish clerk and sexton, Mr. Jas. Nicholls, were bestowed in the cemetery adjoining the old parish church, the funeral service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Mills, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, a former curate. A muffled peal was rung both before and after the ceremony. James Nicholls had been connected with the church for a considerable period. At the early age of fifteen he began to learn change-ringing. A few years later the two Austs came from Glemsford and settled at their trade of silk weavers. And then a first-rate company was formed, and continued for several years until the bells became unringable. In the year 1873 steps were taken by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, now assistant-secretary of the Essex Association, for their rehanging, and the old company rejoiced to take up their position again in the belfry. Two years later two trebles were added, and a splendid ring of eight, with a tenor of 21 cwt. was the result. In the year 1876, James Nicholls, who had been for many years a sidesman, or dog-rapper, was nominated parish clerk's sexton. This office he filled for just over a quarter of a century, and the church at Coggeshall has lost a good and faithful servant, and the Essex Association one of its original members.

Notices.

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The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley, to-day, Saturday, July 21. The bells at Bletchingley (8) and at Nutfield (6) will be available from about 3 o'clock. Tea will be supplied to ordinary members at The Red Lion, Bletchingley, at 6 o'clock, and life and non-members can also join at 1s. 6d. per head. The usual business meeting will follow. Bletchingley is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Nutfield (S.E.R.) and about 3 miles from Redhill Junction. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly Meeting at Lower Beeding, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Tower open from 4 p.m.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Bury, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea for all sending names to me not later than first post on Thursday, July 19th.

WM. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James's, East Crompton, to-day, Saturday, July 21. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Next monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, to-day Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Members are requested to attend at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, July 24th, when matters of special importance will be discussed.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Glemsford on Saturday, July 28th. Tea and meeting at 4 p.m. Towers open Glemsford, Stanstead (one mile), Cavendish (one mile). Members desirous of attending the tea must let me know by Tuesday, July 24th.

C. H. SILLITOE, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of the above (for ringing only), will be held at St. John's, Margate, on Saturday, July 28th, at 3 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Barnhurst, Bexley Heath.

Balifax and District Association.—The

next meeting of the Association will be held at All Saints, Halifax, on Saturday, July 28. Bells ready from Dinner. Business meeting at Coach and Horses at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley parish church on August 4th. Tower open from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—Having received no reply from the St. Chad's branch, there will be no meeting this month.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held this year at Oxford. By kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Christ Church, there will be a special service with sermon in the Cathedral at 12.30. Business meeting in the old Lecture Room, Christ Church, at 1.20, and dinner in Christ Church Hall at 2 o'clock. Dinner tickets must be procured not later than July 5th, and the money (2s.) sent with the application. The whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. to probationers. Several towers will be open during the afternoon. All communications respecting the same to be made to

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CIRENCESTER.—On Tuesday, June 19th, at Holy Trinity church, three 6-scores of Grand-sire Doubles. H. Lewis, 1; A. C. Harmer, 2; F. J. Lewis, 3; F. Lewis, 4; S. Moore (conductor), 5; E. Protherough, 6.

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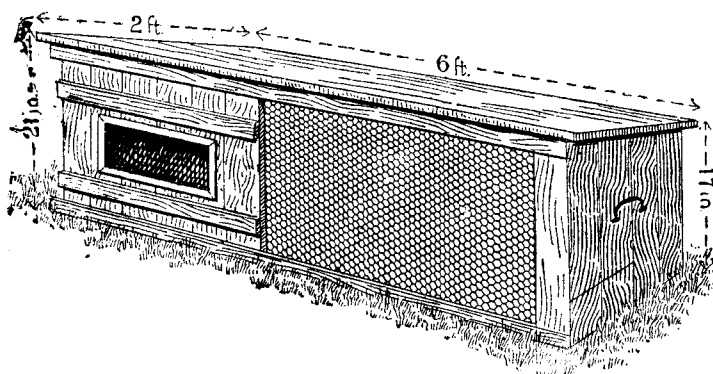
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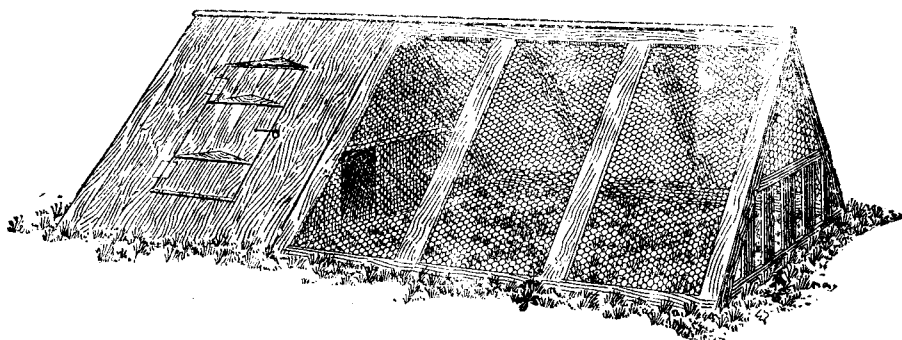
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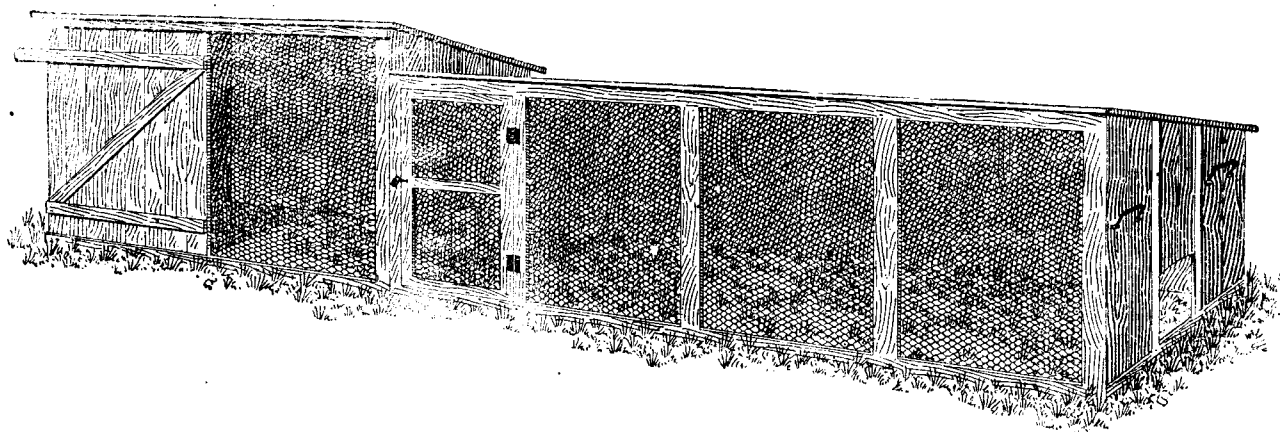
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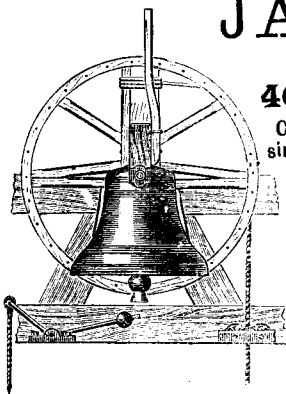
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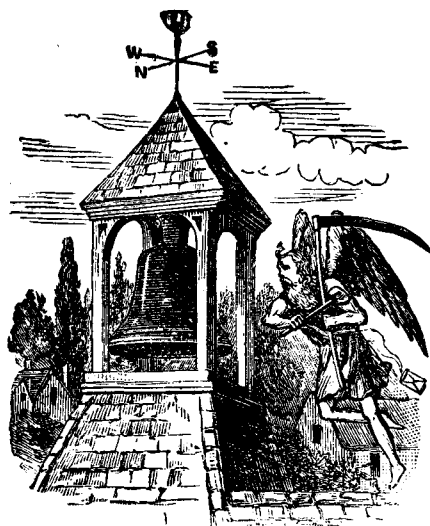
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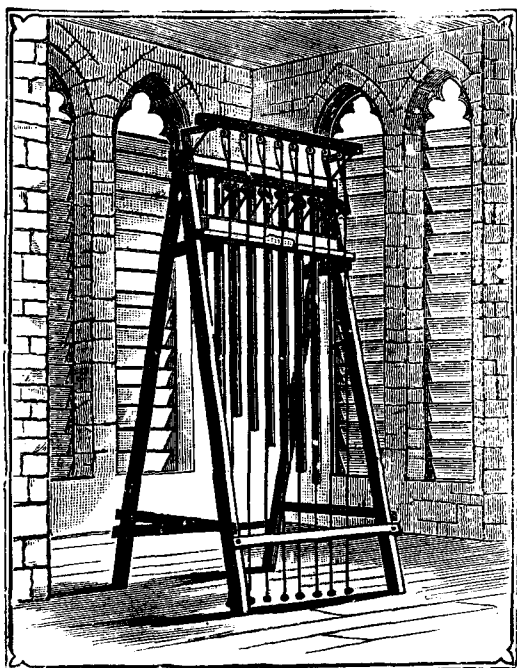
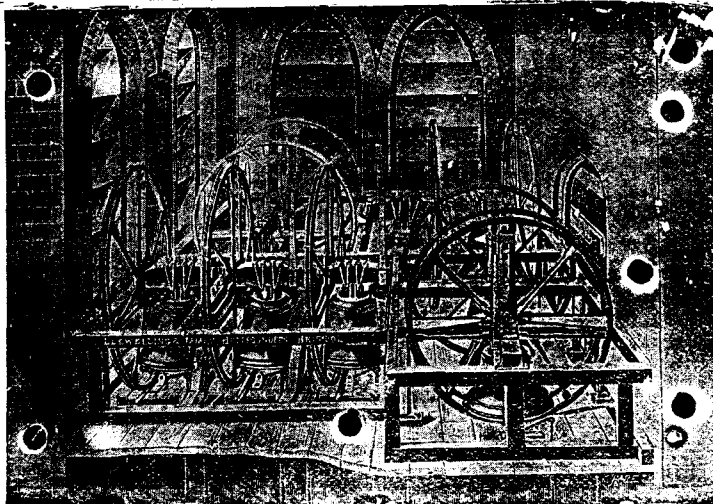
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The annual festival of this Guild was held on Monday, July 16th, in Oxford, and was well attended. The day's proceedings commenced with a special service in Christ Church Cathedral by permission of the Dean, at 12.30. As the members were taking their seats, the organist, Dr. Harwood, played Purcell's bell anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord." The Rev. A. H. Drummond intoned the service, and among those in the chancel were the Dean (Dr. Paget), the Bishop of Reading (Dr. Randal), a vice-president of the Guild, and Canon Ince. After hymn 242, "We love the place, O God," had been sung, Psalm 84 was sung to Langdon's chant, and the Te Deum and the chants were to settings by Dr. Crotch and Dr. P. Hayes. The Lesson was read by the Dean. After the singing of hymn 240, "Pleasant are thy courts above,"

The Rev. Canon Ince, D.D., ascended the pulpit, and spoke as follows:

"Men and brethren,—I would rather that the words I am going to speak may be not considered as a sermon, in the ordinary sense of the term, but as an address. I have been invited to address you in connection with a subject with which I myself am not very familiar. I have thought that it might perhaps be useful and interesting to you, gathered together for the annual meeting of your Guild, as well as to myself, if I began first by collecting some information about the history of the origin and use of bells—I mean, of course, specially church bells, for the whole meaning of your assembly in this cathedral, and your enrolment in a Guild, is that you are a company of church bell-ringers. Of course, in the very earliest days of the Church, when the profession of Christianity was illegal under the law of the Roman Empire, and brought upon its adherents much persecution and suffering, all public notice of the gathering of assemblies for Christian worship would be studiously avoided. Silence and concealment were in a certain manner necessary. And when this secrecy in process of time ceased to be a necessity, various instruments were at first employed for the purpose of commencing services in churches, such as hammers and clappers, and in some cases trumpets. Perhaps some of you may be aware that we have here in Oxford a survival of something like the same device, as in one of our colleges (Queen's) a horn or trumpet is still used to summon the members to meals. It seems that it was not till the 6th or 7th century after Christ that bells, properly so-called, were invented and hung in the various Christian countries of Europe, and the first of all in the great monasteries scattered up and down France and Germany, and England and Ireland, which monasteries were the great centres of civilisation and Christian evangelisation to all the people of the surrounding country. The oldest name for a bell was simply the Latin word, which meant a sign, signal; and another early name was campana, derived, it is supposed, from the fact that the brass used by the early bell founders came from Campania, one of the large provinces of Italy. You will remember that we still call bell-towers, standing by themselves, like those of New College, and Magdalen College, and St. Barnabas', Oxford, campaniles—and in continental countries they are very frequently found. The earliest uses of bells, first in these ancient monasteries and convents, and then in parish churches when they began to be erected, were (1) to summon worshippers to the various services, which were, of course, very frequently in these brotherhoods and nunneries, and (2) to give notice to the faithful of the passing away of one of the society, so that, with the full sympathy of all the other members, a prayer might be breathed for the peaceful and eternal salvation of the departing or

departed soul. It was in this secondary use a striking instance of the realisation of the doctrine of the communion of saints. So far as I can ascertain, we hear little or nothing of peals of bells—generally a rich cathedral or monastery rejoiced in the possession of some one great bell, which became famous on all the country-side. In days which were not very enlightened, various superstitious uses grew up in connection with the bells, which have now happily died out. It was supposed that there was some special efficacy in the ringing of bells to drive away storms, and in some of the forms of benediction of bells it was usual to read in reference to this supposed power one passage from the Gospel, which gives the story of Christ being waked up from sleep in the boat, and quelling the storm on the Sea of Galilee with the words of power, "Peace, be still." As time went on, the uses of church bells were much extended. There was an old verse couplet which summed up this; it represented the bell as saying:

"I praise the true God, I call the people, I call the clergy,
I mourn the dead, I chase away clouds (a plague) I honour feast days."

It is said—but this, I believe, is very doubtful—that in the 8th century a practice grew up of baptising bells. This idea seems to have grown up from a misunderstanding of two observances; bells were sprinkled with holy water, and often had a special individual name given to them—of course, to speak of this as a baptism would be a parody of one of the great sacraments of the Gospel, by which living men are made members of Christ's Church. But there was a custom of benediction of bells, setting them apart for sacred use, just as other parts of the furniture of a church might be set apart, viz., the Holy Table, the font, the altar plate, the pulpit, and this without any superstition, or attributing to material things a holiness of their own. Such a religious setting apart of material things for sacred use is perfectly legitimate, as well as reverential. Probably some of you were present at the solemn dedication—as we prefer to call it—of the two bells which you presented three years ago to this cathedral. And this leads me on to say that it may interest you if I illustrate this little history which I have been giving you by telling you about the history of our bells here. Seven of them came from Osney Abbey, the magnificent ecclesiastical foundation which was situated not very far from the present railway station. The only authentic pictures of the tower which held these bells you will see in the painted window in the south aisle almost behind me, which represented Robert King, the last Abbot, and the first Bishop of Oxford, with the tower of his ruined abbey on the left-hand side. The Abbey was founded early in the 12th century (1129), and had at first only three bells, which Abbot Leach, about 1240, increased to the number of seven. The antiquary, Antony Wood, speaks of them as being reputed in old days to have been a large and melodious peal, the best it was thought in England (Wood's "City of Oxford," II. 220). They had all proper names: Hautclere, Doure, Clement, Antony, Mary, Gabriel, and John. One of them was the famous bell, known to all Oxford, and I may say to all England, by the familiar name of "Old Tom," because it was dedicated, not to St. Thomas the Apostle, but to St. Thomas a Becket, the great Pope often spoke of as the martyr. You may be reminded that the parish church still standing close to the site of Osney Abbey is dedicated to St. Thomas the Martyr, and the whole of that region of the city is known under his name. For a short time the bell had its name changed by an absurd and ill-judged act of misplaced loyalty. In the reign of Queen Mary, Dr. Tresham, a Canon here, who was also V.C. of the University, is said to have baptised it with the name of Mary, for the joy of Queen Mary's reign and the restoration of Popery, and there is a well-authenticated story that accidentally hearing it ring when he was in company with

Jewel, the noted Protestant champion, he burst out, "O beautiful and sweet harmony; O beautiful Mary—how musically doth she sound: how melodiously she tingles; how wonderfully does she please the ears." (A. Wood, II. 220.) On the suppression of the monasteries, under Henry VIII., these seven bells were removed to the tower of Christ Church, which from having been the chapel of St. Frideswide, now became the cathedral of the newly-founded bishopric of Oxford, and "Great Tom" with all the others were placed originally in the cathedral tower. Three bells were added in 1680, when "Great Tom" was removed, recast and hung in the tower over the main gateway which had then just been completed by Sir Christopher Wren, the most famous architect of his day. I do not know whether it would be beneath what we usually speak of as the dignity of a pulpit, to quote to you the words of the celebrated catch which Dean Aldrich, Dean of this Cathedral and House, renowned as a logician, architect, musician, as well as divine, a composer of many services for the Church and many anthems, wrote thirty years afterwards in praise of these historic bells:

Hark, the bonny Christ Church bells, one, two, three, four, five, six,
The sound so woundy great, so wondrous sweet,
And they troul so merrily, merrily,
Hark! the first and second bell, that every day at 4 and ten
Cries come, come, come, come, come to pray'rs,
And the verger troops the Dean.

From Aldrich's day till now they still send out every day their bonny sound, though it now is at five and ten. The direct religious uses of church bells have been, as we have seen, to call Christian people together to praise and worship God, and to remind them of the passing away of the souls of some of their fellow worshippers into the unseen world. They may serve a purpose even to those who by reason of sickness, or any other necessity, are hindered from coming up to the House of the Lord. They may help such in heart and mind, even if not in bodily presence, to enter into the courts of the Lord, and in spirit join in the prayers and promises of the great congregation. By long association the joyous peal which rings out over hill and dale on the Lord's Day is a sweet reminder of the day of rest and holy worship.

Christian men shall hear at distance,
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That on the sick bed languish,
Full of weariness and woe;
Shall remember that for them too,
Holy Church is gathering so.

We know, however, that other uses of church bells have been naturally added to their original purpose. They are rung with loud clamour on many great occasions of national, or public, or private rejoicings, or tidings of great victories, or anniversaries of the birthday or accession of kings and queens, on the birth of princes, on wedding days, on occasions of deliverance, national or personal; and sometimes they are harbingers of sorrow and mourning, and with muffled peals announce to the neighbourhood the death of some mighty man, or some ruler of the local parish leaving office in Church or State. And so the sounds which issue forth from the church tower or steeple have come to be associated with all our national and domestic life. Because there are these manifold uses of bells—some ecclesiastical, some perhaps more directly secular—I feel that I am justified in regarding all church bell-ringers as in some sort church officers, and therefore in bidding them remember that their behaviour in the discharge of their duties ought to be governed by the thought that they are closely connected with that great society, the Church of Christ. That thought steadily dwelt upon would point the utter inconsistency in them of the employment of bad words, like oaths or curses, or angry words cast upon their fellows, or indulgence in intoxicating drinks, disqualifying them from the exercise of their skill. And it will inculcate upon them the necessity of perfect harmony and unity in the performance, a readiness in each to fulfil his allotted share of common work, and in absence of jealousy if one is preferred to higher work than another, a ready acquiescence in the principle which St. Paul has mentioned as one of the great securities for the maintenance of the unity of the whole body of

Christ's Church, that those members of the body which seem to be more feeble, are necessary; there ought to be no delusion or division in the body, the members should have the same care one for another. It ought not to be possible for any scorner of religion to say, "the nearer the Church, the further from God." You, too, as well as other higher officers of the Church, have a vocation and ministry in which you may truly serve God."

The Blessing was pronounced by Canon Ince, and as the congregation were leaving, Dr. Harwood played "The Bell Fugue," by Bexfield. The service was followed immediately by the business meeting, which was held in the Old Lecture-room, Christ Church, under the presidency of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon. About 150 members were present. The minutes of the general and committee meetings having been read and confirmed,

The Chairman said he would ask Mr. Drummond to take the chair temporarily, as their next duty was to appoint a Master. The Rev. A. H. Drummond said he should not do anything of the sort, for he should at once propose that the Master be re-elected. The proposition was seconded, and carried with general acclamation.

The Master said he thanked them that day more than ever before for continuing to let him preside over that large Association. As long as he could possibly work he would do his best for them. He feared that as years rolled by, and he became an older man, he should have again and again to apologise for making mistakes, but if they continued to accept him as their Master notwithstanding all his failures and imperfections, he should have great pleasure in serving them and doing his very best.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond moved that Mr. Hart-Davis continue as Secretary, and that Mr. Cocks continue as assistant-secretary for festival purposes. The Rev. W. H. Draper seconded, and it was agreed to. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said that Mr. A. W. Pike, of Reading, had been the assistant hon. secretary, and they could not do better than re-elect him. Mr. Barlow seconded, and it was adopted.

On the proposition of the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, seconded by the Rev. W. H. Draper, the committee were re-elected, but the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was chosen provisionally in place of the Rev. J. P. Malleon, who had not attended the meetings, and who might wish to retire. The twelve change-ringing members were also re-elected, with the exception of Messrs. Thomas and Pether, whose places were taken by Messrs. Webb and Routh.

The Rev. R. P. Newhouse proposed, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded, the appointment of Mr. J. Eggington, chartered accountant, of Reading, as auditor in the room of Mr. A. E. Preston, of Oxford, and the secretary was instructed to write and thank him for his past services.

Mr. Hern proposed that the autumn meeting of the guild be held at Drayton, where they would have the consolation of knowing they would meet with a welcome. Mr. Routh seconded. The Master said nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see them at Drayton. Reading was fixed upon as the town in which to hold the festival for 1901, on the proposition of Mr. Newell, seconded by Mr. Reeves.

The next item on the agenda was to receive the report from the representatives to the Central Council, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge said they discussed the report of the committee on railway travelling; every ringer wanted to go at single fare if he could, and petitions were sent round for signatures. It was perfectly disgraceful that only 750 names out of 1,300 in the Oxford Association were sent in.

The petition sent to the Great Western Railway Company measured nine yards in length, and he hoped it would have some effect. A very important thing before the council was the compilation of a new glossary of technical terms, which he hoped every ringer would obtain: it would be a very marvellous production of about 94 pages, and its cost was but a few pence. A good deal was said about the number of points to be given to different peals, especially in the higher methods, and there was also a good deal of discussion as to the appointment of an official correspondent to the Central Council. It was felt that many secretaries of the associations, who were not such admirable men for the post as Mr. Hart-Davis was, were rather lax, that letters got put into the waste paper basket, and it was thought by some advisable that a representative ringer in touch with the Central Council, and also in touch with the separate associations should be made the intermediary between the two. That probably would not come to anything because he believed the secretaries meant to mend their ways, and meant to communicate in the future with the Central Council. The great feature of the whole meeting was the speech of Mr. Elsee, the President of the Lancashire Association, upon the truthfulness of peals; they wanted the opinion of the ringers of the country generally as to what constituted a true peal.

Mr. White: Good striking, sir.

Mr. Coleridge said he quite agreed. Then they had a discussion on the best way of instructing beginners, and everyone agreed that the patience of Job was wanted in the work. It was a most successful meeting, and he thanked them for having re-elected him to serve another three years.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis asked the meeting to confirm the election of 20 probationers and 19 change-ringers last year, and of 21 probationers and 44 change-ringers up to the present moment this year. With regard to finance, he stated that there was a balance in hand of £37 7s. 6d. This terminated the meeting, and the members assembled in the hall of Christ Church for the dinner. Dr. Ince presided, and those present included the Bishop of Reading, the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon, Master of the Guild), R. H. Hart-Davis (Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Hon. Secretary), and a very great array of clerical members. The company altogether numbered 151, the following places being represented: Wokingham, Chipping Norton, Middleton Stoney, Great Marlow, Witney, Finchampstead, Boyne Hill, Leafeld, Stowe, Kidlington, Kimble, Freeland, Theale, Hagbourne, Bloxham, Compton, Bray, Midgham, Oxford, Shiplake, Peasmore, Hughenden, Bicester, Bradfield, Burnham, Tilehurst, Aldermaston, Ducklington, Appleton, Hook Norton, Reading, Bletchley, and Abingdon. At the conclusion of the dinner,

The Chairman said they would begin their brief toast-list by giving the "Church and Queen," this being received with applause.

The Master proposed "Prosperity to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral." He also wished to propose the health of the preacher. He was sure that they were very much interested in his remarks, and desired to thank him cordially for what he said. He hoped they would all remember the excellent advice he gave them, and determine more and more to carry it out. They also ought not to forget the organist, and he would propose a vote of thanks to him for his services. The Chairman responded for the Dean and Chapter.

The Bishop of Reading proposed "Prosperity to the

Guild," and the Master responded. He mentioned that they intended during the afternoon to ring a touch of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells, and the following would also be open: Merton, New College, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Thomas, and All Saints, while those who wished to smoke the pipe of peace could do so by the kindness of the Dean in his garden. This concluded the proceedings.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, July 14th, members and friends to the number of forty-two turning up. All were disappointed to find that owing to the severe illness of the Rev. Charles Pratt, an honorary member of the Association, and whose residence is close to the church, ringing was forbidden. Mrs. Pratt very kindly offered to engage a wagonette to take the ringers over to Staunton Harrold, which offer it was decided to accept immediately after tea. The Rev. Canon Denton presided at the General Meeting, at which one honorary (Rev. Canon Fielden, of Rolleston), and six ringing members were unanimously elected. After some discussion Chesterfield was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting.

The chairman in his remarks said how sorry he was to find that Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., was unable to be present; also Mr. Wakley, the Hon. Treasurer. An intimation that the wagonette was in readiness at the door brought the meeting to a close. A delightful drive of about forty minutes brought the ringers to the beautiful church at Staunton Harrold, built by Sir Robert Shirley in 1653, when after a look round the interior and exterior, both very pretty, some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells on the lawn. The pleasant drive and beautiful situation of the church did much to compensate for the disappointment at not being to ring at Ashby.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

The usual monthly meeting of the above was held at Halewood on Saturday last, the 21st instant. Members attended from Liverpool, Southport, and Garston. The attendance was very poor.

The business meeting was held in the school, presided over by the Rev. H. Gibson Smith, rector. After the minutes of the last meeting were read, and new members elected, Grassendale was selected as the next meeting place for September 1st.

The rev. chairman in his address welcomed the members of the Branch, and stated what pleasure it gave him to meet them. He only regretted there were not more present. Considering the number of ringers in the Liverpool branch he thought these monthly meetings should be more largely attended; there was need of greater *esprit de corps* amongst them, and if each one did his duty in persuading others to turn up, a more satisfactory result would be achieved.

The Rector invited those present to tea with him, and he also threw open his magnificent rose gardens for their edification. Several touches of Grandsire were rung during the afternoon. The thanks of the Liverpool Branch are specially due to the Rector for his kind hospitality.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The continuous heat wave which has enveloped us for the past fortnight (more or less) has emptied the rooms usually occupied editorially and sub. The "staff" has decamped; gone, literally gone, mind you, "to the front." By the sea-beat shore they are now wandering, "with pensive thought," as the poet (I forget his name) has it. All that I can ejaculate on this matter is—"Half their luck!" I have been enjoined therefore to attend and operate as *locum tenens* (as they call it) until the chief and sub. think proper to return. So here I am. But the heat is terrific at Walthamstow, provoking acute thirst; the gallons of plain hot water I consume daily would astonish some of you. Not a very inviting liquor, you say. No, but it is really the best thing for hot weather. I advise all my friends to drink a pint of hot water just before retiring, they will assuredly benefit by it.

My first duty on arriving at the office on Wednesday morning was to look over the "copy," and take a general survey, as it is called. I found about enough touches to pave Oxford Street, and figures of compositions to appal the stoutest heart; only five peal reports; one small complaint; a request by a reader for his portrait; another for a subscription to an annual dinner; a witticism from my old friend J. G. (of Rugby); and some other trifling affairs. All these, I would have those concerned to know, shall receive my most careful consideration (*a la* Chaplin).

And now, referring to some of the topics lately before us, I am pleased to see the response which has been made to the appeal on behalf of the widow of the late Murray Hayes. Is not this the greatest amount that has ever been gathered for such a purpose? Those gentlemen who worked in the matter worked well, and I congratulate them on their successful efforts. Such as they are never weary of well-doing. Some of the donations came from foreign parts; even Sam. Joyce sent his sub., from Mafeking, or Pretoria, or Ladysmith, or somewhere else not far off. This shows that Sam. still reads his "BELL NEWS" every week, though he gets his copy a little later than some of us. By the way I hear that Samuel has not found affairs out at the Cape quite so rosy as he expected. There were some friends who at the time of his departure thought that the auspices under which he went were not sufficiently robust. "Come back to Erin," I mean home, Sam, if you don't feel happy; "the old folks 'll be glad to see thee."

The suggestion about the proposed new peal of bells at Harlow is quite a novelty in its way. Now I should be well pleased indeed if those who bear me the slightest atom of respect, or those who find any of my remarks instructive, interesting or entertaining (*vide* the late Hon. Secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) would take very careful and particular notice of what follows, and act without fail upon the remarkable easy proposal submitted to them. Put on a bold front, my masters, and prove yourselves equal to the occasion. Let the people see what the Exercise can do when it has its back up.

We must first of all see clearly what is intended. The churchwardens and parishioners of Harlow in Essex, want to place a new peal of bells in their church tower in commemoration of the completion of a twenty-five years' ministry of their Vicar. Well, will any of you complain

of such an undertaking? Not one, I am sure. I think the notion tip-top; one of a Superlative Surprise order, very. But Harlow is not a very large place, and the sum necessary cannot be collected there, it seems. Therefore the aid of all lovers of bells is invoked.

If you have read your "B.N." with care lately, very little additional information about this will be required from me. The scheme advocated I admit is novel. The Harlow affair has no preponderant or special feature in its favour so far as any one on the "B.N." is concerned; that particular effort was under weigh, and it was seized on, and accepted, as an instance to commence with. I hear about £700 is wanted for the job. It is impressed upon us that there are 30,000 ringers (of course this falls short of the actual number) and if each ringer sports just a "plain Bob" there will be enough and to spare. So there will; and a very good thing too. I find the heat overpowering just now, so I will begin the next paragraph after luncheon.

The *Daily Chronicle* has begat a joke. In a reference to the tremendous heat, it gives the following sapient advice to holiday-makers: "Just at present it appears quite safe for holiday-makers to leave their skates at home." Ah! we shall have a better than that presently. This however has nothing to do with the subject of the previous paragraph. To resume: If only as an experiment it is asked that the Exercise all over the world shall combine in the Harlow matter by sending the magnificent sum of one shilling (twelvepence) to the churchwardens to enable them to carry out their undertaking with *eclat*. The time was when men trembled at the probable result of an effort of this description. But it is said times are changed for the better. Let us hope so. Here is an undertaking which commends itself to all, stagnating, for all I know, for want of assistance. What is asked of you, my brethren? A "plain Bob," but you may alter it to "treble Bob," an' it please you.

I know many have not bobs sterling to spare. You generally find quite enough to do in supplying the needs of youngers; then there is the rent, and your friendly society or sick club; your allotment perhaps; the weekly exhaust of shoe-leather, and many other things. But a very small amount of self-denial is required for this. Buy a penny stamp every week for thirteen weeks—just three months—and when you get them all, send them on to the Harlow wardens. This is a very ingenious suggestion, and very easy to adopt. Let us say the twelve stamps are to reach the parties on the morning of the 1st of November. Will you all try to do this? Look at the credit the Exercise will gain, and yourselves individually if it turns out a success. Don't be backward in coming forward. I don't mind exhibiting a bit of enterprise myself in the concern, and it is this: If the churchwardens will send to me the name and address of the person who sends the letter they open first on the morning of the first of November next, containing twelve penny stamps in aid of this peal of bells, I will make such person a present of a new peal of 12 hand-bells! shall refer to this again.

So the Rector of an Essex village has invented an "automatic" ringer. Very kind of him. The extract from the daily paper which appeared last week was a "little off." The *Guardian* has it this week with a slight

difference. Instead of the word "bells" in the latter it is "bell." The Rector of Runwell we are told, "finding a difficulty in obtaining bell-ringers, rang the bell for three months himself." Then he has beaten all records. Jestings apart, does it not show that the rev. gentleman is afflicted with a most astonishing poverty of resource, in not being able to get a man to ring the church bell. This must be blarney, surely. I will tell the Rector this: He has not invented anything able to ring a bell automatically. He may think he has, but he has not. The "Automatic Ringer" has no existence in my opinion. Until the Rector or some one enlightens us, we shall all refuse to believe that there is any machinery, automatic or otherwise, in existence, which can ring a church bell.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE ALLIANCE PRINCIPLE.

SIR,—In your issue for October 6th, 1894, you published a method, with compositions by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and myself. Upon November 8th in the same year at Crawley, Mr. James Parker called the first peal ever performed, and four days later, Mr. Jno. Truss, jun., at Hugbenden, Bucks., conducted the second peal upon this principle. Subsequently several prominent members of the Exercise have done me the honour of composing peals in the method under notice, and later on, Double Oxford and Double Norwich Alliance appeared, with some compositions, in your paper.

As was stated in the first chapter the object was an endeavour to shorten the long and monotonous course of Treble Bob. Since that time another desire presented itself, viz., to produce methods upon the lengthening lead plan, one that has a tendency to tempt the lovers of Treble Bob ringing, where the lead-ends and course-ends roll up as it were in express fashion.

Following, I present your readers with a method after the given description; the ringing will be found quite interesting, and something fresh, and as all places are made the right way, I thought to name it "Oxford Alliance." The first lead of the plain course will be sufficient for an introduction.

Oxford Alliance Major.

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Bob	1 4 2 3 5 6 7 8	

So much, Sir, for the method. But as it has a clear proof scale, a few words upon composition naturally follow, as it gives an opportunity to gain objects far away, and beyond that obtainable in Treble Bob. The following is an example of a two-part composition:—

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The composition has the 6th bell her extent at five course-ends each way in 5-6, with all the 6-5s and 5-6s brought up at separate course-ends, and that a good scope is hereby opened for composition upon the Treble Bob plan.

Of course any peal of sufficient length in Treble Bob will run true, and can be rung in this; for instance those celebrated twenty-course compositions containing the sixty course-ends in 6720 changes just run to 5040. The 10,000 of Treble Bob Royal by the late H. Johnson, page 102, Snowdon's *Treatise*, makes a peal of just 5040 changes, and on page 10 of the same work there is an 8000 Treble Bob, standing over my name; that composition is an exact 6000, if rang in this, and so on. It will thus readily be understood these methods are designed for short peals, and that plenty of musical leads and course-ends result.

In concluding this I may say since writing this method some fourteen to sixteen months ago, Mr. George Baker has done me the honour of designing some very excellent methods upon this principle, both upon the lengthening plan and otherwise, and when his able pen has time to illustrate his own intentions, I will join in and give him my best thanks for the time and trouble expended upon the subject.

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HENRY DAINS.

REPLY TO "DOUBLE W."

SIR,—My reply to friend William Will (son of his father and mother.) Are you, my friend, very ill? What is the cause of the bother? A line by return will oblige me, to tell of your present condition, if still no better it will please me to send you a *Victoria* physician.

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On receiving your kind permission, free of charge I will gladly send, the *method* of taking and prescription, to thee my absent friend. Trusting you may soon be convalescent, kind friend and commentator; for advice given in *error* but well meant, yours thankfully.

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—My friend how very unfortunate you did not find "Victoria" and "England" in Hubbard, I am now most happy to state that I also possess a cupboard. In Sottanstill, "Victoria" is a method, *not Surprise*, and "England" is *spoilt* Double Oxford Bob Major; my friend you must learn to use your eyes before you tackle the Brighton Baker.

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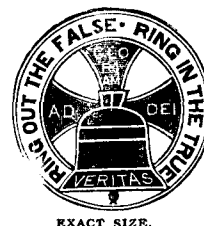
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1900.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Lower Beeding, on Saturday, July 21st. Very few members availed themselves of this beautiful drive from Horsham Station, for which a brake and pair had been provided by the Association. The bells were raised soon after 4 o'clock, and two touches of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Bob Minor were brought round before tea time. The only towers represented were Brighton (St. Peter's) and (St. Nicolas), Henfield, Horley and Lower Beeding. Mr. J. Harris (Portsmouth) and Mr. C. R. Lilley (Streatham) were also present. Mr. J. Hobgood, a young ringer from Burstow, near Horley, and a pupil of Mr. Songhurst, of the Horley band, who happened to be out with friends for the after-

noon, also joined us at the tea, and rang the tenor to two touches of Grandsire Triples, also giving those present a very pressing invitation to come and try the Burstow bells (five) at some future date.

The usual short business meeting followed the tea, Mr. F. W. Cripps presiding. The minutes of the last meeting held at Horley were read and passed. One new member was elected to the Beeding band. The tower was again visited, when a course of Bob Major and a touch each of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Minor was brought round, and the bells lowered in peal.

Letters were received by the Secretary from Slinfold, Crawley, Midhurst and Warnham, stating their inability to be present, owing to business and other engagements.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT BRANCH.

A very pleasing incident took place on Thursday evening, July 12th, in the tower of Caldicot church, when the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Clarke, presented to the late Foreman, Mr. W. Baynham, on behalf of the ringers and himself, a cruet stand and a framed photograph of the church, with suitable inscription. For many years Mr. Baynham has been connected with Caldicot tower, and has performed his duties most satisfactorily. He is succeeded in his office by Mr. Arthur Lewis, with Mr. C. King as sub-foreman.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 21, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR HARDY* Treble.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	HARRY BARTON 6.
W. H. FUSSELL 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
EDWIN BARNETT 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal in the method. This is supposed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. A peal of Stedman Caters was proposed, but being a man short the Major was suggested, Mr. C. Wilkins standing out, and notwithstanding the prevailing heat accomplished in good style. The belfry had been watered by the steeplekeeper, Mr. C. Ward, also a Cumberland, to cool the room, which added to the comfort of the band, neither of whom, owing to their attenuated build, possessed much superfluous fatness.

The Provinces.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt

CECIL DARWIN Treble.	J. A. GORDON 6.
WILLIAM GORDON, SEN. .. 2.	A. S. GORDON 7.
ALFRED GORDON 3.	WILLIAM GORDON, JUN. .. 8.
THOMAS SALE 4.	*JAMES DILLON 9.
JOSEPH BARLOW 5.	G. D. WARBURTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, of London, and
Conducted by WILLIAM GORDON, SEN.

*First peal on ten bells. The peal was arranged for Mr. Dillon, who hails from Bebbington, West Cheshire, and was on holiday tour.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	I. GEORGE SHADE 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3.	KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
REV. H. C. BELL 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 6.
ARTHUR EVANS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALBERT E. REEVES 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

DAVID ELLIOTT Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WILLIAM HUMWICK* 2.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 6.
GEORGE HUMM* 3.	CHARLES ROGERS* 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight last December.
*First peal.

Date Touches.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, April 26th, at St. Edmund's church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr 9 mins. J. Metheral, 1; F. Hopper (conductor), 2; J. Mackey, 3; E. Harris, 4; H. D. Smith, 5; J. S. White, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 6th, 720 Morning Exercise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; H. L. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Burton Treble Bob. J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; the rest as before. On Friday, May 11th, 720 Smithfield Surprise. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday morning, May 13th, 720 Chichester Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 3; J. S. Lomas, 5; the rest as before. For evening service 720 London Treble Bob standing as above. On Friday, May 18th, 720 Albion Surprise, composed by C. Severn, of Killamarsh. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Saturday, May 19th, 720 City Delight. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 20th, 720 Durham Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bristol Surprise standing as above. On Sunday morning, May 27th, 720 Lich-

field Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Superlative Surprise standing as above. On Thursday, May 21st, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday evening, July 15th, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., 2; E. Newman, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Denne, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 15th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. E. Rayner, 1; G. Chantler, 2; A. Osborne, 3; J. Kidd, 4; O. Sullivan, 5; J. Tulett, 6; W. Baker (conductor), 7; W. Ashbee, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 22nd, at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent. T. Burrows, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Hartley, 8. And 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, 1; R. Hartley, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 29th, 704 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; I. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, May 2nd, 704 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; N. Townend, 2; T. Burrows, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Hartley, 6; W. Walton, 7; J. R. Eastwood, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, 288 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; N. Townend, 2; T. Burrows, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; W. Walton, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Hartley, 8. Also 768 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; N. Townend, 2; T. Burrows, 3; W. Walton, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 13th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; N. Townend, 2; T. Burrows, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 20th, 704 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; W. Walton, 4; N. Townend, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service at St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. H. Oxenham, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin (conductor), 3; F. J. Shepherd, 4; H. Langdon, 5; A. Hardy, 6; T. Langdon, 7; W. Longley, 8.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, May 27th, for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. H. Farnham, 1; R. Charge, 2; W. Charge, 3; J. Herbert, 4; J. Crombie, 5; H. Adams, 6; J. Aldridge, 7; W. Elson (conductor), 8; C. Charge (composer), 9; M. Smith, 10. After service 503 Grandsire Caters, conducted by C. Charge. On Sunday, June 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. J. Driver, 1; J. Hinton, 2; W. Meaton, 3; R. Charge, 4; W. Charge, 5; G. Thruswell, 6; J. Aldridge, 7; W. Elson, 8; C. Charge, 9; S. Howe, 10. Conducted by C. Charge. For Divine Service in the evening, 773 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. Elson. H. Farnham, 1; W. Charge, 2; J. Hinton, 3; R. Charge, 4; J. Crombie, 5; J. Driver, 6; J. Aldridge, 7; — Fraser, 8; C. Charge, 9; S. How 10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

WHITE WALTHAM (Berks).—On Saturday, May 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 22 mins. F. Gomm, 1; J. Eldridge, 2; Rev. F. L. Nash, 3; Rev. H. C. Bell (conductor), 4; J. C. Truss, 5; G. Martin, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, May 24th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with 9-8-10 covering in 58 mins. F. Smith, 1; E. Andrews, 2; J. W. Elkins, 3; E. G. Lampard, 4; W. Andrews, 5; C. Russell, 6; *W. C. Lampard (conductor), 7; W. S. Lampard, 8; W. H. Loveland, 9; D. Froome, 10. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 9th, 1008 Bob Major. W. Barber, 1; J. Riches, 2; R. Welton, 3; R. Kiches, 4; W. Riches (conductor), 5; F. Barber, 6; E. Lincoln, 7; A. Riches, 8.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. E. P. Foreman, 1; F. Cullum, 2; E. Lincoln, 3; W. Pierce, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; A. Took, 6; J. Howard, 7; L. Hammond, 8. Also 448 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, 1; C. Kerrison, 6; A. Took, 8; the rest as before.

THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

STANDROP (Durham).—On Saturday, June 16th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Scollick, J. Baxter, G. J. Lungley, D. Shipp, T. Clark, W. H. Porter (conductor). Also 720 Grandsire Minor. F. C. Naisbitt, W. H. Porter, G. J. Lungley, C. Todd, D. Shipp, J. Baxter (conductor). A 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. W. Moscrop, C. Todd, T. Clark, W. H. Porter, D. Shipp (conductor), G. J. Lungley. All the above hail from Darlington except D. Shipp, to whom the visitors are greatly indebted for making necessary arrangements, and to Mrs. Shipp, for providing an excellent tea.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—At St. John's church, on Sunday, May 6th, for Matins, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Scollick, W. D. Lister, W. Patton, J. Baxter, T. Clark, G. F. Williams, G. Tait, W. H. Porter (conductor). On Tuesday, May 8th, 559 Grandsire Triples. J. Moscrop (longest length), T. Clark, W. D. Lister, G. Tait, J. Baxter, W. H. Porter (conductor), G. F. Williams, F. C. Naisbitt. On May 13th, for Matins, 742 Grandsire Triples. F. C. Williams, J. Baxter, W. Patton, F. C. Naisbitt, W. D. Lister, T. Clark, W. H. Porter (conductor), T. Scollick. For evensong, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. C. Naisbitt, W. D. Lister, T. Clark, W. Patton, W. H. Porter, G. F. Williams, G. Tait, J. Baxter (conductor). On May 15th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Scollick, T. Clark, W. Patton, W. D. Lister, G. J. Lungley, J. Baxter, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter (conductor). On May 19th, 840 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, G. J. Lungley, W. Patton, F. F. Naisbitt, T. Clark, J. Baxter, W. H. Porter (conductor), G. F. Williams. A 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Scollick, J. Baxter (conductor), W. Patton, T. Clark, G. J. Lungley, W. H. Porter, G. Tait, G. F. Williams. On May 20th, for Matins, 896 Grandsire Triples. G. Tait, T. Crawford, W. D. Lister, F. C. Naisbitt, J. Baxter, T. Clark, W. H. Porter (conductor), G. F. Williams. For evensong, 882 in the same method. J. Baxter (conductor), 4; G. F. Williams, 5; the rest as before. On May 27th, for evensong, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Tait, T. Crawford, W. Patton, J. Baxter (conductor), T. Clark, W. D. Lister, G. F. Williams, W. H. Porter. On June 3rd, for Matins, 798 Grandsire Triples. F. C. Naisbitt, T. Crawford, W. Patton, G. F. Williams, T. Clark, J. Baxter (conductor), W. H. Porter, T. Scollick. For evensong, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, T. Crawford, J. Baxter, G. F. Williams, T. Clark, G. Tait, W. H. Porter (conductor), A. Raynor (first touch). On June 10th, for Matins, 700 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, W. Patton, T. Clark, F. C. Naisbitt, W. H. Porter, W. D. Lister, J. Baxter (conductor), C. F. Williams. For evensong, 714 in the same method. J. Moscrop, 1; W. H. Porter (conductor), 5; the rest as before.

EXETER.—Recently at St. David's and St. Sidwell's churches, 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; W. Drake, 2; C. Carter, 3; A. Searle, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; F. Davey, 7; J. Martin, 8. And 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; W. Drake, 2; C. Carter, 3; J. Vanstone, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; T. Roberts, 8. Also 543 Stedman Caters. E. Shepherd (conductor), 1; W. Drake, 2; A. Searle, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Davey, 5; A. Head, 6; W. Richardson, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; J. Martin, 10. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Sargent, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; A. Searle (conductor), 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Richards, 8. Also on handbells 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Searle, 1-2; F. Davey (conductor), 3-4; E. Shepherd, 5-6; W. Drake, 7-8. On June 7th, 518 Stedman Triples. T. Mudge, 1; C. Carter, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Drake, 4; T. Radford, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; E. Sargent, 8. On June 17th, 350 Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; E. Shepherd (conductor), 4; E. Sargent, 5; T. Mudge, 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Ackerman, 8.

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, July 17th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 840 Stedman Triples. T. Flint, 1; J. Whitaker, 2; C. Pratt, 3; H. Williams (conductor), 4; R. Thomas, 5; B. Shaw, 6; W. Wood, 7; H. Lindsey, 8. And 420 in the same method. — Talbot, 1; T. B. Kendall, 2; R. Thomas, 3; W. Wood, 4; H. Williams, 5; B. Shaw, 6; A. Haste, 7; H. Lindsey, 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—On June 5th, for practice, 504 Grandsire

Triples. F. Nash, 1; W. Seabrook, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; A. Nash, 4; R. Bevan, 5; L. Webster, 6; G. Bonfield (conductor), 7; J. Nicholls, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. L. Webster, 1; E. Bonfield, 2; A. Nash, 3; F. Nash, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6; G. Bonfield, 7; L. Rickett, 8.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, May 24th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Heaton, 1; E. Boylin, 2; J. Ketteridge, 3; E. Hinton, 4; H. Withers (conductor), 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; G. Lilley, 8. On Sunday, May 27th, for Divine Service, 434 Grandsire Triples. J. Heaton, 1; J. Ketteridge, 2; G. Lilley, 3; A. Cole, 4; H. Withers (conductor), 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; A. Chambers, 8. Also 237. F. Clayton, 1; J. Heaton, 2; J. Ketteridge, 3; H. Withers (conductor), 4; A. Cole, 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; A. Chambers, 8. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Short, 1; J. Ketteridge, 2; F. Clayton, 3; A. Cole, 4; T. Lewis, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6; J. Dowler, 7; H. Withers, 8.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Clissett, 1; G. Lewis, 3; W. Lewis, 3; F. Lucas, 4; A. Bishop, 5; H. Thompson, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Pantall, 8. On Monday, June 11th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Pantall, 1; G. Lewis, 2; J. Lewis, 3; F. Lucas, 4; W. Lewis, 5; W. Dutton, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; A. Lucas, 8.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, July 10th, for Divine Service, 360 St. Simon's, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. A. Berry, 1; E. Youngs, 2; W. Rose, 3; A. W. Symonds, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. After service 360 each of April Day, The Dream, and St. Dunstons. A. Berry, 1; E. Youngs, 2; W. Rose, 3; G. E. Symonds, 4; A. W. Symonds (conductor), 5.

WORTLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, May 19th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Thomas, 1; S. Gillett, 2; B. Bramall, 3; A. Brearley (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; G. H. Uttley, 6.

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. KIRK, OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

We deeply regret to announce the death of the Rev. Dr. Kirk, B.A., LL.D., Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Ashton, within which edifice he has been a familiar figure for 18 years. He died at the Vicarage on Thursday night week, after an illness of a somewhat lingering character, which had, more or less, indisposed him at various times during the last six months. He was unable to walk with the children and congregation on the occasion of their Whit-week procession, and this was a source of grief to him; for if there is one thing that stands out conspicuously in the whole career of the deceased vicar it was his love of children. In turn, he became a great favourite amongst them, and this he appreciated perhaps more than any honours that could be bestowed on him. Miss Kirk, who is suffering inexpressible grief in her affliction, was a devoted daughter during her father's illness, and was preparing for the usual vigil, when despite all medical skill could accomplish and thoughtful care suggest, he passed away shortly after eight o'clock. The bells of St. Peter's were ringing the usual weekly practice, or had just begun, when life vanished, and served as it were an appropriate monody of death, for in his illness Dr. Kirk felt a buoyancy in the sound of the bells of his church, and especially requested that they should not be silenced on his account. Respected by all men, and beloved by his people, the gentle and kind influence he brought to bear upon his ministrations will long be remembered. He was an example of devotion to duty, and it may be cited as an instance of his loyalty to his work that he keenly felt his absence from the flower service a week past Sunday. Dr. Kirk was successful in gathering a large and willing band of lay workers about him. He was cognisant of the assistance they gave him, and deeply appreciated it. The last testimony in the esteem in which he was held was a gown and hood which he received as a gift from the St. Peter's Women's Association, at the Co-operative Hall, on Easter Sunday. A memorial service was held at three o'clock on Tuesday at St. Peter's Church, and the remains were interred on Wednesday, at Brislington, near Bristol.

A correspondent adds the following:—

"Our beloved and esteemed vicar delighted to hear the sound of his bells. As life was passing away his beloved and only daughter had just come to the door to hear them ring, and also let the sound of them reach the dying vicar. On Sunday, July 8th, at St. Peter's Church for Evening Service: Grandsire Triples 700; H. Woolstencroft 1; J. W. Holme 2; J. Donald 3; B. Gill 4; R. Wimpenny 5; H. Palmer 6; W. W. Wolstencroft 7; H. Ashton 8. The bells were deeply muffled as a token of respect for our late Vicar, Dr. Kirk."

ON HANDBELLS.

What are handbells? Answer: "Bells for, or holden by, the hand." Such a definition, however, is hardly complete enough, or distinct enough, for us. The bell of the muffin or "pikelet" man, or the milkman, is certainly a handbell; so is the bell used frequently at the houses of the great to call the family to dinner; so also is the dustman's bell. These, and many others unnecessary to mention, are handbells. We may regard with unutterable scorn the classification which places ringers' handbells on a level with such things, but we cannot readily get over it. Here and there a local wit is found who invents some other name for them, which is intended to be humorous, such as "kettles," "tinklers," etc. It is certainly desirable that our little favourite instruments, upon which so many clever things have been done, should receive a higher sounding name than "handbell," if only for the object of raising them to a more honourable qualification, or social status, than the handbell of the dustman or milkman. Some of those gentlemen whose articles upon the word "Campanalogia" showed so much erudition—can they be "drawn" to devise a better name or title than "handbell"? Can we "draw" Mr. Daniell into this?

We can very well recollect in the early fifties, and also later, that handbells were not much like what they are now. There was one old firm of handbell founders whose bells were thought very highly of at this time. Any local ringing company having a set of handbells with the magic word "Symondson" engraved on the largest bell, was assumed to be very fortunate. Bells by this maker were held unsurpassable. We cannot tell who Symondson was—beyond being a superb handbell maker—or what became of him. But he is not a myth. He was not a church bellfounder, but merely made handbells. Whether he got his castings from a bell foundry, and turned them in his own lathe, or made the bells himself throughout, we cannot tell. History (at any rate bellringing history) is silent upon such an important particular. Tradition, and something more, has it that his establishment was in Tottenham Court Road, a well-known metropolitan thoroughfare. We must come to the conclusion that he did not wholly depend on handbell-making for a living; at any rate, not ringers' handbells. *Exit* Symondson.

Enter Stockham. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" have heard and read of George Stockham, a celebrated ringer of a generation or two back, who took part in the long peal of Grandsire Caters at Fulham, and also in

The famous peal of Stedman Cinques,
The College Youths did ring.

Poets have sung the praises of Stockham, and sages still hold his memory in high respect. Some people say he was a "dry old stick," others a good hearted fellow—and no one is found to say nought of him but what is good. We must fall back on tradition again, which tells us that Stockham succeeded to Symondson's handbell business. We recollect seeing advertisements of such business, which he carried on with varying success for some years. At his death his plant, etc., was bought by Mr. George Welch. Mr. Welch is not a ringer, but he made some very good handbells, and is a most honourable and straightforward man. Now he has retired, and what was left of Symondson's plant—patterns, tools, and other effects—has gone farther afield, into Yorkshire in fact. Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., Church Bell Hangers, of Barnby Don, near Doncaster, announce that they have purchased Mr. Welch's business, and that the whole concern has been transferred from London to Barnby Don Albion Works.

We have here traced the ways of a somewhat interesting business. The "Symondson" handbells will now be *en evidence* at Barnby Don. Mr. Mallaby is like his predecessor George Stockham, a practical ringer and composer, and like Symondson (as we believe), is also a handbell founder. P.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

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CHURCH WORK IN WALTHAMSTOW.

The following article is extracted from a Church newspaper, and we are asked to print it :—

The parish of Walthamstow, now included in what is called "London over the Border," was a few years ago a rural suburb and the home of many London bankers and merchants, who drove to their City offices every day. Others, who used the nearest train service, walked their two miles through the fields, and took the train at Lea Bridge. At that time Walthamstow was enriched by many a noble mansion, surrounded by beautiful gardens, and adorned with majestic timber, of which it may well have been proud. But a branch line through Walthamstow to Chingford was the precursor of a great change. Before very long a transformation took place, such as no sane person would have dared to foretell. The workman's penny train, and the artisan's seven and sixpenny flat, caused an increasing immigration of East London residents, dockers, labourers, artisans, warehousemen, clerks, a vast number of our less fortunate brethren whose precarious livelihood deprives them of any definite designation, and a large proportion of ticket-of-leave men. The banker and the merchant quickly moved away and promptly sold their property. Fields and gardens were soon devastated, cut up, and laid out for long streets, row after row of flats and cottages were built, and are still being built, with amazing rapidity, being occupied sometimes before completion. I myself have seen cottages without window frames inhabited, sacking being used to hide the family from the public gaze. On all sides now are stretched these new streets, with houses almost barrack-like in the monotony of their exterior, a "sort of Queen Anne in front and Mary Anne behind," as one of the workmen aptly expressed the style of architecture to me some months ago. And in these streets, out of school hours, swarms of little children play. The grand old houses have disappeared, the trees have been levelled, and what was once a fair garden is now a network of streets, with a population of nearly 100,000 working people.

While builders, parochial authorities, and landlords are all busily occupied in providing for the bodily needs and comforts of the people, it may be fairly asked, What is the Church doing? The church is there, and the work that has been done during the last ten or fifteen years has been done mainly by the help of the Bishop of St. Albans' Fund and the Additional Curates' Society; and yet, to say that the Church to-day in Walthamstow is hampered and hindered in her work for lack of funds, that she is struggling against enormous odds to make provision for the spiritual wants of the souls committed to her care, is but a poor way of stating her case. The staff of clergy is deplorably inadequate, the church accommodation is ridiculously absurd, and the people themselves are so hopelessly burdened with expenses which absorb their weekly wage, that they are quite unable to do more than contribute the merest pittance towards the provision of their spiritual needs.

In 1887 (*vide Crockford*) the population was 30,000, with six churches and three mission churches, with accommodation for 5,000 worshippers at the most, and a staff of fifteen clergymen. In 1899 the population was 91,000, with the same number of churches, with no increase of church accommodation, and only one extra priest, sixteen all told. (A small mission church has since been opened, chiefly through the munificence of one lady). As the

annual increase of the population is reckoned at the rate of one thousand per month, by the end of the present year Walthamstow will have a population of over 100,000 people, with a staff of fourteen priests and two deacons, with church accommodation for 5,000 worshippers.

Enough has been said for the most casual reader to see that the great question which the Church has to face is simply this. Are these people to have the ministrations of religion or not? Is this Lazarus at the gate of the richest city in the world to have anything more than the crumbs of the Catholic Faith? In both these parishes the conditions of life and of Church work are very much the same. The people cannot be won by the clergy when parishes are so under-staffed; much has been done by breaking down prejudice, and disarming suspicion by those who are working there, but the vast throng, the mass of the people are untouched. And those whose experience of work amongst them is of any worth, know that the Church is the only remedy against moral evils, and that the Prayer Book is after all suited to the wants of these people, if only they are taught its meaning, for then they will know just what they need, viz., the meaning of the Sacraments, and the Church's method of worship. It would be a libel to say they care nothing for religion—the great majority are nominal Church people who are willing to be instructed; they are not, as is often supposed by those who know nothing of the inner life of poor parishes, drunken, immoral, or lazy; they are desperately poor, it is true, but withal respectable; and yet in some parts of these two parishes the poverty is such that sickness is welcomed as a kindly friend, simply because they are likely to obtain some temporary relief. It is an exception to find an adult unbaptized. Many of them have received Confirmation in other parishes, where they were cared for and looked after, and they naturally expect to find the same care and attention on the part of the Church in their new parish. But there are neither clergy enough to visit them, nor churches enough in which to worship; they are unknown, unnoticed, lost to the Church—indeed, to them the Church does not exist, and they fall away into the indifference of the crowd. The result is clearly evident; there is an enormous increase in the proportion of those who never go to church, and a general declension in their tone and character of life; this means loss of faith and forgetfulness of God. They appear to think that because they live in Christian England, and their children are born in a Christian country, they will turn out respectable Christians. The question is, Are they to have the ministrations of the clergy and the services of the Church? Are these people to be visited by the clergy, to have their children baptized, their boys and girls confirmed, and the Sacraments administered to the dying? Are they to have any *real* religion or not? Some day, when the present population has been doubled, and this will not take many years, it may be the clergy of to-day will be charged with the neglect of these parishes. Is it their fault? Then it will be impossible for the Church to recover herself.

An Oxford paper publishes the following :—

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers must have heard since their meeting, with the deepest indignation and contempt, the statement that an Essex Rector has invented an apparatus for ringing church bells by electricity.

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 Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Glemsford to-day, Saturday, July 28. Tea and meeting at 4 p.m. Towers open Glemsford, Stanstead (one mile), Cavendish (one mile). C. H. SILLITOE, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of the above (for ringing only), will be held at St. John's, Margate, to-day, Saturday, July 28, at 3 p.m. E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Barnehurst, Bexley Heath.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at All Saints, Halifax, to-day, Saturday, July 28th. Bells ready from Dinner. Business meeting at Coach and Horses at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley parish church on August 4th. Tower open from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—Having received no reply from the St. Chad's branch, there will be no meeting this month.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, on Saturday, August 4th. The bells will be ready for visitors any time during the afternoon.

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On Saturday, June 2nd, this band of ringers were to meet at Preston St. Mary's, Suffolk, at 7.15 a.m., to start the day by ringing at St. Mary's Church, but the arrival of A. Symonds of Lavenham surprised the four awaiting. The morning was very unpleasant, with a cold north wind blowing and rain falling, so the five wended their way to the meeting room at The Six Bells Inn, till the arrival of the pair of steeds and brake which was due at 8 o'clock from The Black Lion inn, Lavenham, but not till 8.25 did the driver turn up. His wants being supplied, we were soon travelling towards Felsham, to pick up the only remaining four of the band: Brothers Kinsey, Gladwell and Horrex. A very short stay at The Six Bells inn, when our appointed guide, Mr. W. Kinsey, ordered right about for Rougham, being a five miles' ride, and 4 miles east of Bury St. Edmunds. At this tower hangs a grand ring of six, tenor 17 cwt., which was soon swinging to Violet Treble Bob, followed by Woodbine, both 720s being well struck. A quarter-mile walk brought us to the resting place of our steeds, The Bennett Arms. A hurried refresher had to be done here, as Woolpit being the next tower, the Rector had limited us for time, and we were anxious not to be behind. Arriving in the nick of time we pulled off two 720s: New London and Kent. Our next place was Drinkstone, where a musical ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., was raised, and soon going in College Single, followed by Oxford Treble Bob. Mounting again we were moving towards the last tower for the day, and Double Court and Bob Minor ended the ringing. An adjournment to The Six Bells inn to pass a social hour with our Felsham friends passed away too quickly, and we closed a splendid day's outing by bidding farewell to our friends. We wish to thank the Rectors through 'THE BELL NEWS' for the use of the bells, also the steeple-keepers for having bells in readiness, and for the Kinsey's arrangements. A. S.

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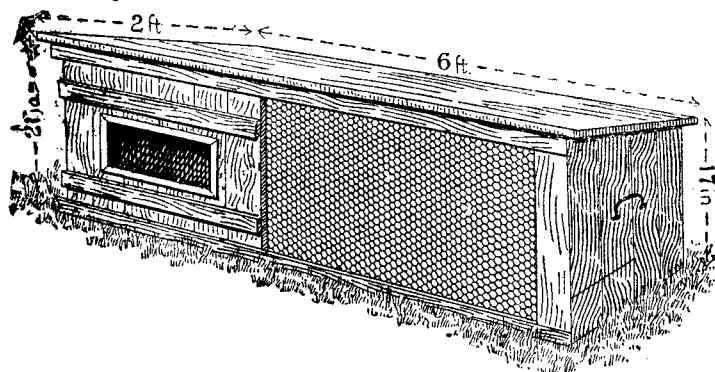
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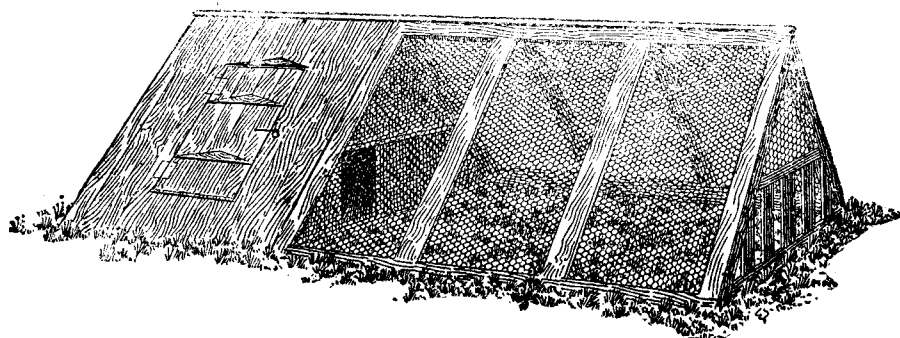
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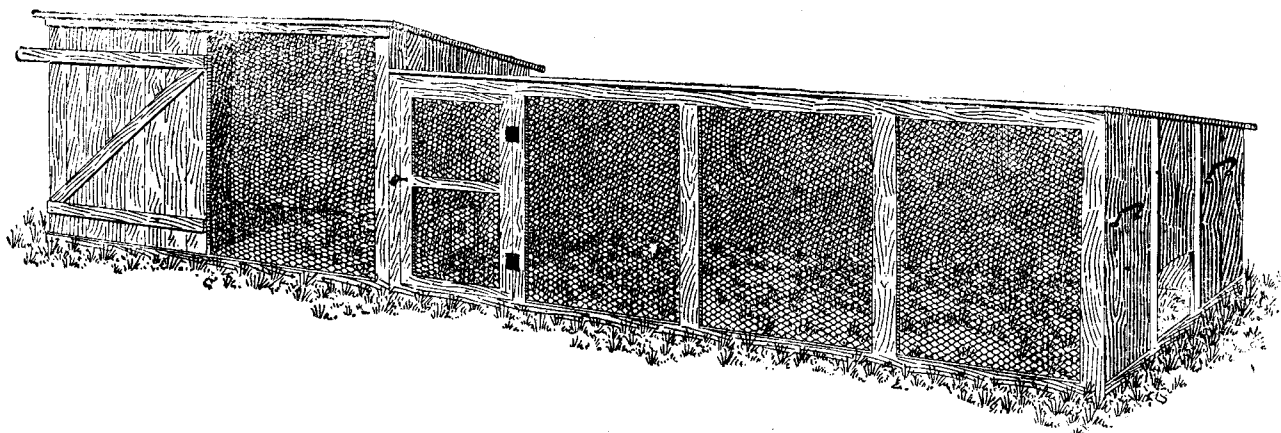
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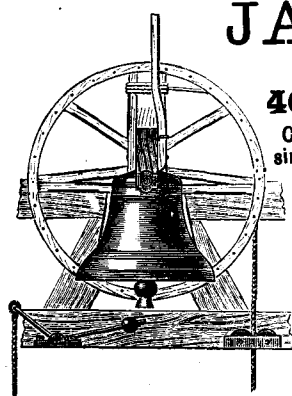
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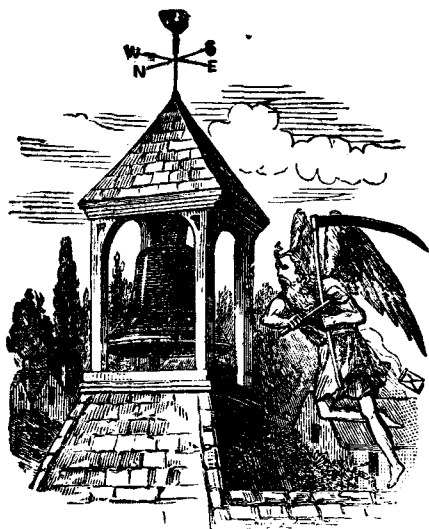
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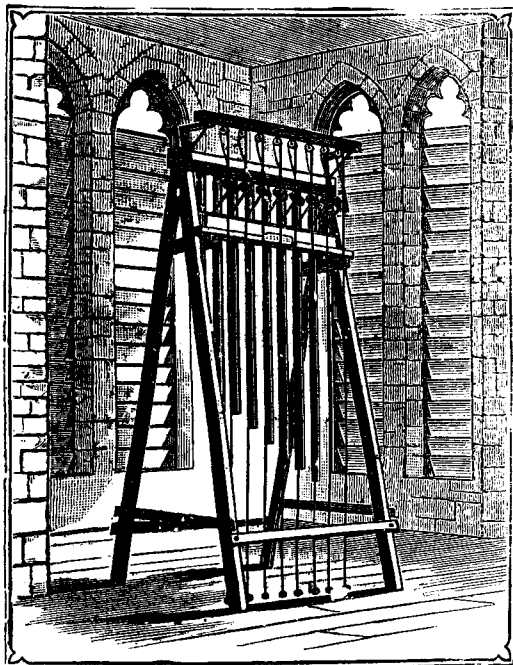
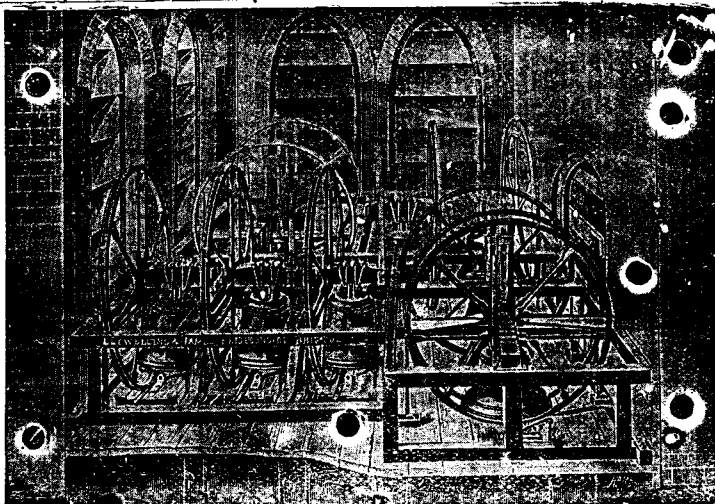
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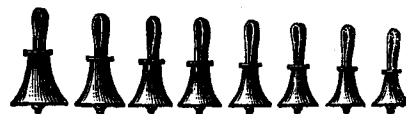
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"ON HANDBELLS."

With reference to "P's." article in the last number, in which that writer seeks to "draw" me amongst others, I am afraid I cannot assist him to find a new name for our handbells. No doubt there is a very great difference between handbells made for change-ringing or tune-playing and bells of the muffin or dustman class; but still they are all handbells—"bells for, or holden by the hand." And I doubt whether, even if I could, I should be willing to suggest an alternative name for ringers' handbells; because I am not aware that they were ever called anything else; and as the name "handbells" is applied to them at least as far back as the earlier half of the last century, and has been in constant use for them ever since, I do not think I should be inclined to assist an innovation.

But assuming my inclination about this to be wrong, the question remains how are we to form a word that is to distinguish our particular species of handbells from all other kinds of handbells? How should we describe ours? We must, I think, say that they are handbells, tuned to scale, with handles of leather strap, and with clappers specially constructed, and fitted with springs so as to be suitable for the performance of change-ringing or musical tunes. I do not say that this is exhaustive, but we must at least say this. But how are we to form a word which, when spoken or written, will naturally convey all this to the mind? I have no idea. But it is not worth while to have a new word unless it does convey all this. Therefore, being quite unable to suggest it, I pass on the question to Mr. Bulwer, Dr. Raven, and Mr. Papillon.

The history of ringers' handbells would be an interesting subject, and the writer of last week has made a good beginning. Can anyone tell us more about old handbells? Probably the old ones of the last century have got recast or exchanged, but there may be some old sets still about; if any reader knows of any will he kindly tell us about them? I think Symondson, referred to in the last number, was at one time a member of the Junior Cumberland Youths, but I have not time at present to verify this.

There are in London two old handbells at least, which though not for change-ringing, are not without interest. One of these is preserved at the Chapel Royal, St. James' palace. If any one attends a service at this Chapel Royal he will notice that no bell is sounded to announce it; but formerly, though no tower bell was used, it was the practice for one of the officials of the Chapel to perambulate the palace, or certain parts of it, giving notice by means of a handbell that service was about to take place. This practice has long ceased, but the old handbell is still preserved.

The other handbell of which I am aware is to be seen

at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill; it now stands within a glass case attached to the wall of the north chancel aisle, and has a metal handle. The origin and history of this handbell, extracted from the parochial records, is given in "Maitland's History of London," published 1756:—

"Mr. Robert Dowe the 8th day of May, 1605, by deed of gift gave to this parish £50 on condition that the said parish for ever (with the approbation of the Lord Mayor and Bishop of London) hereafter, at every sessions holden for the prisoners in Newgate, not exceeding twelve sessions in the year, shall about the hour of ten of the clock, in the quiet of the night, next before every execution day, appoint one to go unto Newgate, there to stand as near the window as he can, where the condemned prisoners do lie in the dungeon, with a Handbell, given to the parishioners by the said Mr. Dowe, and shall give there twelve solemn tolls, with double strokes; and then, after a good pause, to deliver with a loud and audible voice, with his face towards the prison window, to the end the poor condemned persons may give good ear, and be the better stirred up to watchfulness and prayer, these words:

'You prisoners that are within,
Who for wickedness and sin

after many mercies shown you are now appointed to die to-morrow in the forenoon, give ear, and understand, that to-morrow morning the greatest bell of St. Sepulchre's shall toll for you in form and manner of a passing bell, as used to be tolled for those that are at the point of death; To the end that all godly people, hearing that bell, and knowing it is for you going to your deaths, may be stirred up heartily to pray to God to bestow His grace and mercy upon you while you live. I beseech you, for Jesus Christ's sake, to keep this night in watching and prayer, to the salvation of your own souls, while there is yet time and place for mercy; as knowing to-morrow you must appear before the Judgment seat of your Creator, there to give an account of all things done in this life, and to suffer eternal torments for your sins committed against him; unless, upon your hearty and unfeigned repentance, you find mercy through the merits, death and passion of your only mediator and advocate Jesus Christ, who now sits at the right hand of God to make intercession for as many of you as penitently return to him.'"

Manners and customs change, and as Newgate gradually assumed stronger and thicker walls till it became what we now see it, Dowe's handbell and the sexton's voice would penetrate less and less to the ears of the condemned prisoners, and the ceremony ordered by Dowe has long been laid aside; but his handbell, now nearly three centuries old, still remains to remind us of times when Newgate was a much less substantial place than it now is, and when death was the allotted punishment of the law for all felonies, and when, consequently, many men, women, and even almost children, were executed after every gaol delivery. R. A. DANIELL.

SPROUTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 14th, for practice at the parish church, 300 London Surprise Minor. W. Brown, 1; F. Rolfe, 2; A. G. Neves, 3; E. Rivers, 4; F. Mee, 5; C. Mee (conductor), 6. This is the first touch of London Surprise by all.

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THE AUTOMATON AT RUNWELL.

Our old friend, Mr. William Lincoln, of Writtle, has visited Runwell for the purpose of inspecting this invention of the Vicar's. He has written us a letter describing his experiences, which we give in his own words:—

"Having read an account in the *Essex County Chronicle*, and the comments in 'THE BELL NEWS' about the 'Automatic Ringer at Runwell,' I decided to pay a visit to that village for the purpose of seeing, if possible, the way in which the bells were rung. On Tuesday evening, July 31st, in company with the Rev. E. G. Norris, curate of Writtle, I started for a ride, of roughly speaking, about twelve or fourteen miles from Writtle, on the bicycle, going by the Southend road. It was a very pleasant ride across country, the harvest being in full swing. We dismounted at Rettendon to have a look round the church, but found it locked. About two miles further on, one mile-and-a-half from the main road, we came to Runwell. A notice in the church porch told us that the Rector was absent from home, and the church was closed for week-day services. We obtained the key of the church from the rectory, and told the object of our visit. The Rector's coachman came and explained to us the mechanism of the 'Automatic Ringer.' We found four bells; on the second floor is the 'Ringer,' which consists of a cylinder or drum covered with spikes, which goes round and catches a lever which pulls the wires down in the same manner as a chiming apparatus. The cylinder is worked by a strap from a dynamo connected by wires from the rectory, the switch being on the ground floor of the church.

"The bell chamber was next visited. The four bells hang in a row, the hammers resting on a spring like a church clock hammer. The switch was turned on, and we watched the hammers tap the twenty-four changes, which keep repeating till shut off.

"The bells, so the coachman said, are 300 years old; the framework being too dilapidated to allow them to be rung. The church itself is well lighted by electricity, the plant for driving it being at the rectory. The fittings have been fixed by the Rector and his coachman themselves all over the house, church, and outhouses. We had the pleasure of seeing the engine and the accumulators which store a good amount of electricity.

"Thanking the coachman for his information, we retraced our steps, or wheels. We did not expect to see bells rung by electricity: the word 'ring,' like 'peal' has a different meaning to what is thought by the general public. I suppose no practical ringer ever thought so either. We should not like to see such things take the place of ringers, though it is not to be despised for bells below five in number. It certainly gives more variation than the usual 1-2-3, I mean for an out-of-the-way place where ringers are not to be had.

"We had not time to enquire at Rettendon how things are getting on there, but there must be, judging from the state of the churchyard, a scarcity of labour or something else."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting was held at Dartford on Saturday, July 28th, when about twenty members, representing the towers of Woolwich, Erith, and Crayford, as well as some of the local band, were present. Several touches were attempted, but only a few brought round,

chiefly owing to the unsatisfactory go of the bells, which are greatly in need of repair. The treble especially often allows the rope to slip the wheel, and this brought three or four touches to a sudden conclusion. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were however brought round.

A committee meeting was held in the vestry, the Rev. P. E. Smith, Vicar of Dartford, in the chair, at which it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Bromley on Saturday, October 27th. One new member, Mr. J. E. Sykes, of Woolwich, was elected; and a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for permitting the use of the bells, and presiding at the meeting, by Mr. E. O. Masters (Woolwich), seconded by Mr. H. J. Castle (Dartford), who said that he hoped the next meeting held at Dartford would be better attended.

Six of the eight bells of Dartford were cast in 1702, one about fifty years later, and the third in 1844. The tenor weighs 17 cwt. About two years ago the tower was struck by lightning, and this may possibly account, to some extent, for the "jumping" of several of the bells.

Several of the members took the opportunity of inspecting the church, which has several very interesting features, among them being a very large old-fashioned painting of St. George and the Dragon, which must be almost, if not quite, unique.

Some years ago an unknown stair was discovered, which on being cleared, was found to lead to a small room, which was stocked with armour. The armour has however, been removed, and the room in which it was found is now closed.

The meeting was a very pleasant one, though the attendance was not large.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

On Saturday afternoon, July 21st, a marble tablet supplied by the British Plate Glass Company, Ravenhead, St. Helens, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on December 2nd, 1899 (this being the first peal of Triples on the bells), was in the unavoidable absence of Colonel and Miss Giles, unveiled by the Rector, the Rev. W. Bennett, after which he made a few kind remarks congratulating the ringers who took part in the performance. The rev. gentleman also thanked Mr. George, the conductor of the peal, for the interest he takes in the ringers at Blethley, and for the trouble taken in causing such a beautiful tablet to be placed in the church, and Mr. Valentine Sear for keeping the local band together.

Mr. George, in a few words thanked the Rector for his kind remarks.

Mr. V. Sear is very keen on bell-ringing, having great love for bells, and it is through him that the present band of ringers have been kept together, and very special credit is due to him for such perseverance.

Much regret was felt that both Colonel and Miss Giles were unable to be present. A peal of Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief owing to a change-course. F. Hedges, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, J. Church, J. George (composer), W. Barker, H. Sear, E. Reader (conductor). Also 288 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke, H. Sear, C. Chasty, J. Church, E. Reader, W. Barker, J. J. George (conductor), F. Hedges.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 46 mins. T. Newnham, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Hoad, 3; H. Wood, 4; J. Hoyle, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Marks, 7; E. Hull, 8; A. Dean (conductor), 9; W. Copley, 10.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A lot of history has been made since my last chat with you, my readers. That abominable set of miscreants, who dub themselves, and are correctly dubbed "Anarchists," have been at work again. The crimes of these misguided wretches are such as would elicit no sympathy or charity in their behalf, were they put to a little torture like that served out to some of the martyrs in the "good old days." In fact I am a strong advocate for a punishment on these scoundrels that shall inflict pain upon their carcasses. If that young Belgian fool who fired at the Prince of Wales had received fifty or a hundred lashes wielded by a powerful arm, followed by a potent saline healing process, perhaps we should not have heard at all of the too-successful effort of that villian who killed the King of Italy. I should like to have the power to "prescribe" for such wretches. A few doses of the medicine I should give would I think make these cowardly Italian assassins pause before they began their operations. If Mr. Bressi, or whatever his name is who shot the King of Italy, were to have one or two doses of that powerful emollient (?) called the "cat," followed by strong saline fomentations afterwards, the wretched crew would think twice before satisfying their murderous proclivities. And I should like to be the operator on some of them, really.

This may not be charitable, or in strict accordance with Christian precept, perhaps. But in my opinion a good sound flogging, whereby these criminals should suffer pain in no small degree, would be a wonderful deterrent. These Anarchists are on the whole a contemptible cowardly lot, and a sight (literally or figuratively) of the above-mentioned simple and effective instrument would frighten them into a *peccavi* kind of disposition.

Then the sudden death of the Duke, the son of our Queen. Here is trouble. It seems but the other day when the marriage was announced of the Duke of Edinburgh and the only daughter of Alexander, Emperor of all the Russias, as he was called. When the marriage was decided on, the Emperor, loth to part with his only daughter said: "Of course it is for her good, but the light of my life is gone." I had the pleasure of seeing on one occasion at the Guildhall, in the City of London, the Emperor, his son Alexis, his daughter (now a widow), and the Duke of Edinburgh, her husband. Little did we know then, or think that before many months the Emperor would become a mangled corpse in the streets of his capital. Ah me!

You must know the Duke of Edinburgh was a famed musician, and a dexterous performer on the violin. About the time when he became engaged to the Princess Marie, *Punch* had a famous cartoon from the pencil of Mr. Tenniel, wherein H.R.H. was shewn with his violin, serenading a young lady who timidly appeared at an upstairs window. I forget what was printed beneath; the curious may find out if they care to consult the back numbers of *Punch*.

My space is limited this week, but I shall be with you again next week. Before closing may I ask: Have you

all put by the penny stamp I asked you to? Of course you have. If you save another this week, that will be two, you know and we shall be getting on. You will see something interesting, edifying, amusing, and surprising about this matter next week, and my friend at a little town in Kent shall get his explanation.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

ST. MARY'S (CHATHAM) CHURCH CHOIR AND RINGERS.

Saturday, July 21st, saw the choir and bellringers of the above church embark for Calais, where the party spent a most enjoyable day. Starting from Chatham station at 7.20 a.m., and calling at New Brompton, all reached Dover in good time, something before ten o'clock. As the Calais boat did not leave till 11.30 a.m., we had an opportunity of seeing something of this historic town. The parish church and the Town Hall were especially admired. A considerable portion of the party then made their way to the beach, and enjoyed a most refreshing dip, all meeting on board *La Nord* in time for the passage. The air was delightfully fresh, the water smooth, the party in excellent spirits, and so the short trip was much enjoyed. Calais was reached in about an hour-and-a-half, when all went to partake of an excellent dinner *a la Francaise*. All were in good appetite, and so dinner was thoroughly enjoyed, despite the unfamiliar dishes which of course were provocative of many jokes. The Rev. J. Humber most kindly acted as guide, and after dinner we all made the most of our time inspecting the town. Our attentions were mostly confined to the French part of the town, where the unfamiliarly dressed market women, the gendarmes and the inhabitants generally, made sight-seeing of the lighter kind. The Museum, the Roman Catholic church and the beach were all visited, and favourably discussed. A quarter before four saw all aboard the *Empress* for the return passage, which proved much rougher than the outgoing one. However, despite the wetting that many passengers got, and the indispensable *mal de mer* with which some were afflicted, most of the party thoroughly enjoyed the passage, which was all the more interesting as the water was continually breaking on the deck.

Dover was reached about 5.15, when all dispersed for tea. Afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the fine peal of bells at St. Mary's church by Messrs. W. Haigh, J. Moore, W. Hunt, W. Hollier, C. Fryatt, H. Hinckley, J. Smith, W. E. White, and F. R. White.

The arrival at Chatham at 9 o'clock terminated a most enjoyable day. The time and trouble which our esteemed Rector, the Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, took to make the outing a thorough success, was appreciated by all. T.

LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday, August 11th, at The Gardeners' Arms, Shelley. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. WALTER IDLE, Secretary.
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

NORTHFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, June 24th, at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. F. Hall, 1; J. Cole (conductor), 2; J. Withers, 3; F. Hobbs, 4; A. Hobbs, 5; A. E. Pegler, 6.

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ISLIP CHURCH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The severe storm which passed over a large portion of the county on a recent Friday afternoon left its mark in the parish of Islip, near Thrapston, where the church was struck by the lightning. The storm was raging in all its fury about three o'clock, the thunder being terrific, whilst the lightning was very vivid. It was at this time that the spire of the church was struck by the electric fluid a short distance below the weathercock. The south and west sides of the spire are those which are chiefly damaged. On the former large pieces of stone have been taken clean out at intervals, whilst in several places there are large cracks. The west side, however, has suffered the most. A piece of masonry several feet in length and about two feet wide has been cut out from the bottom of the lower window in the spire, whilst the window above it has been treated in a less serious manner. In one part of the structure a large hole reveals the interior. The pinnacle on the south-west side of the tower is also slightly damaged, whilst a piece of stone has been cut out of the inside of the spire just above the clock face. The clock escaped injury and is still in working order. One of the supports to the roof of the building was moved from its position about a foot. The spire is provided with a lightning conductor, and it is believed that the electric fluid descended the spire about half-away by this means, and that the current then divided, part of it going into the interior of the spire by way of one of the windows. The fallen masonry was found scattered in the churchyard, but fortunately none of it fell through the roof of the church. Upon an examination being made by Mr. J. T. Blackwell, architect, the damage was found to be of so serious a nature as to render the church unsafe for use, and it is probable that the whole of the spire to the square tower will have to be pulled down and rebuilt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21st, five of the Heavitree band of the above Guild met the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who was doing duty at Upton Pyne, and rang several 6-scores with him. J. Ford, 1; Rev. M. Kelly, 2; F. Shpheard, 3; J. Sandover, 4; W. Moggridge, 5; F. Murphy, 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."

"OLD NAMES FOR NEW."

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Baker, when we find a method maker Take a name which is already on the books,
I for one should call it treason, could he give no ample reason;
And the case would then be darker than it looks.
Now friend Baker cannot quell me, though he struggles hard to tell me
That Victoria as he built it is correct;
'Tis a fact I'm not disputing—but we can't stand any looting
Of old names to fit new methods; and I think it's time he
"trekked."

I would not like to foment any trouble for a moment,
But suppose our Baker's precedent shall stand;
Two methods there will be with names alike, and don't you see?
Which is rung be known to no one but the band!
My friend he may explain but the fact will still remain
That "Victoria Surprise" was named I think ere he was born.
It is not details of quality, to urge them is frivolity,
The name it will identify the book whence it was torn.

Now if our friend at Brighton, of two paths will choose the right 'un,
He must take the Central Council in account.
To expunge the method spurious (though I doubt it and am curious)

'Tis an obstacle quite dizzy to surmount.
Friend George you are in error (and your rhythm is a terror)
When you hint that I am suffering from spleen.
If I have spoke too loud of methods I would right be proud of,
'Tis because that they are worthy of newer names I mean.

I thought it very pretty when I read your witty ditty,
But it threw me in a state of sheer collapse.
I survived you may be sure on "Plain Speaker's" water-cure (ugh!)
But diluted well with whisky and—my beverage is Schnapps.
Now I hope I've not offended, such a thing was ne'er intended;
But the weather it has given me the hump.
So please George don't be crusty, but the method's names are musty,
And if you mix them there is bound to come a slump.

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I'm not the least bit rusty but my throat is rather dusty,
So suppose we go and "have one"—at the pamp.

DOUBLE W.

WHO WAS "SYMONDSON?"

SIR,—I see that in the article on handbells in your last issue, it is stated that nothing is known of Symondson, the predecessor of Stockham. In North's "Church Bells of Hertfordshire," it is stated that one Henry Symondson was foreman and tuner to John Briant, bell founder, of Hertford, during the early years of the present century. This Symondson was a very conscientious and able man. After Briant's death in 1829, he appears to have transferred his services to Taylor, of Loughborough, for on the 5th bell at Redbourne church, near St. Albans, is this inscription:—"Taylor and Symondson, Bellfounders, Oxford, London, and Loughborough, 1839." Nothing further is known of him, but as his work and that of Symondson the handbell founder are contemporaneous, and alike in good workmanship, it is more than probable that they were one and the same person.

BERTRAM PREWETT.

Obituary.

WILLIAM SANIGAR.

We regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Harborne on Wednesday, July 25th, aged seventy-nine years. Deceased was a native of Bristol, and had taken up his abode in Birmingham since 1852. He had taken part in upwards of thirty peals in various methods, and had held the post of tower-keeper at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral for nearly forty years. He was looked upon as an obliging and reliable man, and he gave a marked attention to the "go" of the bells, and the comfort of the Sunday service ringers. It was also due to his efforts that the five bells were augmented to a ring of eight in 1877 at St. Chad's. He was the oldest ringer in Birmingham.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council has recently secured a number of spare copies of the Pamphlet embodying the Report of the Committee on the Preservation of Bells, Frames and Fittings, etc., which he is prepared to dispose of by sale, on reasonable terms.

SIDDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. F. Jeffries, 1; Fred. Lewis, 2; J. Jeffries, 3; F. J. Lewis (conductor), 4; F. Protherough, 5; W. Hancock, 6. Also four 6-scores with F. Richings, 1; the rest as before.

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Ringers' Outings.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—The annual outing of the members attached to this society took place on Saturday, July 7th. The members mustered in full force at the railway-station at 7 o'clock, where a well-appointed brake was in readiness, and where they were joined by a former member and good friend in the person of Mr. F. Cooper, of Aldeburgh. A start was at once made, and the first halt took place at Halesworth, where the tower was visited, and several touches rung. Here they were met by Mr. F. Lambert and Mr. R. Jermy, who took part in the ringing, and then adjourned to the hostelry, where a social half-hour was spent, and some touches rung upon the very musical peal of handbells belonging to Mr. C. Samson. Again the ringers were on board the brake, and Wenhamston—the next halting-place, was soon reached, where they were met by Mr. Easthaugh, of the local company, who had kindly got the bells in readiness, taking part in one of the touches. The Vicar of Wenhamston—the Rev. J. B. Clare—kindly met the ringers, and placed on view the remarkable ancient painting of "The Last Judgment," recently discovered in Wenhamston church, upwards of 400 years old, the rev. gentleman explaining in detail the various figures shown thereon, which was most interesting, and was listened to with marked attention. The next move was made for Southwold, which was made head quarters for the rest of the day, and where dinner had been arranged. Any description of the dinner is passed over further than to say that the less said about it and its filthy surroundings the better. Here the fine sea breezes were much enjoyed, and an inspection of the new hotel, pier, etc., was made. On repairing to the tower, the ringers were met by Mr. W. Sawyer, of Wrentham, and some members of the local company, who took part in ringing several touches with them. Another stroll on the cliffs, and a social half-hour, brought the time for departure all too soon, and home was reached about 11 o'clock, a most enjoyable day having been passed by all, marred only by the unfortunate dinner incident. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. A. R. Upcher, of Halesworth; the Rev. J. B. Clare, of Wenhamston; and the Rev. C. H. Sutton, of Southwold, for their kindness in placing the bells of the several towers at their disposal.

ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—The annual outing (18th anniversary) took place on the 16th July at Guildford, and those who entrusted themselves to the hands of the Captain (Mr. W. Newell) will not easily forget the excellent arrangements made for their enjoyment. The Vicar (Rev. R. P. Newhouse) at the last moment, unfortunately, was prevented from joining the party, as was his intention. Eleven members and W. Pole Routh, Esq. made up the number. The programme was as follows: Starting by the 8.10 a.m. train the party arrived at Guildford soon after 9.0, where they found ready a brake with an excellent pair of horses, and well it was the horses were full of mettle, for the stiff ascent (stiffer than bristles) of the Hog's Back had to be climbed! What a lovely panorama from the top! A heart-breaking hill to the ridge, then seven miles of quite straight and almost level road with lovely views on either side, till one drops down a gentle slope into Farnham (distant ten miles from Guildford). At Farnham some light refreshment before visiting the fine peal of eight, kindly put at the ringers' disposal by the Rev. T. G. Gardener (per Mr. T. A. Barnett). Having accomplished some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and three courses' of Bob Major, the brake being ready and the horses refreshed, the party made for Godalming (another ten miles in a southerly direction), so as to return to Guildford by a different route. And lovely indeed was the drive, this time all woods and undulating valleys, most charming, yet so dissimilar to the Hog's Back, with its splendid views. At Godalming the visitors were met by Mr. Manfield, captain of the local ringers, who directed them to a restaurant where a dinner fit for a duke was admirably served, and happy were they when seated and hard at work! At the parish church some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and other methods would have followed, but the tenor went heavily, and the ringing-chamber was unbearably hot owing to want of ventilation and light. Four miles more of delightful drive and Guildford was again reached. Tea at 5.30 p.m. St. Nicholas' belfry, through the kindness of the captain, was open to the visitors at 7.0 p.m., and excellent touches of Stedman and Grandsire were

rung. Holy Trinity tower was visited, and this magnificent peal of eight was soon going merrily, although the opinion was that the tenor would benefit by the services of a skilled bellhanger. After a pull at the very ancient bells of St. Mary's, the party left Guildford at 9.30 p.m., having spent a most delightful day, with plenty of ringing. "There is no land like England" may be true enough, but it is true beyond all doubt that there are no bells like England's.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, ESSEX.—Once again, through the generosity and forethought of Mr. Churchwarden Davies, the members of this society, with a few friends, were enabled to spend an enjoyable day at Westerham, one of the loveliest places in the county of Kent. Accompanied by our Vicar (Rev. P. M. Wathen), we were joined at Cannon Street by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. S. Hayes, and Mr. A. Whight. A special carriage had been reserved, and the handbells were soon started, 395 of Grandsire Caters, a course of Treble Eight, and a touch of Stedman Triples being rung. Changing trains at Duntun Green, about twenty minutes after we were landed at our destination. We were very kindly received by Mr. Wright, one of the local ringers, and he informed us that the bells were all ready. A little refreshment, and the lovely old peal (which by the way are worthy of a better tower) were in Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire following. At three o'clock the company dispersed until tea-time, some doing a ramble under the capable guidance of Mr. Davies, who spent several years of his boyhood at Westerham; some off in another direction; and others explored the old-fashioned picturesque village. After a capital tea, Mr. Davis expressed the great pleasure it gave him and the ringers in having their good Vicar's company. It was the first time that a vicar of Barking had ever accompanied his ringers on their annual excursion, and hoped he would have such pleasant recollections as to induce him to come with them again next year. The Vicar suitably responded; and a move was made for the church, this time ringing a touch of Double Norwich and a course of Superlative. We were then met by the Rev. C. D. Stubbs, curate-in-charge, who accompanied us over the beautiful grounds of Squirryes Lodge, the residence of the Misses Warde, sisters of Col. Warde, lord of the manor. The rev. gentleman also took the company over the vicarage gardens. Leaving Westerham at 9.35, we reached Barking in the early hours of the morning. During the journey Mr. Cockerill proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Davies for the excellent arrangements he had made for their enjoyment that day. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Davies, in reply, assured them that it was a pleasure for him to come out with them once more, and he was glad to find they had all enjoyed themselves. F.

ST. STEPHEN'S (WESTMINSTER) SOCIETY.—This branch of the College Youths had their annual outing on Saturday, July 14th. Through the courtesy of the Midland Railway cheap tickets were obtained to Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and these members not able to travel in the morning were allowed to use the ticket in the afternoon. Wellingborough was reached by the vanguard about 10.30 a.m., and here Messrs. Houghton, jun., and Perrin were waiting. Mr. E. J. Dennes, the worthy secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, showed us the beautiful clock presented to him a short time back, and then invited us to partake of refreshments, and to try the handbells. A drive of about four miles brought us to Irthlingborough, our headquarters, and it was not long before the bells at the church were pouring forth London Surprise. The attempt unfortunately came to grief after ringing 50 mins., and then other touches were rung with friends. By this time our rear-guard had come up, and full justice was done to the dinner awaiting us at The Bull hotel. During the evening the tower was again visited, and various methods indulged in. Sunday morning found us on our way to Finedon to ring for service. Here we were taken to inspect an interesting house connected with the name of Mr. Gladstone, and then back to headquarters to dinner. An early cup of tea and then a quiet stroll to Higham Ferrers to try their bells before evening service. Our conveyance was now brought up, and after saying farewell to our friends, we were driven to Wellingborough to catch the train back to town. The arrangements for our comfort were carried out by Mr. Jas. Houghton, jun., and the members one and all unite in tendering him their sincere thanks for his kindness; also to those other ringers who met and rang with them; and to the clergy for the use of their bells, O.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1900.

A BLACK week. One assassination, an attempt for another, and the comparatively sudden death of an English Duke, a son of our own Royal House, are among the items of events of the past few days. The King of Italy, a monarch whose feelings of goodwill and affection for almost everything British, and who was regarded by all wise statesmen as a close ally of England, has been done to death by a desperado, one of those beings which belong to that abandoned section of humanity who fanatically believes that in the violent death by assassination of monarchs and statesmen lies the regeneration of mankind. Vain and terrible belief. Iniquity of this sort has always hindered measures which have for the people an ameliorative tendency. Such awful crime is universally condemned in terms of unmeasured abhorrence and detestation. The intelligence of the attempt on the life

of the Shah of Persia reaches us on the eve of going to press, and while regretting the violent death of King HUMBERT, it seems a relief to read that the attempt on the life of the Oriental ruler was unsuccessful.

The death of H.R.H. the Duke of Coburg, known to us in years gone by as Prince ALFRED, Duke of Edinburgh, has plunged the country into mourning. In connection with this the latest news imparts the welcome fact that Her Majesty the Queen bears up well under the sudden bereavement of her second son. The widowed Duchess of Coburg—formerly Princess Marie of Russia—deserves the condolences of every one. At such a time, when deeds of violence and anarchy are abroad, she must have painful recollections of that horrible period when her father, the Emperor of Russia, met with his death at the hands of diabolical murderers. The Duchess of Coburg entered the marriage-state under very happy auspices indeed. Yet like other members of Royalty her life has been chequered by trouble. The loss of her only son was a great trial; and now her husband, at an age which many look upon as life's prime, must be peculiarly distressing. The bereaved, every one will hope, will have strength from beyond any earthly source to bear their troubles with patience and resignation.

Mr. Bertram Prewett, in a letter in this number, gives us some information which is surprising. He couples, on good authority no doubt, the name of Symondson with the Loughborough firm. We should like to hear more about such a connection, for very few ringers, we should think, have ever heard of it.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	HARRY SEAR .. 7.
R. A. DANIELL, Esq. .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE .. 8.
SIDNEY H. GODFREY .. 4.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th her extent behind the 9th in the tittums, and behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

The Provinces.

NORTH TAWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD TAYLOR .. Treble.	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 5.
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Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

This is the first peal on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor about 12 cwt.

G. L. BODINGTON .. Treble.	A. W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
G. H. GUTTERIDGE* .. 2.	JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 6.
REV. H. C. BELL .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. L. NASH* .. 4.	GEORGE ALLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PALMER .. Treble.	KEITH HART .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT .. 3.	*JAMES HUNT .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Superlative. This was Mr. Williams's 450th peal.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of College Single, and three of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

JOSHUA MILNER .. Treble.	THOMAS CLOUGH .. 4.
HARRY TARLTON .. 2.	WILLIAM BUTLER .. 5.
JOHN THOS. BUTLER* .. 3.	JOHN P. TARLTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOS. BUTLER.

*First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung on these bells.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS SPRATT* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 5.
HARRY BARTON .. 2.	†JOHN ASHFORD .. 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
WILLIAM T. TUCKER† .. 4.	*GEORGE BROWN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Fussell and Barton were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting, and their thanks are due to the Captain of the local band (the ringer of the tenor) for making all the necessary arrangements at very short notice.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—Recently on the occasion of a wedding at St. Mildred's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Cramp, 1; F. Burden, 2; A. Hinds, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; C. Tribe, 5; R. Edwards, 6; G. Neves, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. Also 1016 Grandsire Triples. H. Rummery, 1; N. Tickner, 2; F. Burden, 3; A. Hinds, 4; G. Cramp, 5; C. Tribe, 6; G. Neves (conductor), 7; F. Holdstock, 8. And to celebrate the relief of Mafeking 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Burden, 1; N. Tickner, 2; F. Burden, 3; G. Cramp, 4; A. Hinds, 5; R. Edwards (conductor), 6; G. Neve, 7; G. Johnson, 8. UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, June 10th, 720 Oxford Bob. E. J. Hyland, 1; G. Dennis, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; T. Wright, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 12th,

720 Kent Treble Bob. E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. Pitman (first 720 in the method), 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 24th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Marsh, 1; T. Wraight, 2; E. J. Hyland, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. F. Marsh, 1; G. Dennis, 2; E. J. Hyland, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; H. Shipp (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, July 15th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 784 Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; H. J. Collins, 4; W. Hammond, 5; A. Shuffebotham (conductor), 6; H. Coote, 7; E. F. Slade, 8. On Thursday, July 19th, on the occasion of a service and meeting of the Baintree Deanery, to commemorate the bi-centenary of the S.P.C.K., 688 Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shuffebotham, 3; H. Collins, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Hammond, 6; H. Coote, 7; C. H. Howard (conductor), 8.

COLCHESTER.—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 42 mins. F. Manning, 1; T. W. Pye, 2; R. Stannard, 3; W. Howell, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; A. Burch, 6; W. Burch, 7; W. Schofield (conductor), 8.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On June 6th, 720 Cambridge Snrprise. F. Withers, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 13th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Withers, 1; W. Miller (conductor), 2; H. Bottrell, 3; W. Doran, 4; J. Moule, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 12th, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). G. Dawson, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Doran, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On June 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrell, 1; J. Moule, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bottrell, 1; J. Moule, 2; W. Doran, 3; T. H. Beams (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 28th, 720 Victoria Surprise. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Keeble (conductor), 2; J. Mardell, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams, 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, June 17th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Coventry Surprise, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, June 20th, for practice, 720 Double Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. H. Little, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts's 1850th 720. On Thursday, June 28th, being Coronation Day, 720 Victoria Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Composed by George Baker, of Brighton, and is believed to be rung for the first time. Also 720 Coronation Exercise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells and by all the band. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—A meeting for combined practice was held at this place on May 5th, when the following rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Horner, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; A. Millard, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Horner, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; H. Burling, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On May 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. Singleton, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. G. Downes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. These two 720s were rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking. On May 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; H. Burling, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; W. Singleton, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On June 20th, for practice, 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. W. Merrett, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; W. Singleton, 6. And 240 in the same method. W. Singleton, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; H. J. Smith, 6.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Saturday, May 19th, at the parish

church, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the day, and in the evening 630 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 Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service, 559 Grandsire Eriples. 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, June 5th, in honour of the occupation of Pretoria, a quarter-peal of 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 BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROLD (Beds).—On June 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Thew, 1; J. McGrath, 1; W. Freeman (conductor), 3; J. Church, 4; F. J. Bird, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Another 720. C. Orpin (first 720), 1; F. G. Crouch, 2; F. J. Bird, 3; W. Freeman, 4; H. Munday, 5; J. Church (conductor), 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On May 13th, at Christ Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. A. Glasscock, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; J. Miller, 3; F. C. Fordham, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; F. C. Newman, 6; A. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On May, 20th, 1280 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Glasscock, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; F. C. Fordham, 3; F. C. Newman, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Miller, 6; A. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal of Oxford by all. On May 27th, 1280 Bob Major, composed and conducted by J. Armstrong. A. Glasscock, 1; F. C. Fordham, 2; W. Tegg, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade, 6; J. Miller, 7; A. Miller, 8. On June 14th, 1264 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; J. Kentish, 3; A. Miller, 4; W. Tegg, 5; S. Jones (first quarter-peal of Major), 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Jones (first quarter-peal of Major), 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On June 17th, 1264 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; H. Fordham, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Jones, 6; S. Wade, 7; J. Miller (first quarter-peal as conductor), 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Gammon, 1; E. Bennett, 2; G. Burt, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; H. Brooker, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; H. Smith, 8. And a touch of Grandsire Triples, with T. Hayward, 1; H. Rapley, 8. Conducted by H. Brooker. Rung in honour of Lord Roberts' entry into Pretoria.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 23rd, at Christ Church, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. S. A. Wright, 1; H. B. Harman, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 4; J. Hunt, 5; W. W. Thorne, 6; F. Hull (Walthamstow), 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service, 240 Arnold's Victory. T. Whitworth, 1; A. Crossman, 2; R. Ricketts, 3; W. Lambert (conductor), 4; J. H. Brothwell, 5; W. Allwood, 6. Also 360 London Scholars' Pleasure and 120 Violet. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. Allwood, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6; the rest as above. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. W. Lambert, 1; A. Crossman, 2; R. Ricketts, 3; T. Whitworth (conductor), 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Allwood, 6. Messrs. Crossman and Ricketts hail from Wath; the rest are local men.

ROTHERHAM (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, July 1st, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. G. Oakes, 1; J. Athey (aged 79), 2; A. Ensor, 3; J. Ensor, 4; T. Lee, 5; F. Coales, 6; J. Andrews, 7; W. Coales (conductor), 8; J. Hale, 9; W. Hurst, 10. Composed by J. W. Moorhouse, of Wakefield. Tenor 32 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 24th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins., owing to a change-course. J. Preston, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. W. Steddy, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; E. A. Allen, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; F. Dean, 2; A. Archer, 3; H. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Johnson, 1; F. Dean, 2; H. Dean, 3; A. Archer, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons

(conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; G. Siddons, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 30th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; F. Dean, 3; H. Dean, 4; A. Archer, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 5th, to celebrate the occupation of Pretoria by the British troops, 720 Violet. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On May 11th, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Price, 1; J. H. Aldridge, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; F. Pitcher, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; H. V. Wilkins, 7; H. Day, 8. On Sunday, May 12th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; J. Pitcher, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; H. G. White, 8. On May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. H. Aldridge, 5; W. B. Biss, 6; H. V. Wilkins, 7; H. G. White, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Lloyd, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; F. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; J. H. Aldridge, 7; H. G. White, 8. On Sunday, June 10th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. R. C. Balcombe, 1; H. V. Wilkins, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss (conductor), 6; A. Rowley, 7; W. Canter, 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On June 30th, at the Abbey church, 701 Grandsire Caters. J. Routley, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; F. G. May, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 7; E. Bishop, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; J. Fowler, 10.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—Recently, for evening service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hole, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Jones, 4; H. Moore, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. On Friday, June 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Hole, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Jones, 4; T. Elliott, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by J. Hole.

DULVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Chilcott, 1; G. Stacey, 2; G. Atkins, 3; J. Grabham, 4; J. Jones, 5; H. Moore (conductor), 6.

CARHAMPTON (Somerset).—On Wednesday, June 6th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Reed, 1; G. Atkins, 2; G. Stacey, 3; J. Grabham, 4; J. Jones, 5; H. Moore (conductor), 6.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BATH.—On Saturday, June 23rd, at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Draper, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; A. Brown, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; C. D. Heginbottom, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8. And at St. James' church, 462 Grandsire Triples. F. Merritt, 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; A. Brown, 4; S. Hillier, 5; T. Ricketts (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also at St. Mark's church, 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Hampton (conductor), 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; S. Hillier, 3; A. Brown, 4; S. Raddon, 5; R. Phillips, 6.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—On May 29th, at St. Mary's church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, 1; C. D. Heginbottom, 2; S. Hillier (conductor), 3; T. Raddon, 4; A. Draper, 5; R. Phillips (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

ROUGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. A. Symonds, 1; T. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. J. Horrex, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; C. Levitt, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. These are supposed to be the first 720s in these methods on the bells.

WOOLPIT (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at the parish church, 720 New London Pleasure. E. Kinsey, 1; A. Hollocks, 2; J. Fayers, 3; A. Symonds, 4; T. Levitt, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Horrex, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; C. Levitt, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 in these methods on the bells.

DRINKSTONE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at the parish church, 720 College Single. J. Horrex, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; A. Symonds, 3; E. Kinsey, 4; W. Hollocks, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor),

6. First 720 in the method on the bells. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hollocks, 1; E. Kinsey, 2; C. Levitt, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; J. Fayers, 5; T. Levitt (conductor), 6.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Double Court Bob. T. Levitt (conductor), 1; C. Levitt, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Kinsey, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Symonds (conductor), 1; E. Kieser, 2; C. Levitt, 4; T. Levitt, 4; J. Horrex, 5; W. Hollocks, 6.

ASHTED (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. D. Anscomb, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; T. Newnham, 3; H. Corbett, 4; W. Marks, 5; W. Cook, 6; A. Dean (conductor), 7; H. Sayers, 8. First quarter-peal by H. Sayers.

BREITENHAM (Suffolk).—On June 26th, in the parish schoolroom, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Levitt (conductor), 1; J. Francis, 2; J. Manning, 3; F. Pearl, 4; A. Grimwood, 5; G. Levitt, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. W. Proctor, 1; J. Francis, 2; J. Manning, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; A. Grimwood, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Also 560 Bob Major. W. Proctor, 1; J. Francis, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; J. Manning, 4; G. Levitt, 5; A. Grimwood, 6; W. Kinsey (conductor), 7-8.

BRAY (Ireland).—On Sunday evening, June 17th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 252 Bob Triples. H. Rickerby, 1; G. Matthews, 2; Rev. G. D. Scott, 3; D. Towson, 4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5; W. C. Hunt, 6; J. George, 7; G. Smith, 8.

CHARING (Kent).—On June 16th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Hatcher, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Spice, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; T. Tabret, 6. Also 720 Grandsire. W. Spice, 1; W. E. Pitman, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Archer, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabret (conductor), 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob, E. Archer ringing the treble.

DUBLIN.—On Sunday morning, June 17th, for Divine Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 270 Grandsire Caters. T. Grant, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Lambert, 3; W. C. Hunt, 4; G. Salter, 5; R. Greene, 6; C. Murray, 7; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 8; J. George, 9; R. Murphy, 10. For afternoon service 467 Grandsire Caters. T. Grant, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Lambert, 3; G. Lambert, 4; G. Salter, 5; R. Greene, 6; C. Murray, 7; J. George (conductor), 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; W. C. Hunt, 10. Tenor 45 cwt.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—Recently at Christ Church, Blacklands, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Lock, 3; L. Stone, 4; A. E. Barrow, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; A. L. May, 7; W. Swain, 8. For practice 720 Bob Minor. L. Stone, 1; L. Stapley, 2; J. Livermore, 3; A. L. May, 4; A. E. Barrow, 5; F. Lock (conductor), 6. And 336 Bob Major. L. Stone, 1; — Brant, 2; J. Livermore, 3; L. Stapley, 4; G. Watson, 5; A. L. May, 6; A. E. Barrow, 7; F. Lock (conductor), 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Penfold, 1; L. Stapley, 2; A. L. May, 3; S. Saker, 4; J. Livermore, 5; — Brant, 6; F. Lock (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Goddard, 3; C. Saker, 4; A. May, 5; F. Lock (conductor), 6; A. E. Barrow, 7; W. Swain, 8. And 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; A. L. May, 2; A. E. Quaife, 3; C. Saker, 4; A. Barrow, 5; F. Goddard, 6; F. Lock (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Friday, June 15th, at St. Margaret's church, the members of the Sproughton company attempted a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major, but after ringing 4200 changes it came to grief owing to a change-course. C. Parker, 1; G. W. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; H. J. Mee, 5; E. Rivers, 5; A. G. Rivers, 6; C. Mee (conductor), 7; F. Mee, 8.

KENILWORTH (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, June 23rd, the Coventry ringers visited this place and rang ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Chatfield, 1; S. Hope, 3; R. Bosworth, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; J. White (conductor), 5; W. Gilbert, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

LENHAM (Kent).—Recently, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. a foolish outsider rattled the door of the ringing-chamber, which caused a change-course. W. E. Pitman, 1; R. Staines, 2; A. Hinds, 3; C. Tribe, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Spice, 6; E. E. Foreman, 7; W. Hadlow, 8. And 168 in the same method, W. Hadlow ringing the treble. And a course of Stedman Triples.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

The estimate is between £80 and £90, and £30 has been already promised, but the restoration of the church has already cost £900, and over £1,000 more is required, and we should be glad of help towards the bells.

H. LAW JAMES.

Compositions.

RICHMOND COURT BOB
MINOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

The following is the first lead-end of the plain course.

1 2 3 4 5 6
 2 1 4 3 6 5
 2 4 1 3 6 5
 4 2 6 1 5 3
 2 4 6 5 1 3
 4 2 5 6 3 1
 2 4 5 3 6 1
 4 2 3 5 1 6
 2 4 3 1 5 6
 4 2 1 3 6 5
 4 1 2 6 3 5
 1 4 6 2 5 3

Plain { 1 6 4 5 2 3 }
 Bob { 1 6 4 2 3 5 }
 Single { 1 4 6 2 3 5 } Lead

The rule to ring this method is so very simple, that it need not here be given. The Major of this was published last week.

The two following methods are also by MR. DAINS:—

A NEW METHOD.—RICHMOND
BOB MAJOR.

1 2 3 2 5 6 7 8
 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
 2 4 1 6 3 5 7 8
 4 2 6 1 5 3 8 7
 4 6 2 5 1 3 7 8
 6 4 5 2 3 1 8 7
 6 5 4 3 2 8 1 7
 5 6 3 4 8 2 7 1
 5 3 6 8 4 7 2 1
 3 5 8 6 7 4 1 2
 5 3 8 7 6 1 4 2
 3 5 7 8 1 6 2 4
 5 3 7 1 8 2 6 4
 3 5 1 7 2 8 4 6
 3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6
 1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8

Plain 1 2 5 2 7 4 8 6
 Bob 1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6
 Single 1 3 2 5 7 4 8 6 Lead

A NEW METHOD.—BARN-
BURY BOB MAJOR.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
 2 4 1 6 3 5 7 8
 4 2 6 1 5 3 8 7
 2 4 6 5 1 3 7 8
 4 2 5 6 3 1 8 7
 4 5 2 3 6 8 1 7
 5 4 3 2 8 6 7 1

Continued—

4 5 2 3 8 7 6 1
 5 4 3 2 7 8 1 6
 5 3 4 7 2 1 8 6
 3 5 7 4 1 2 6 8
 5 3 7 1 4 2 8 6
 3 5 1 7 2 4 6 8
 3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6
 1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8

Plain 1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6
 Bob 1 2 3 5 7 4 8 6
 Single 1 3 2 5 7 4 8 6 Lead

BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5056.

23456 W 5 4 B H

64253 S - -
 53264 - - -
 65234 - - -
 36254 - - -
 25364 - - -
 62354 - - -
 56324 - - -
 32564 - - -
 63524 - - -
 52634 - - -
 35624 - - -
 23654 - - -
 52346 - - -
 45326 - - -
 24356 - - -
 35246 - - -
 43256 - - -
 54236 - - -
 23546 - - -
 42536 - - -
 53426 - - -
 45236 - - -
 32456 - - -

Repeated.

For 5120 repeat the first half three times, with bob for single in the 2nd and 4th parts.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By J. HOUGHTON, Irthlingborough.

5088.

23456 I 4 5 6

65324 - -
 23564 - -
 35264 - -
 52364 - -
 63254 - -
 32654 - -
 25634 - -
 53624 - -
 63425 - -
 32465 - -
 64235 - -

Continued—

I 4 5 6

42635 - -
 32546 - -
 25346 - -
 43526 - -
 35426 - -
 24536 - -
 45236 - -
 52436 - -
 34256 - -
 42356 - -
 53246 I -
 32456 s -

Repeated.

5088.

23456 I 4 5 6

53624 - -
 32654 - -
 56234 - -
 63254 - -
 35264 - -
 62534 - -
 23564 - -
 46325 - -
 23645 - -
 36245 - -
 64235 - -
 32465 - -
 35426 - -
 24536 - -
 45236 - -
 32546 - -
 25346 - -
 54326 - -
 42356 - -
 53246 - -
 34256 - -
 52436 - -
 32456 s -

Repeated.

By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, Erith.

5120.

23456 I 4 5 6

34256 - -
 42536 - s
 25436 - -
 54236 - -
 32456 - -
 24356 - -
 43256 - -
 23654 - -
 36254 - -
 62354 - -
 63254 - s
 32654 - -
 26354 - -
 32465 - -
 24365 - -
 43265 - -
 42365 - s
 23465 - -

Continued—

	I	4	5	6
34265				
45263	-	-	-	
52463				-
24563				-
52346			-	
23456			-	

Repeated.

This is supposed to be the first peal in the method ever published containing the full combinations of 4-5-6, with all 3-6s and 6-3s in forty-eight courses only.

LONDON SURPRISE.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5568.

	M	B	W
23456			
52436			-
34625	-		-
42356		x	
25463		x	
*45362	-		
*35264	-		
*56234	-	x	
63542		x	
23645		x	-

Twice repeated.

By omitting the three bobs marked * in one part the peal is reduced to 5120.

5568.—A VARIATION.

	M	B	W	H
23456				
52436			-	
35426			-	
35264		x		-
56234	-	x		
63542		x		
62345		x	-	-
24653		x		
56342	-		-	
23645	-			-

Twice repeated.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Mary Abbots church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. D. Manley, 1; A. V. Selby, 2; R. A. Daniell, 3; A. F. Harris (conductor), 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; C. F. Winney, 7; J. Judd, 8. Mr. Manley hails from Totnes, Devon, and this is his first quarter-peal.

WANTED a Peal of Handbells, 15 to 19, or would not object to 2 octaves, chromatic, tenor about £18. Must be in good condition.—Address, Mr. S. West, Cecilly Cottages, Cheadle, Staffs.

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 District Society.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley parish church to-day, Saturday, August 4th. Tower open from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers. R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, to-day, Saturday, August 4th. The bells will be ready for visitors any time during the afternoon. E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Mary's Society, Beddington.—The tower will be open as usual on Bank Holiday, August 6th, for ringing from two o'clock. All ringing friends are welcome. C. BANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—A special meeting will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, August 15th, when it is hoped that as many members as possible will put in an appearance for the discussion of a very serious question regarding the Society. W. H. WEBBER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, August 18th. Tower will be open for ringing from 12 noon till 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30. Committee meeting after tea. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, the 15th August. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

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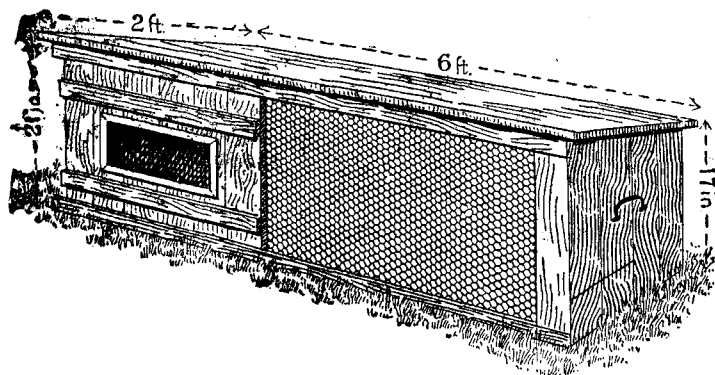
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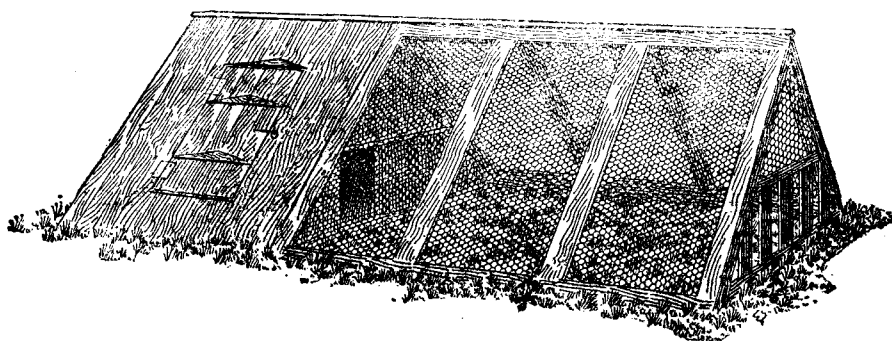
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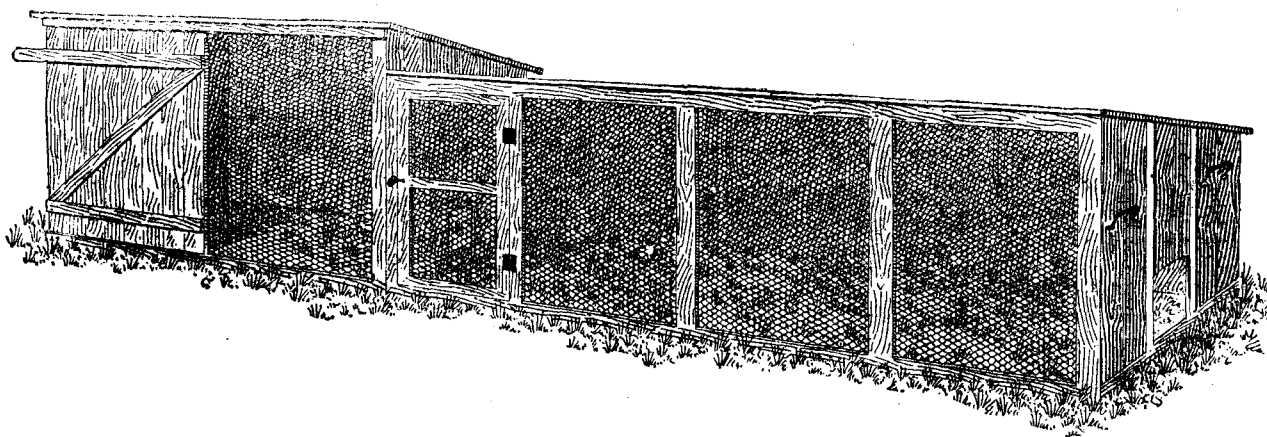
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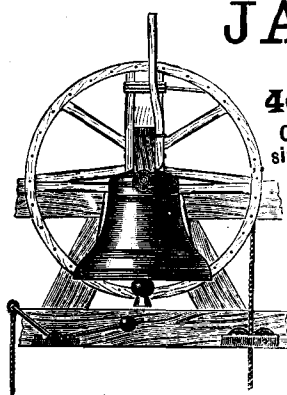
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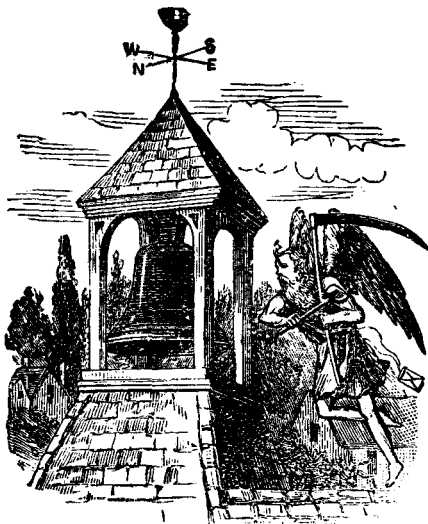
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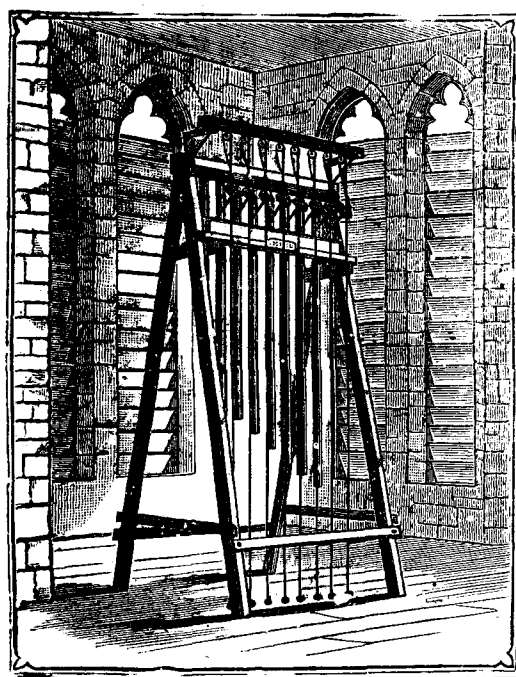
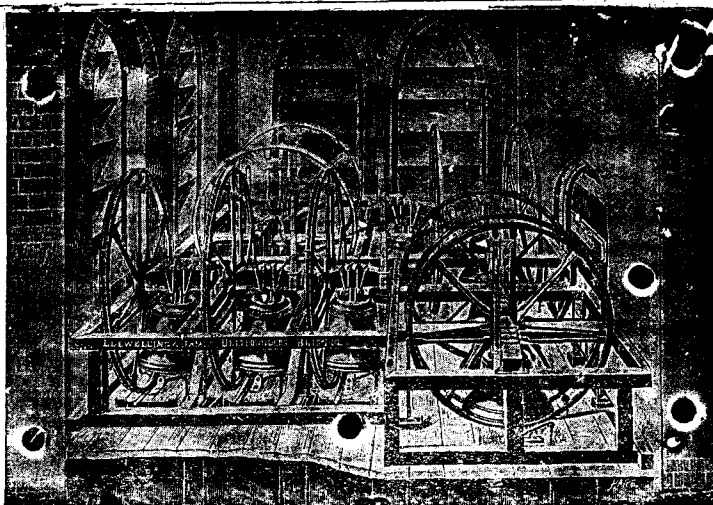
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MR. ROBERT DOWE.

Last week I spoke of Dowe's handbell and the use he ordained for it. I now pass on to notice the other object of his benefaction—the passing bell. But before doing this I wish to call attention to an expression I quoted last week in connection with the use of the handbell. Before delivering the appointed exhortation the official of St. Sepulchre's was to give on the handbell "twelve solemn tolls, with double strokes." What are the double strokes? Does this mean that the tolls were to be given, so to speak, in whole pulls? and, if so, does this mean that it was then the practice to use handbells as we now use ours? I think we may assume that it was the practice to so ring handbells before springs were introduced; they were probably an improvement which suggested itself to someone in the habit of using handbells or seeing them used. But is there any ground, and if so, what, for thinking that handbells, with or without springs, were used for ringing as we now use them, so far back as 1605? and, if not, what do these words mean? Will some one kindly favour us with his views?

Dowe's benefaction was not confined to the handbell and the exhortation. Besides these he provided that, on execution mornings—

"The greatest bell of St. Sepulchre's shall always begin to toll from 25th March to 29th of September at six in the morning, and from 29th September to 25th March before seven in manner as the passing bell is used, and that this bell shall continue tolling until ten of the clock or until such time as the Sheriff's officers shall return home from the execution, to the end and purpose that all good people hearing this passing bell may be moved to pray for those poor sinners going to execution, after which hour of ten or the said officers' return the said bell shall cease tolling, and be rung out the space of one half hour or thereabouts."

Here we have a reference to a custom which is well nigh, if not altogether, extinct—that of the "Passing" bell. It was a very old institution, and the object of it was to give notice to those within its reach that some one was about to die, and in order that they might as a part of Christian fellowship and duty offer up their prayers for the soul passing away, and for that deliverance in the house of death which we are taught in the Litany to ask for us all. There may be difficulties in the way of reviving this custom now, but I have often wondered that, in days when our Church is drawn to early Christian customs to an extent which not only revives praiseworthy practices of the early Church, but even, in the case of a few clergy, adopts uses of more debateable origin, the use of the passing bell has not been revived, at least to some extent. But it is no good to revive a practice unless there seems some prospect of its being really useful, and

I dare say the question has received careful consideration from those competent to give it.

It will be noticed that in the extract I have quoted a sharp distinction appears between "tolling" and "ringing out." The passing bell was to be tolled; the bell after death to be rung. This seemed to me agreeable with what can be gathered from Stow and the Canons, and such other references as have come under my notice. The passing bell was tolled or chimed, being an invitation to a religious duty, that of prayer for the passing soul: the bell after death, the knell, or death bell, was rung, being in old language a peal, and being a notice of a fact. In modern days we have confused both the names and the method of performance. We sometimes speak of the bell after death as the passing bell, which it is not; while the passing bell is sometimes referred to as the death bell, which equally it is not. Again, there are two methods of sounding the death bell—ringing or chiming. Allowing for original local variation of custom, it may, I think, as a general proposition, be said that where the death bell is rung it is sounded as it always was, and that the extinct passing bell has left nothing behind it; but where the death bell is chimed, then though sounded after the death it has for some reason changed its original mode of sounding, and acquired that of the passing bell. In other words, where two bell uses have ceased to be, and only one survives, in some cases one form of use, and in others, the other form of use has been preserved. I should like to see Mr. Drake's views on this point stated in these columns.

Robert Dowe died in the year 1612, and was buried in the church of St. Botolph Without, Aldgate, where a monument to his memory (on the wall above the gallery in the present church) still remains. He lived to the age of eighty-nine years. He must have been a man of substance and liberality, for we read that he, "amongst other his charities done in this city and elsewhere sundry ways, as to several hospitals abroad and at home, prisons, and to nineteen poor householders, of the Merchant Tailors' Company in perpetuum, gave to this parish of St. Botolph's Without Aldgate (whereof he was a member) the nomination of two almeswomen freely relieved; and twenty pounds yearly to be distributed to threescore poor, aged and impotent men and women, by nobles apiece upon every St. Thomas's Eve for ever.

Dowe was, therefore, born in the year 1522 or 1523, or some two years earlier than Stow, whom he survived seven years. These two men lived through that wonderful period which saw the dissolution of the monasteries and the social changes brought about thereby, the struggle of England with Spain, the commencement of colonisa-

tion, the Elizabethan literature, the rise of modern drama, the enormous increase of English commerce, and the Union of the Crowns of England and Scotland in the person of James the First; and they had this in common that they were both members of the Merchant Tailors' Company. Their lines in life were different. Dowe devoted himself, apparently, to trade, in which he must have been successful; Stow devoted himself to the investigation and preservation of historical and topographical facts, and his diligence and perseverance leave no doubt that if he had applied himself to commerce he, too, would have been successful. As it was, he did not promote his own prosperity by those literary labours which have left posterity his everlasting debtors. But the two men are examples of the truth that members of the body have not all the same office. Stow was enriching his country with his invaluable writings; Dowe was engaged in that commerce which was contributing to its material strength and prosperity, and was, moreover, out of his good fortune, doing his best for his less well-off fellow-creatures. He looked about him with observant eyes, and saw much want and misery, and contrasting what he saw with what he remembered in his youth, when there was so much relief of the necessitous by the monastic houses, he realised that it was still more his duty and privilege than it had been that of those charitable citizens in days gone by who had left him examples, to do what he could for others, and he did it according to the manners of his day and generation; and by-and-by, when he had passed four score years, and must have been looking forward to shuffling off this mortal coil, and bethinking himself that, for whatever lies beyond death, all of us, however virtuous or however criminal, will be dependent on the same Divine mercy, he made the best arrangements he could for those unfortunate fellow creatures in Newgate who were to be violently precipitated out of time into eternity. His handbell remains not only as an interesting curiosity, but as a memorial of a successful London citizen who felt and thought for the temporal and spiritual needs of others.

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THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Tea in connection with the Liverpool Diocesan Guild took place at Fisher's Restaurant, Lord Street, Southport, on Saturday, June 16. The chair was taken by Mr. Martin (Egremont), at the proceedings subsequent to the repast, and there were present the Lord Bishop of the diocese (Dr. Chavasse), the Revs. Canon Honeyburne, W. Millington (Rural Dean), Dr. Cooper, W. T. Bulpit, J. S. Gardner, F. Sinker, C. Clements, P. P. Knot (Croston), F. Wills (Upholland), E. P. Cook, R. F. Markham (Rector of Aughton), and Messrs. W. Benham (secretary), W. Hope, J. James, Ed. Hartwell, M. Bradley (Sefton), John Martin (Liverpool), J. J. Cockshott, J.P., and several lady members.

It should be stated that before the tea a unique and interesting occurrence took place at Christ Church, across the way. The ringers were up in the belfry ringing a peal of welcome to the new Bishop, when his lordship ex-

pressed a desire to climb the creaky ladder, and see the men at work. This somewhat novel mode of procedure on the part of the Bishop—it being the first instance in the history of the Church of a bishop entering a belfry while the ringers were pulling the ropes—somewhat alarmed his ecclesiastical brethren, who strongly urged upon him the inadvisability of making such an expedition. However, Dr. Chavasse was not to be deterred, and after a little scrambling, accompanied by a few exclamations of fear and astonishment from the wondering group below, he managed to reach the ringers' room. This little incident was the occasion of considerable conversation both at tea and afterwards.

Just before the Bishop left, at the conclusion of an excellent tea, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit rose and asked the Bishop to speak a few words. Dr. Chavasse, as they all knew, had not been chosen to take the position of Bishop for his learning, nor for the great skill he had shown in managing boys, but because he was a practical clergyman, in deep sympathy with men; and he had certainly shown that quality that afternoon by being the first bishop on historical record to be in the belfry while the bells were being rung. They welcomed him as their Bishop, and were proud that he had shown his sympathy with the ringers by being present that afternoon.

The Bishop, who was received with loud and continued applause, said he was exceedingly pleased to see such fine stalwart men working for the Church as those assembled together there. It was a pleasure to see such a body. For his part he believed their work was every bit as important as that of the minister in the pulpit. What would they do without their parish bells? How dreary and desolate would the day of God seem without their joyful clangour! They breathed a spirit of thankfulness upon the air, and made the glad heart to leap for joy, and the sad heart to cease its mourning. On what occasions did they ring? There was the marriage bell—the merriest bell of all. There was the funeral bell, with its impressive, mournful note: and there were the bells of joy which flashed forth across town and city, village, and hamlet, such stirring tidings as that which had but lately moved the world—the relief of Mafeking. In urging upon the men the necessity of being prepared to face whatever might betide, the Bishop told the anecdote, which was a perfectly true one, of a ringer who had been sent to toll the New Year in from the parish church steeple. Just as he pulled the first stroke, he fell down in a swoon, with one rope firmly fixed in his grasp. When his comrades found him he was dead. Instead of ringing in the New Year he had rung his own "passing bell." That man had as joyful an entrance into the celestial city, he believed, as had Christian of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," for whom the bells of heaven had loudly rung. In conclusion, the Bishop asked them to persevere in their work, and try to perfect themselves in the art of bell-ringing, adding that when stationed as a curate at Preston for three or four years, he had been greatly interested in ringing, and had frequently rung himself, and those were the happiest years of his life.

Captain Jas. Rimmer, of Christ Church belfry, proposed, and Mr. Wm. Bentham, of Aughton (secretary), seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop.

Mr. Martin explained that the balance-sheet was not quite ready for presentation, but he could assure them that when it was shown, there would be £16 5s. to their credit at the bank.

The Rev. C. A. Clements, of St. Luke's, spoke of the

necessity of ringers paying strict attention to their work, or else giving the whole thing up. He had been a ringer himself, and he knew very well what care and attention it required to become proficient in the Art.

The Rev. F. Wills took up the religious side of the question, suggesting that the ringers commence their proceedings by prayers. This latter suggestion was very favourably received, and in company with the Rev. C. A. Clements, the Rev. F. Wills was instructed to draw up a suitable prayer for their use.

Several new members were enrolled, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Martin for presiding and for taking the post of treasurer; and to Mr. Bentham, as secretary, on the motion of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, seconded by Mr. W. Hope.

Mr. Hartwell proposed a vote of thanks, which was cordially carried, to the Rev. W. T. Bulpit for his efforts on behalf of the guild, and the gathering broke up.

[It is to be regretted that the above report has been delayed. Mr. Bentham had written to us concerning it, but through postal disorganisation, we suppose, it did not come to hand before last Saturday.—Ed.]

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, July 16th, ten members of the above company had their annual picnic. Each year the choir, ringers, and others connected with the church are given a day's excursion by the Vicar and churchwarden, and the ringers on this occasion decided to visit Southport. I was pleased when arriving at Heeley Station five minutes before the appointed time that I was last, because I knew then that all were there. We managed to get seated altogether, and off we went, ten smiling faces all on pleasure bent.

The morning was fine, and soon we were through the Tolly Tunnel and gazing on the hills which tower high on each side of the line for ten or twelve miles; all our talk for the present being fixed on our brave brothers who are fighting England's battles on those hills far away. Well may we pause for a few moments and picture in our minds that mortal man could climb those hills in face of shot and shell; it's the call to duty, which all are ready to obey. After leaving the hills we passed out into a fair valley with the new mown hay to scent the breeze. Soon the sandhills began to appear in view, and farther out could be seen the object of our journey with the white canvas of the sailing boat; and so we arrived safe, and in a short was wending our way up the steps of Christ Church, with Mr. Rimmer, of Southport, as pilot. After a touch of Kent Treble Bob we were joined by the Rev. C. Clements, of the Lancashire Association, also Mr. Hill, and others of the Southport company. The Rev. C. Clements, Messrs. Hill and Rimmer, together with Messrs. Atkin, Biggin, Sarel, Slater, and Goacher, rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob. Well I have heard worse, but not much better for a mixed band when engaged on strange bells. After all were satisfied with having a ring, we cleared out. What followed would take too much space in this valuable paper. I am afraid I have gone too far now. Anyhow we found waiting outside a friend in deed, who invited us all to dinner, and we went. Everything up-to-date, and "make yourself at home," said our host. After dinner we found a carriage and pair waiting for us, and our friend did not mean to part until the day was spent, but accompanied us for a drive round the town and neighbourhood, finishing up at The George hotel.

Then refreshments, and we went for a stroll round the

cemetery, which is a sight no one should miss. Some might say it's time enough to go when we are carried. For my part I think it makes a man reflect for a short time, and picture in one's mind that some day, who knows how soon, our call may come. By this time Mr. Hill had again turned up with a set of handbells, and a pleasant hour was spent. Mr. Hill, in a few well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of the Norton Ringers." Mr. Smith supported, and hoped they should have the pleasure of welcoming his old friends at Southport again. Time was now up, and with a flying shot I thanked Mr. Smith for the kind way in which he had provided us, not only with a good dinner, but also with his company during our drive round Southport; our best wishes must also be given to Mrs. Smith and family.

Before I close, I must on behalf of our company, thank Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Hill, and the Southport ringers for helping to make our day a pleasant one, with many thanks for the use of the bells, and if I have missed anyone out I say thanks to all.

We arrived home in the best of spirits, all pleased with our day trip. Some will read that word spirits twice over, so I will say "safe and sober." E. J.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, July 28th, the Aldrington ringers visited Halisham and Hellingly. Starting from Brighton at 7.50, they arrived at Halisham at nine o'clock. After partaking of some light refreshment a move was made for the tower, a very good ring of eight, when some touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Minor were rung. A walk was then made for Hellingly, arriving at one o'clock at The Station hotel, and here an excellent lunch had been provided. After the repast, which all thoroughly enjoyed, and a few tunes had been rung on the handbells, the church was next visited, but owing to the rather bad going of the bells only a few touches of Doubles were got through, when all dispersed to the hotel for tea, where another good spread was put before them. This over, and not being time to go far, the party enjoyed themselves by playing several games at quoits till train time, arriving back in Brighton at ten o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable day.

A RINGERS' WEDDING.

At the parish church of St. Giles, Ashted, Surrey, was solemnised on Saturday, August 4th, the wedding of William Farrell, one of the Ashted band who comes of an old ringing family. The service was timed to take place at 1.30 p.m., by which time the following members of the band assembled in the belfry: H. Price, 1; J. Page, 2; A. Dean, 3; J. Wyatt, 4; H. Corbett, 5; J. Hoyle, 6; W. Cook, 7; T. Boxall, 8. Upon the happy couple leaving the belfry, the Rev. G. Bray played a wedding march on the organ, and afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. In the evening a variation of Holt's ten-part peal was attempted, but came to grief after ringing about 50 mins. D. Anscomb, 1; W. Cook, 2; J. Wyatt (conductor), 3; A. Dean, 4; H. Corbett, 5; J. Hoyle, 6; E. Hull, 7; H. Sayer, 8. Afterwards an adjournment was made by the members at the invitation of the bridegroom's parents, to their house, and were splendidly entertained. "The health of the bride and bridegroom" was proposed by the Captain, Mr. John Wyatt. A very pleasant evening came to a close about ten o'clock. The honeymoon is being spent at Braintree.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Great and important changes have happened. I mean changes atmospherical, meteorological, and climatic. Part of "Boston Stump" has been blown down. The tower of the church of St. Botolph, Boston, Lincolnshire, said to be the highest church tower in the world, has been fractured by a storm, and some of its broken particles shot into the church, terrifying the congregation. The great heat has gone too, and cold nights, necessitating a resort to the previously-discarded blankets, have prematurely come on. One cold night last week brought to mind the answer which the Bishop's gardener at Fulham Palace gave to his lordship. The Bishop asked the gardener one cold morning what sort of a night it had been. "Oh, *cruel* cold, *cruel* cold, indeed, my lord; five degrees below *Nero*."

Affectionate foreigners are very fond of saying that the weather is the only subject adequately treated of in our English conversations, thereby graciously implying that what we call our minds are too dull and clumsy to exchange ideas with French wits or German thinkers, on subjects of greater interest. Certainly it may be thought that our life-talk would be ill represented if weather topics were entirely shut out of it. But we can beat all the foreigners hollow. We have at least one topic of conversation they could not enter into, nor understand—the French wits or German thinkers. What does the Emperor Billy—"the mailed fist" hero—who is taking to preach sermons (save the mark) on board ship; or the Cassagnacs, and others, know about the "Art of Change-ringing," for instance? Ah! you will say, we can give all of them five minutes' start in the discussion of such a simple theme as Grandsire Triples, and in a great many more subjects also; some of which they are unable to discuss in good temper.

A kind friend has sent to me the following extract from the East Molesey Parish Magazine. I present it without any comment:—

We are repeatedly asked why the magnificent peal of bells of St. Mary's are now not rung. We are certainly not in a position to speak with authority respecting the matter, but as far as we can gather the reason is a two-fold one. In the first place the tower of the Church is low for the volume of sound to escape into the air, and the clanging of the bells, which are large, was found to be very objectionable to those whose lot it is to live very near the Church. This was found almost unendurable when practice was going on, for it was obvious that those ringers only need practice whose ringing is *imperfect*. But this may not have decided the authorities to stop the ringing. There was an obvious want of religious discipline among some of the ringers of the time which made it desirable to suspend their action for some time at least. Ever since, therefore, they have been chimed by a mechanical arrangement. Some things must needs be done well to be done at all. But it must be admitted that they are an idle waste to remain as they are. They should be made use of in some way. In all they cost no less than £800, by donations and offerings, and nowhere else would such a waste be tolerated but in a church. To sell them now they would realize perhaps £500, and the money could be well used inside the Church. The Chancel is too small, the organ nearly worn out, and many smaller points call for immediate attention. Or if enquiry were made, and the authorities approached properly in the matter, and 10 or 12 men undertook to ring reverently and regularly (as a service to God should be done), we might hear their notes again. And, let it be said, this is with no reflection on the method of chiming them at present, for it is done with considerable pains, but it is plain that a mechanical arrangement such as exists now cannot amount to the dignity and sweetness of proper ringing.

My friend, Mr. John Steddy, of Edenbridge, Kent, writes a letter on the proposals now before the Exercise relating to Harlow St. Mary Magdalen. Mr. Steddy says:—"I have read with much interest your idea for the ringers of this country to place a peal of bells in the Church at Harlow. One cannot fail to admire the enterprise of the scheme, and I for one would like to see more advocated in the same way." This is a good beginning for a letter, but I am sorry to say our friend falls away. He begins to talk of prior claims and such nonsense. There is no doubt whatever that plenty of new bells are wanted all over the country, but surely on this account he wouldn't advocate that all of them should come into the scheme proposed! One thing at a time, John. After the Harlow job is successfully carried through, other cases will be attended to. This job ought not to spoil because all may not see eye to eye with regard to the proposal. Thinking men say that if the scheme is successful, and ringers can make it so if they like, a new and remarkable era will have dawned for the Exercise.

Mr. Steddy has not forgotten the discouragement he met with about five years ago when Edenbridge bells were wanting repair and augmentation. He says: "I brought the matter before the Exercise in the 'B.N.' in the shape of an appeal, but not a single reply did I have." Then the Vicar comes in for a knock or two. Finally he adds a suggestion that the sum be raised, and then a committee be appointed to consider the various claims. He concludes: "We have a good band of ringers, and cannot ring the bells; we should be very glad of £100.

So should I, John; or half that amount. And I should have it, only that while plenty of movements are in progress to get that sum, or more, it is not being got together for me; and I haven't the face to tell them that my wants constitute a "prior claim." Besides what a folly it would be to vary the Harlow proposals by giving, if the sum required should be got, a spoonful all round. No good at all would be done, and everybody, even those who benefitted, would grumble.

No; such a descent will not be made. Whether successful or not, the path laid down will be kept to. There are no "prior" claims, for there are no claims at all. The movement is one that must be taken up in a sense of public duty, so to speak, a feeling of patriotism, as it were. It is in the power of the ringing Exercise to do an immense work at cheap cost; to erect bells throughout the land at trifling inconvenience; to have—and let its importance be remembered—a voice in the mode and manner of such erection.

I said at cheap cost. One penny per week for each member of the Exercise. This is the third week, and I venture to hope you have, all of you, I mean you 30,000 ringers, got the three penny stamps in safety so far. A pronunciamiento (this is a fine word) has been made by the Harlow gentlemen with reference to it, and at the present all is going as merry as a marriage bell. Don't let it be said that an important body of men like we are, can't negotiate this little matter. Be it remembered that on the 1st of November next, the Churchwardens of Harlow are to receive twelve penny stamps from every bell ringer within the empire. *Nil Memorandum!*

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The St. Nicolas Society, Guildford, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Farnham, Surrey, on July 14th, but after one hour's ringing some unkind person kicked the door several times, which meant "stop." Thinking it was illness, one of the band went out into the yard, but there was no one to be seen. R. Roffey, 1; S. Radford conductor 2; G. Reading, 3; E. Raddon, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. Allen, 6; T. W. Radford, 7. At the same church on July 19th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples unhappily came to grief after two hours of good ringing. W. W. Thorne, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Hunt, 5; S. Radford, 6; W. A. Cave conductor, 7; E. Raddon, 8. Mr. Cave from Bristol, for whom it was arranged.

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."

EXPLANATORY.

SIR,—I am advised by a friend that what I have published as Richmond Court Minor and Major, comes from St. Simon's Doubles, and upon looking the matter up I find it is about correct. I thought my discovery was too simple not to have been made by others long before, but I overlooked St. Simon's Doubles. These Doubles I may add belong to an even-bell method, and so are now classed out of order by Central Council Regulations. In original form 2nds place is made at treble lead, which I omitted so, in order to put the method in Court form. I don't know if the Major or Minor has previously been published; however this may be, I inadvertently and quite unintentionally brought forward a very old method, as I now see a peal of St. Simon's Triples was rung in the year 1732 upon the bells of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, by the society of College Youths (see Banister page 150). This method is one of the very few that possess a distinguishing feature, and will run upon six, eight, ten, or twelve bells, but I am not its author.

HENRY DAINS.

THE HARLOW SCHEME.

SIR,—Your suggestion in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 7th of last month, on the formation of a "Bell Extension Fund," is an excellent one, and one which ought to attract the attention and sympathy of ringers generally, but I think the success of such a scheme would be greatly influenced by the method adopted for the regulation and management of the Fund, because I fear that until ringers were satisfied as to how their accumulated shillings would be made use of, they would not be willing to part with them.

Supposing a sum of money be subscribed directly to the churchwardens of Harlow, which might be considered enough to provide a ring of bells and to leave a small surplus, would it not be likely that the eyes of the wardens might grow larger and discover cracks in the tower, or that just this or that must be done for the comfort of the ringers or the ears of the people, which would have a very marked effect on the surplus which might be, or leave nothing with which to help other belfries?

Could not such a fund be under the management of the Central Council, or under a committee formed of the Hon. Secretaries of the various associations, through whom applications for help should be made by the wardens of the churches trying to bring about reform in their belfries in the way of repairs and change-ringing.

We who are forming in Luton a company of ringers, feel a great interest in this suggested "Bell Extension Fund," because we are trying to learn change-ringing, and both for ringing purposes, and the object of safety to have the bells re-hung and the frame repaired. We have great difficulties to overcome, and the greatest is the cost of these repairs, because the wardens have already great expenses going on in the repair of the fabric of the nave, and it is evident we shall have to help ourselves.

It is just a belfry like ours, which is in its infancy of reform,

that deserves all the help possible. Surely there is no other belfry more deserving of outside help, such as a "bell extension fund"! We are in touch with the Bedfordshire Association, and no one knows better than they do the state of our belfry.

We would be glad to subscribe our shillings yearly to such a fund, which all ringers, I imagine, would be willing to do, as well as the subscription to our present association when qualified.

To be practical, I can say that each member of our local company will subscribe their shilling to the Harlow bells when the "Bell Extension Fund" has commenced to exist.

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In reply to William Willson's lame apology;
It would have been wiser had he not written;
He is wanting in knowledge of Campanology,
Or he would have burned his latest edition.

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Friend William if a method is not "Surprise"
(Allow me to say) it has no right to the title,
And the error introduced, I surmise
Is not owing to G.B., but to Sottanstell.

When a method is simply a spoilt variation
(No matter the name) of another much older and better,
It is lacking in the necessary qualification
To be called a method in spirit and letter.

Methods of a sort there are plenty,
But if weeded out with consistence,
Double W's waggon will be nearly empty,
Of this I will give you an instance.

Leicester Court? Bob Major by William Willson,
Except figures, lacks everything, even symmetry,
METHOD so-called, it should be CONFUSION,
See "BELL NEWS" volume twelve, page seventy.

Symmetry is the one great qualification
For methods "Surprise" or "Plain"
Leads from middle reverse, and places in duplication
Are found in methods worthy the name.

Friend William there will soon be a weeding
Of methods that are of no worth,
Your "BELL NEWS" you cannot have been reading,
In that it was plainly set forth.

The Central Council have the matter in hand,
And methods by the dozen will rove,
But "England" and "Victoria" shall stand
As the work of G. Baker of Hove.

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William Willson from experience we all know well
(It was superfluous indeed to remind us)
That you are a most difficult fellow to quell,
But as before, the Editor will give you your quietus.

[We are afraid this class of rhyme is getting monotonous to say the least.—ED.]

"WHO WAS SYMONDSON?"

SIR,—Seeing in the "BELL NEWS" references to "Who is Symondson," I may state that I had a peal of handbells cast by the same, being a peal of 17 tenor D, and on the tenor was engraved, I believe, "Symondson & Son, Bell Founders, Tottenham Court Road." The bells were left to me by my father and should have been purchased about 1830. Having been cracked a good deal about, I sent them to the Whitechapel Foundry in 1877 for old metal and bought a new peal. Whether they have kept the Bells or copied the inscription I don't know."F.P.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor; and add a treble to make a ring of six.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1900.

THE letter from a correspondent at Luton, to be found in the usual place, compels a further reference being made to what is known as the Harlow bell scheme. It is hardly necessary to recapitulate the full particulars of the object in view, as they have been repeatedly set forth. But the courteous and hopeful letter of our correspondent seems to demand that some further explanation should be made concerning it.

It should be thoroughly understood that so far as the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, is concerned, it has in our eyes no priority for the treatment which is suggested for it. There are possibly other projects equally as important. But the idea once mooted seemed worthy of making an effort at realisation, and the Harlow project being announced at the time, it was adopted for the first trial.

The idea of all the ringers in the Empire supporting

such an undertaking by twelve penny subscriptions is, we know, a novel one. But every reader will be with us when we say it is not an absolute impossibility. Should success attend the movement, it will be regarded as most praiseworthy, to say the least, and the credit and *kudos* which will be conferred on the Exercise will be immense. The *modus operandi* suggested is simple and easy, and we are bound to say, within the means and power of all. To what may be regarded as the principal objection of our correspondent, we say that efficient safeguards would be given that the sums collected would be devoted only to the actual purposes for which the movement was originated, viz.: bellfounders' and bellhangers' charges for casting and hanging. It may be stated that the churchwardens of Harlow have already given an efficient guarantee that any surplus which remained should be handed back to the ringers or their responsible representatives, such for instance as the President or Secretary of the Central Council, who would retain such sum until its uses were determined.

The idea of a "Bell Extension Fund," to be managed by a Committee, would be necessary in the future, if the movement already on the *tapis* receives a full measure of success. But we advocate the present scheme being done on the lines suggested, as a commencement. To wait for the formation of a Committee would be to court delay. The process before us is simple and easy, as we have previously observed. It certainly is not necessary to point out that no fiasco of any sort can happen, at any rate if the directions are attended to. A penny per week for twelve weeks will not put any one to inconvenience, and those who do this will be doing a truly excellent work. The Harlow authorities will doubtless issue some sort of document which will comprise the name of every ringer who gives the small amount of his substance mentioned. Thus they will each receive a souvenir of the circumstance, which in years to come, will no doubt be regarded as a very interesting record. The work is before us all; let us rise to the occasion, and carry it to success with flying colors. Let Harlow be a ringers' victory, nay a conquest, over difficulty, and a presentiment of similar efforts in the future. The work is a religious and sacred one, and its effects upon ringing at large will undoubtedly be beneficial.

The Provinces.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, August 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE 6.
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM .. 2.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 8.
RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS 9.
GEORGE R. PYE 5.	*ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the 30th birthday of C. H. Gillingham, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Sunday, August 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL CORNISH† .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 6.
WILLIAM ROUGHTON* .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal. *First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

*First peal in the method. J. D. Matthews, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Bath.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	EDWIN HIMS 6.
FRANK HOPGOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR EVANS 4.	ERNEST BRUCE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES PARKER .. Treble.	FRANK ROLFE 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 6.
EDGAR RIVERS 3.	CHARLES MEE 7.
HARRY J. MEE 4.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major ever rung on church bells in either Suffolk or Norfolk. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	FRANK BLONDELL .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER 3.	THOMAS ATTWELL .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first in the method by Messrs. Attwell and Ashdown. G. N. Price was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDGAR HICKS Treble.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 6.
GEORGE PERRY 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

EXTON, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND AND MELTON MOWBRAY SOCIETIES.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire, and five 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPIEY* Treble.	WALTER JAMES 4.
JOHN W. BARNES† 2.	CHARLES DALBY 5.
ERNEST J. GALE 3.	R. H. BARTRAM Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rebung by Taylor in 1835, a peal being rung on the same after being rebung by the Stanford band, which unfortunately contained a false method. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. C. Murray Brown for the use of the bells on this occasion.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN HOWES* Treble.	JOHN HACK 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 6.
GEORGE F. HOAD 3.	*THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. The company wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. J. Thornton, for the use of the bells, and Mr. C. E. Read for making arrangements.

DORKING, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HERBERT LANGDON* .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 6.
FRANCIS T. HOAD 3.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. The band wish to thank the Rev. E. A. Chichester for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. E. Dodd for kindly making arrangements.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	FREDERICK DAY 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
The above is the first peal rung on the ten bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, EXMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE 5.
CHARLES CARTER 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD .. 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD† .. 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD* .. 4.	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the treble and 5rd, who belong to the Waterloo Society, London, and were on a visit to Exmouth. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

Handbell Peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, August 2, 1900, in Two Hours Thirty-seven and ½ Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4.	WALTER S. WISE .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires—T. H. Taffender and H. R. Pasmore. This composition was last performed upon handbells at Birmingham, its birthplace. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

Date Touches.

REDDISH (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, July 10th, for practice at the church of St. Elisabeth, a date touch of Bob Minor, being two 720s and a 360 each called differently in 1 hr. 4 mins. †W. Lees, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; T. Smithson, sen, 3; *H. Smith, 4; H. Smithson, 5; *A. Barnes (conductor), 6. *Longest length in the method. †Longest touch in any method. The Rev. A. T. Beeston hails from New Mills.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, July 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Horrex, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; E. Kinsey, 3; W. Underwood, 4; D. Gridley, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. E. Rinsey, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; W. Underwood, 3; J. Horrex, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; D. Gridley (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, July 1st, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Double Oxford Bob (twenty-two singles). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, July 4th, for practice, 720 Stansted New Bob. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 8th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; H. Little, 2; J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Sunday morning, July 15th, for Divine Service, 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). H. Ellis, 1; N. Alderman, 2; G. Hollis, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Nudds, 5; G. Smith

(conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). W. Nudds, 1; G. Hollis, 2; E. Youngs, 3; R. Bevan (conductor), 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith, 6. On Sunday morning, July 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). B. Ellis, 1; G. Hollis (conductor), 2; J. Nixon, 3; N. Alderman, 4; W. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan, 6. For evening service 360 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; G. Hollis, 2; E. Young, 3; N. Alderman, 4; J. Nixon, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6. And a course of Canterbury Pleasure standing as before.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, after service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). E. Bonfield, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; G. Hollis, 3; R. Bevan (conductor), 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, July 2nd, for practice at St. Stephen's church, 336 Bob Major. H. Miles, 1; G. Hollis, 2; E. Nudds, 3; W. Pryor, 4; H. Chandler, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6; W. Nudds, 7; W. Burrows, 8.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 1st, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Saunders, 1; W. Foster, 2; H. Chandler, 3; F. Goddard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; T. Beadle, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; H. Seward, 8. Composed by G. Watson, of St. Leonards-on-Sea.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SELLING (Kent).—Recently for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; E. Bridges, 2; S. R. Garner, 3; A. Charlton, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6; C. F. Turner, 7; G. Pearson, 8. Composed by W. T. Elson, of Fulham. Also a quarter-peal in the same method with C. F. Turner, 5; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 7; the rest as before.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, July 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Besley, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; W. Golding, 3; H. E. Simpson, 4; J. Bottle, 5; G. Ransome, 6; A. Balchin, 7; S. Ladd, 8. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. M. Barton, 1; G. Ransome, 2; H. Tidy, 3; S. Snelling, 4; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 5; R. Staines, 6; W. Tassell, 7; S. Ladd, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 24th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, 504 Bob Triples. R. Roffey, 1; E. Radford, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; G. Reading, 4; J. Hunt, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, July 1st, for Divine Service, a course of Grandsire Caters. Also two courses of Double Norwich Major. E. Radford, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Allen, 4; S. Radford, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; J. Hunt, 7; C. F. Winny (conductor), 8. And four courses of Stedman Caters. E. Radford, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. Allen, 6; C. F. Winny (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. W. Thorne, 9; R. Roffey, 10. On Sunday, July 15th, for Divine Service, 576 Bob Major. F. Wood, 1; E. Radford, 2; E. Allen, 3; G. Reading, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8. Also 1264 in the same method. R. Roffey, 1; J. J. Jones, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; G. Reading, 4; S. Radford, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; D. Hayward (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8. Composed by J. Heathorn. First quarter-peal in the method by R. Roffey, and first with a bob bell by G. Reading.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MENDLESHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service, 240 Grandsire. G. Tyte, 1; B. Keeble, 2; E. Youngs, 3; W. Foster, 4; A. Clemings (conductor), 5. After service 360 Grandsire. G. Tyte, 1; G. Keeble, 2; E. Youngs, 3; W. Foster, 4; B. Keeble (conductor), 5.

WICKHAM SKETH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 26th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Davey, 1; H. Collings, 2; G. Kemp, 3; E. Youngs, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, July 1st, for Divine Service, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. Youngs, 1; A. Symonds, 2; W. Rose, 3; H. Symonds, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. On Saturday, July 7th, 360 of Doubles, St. Simon's, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. W. Rose, 1; E. Youngs, 2; G. Moss, 3; C. Nunn, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 6. G. Moss hails from Harwich.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, July 1st, for Divine Service, 896 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; F. Borrett, 3; F. Munnings, 4; E. Poppy, 6; J. Betts, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On July 5th, 395 Grandsire Caters. A. H. N. Wood

(first touch of Caters), 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; S. J. Cullip, 6; F. Gilbert, 7; C. Chasty, 8; G. Valentine, 9; D. Thompson, 10. Also 336 Bob Major. C. W. Clarke, 1; J. Church, 2; C. Chasty, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; G. Valentine, 6; W. J. Barker, 7; F. Gilbert (conductor), 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; I. Hills, 5; G. Valentine, 6; C. Chasty, 7; D. Thompson, 8. On July 8th, 216 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. J. Barker, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; G. Valentine, 7; A. H. N. Wood, 8. On June 9th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Church, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. J. Barker (conductor), 6. On July 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Valentine, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Webb, 6.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, May 15th, 1008 Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; J. Clark, 8. On Saturday, May 19th, in honour of the relief of Mafeking, 720 Bob Minor. W. Houlden, 1; J. Hilton, 2; E. Houlden, 3; J. Clark, 4; H. Nash, 5; W. Dickinson, 6. On Sunday, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Warrington, 1; J. Hilton, 2; E. Houlden, 3; J. Holmes, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. Clark, 6. On Thursday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Woods, 1; J. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; H. Nash, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; A. Sneath, 8. On Friday, June 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Hilton, 1; J. Green, 2; T. Woods, 3; J. Holmes, 4; H. Nash, 5; W. Dickinson, 6. Also 448 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Warrington, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Hilton, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Houlden, 8. Also 518 in the same method, standing as above. And 336 Grandsire. R. Porter, 1; T. Woods, 2; A. Mackears, 3; T. Tunardine, 4; J. Holmes, 5; J. Hoyes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; H. Nash, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, July 31st, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on the front ten at the parish church, to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mr. Joseph Gillot. S. Wood (conductor), 1; W. Jakeman, 2; J. Booth, 3; B. Gill, 4; S. Booth, 5; J. Leigh, 6; A. Adams, 7; J. Gillot, 8; W. Jakeman, 9; B. Thorpe, 10. The ringers wished Mr. Gillot many happy returns of the day. This touch should have been rung on the back ten, but the tenor is almost unringable.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, June 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. S. Churton, 1; T. Austin, 2; A. Brindley, 3; J. Steele, 4; T. Mountford, 5; A. Clewes, 6; H. Page (conductor), 7; T. Rose, 8.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Thursday, July 12th, at the church of St. Giles, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; E. Yates, 4; H. Sear, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6. *First with a bob bell, and hails from Bletchley. E. Reader hails from Stockport.

THETFORD (Norfolk).—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Carter, 1; J. Robbins, 2; J. Grinling, 3; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 4; E. Hunt, 5; W. Everett, 6; C. Carter, 7; J. Deek, 8. For practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original was attempted by the same band standing as before, but after ringing over 1200 changes it came to grief owing to the breaking of the 7th rope.

During the thunderstorm of Sunday evening, the famous tower of St. Botolph's Church, Boston, was struck by lightning, a pinnacle falling a distance of nearly 300 ft. into the church below. The Dead March in *Saul*, in memory of the late Duke of Edinburgh, was being played at the time, and the congregation was standing. A scene of indescribable confusion followed; women screamed and fainted; the organ ceased playing, and many ran hatless through the various exits. The clergy remained at their posts, and attempted to restore order. The pinnacle fell close to the font, but no one was injured. Two minutes later the spot would have been crowded with the outgoing congregation, and many must have been killed. The tower of the parish church, which was anciently a lighthouse, was struck by lightning thirteen years ago.

Ringers' Outings.

THE REIGATE SOCIETY.—On Monday, July 23rd, the above Society had their Annual Outing, the place this year being Hastings. Leaving Redhill by excursion train, Hastings was reached about 10 a.m. On arrival, after partaking of slight refreshments, a move was made for Christ Church, Blacklands, where we were met by Mr. J. Livermore, of the local band, who conducted us to the belfry, where we found a splendid peal of eight, which, being raised, were soon going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, a touch of each being successfully brought round. The bells were then lowered in peal, and a move again for refreshments (which, owing to the excessive heat, were frequently needed). The inner man having been thus satisfied, some of the party made their way to the sea front, while others went to St. Clement's church, where there are eight steel bells, and having found the steeple keeper, Mr. Stapley, who kindly obtained permission for us to have a pull, we at once proceeded to the tower, but as only six of our party had turned up, we had to be content with Minor, and as Mr. Stapley informed us that a 720 had never been rung on them (the previous longest touch being 504 Grandsire Triples) we decided to have a go for it, and 720 Bob Minor was brought round at the first attempt, but as the bells went like houses, this was thought to be sufficient at this tower. So, after refreshing ourselves again, we proceeded to All Saints' Church, where there is a ring of five, and having obtained permission to ring, a 6 score each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, which concluded the day's ringing. Permission had been obtained for a pull at Christ Church, St. Leonard's, in the evening, but owing to a misunderstanding, we thought our train did not stop at St. Leonard's, and we had not time to walk back to Hastings, so we had to abandon the idea. So after a little sea-breeze and a motor ride, train time arrived, reaching Redhill about 9.30, having one and all spent a very enjoyable day. The following is an account of the ringing done: At Christ Church, 252 Stedman Triples. F. Lenter, 1; G. Thompson, 2; F. Hoad, junr., 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. Argent, 5; G. Hoad, 6; H. Reeves (conductor), 7; J. Howard, 8. And 336 Bob Major. H. Ewins, 1; G. Thompson, 2; J. Livermore, 3; J. Ansell, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. Hoad, jun., 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 378 Grandsire Triples. H. Ewins, 1; G. Thompson, 2; J. Livermore, 3; G. Hoad (conductor), 4; T. Brown, 5; J. Ansell, 6; H. Reeves, 7; F. Hoad, jun., 8. At St. Clement's, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ewins, 1; G. Thompson, 2; J. Livermore, 3; G. Hoad (conductor), 4; T. Brown, 5; J. Ansell, 6; H. Reeves, 7; F. Hoad, jun., 8. At All Saints, 120 Stedman Doubles. H. Reeves (conductor), 1; G. Thompson, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Ewins, 1; H. Reeves, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. Hoad, jun. (conductor), 5. The ringers wish to thank (through the B. N.) the various vicars for the use of the bells, and the steeple keepers for making arrangements for us to ring. H. R.

THE BISHOPWEARMOUTH COMPANY.—On Saturday, July 21st, this company, by the kindness of the churchwardens, had their annual excursion, the place selected this year being Ripon. The party left Sunderland by the 7.27 train, arriving at their destination at 9.40, the journey being enlivened by touches on the handbells. Proceeding to the pretty little village of Sharow, they were met by Mr. Walter Pick, who had everything in readiness for a ring on this musical ring of eight, which was soon in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major, after which the bells were lowered in peal. Brakes were waiting at the church gates to take the party to Ripon, where a capital dinner was served at The Black Boy hotel, to which full justice was done by all. After dinner Mr. T. Hudson expressed his pleasure at being able to meet them all that day. He regretted that owing to ill-health he had not able to ring with them as much as he would have liked during the past year, but he was glad to say his health had very much improved, and he hoped to be with them more in future. He also said how glad he was to see Mr. Walter Pick with them that day. With his usual kindness he had done everything he could to make the outing a success. He proposed Mr. Pick's health, which was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Pick made a suitable reply. Mr. W.

T. Robson, in proposing "The Health of Mr. T. Hudson," said it was a great pleasure to him to see Mr. Hudson in such good health, and hoped he would long be spared to be their leader. The brakes were again waiting to convey the ringers to Studley Park, which was soon reached after a pleasant ride through some very pretty scenery. On arrival at Fountains Abbey the handbells were again brought into use, and a few short touches were rung in the crypt. After a very enjoyable afternoon in the grounds, and tea at The Black Bull, Ripon Cathedral was visited, and several touches were rung, in which Mr. Walter Pick and Mr. Strodder (of Ripon) took part. A look round the city, and the party entrained for home, which was reached about 11.0, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Dean of Ripon and the authorities of Sharow church for the use of the bells; to the churchwardens of Bishopwearmouth for providing the outing, and to Mr. Pick for the trouble he took to make it a success.

THE WORTLEY SOCIETY.—The ringers, choir and Sunday School ringers of St. Leonard's church, Wortley, had their annual trip on July 9th, to Scarborough, where they arrived at 10.45 a.m. The first thing to do was to obtain permission to ring at the parish church, which the Bishop readily accorded. We were soon in the tower, and the bells were raised in peal, the treble being without a stay. The bells were rung round, and an attempt made for a 700 of Plain Bob, but an 18-score was found sufficient owing to the bad go of the tenor. After a plain course of Treble Bob the bells were lowered, and the company repaired to a cafe to allay their abnormal appetites, which was effected by doing ample justice to roast beef, hot pies, vegetables, and good old John Barleycorn. A course of Bob Major was rung in the tower on handbells. We started for home at 7.5 p.m., arriving at Wortley at 1.30 p.m., pleased with the outing. We wish to thank the Bishop, through the medium of this journal, for granting us the use of the bells. M.

THE HEAVITREE SOCIETY.—This society had their second annual outing on Saturday, July 14th. Leaving Exeter 7.35 a.m., the party, numbering twenty, arrived at Axminster at 9. Making straight for the handsome central tower of St. Mary's Church several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the fine bells contained therein. At noon the party adjourned to The Westera hotel, where Host Morgan had prepared a substantial lunch, to which the members, presided over by the Vicar and Mr. R. N. G. Baker, did ample justice. A move was afterwards made for the station, and Colyton reached just after two, where about an hour's ringing on the fine peal of six in St. Andrew's tower was indulged in. Four o'clock found the party at Seaton, and shortly afterwards they all sat down to a good tea in the Beach Pavilion, the fruit and cream being much appreciated. The visitors then dispersed to enjoy themselves as they were most inclined, some strolling over the cliffs to the pretty village of Beer, returning by boat, the landing from which, owing to the heavy ground swell, caused some amusement. The weather was beautifully fine, the day was greatly enjoyed, and the few hours by the sea in the cool of the evening was much appreciated after ringing earlier in the day. The ordinary ringing members were very much gratified by the support of the honorary members, eight of whom accompanied the party. All arrived at Exeter in time to catch the last tram to Heavitree thoroughly well pleased with their day's outing.

NOTICE.

The opening of the ring of five bells at Little Glemham, Suffolk, will take place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 11 a.m. Lunch for ringers at the Hall at one o'clock.

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, to-day, Saturday, August 11th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held to-day, Saturday, August 11, at The Gardeners' Arms, Shelley. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. WALTER IDLE, 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. *Secretary.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—A special meeting will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, August 15th, when it is hoped that as many members as possible will put in an appearance for the discussion of a very serious question regarding the Society.

W. H. WEBBER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, on Saturday, August 18th. Tower will be open for ringing from 12 noon till 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30. Committee meeting after tea. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid. Members intending to be present at tea must let me know on or before Wednesday, the 15th August.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., on the 25th inst., by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, by which time the Hon. Secretary hopes to receive the few outstanding subscriptions. Arrangements are in progress for holding the annual meeting at All Saints' church, Fulham, full particulars of which will be announced later.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek, on Saturday, August 18th. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. T. Turner, 8, Jubilee Terrace, Leek.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 4 o p.m. Business meeting at 7 o p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Woodlesford (6 bells), on Saturday, August 28th. Meeting house The White Hart hotel. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers and friends are welcome.

HY. GAYTHORPE, 1, Elm Avenue, Bramley. *Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WHITECHAPEL.—The company who rang this, thank Mr. Rowbotham and others who so kindly umpired in previous

attempts; Mr. Cockerill for his kind hospitality and readiness to ring the tenors on the tropical nights when two of the band went to sleep about the neighbourhood of the back change. It is the fiftieth peal rung by H. P. Harman, which are as follows: Grandsire Triples, 11, conducted 7; Stedman Triples (tower bells), 9, conducted 1; (handbells), 2; Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7, conducted 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Minor (seven methods), 1; total, 50; conducted 10.

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM.—By previous arrangements the Sproughton company paid a visit to Debenham on Monday, August 6th, and were welcomed by the Debenham company. The bells were found in capital going order, and a start was soon made for New Cambridge Surprise, which was successfully accomplished in 3 hrs. 2 mins., being the first peal of Cambridge ever rang in the Norwich diocese on church bells. It might be mentioned that the Sproughton company is only a young body. It is not two years since some of the members began to pull a bell, and rarely a chance have they had of practice on eight bells as there is only a peal of six at Sproughton. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Grimes and all the members of the Debenham company for helping to make their visit so pleasant.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE CATHEDRAL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Wednesday, August 1st, 1900, a quarter peal of Stedman triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. E. W. J. Lincoln (one of the ringers of the above cathedral), who was called to his rest on Tuesday, July 24th, after a long and painful illness. W. Holmes, 1; R. S. Story, 2; E. Ferry, 3; H. D. Dall, 4; J. E. R. Keen, 5; S. O. Ferry, 6; R. Richards (conductor), 7; R. Simm, 8. Tenor 37 cwt., 3 qrs., 16 lbs. It was arranged to ring Stedman Caters, but owing to a stupid blunder only nine men turned up. E.F.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WEST RETFORD.—On Wednesday, June 20th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Phillips, 1; J. W. Metcalfe, 2; G. R. Winter (conductor), 3; C. Metcalfe, 4; H. Blagg, 5; H. Hurst, 6. On Wednesday, June 27th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Phillips, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; D. Blagg, 3; C. Metcalfe, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; H. Hurst, 6. Messrs. H. and A. Blagg belong to Ordsall; G. R. Winter to East Retford. The others are members of a new company formed at this church to replace a "stone" band, and these are the first 720s rung by them. A few months ago they knew nothing whatever of ringing.

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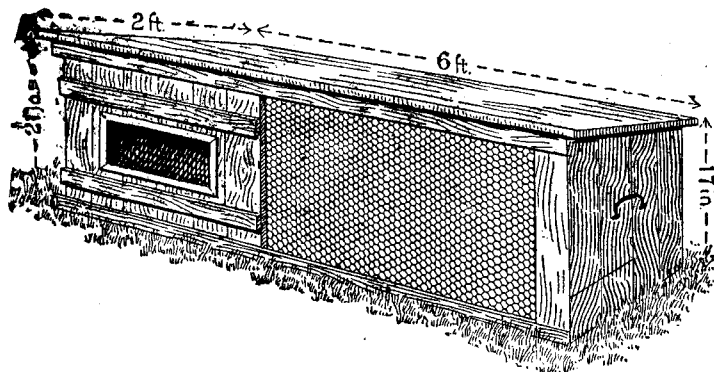
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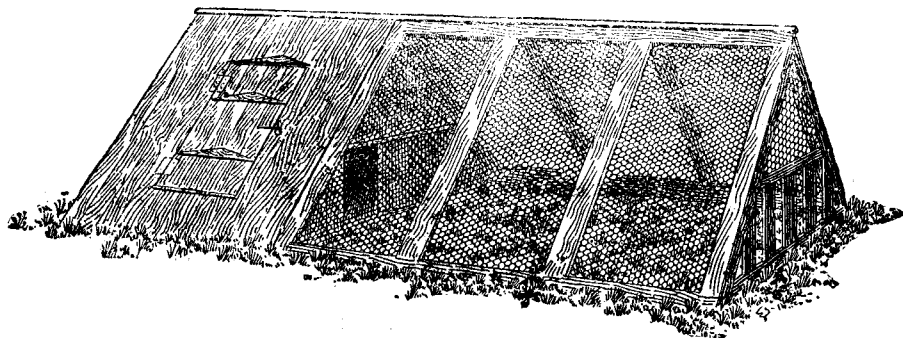
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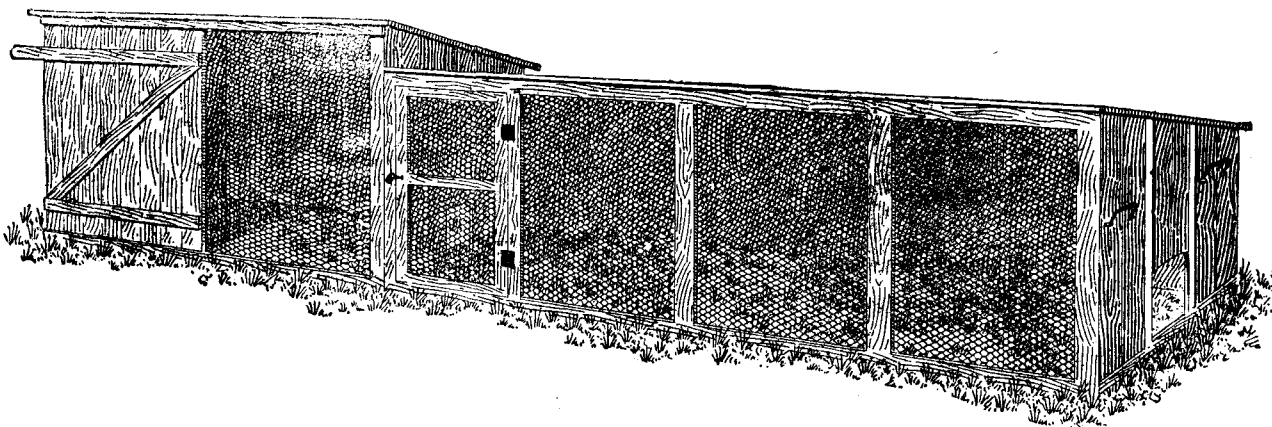
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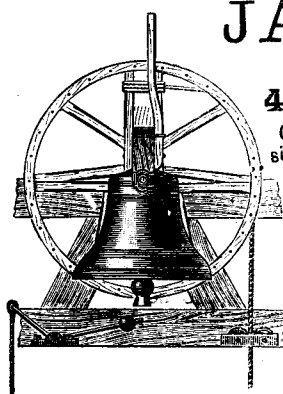
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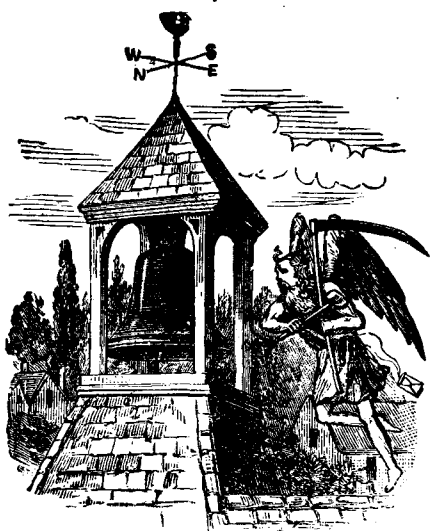
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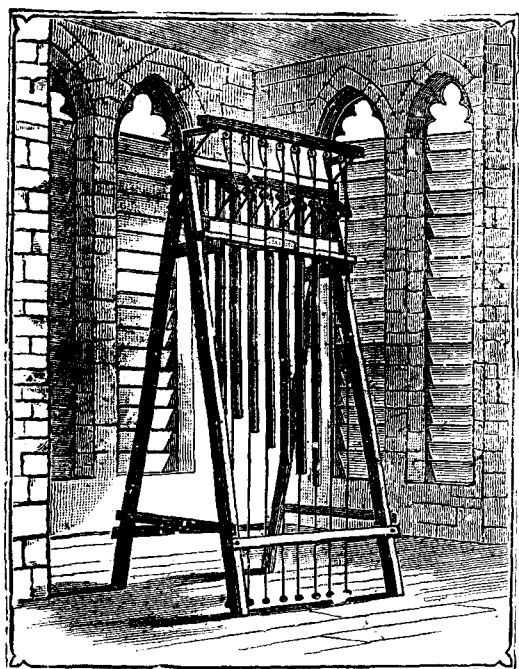
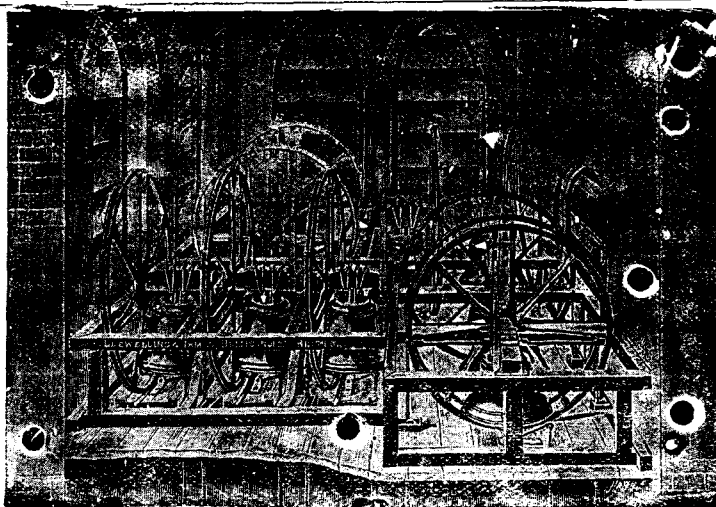
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RESTORATION OF BELLS AT BROADWOODWIDGER, DEVON.

Some time ago the chancel and the chapel beside it of Broadwoodwidge Parish Church were retiled with encaustic tiles, through the generosity mainly of Mr. Luxmore and Mr. J. Hargrave, and a considerable improvement thereby effected. This has been followed quite recently by the restoration of the light ring of five bells hung in the picturesque old tower. The bells, four of which belong to the ring cast by Pennington in 1775, while one, the third, was recast by Warner in 1872, have been placed in a new oak cage, and provided with new accessories of every description. The cage rests on new beams, and underneath it a floor has been constructed. Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, the well-known bellhanger, was entrusted with the bell restoration, and, as usual, he carried out his contract in a most satisfactory manner. The timber for the beams was given by Mr. F. Bradshaw and Mr. J. Hargrave. The cost incurred in connexion with the rest of the work and for material and labour amounted to about £85, which will be defrayed by parishioners and friends.

The dedication to God's service of the improved chancel and side chapel and ring of bells took place on Wednesday, and was the occasion of much rejoicing in the parish. The programme of proceedings opened with luncheon at 1 o'clock in the infants' schoolroom, near the church. All the comestibles were provided by parishioners and friends, and the numerous company attending were most assiduously cared for by Mrs. Taylor, the Misses Bailey (2), Jackman (2), Walter (2), Rockey, Hill, Martin, and Symonds. About the same time a sale of work was commenced in a neighbouring building, under the direction of the Misses Carlyon, Hill, and Rockey. At half past 3, a special dedication service was held, and was attended by a crowded congregation. The Rev. C. E. Fripp, of Treneglos, intoned the service as well as read the first lesson; the Rev. T. J. Nunns, the second; the Rev. Canon Townsend, Lezant, conducted the dedicatory portion of the service; and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, who is President of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, preached the sermon. He took for his text the 9th verse of the 29th chapter of the First Book of Chronicles, "Then the people rejoiced for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord, and David, the King, also rejoiced with great joy." He remarked that these words seemed to represent the congregation's feelings that day, because surely their hearts were glad at having been able to bring to a successful completion certain work connected with the parish church. It was true that the bells and bell chambers of churches were out of

sight, and, therefore, might be forgotten while the rest of the building might be well cared for; but throughout the length and breadth of the country people were awakening to the fact that bells and bell chambers should be as well cared for as any other part of the sacred building. The work in this instance must have been undertaken willingly, or the people could not have done it. And there also must have been unity. He had been looking at some accounts which showed that the original peal of five bells was placed in the tower as a united offering from the whole parish, so that in willingness and unity the parishioners of to-day had been repeating the example of those who had gone before. The ringing of bells according to scale could not be traced back beyond the 16th or 17th century, and was essentially an English custom. He pointed out that the ringing or chiming of bells for service was a message to all to assemble for worship; that the office of the ringer was a sacred one quite as much as that of the choir who led the praises; that the ringing must be of the very best, and done with willingness and unity; and that they should ring on Sundays as well as on week days, and join in worship with the congregation. The other surpliced clergy present besides those above mentioned and the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Blackwood-Price), included the Revs. H. G. O. Kendall (Launceston), M. R. Butter (Virginstowe), and Fuller Maitland (Kelly). Shortly after service, tea took place in the infants' schoolroom, and Mrs. Ward, the Misses Symonds, Bailey, Martin, Jackman and Walter, who presided or assisted at the tables, had a very busy time in serving the very large company which attended, and which filled the building several times over. The Broadwoodwidge band put in an appearance and played selections. Further variety was afforded by sports in a convenient field.

The bells were rung from well-nigh early morn to dewy eve, for besides the Broadwoodwidge band (who handled the peal very smartly) there were parties from Ashwater, Bratton Clovelly, and the Three Towns. The band from the latter centre comprised Messrs. E. Taylor (leader), W. H. Marsh, C. Legg, H. Myers, and T. Hopley, who attended as representatives of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, and who, joined by the Rev. Maitland Kelly and Mr. A. W. Searle, of Exeter, gave an exhibition of scientific ringing in the Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman methods. The bells went perfectly, and some of the round ringers expressed their astonishment on realising the ease with which bells properly hung can be manipulated. The weather was fine, and the day was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the parish. A collection at the church and the profits on the luncheon, tea, and sale of work were all for the restoration fund; and as about £63 had been received or promised up to Wednesday, it is hoped that the proceeds will make a sufficient sum to liquidate the balance between that and the cost of the work, and warrant an effort being made to add a new treble and make the peal a pretty one of six bells.

THE PASSING BELL.

By the REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Before replying to Mr. Daniell's invitation to discuss this custom, I feel an apology is due to him for the somewhat abrupt interruption of my remarks on his previous series of articles. It was caused by my missing several numbers of "BELL NEWS" in succession, my movements being uncertain just at that time. I hope, however, that the delay has not been altogether a loss, as I have used the intervening time in accumulating facts about certain ringing customs, which I hope soon to be able to summarise.

But here I should like to remark how important it is that records should be systematically collected all over the country as to ringing customs, if they are not to be—as will speedily be the case—entirely devoted to oblivion. The systematic spread of scientific ringing has destroyed many old customs; but the chief cause has been the happy multiplication of services of late years. It is obvious that when a bell is being rung for an existing service, it is inconvenient to keep up a custom of ringing a bell for a service long since disused. The confusion that would result has naturally caused in most cases the prohibition of any ringing (except practices) unless for an actual service.

The existing associations of Change Ringers could well take up this work, by appointing one or two members to collect information in their neighbourhood. It will be found that most of the few remaining customs have lingered on in the smaller villages, where there are fewer people to be annoyed by frequent ringing, and fewer bells, and therefore ringers who use those bells for practice.

To return to the "passing" bell. Has Mr. Daniell any evidence as to the meaning of that term, as at present accepted, being the correct one? Writing as I am, away from my books, and recovering from illness, I am not in a position to verify my statements: but I have a strong suspicion that "passing" in old English, meant not the passing from life to death, but the passing of the soul *after* death to its resting place.

According to Catholic belief, when a soul dies—i.e. leaves the body—it passes first of all to the "particular judgment": this decides whether it is destined for eternal bliss or eternal woe; if the former, it goes through a longer or shorter purification in purgatory in preparation for Heaven, into which it then passes, awaiting its consummation of bliss when "clothed upon" with the risen body at the Last Day. Those who are lost at the "particular judgment" pass to a foretaste of the fate which awaits them at the Last Day and General Judgment.

This short incursion into theology has been necessary to show that in pre-Reformation times the most critical moment of a man's existence was considered to be the time immediately after death, when the "particular judgment" is being decided over the soul. The "passing" bell would thus be rung after death as the most natural call to the faithful to pray for one now "passing" through the judgment. If a bell ever were rung before a man were dead it would be a call to the dying man himself to make his

peace with God, that, dying in a state of grace, he might be among those called through purgatory to Heaven. This is professedly the reason for Robert Dowe's bell.

Now when men wished to discourage prayers for the dead, they no doubt found it difficult to do away with the passing bell, and thus tried to alter the reason for its being rung; asserting that it should be for asking men's prayers for the dying, rather than the dead. This would explain the words in Robert Dowe's exhortation "a passing bell, as used to be tolled for those that are at the point of death." For so early as 1605 one cannot see any reason why such a custom should have been discontinued, if it has ever had any actual existence.

In conclusion, let us note the actual way the bell is rung. At my native village, Mountsorrel, in Leicestershire, the ordinary custom was followed. As soon as possible after death, the sexton would chime each bell in turn, going from treble to tenor 3 times. If a child, he chimed one stroke each time: if a woman two: if a man three—so that (as we all know) on each bell there would be nine "tellers" for a man. Afterwards the tenor was knolled: knolling means swinging the bell as for chiming, but only jerking it to produce a sound every third or fourth swing. This went on for an hour in my father's time: he got it reduced to half-an-hour. His successor has further reduced it to a quarter. In conclusion, the bell would be chimed the number of years of the deceased's life. At the funeral the bell was knolled for half-an-hour.

A point to be noticed is, that if anyone died towards evening or in the night, the passing bell was not rung till 8 a.m. the next day. This I think is a trace of its being formerly the bell for the requiem mass. But in Leicester itself I find the custom is only to ring at 9 p.m. on the day of the death, and to pull the next heaviest bell to the tenor up. This would seem to be for the Dirge, or Night Office said the night after death. (Called the *Dirge* or *Dirige*, because the anthem with which Matins then began, commenced *Dirige Domine Deus*.)

Now in the parish where I am writing this—viz. Lindridge, in the County of Worcestershire, in the Diocese of Hereford—it is the custom to ring at 7.30 a.m. on the morning of a funeral if the deceased is an adult; and if he be a person of importance, every morning between the death and the funeral. Now every person would naturally have a requiem on the day of death; and the more important persons, requiems on the intervening days.

For the funeral the bell is knolled as usual, but when the funeral came in sight, the tenor was raised, rung, and lowered as for an ordinary service. The tenor was also rung up in the same way immediately after the funeral. But a few years ago, I am told, a certain "Canon from Oxford" came over, and hearing this done, suggested that it would be "nicer" if the bells were chimed instead. So now the 3 ringable bells are chimed immediately before and after a funeral for a few minutes. So easily are old customs destroyed or changed! I understand that at Eccleshall, in Staffordshire, and other places, there is a custom of ringing a merry peal after a funeral.

I should suppose that these three different ringings on the day of the burial were originally for (1) The Requiem Mass, (2) The Burial Ceremony, (3) Vespers of the Dead afterwards. But in this as other matters, our data are so few, that one can but make more or less unsafe conjectures.

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The chairman in his opening remarks, spoke of the great number of years that Mr. Page had been devoted to the ringing, having been with them eighteen years, and during that time things had gone on most satisfactorily, and he was pleased to think that as a body of ringers they were second to none in the district, and he hoped Mr. Page would long live to enjoy these presents, and also come amongst them occasionally.

Mr. Page in rising to respond, said it had come upon him so unexpectedly, that he was really at a loss what to say, but he thanked them one and all who had so kindly subscribed towards this, and said it was not for their intrinsic worth he should value them, but more for the kindly feelings that had prompted them to do it, for it showed they had appreciated his services since he had been amongst them, though it had always been a pleasure to him to do what he had done. They had always got on equally as well with their new leader, Mr. Churton. What they had presented to him that night would often remind him of the many happy hours that they had spent together, and he trusted they would spend many more, for though he was leaving them on account of the great tie it was on his time, he had no doubt he should find time occasionally to come and have a pull with them.

Mr. Churton having apologised for the absence of the Rector, who was away on his holidays, after a few remarks from Mr. F. R. Williams, the people's warden, the meeting terminated.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

A very successful evening was held at Thornbury, on the 11th inst., at which about 25 members were present. Short service was held at the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. A. W. Cornwall, Vicar, the Rev. J. E. H. Williams, Curate, and the Rev. H. C. Courtney, (St. Stephen's, Bristol).

A tea was partaken of at the Castle Coffee Tavern after service, to which 18 sat down, followed by a business meeting, presided over by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower. Dursley was decided on for the next place of meeting, on September 8th. The Rev. F. E. H. Williams was elected a member of the Association. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. W. Cornwall for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells, to which the Rev. J. E. H. Williams responded. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Forward and Kent Treble Bob were rang on the bells.

C. H. G.

The Bishop of Liverpool, acknowledging an address of welcome from the Liverpool Wesleyan Methodist Council, says:—"I know the happy relations which existed between my predecessor, Bishop Ryle, and the Wesleyan Church, and trust the same sense of brotherhood in Christ will be not less strongly felt in the future. The Church of Christ must close its ranks, and be at peace within itself, if it is to make any impression upon the appalling mass of sin and indifference by which it is surrounded."

NEW CANONS FOR PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

Two vacant honorary canon stalls at Peterborough Cathedral, caused by the deaths of the Rev. Canon Hull, formerly rural dean of Northampton, have been filled by the appointment of the Rev. G. W. Paul, M.A., vicar of Finedon, and the Rev. F. G. Hodgson, M.A., rector of Aldwinckle. The Rev. Canon Cruttwell has been appointed examining chaplain to the Bishop of Peterborough in the room of the late Canon Yates. The honour is well deserved in both instances, and will give general satisfaction in the diocese. Mr. Paul has been vicar of Finedon since 1848, having been ordained a priest in 1845. Mr. Hodgson has been rector of Aldwinckle since 1891, having been ordained in 1868.

LATE NOTICE.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Usual arrangements. *Wellingborough.* E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

MARDEN (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 27th, before Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 28 mins. J. Austin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Another 720 in the same method (nine bobs and six singles) in 27½ mins., conducted by F. Sharp, standing as before.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Monday, July 9th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. Horton, 1; J. Hickman, 2; R. H. Cobbin, 3; J. Woolley, 4; J. Hayes, 5; S. Wesley, 6; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 7; T. Savage, 8.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, August 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 30 mins. H. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; H. Price, 3; J. Smith, 4; R. Round (conductor), 5; C. Rollinson, 6; J. W. Smith, 7; C. Smith, 8. On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 29 mins. H. Smith, 1; H. Price, 2; J. Prestidge, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Talbot (conductor), 5; C. Rollinson, 6; J. W. Smith, 7; F. Houghton, 8. On Sunday evening, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Smith, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; J. Prestidge, 3; R. Round, 4; H. Price, 5; C. Rollinson, 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Smith, 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Saxe Coburg.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, July 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Ringer, 3; W. Hensley, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 14th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woods, 5; R. Haylett (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, 600 Bob Minor. J. Tite, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE (Norfolk).—On a recent Sunday, six members of the Quidenham company paid a visit to this place, and rung for morning service 720 Bob Minor, and 720 in the same method for evening service, and other short touches during intervals between the services. The visitors were kindly entertained at dinner by the Rev. W. Pitt, for which they return their sincere thanks. The following took part in the ringing: E. G. Kemp, J. Sage, W. Ringer, R. Haylett (conductor), W. Killington, J. Woods.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples, and 128 Grandsire Major. D. Chapman, 1; S. Pitt, 2; J. Appleby, 3; G. Morgan, 4; E. Unitt, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; N. Kibble, 8. On June 26th, 896 Grandsire Triples. S. Pitt, 1; D. Chapman, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Adams, 4; N. Kibble, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; E. Unitt, 7; J. Lowe, 8.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 1st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob. W. Pannell, 1; W. Steggall, 2; F. Side, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; H. Kilby, 5; A. Tennant, 6. *First 720.

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"WANDERER" IN THE MIDLANDS. (WHISTON.)

Having settled myself at the small temperance hotel in Castle Ashby, I proceeded to look round the pretty neighbourhood to which I had been recommended to come and recruit my health. The quaint low houses with their neatly kept gardens, now radiant with flowers, looked cool and tempting, and as I passed up the village street to the great house of the place—one of the seats of the Marquis of Northampton—the sound of distant bells caught my ear. They were peculiarly sweet, and I determined to make a closer acquaintance with the village to which they belonged.

Accordingly the next morning I strolled down the avenue leading from the village, and having walked half a mile, found myself at the foot of a winding hill. I slowly wended my way up, and soon perceived, half hidden by trees, the tower of a lovely church. Following the footpath, I soon reached the beautiful building, which stands on a hill, commanding a splendid view of the Nene valley. This church of Whiston, in Northamptonshire, is one of the most perfect specimens of Gothic architecture, and was built very shortly after the Reformation. The carving of the stonework is very fine, and standing in such an elevated position, the church must serve as a landmark for many miles round.

Seeing an old man approaching, I accosted him, and asked if the building were unlocked. He informed me that he would fetch the key, and did so. The church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. The finely stained east and west windows were given in memory of the Lords of the Manor. There are some beautiful monuments, some of them the works of Nollekens, and the reredos of carved oak, representing the Last Supper, by Leonardo da Vinci, must be seen to be appreciated. The figures are exquisitely carved, and this handsome ornament to the chancel was presented some few years ago by the present Rector. The seats are of oak, old-fashioned and few in number—though more than enough for the requirements of the place.

At last leaving the quaint churchyard behind me, I proceeded to the village. This consists of only twelve houses, and with the exception of the rectory—a well-built and comparatively modern residence—they all nestle together at the foot of the hill. The main street is divided by a brook, over which is thrown a small foot-bridge, and on the left is pointed out an old-looking cottage, formerly part of the old castle, and here it is supposed that King John stayed on his way to Lincolnshire: remains of the moat are still to be seen, and the cottage inmates tell many tales of it—in fact, they are chary of sleeping there.

The place strikes one as singularly calm and peaceful, the children looking clean and well-cared for, although owing to the absence of a school they are obliged to walk to the neighbouring village of Castle Ashby every morning to receive their course of instruction. In this charming spot there is no public-house to lure the men from their homes, and one sees them placidly digging in their gardens in the evenings, their wives and children often watching and assisting them. The occupation of the place is purely agricultural, the men working on the two large farms which take in the whole acreage of the village; their wages vary, but are on the whole good, and they have nice gardens in which they grow all their vegetables, fruit, etc., and as the village belongs entirely to one landowner, there is little or no danger of it ever becoming one

of those manufacturing centres so common in the Midland counties of our own country.

Another feature which attracted my attention was the absence of any place of worship except the church. One rarely comes across the tiniest of villages where all the inhabitants are church-going folk; the approach from the village to this sacred edifice is through a stack-yard and then up the steep hill, a small copse with handsome trees on the one hand and green fields on the other, making a charming walk on a hot summer's day.

A curious custom exists in this quaint little place worthy, I think, of notice. A large bell is hung just outside the new rectory, and this is rung every morning at six o'clock that the men may know it is time to commence work; again at one and two o'clock to tell them that the dinner-hour has expired, and yet again at six in the evening when their day's labour ends. I suppose it has been handed down from the days of the curfew.

I learned from one of the villagers that that evening would see the finish of the harvest, and that after the last load had been brought in the farmer would give his men and their wives the annual supper, or "harvest home." Following her advice I wended my way towards the barn where the supper was to be held. The younger members of the village were very busily twining ivy and flowers round the massive beams and making the dark, sombre barn wear quite a festive air. The entrance of a tall handsome man was the signal for a general movement, and on seeing me he at once advanced to invite me to make a closer inspection. After talking for some little time we discovered mutual friends, and I was then pressed to spend the remainder of the day with him.

We sauntered through the garden—a large one with beautiful trees—into the hall, panelled in oak, and thence into the drawing-room, where the fireplace at once attracted my notice. It was of carved oak, the sides finished with antique blue tiles. The house, I was told, was about 500 years old; long and low, thatched with reeds, the ivy which covers the gable making it a charming picture. I spent a most delightful time with its inhabitants, and was much interested in the following story.

The previous year the harvest home had been held in a large brewing house, but owing to an amusing accident the farmer thought it wiser to hold it elsewhere this time. It seems that after supper the company thought a dance would be a pleasant finish; everyone agreed, but there was a slight difficulty as to where the old fiddler should sit to play for them. At last it was decided to place a chair on the top of the old copper and let him sit there. All went merrily; "Up the middle and down again" seemed to make the old feel young again, when suddenly, with a crash and a shout, the dancers stopped to see only the head of the fiddler, who was struggling frantically to extricate himself from the copper into which he had fallen, when the rotten lid gave way. Shrieks of laughter followed when the old man was pulled out caked with grease, the beef for the supper having been boiled there the previous day.

Having viewed the entire spot, and spent a most delightful afternoon with my new friends, whom I must cordially thank for their kindness, and also for assisting me in gathering together the information about this little place, I proceeded to return to Castle Ashby, this time taking the road, and so passed the old clay pit where the children still dig for the treasures supposed to be buried there, and find instead bits of diamond-shaped glass,

which when washed and polished glint with the brilliance of crystal.

Pausing on the top of the hill where the Romans, I was told, used to light their watch fires, I turned to take a last look on the Nene Valley, the shining river reflecting the rays of the setting sun as it wound its way through the meadows, the first tints of autumn just beginning to show in the rapidly turning leaves of the trees, the scarlet berries of the mountain ash making the contrast to the leaves the more striking, and the meadows with their cattle so peacefully grazing gave one a sense of rest not often felt. I wondered that none of the many tourists had noticed this pretty place and turned it into one of the many pleasure haunts of the holiday man, or that artists had not claimed it for their own to revel in the quiet sylvan beauty around.

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."

"OLD NAMES FOR NEW."

SIR,—I beg to ask your indulgence for a few lines in order to conclude my part of the above discussion. I am quite aware of and fully admit the necessity and utility of a high standard for testing the merits of a method, and with all Mr. Baker has stated I agree, but while I agree that establishing or raising the standard renders obsolete pre-existing methods which do not contain the requisite essentials necessary for their retention in the higher class, I do not concede that the name of such method becomes a derelict and the property of any one who re-adopts it.

We live and learn, and this discussion has not been altogether fruitless, for I have gained some experience. I had thought hitherto that the Committee of the Central Council consisted of several persons who would classify the methods. I find from Mr. G. Baker's action and remarks that he has *carte blanche* and full liberty to strip any method of its name and annex it for his own, irrespective of the "committee" and their authority! Following this lead, after the discussion at the last Central Council meeting, anyone is now within his rights in taking the name of "London Surprise" for a new method; perhaps Mr. Baker will again oblige? Although apparently absurd, it is the principle of my Brighton friend. I had also thought that Mr. Baker's services to the Exercise would not carry the right to dictate to the editor as to when he should close my correspondence. When Mr. Baker reads this I think he will agree with me that it is never safe to prophesy unless you know.

I cannot help but think also that it is playing it somewhat low down to bring in a method—compiled by me many years ago—to which I attach neither claim nor value in later years.

While I am not unconscious that there may appear some inconsistency in desiring to retain the shadow while discarding the substance of a method, I am convinced it is the lesser of two evils; for if this transfer of names is indiscriminately allowed, I would "screw my courage up to the sticking point," and meekly ask—"Of what practical value as a history of ringing will existing peal-tablets and peal-books be in the years that are to come?" I set out in this correspondence timidly—even to anonymity—to point out what had escaped notice, *i.e.* that the names of Mr. Baker's methods belonged to existing methods which were composed long before the art of method-building had progressed to the cult of to-day. I contend that any individual is simply overriding the Central Council committee who, by his personal "pushfulness" adopts old names for new. I have now done with the subject.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

THE PASSING BELL.

SIR,—Those of us who see *The Guardian* have been much interested in the two papers written by Mr. Papillon upon bells and their uses: information that was probably new to the great

majority of its readers. Among other things mentioned are the almost innumerable ways in which the bell was tolled in connection with the dead. Mr. Daniell, in his article in last week's issue, has raised a very interesting point. Commenting on Dowe's benefaction to St. Sepulchre's church, he remarks that the official was to give on the handbell twelve solemn tolls, with double strokes, and wonders how this use originated. At the churches of Newton Abbot and Highweek, a bell is thus tolled before a funeral. I may state incidentally that in large tracts of Devon and Cornwall the passing and death bell has entirely fallen into disuse. I think Mr. Daniell's suggestion that the double stroke was a relic of the past when the bell was raised and rung in whole pulls, could not be sustained in the cases I have mentioned, because in both those towers till recently there were no stays, and it would not be very practicable for the sexton to hold the bell so long on the balance. My own opinion for the double stroke is, that with so many bells, unless the clapper is tied, it is practically impossible to make the bell only speak once, and so the double stroke became normal. The ancient custom in many of the parishes in that part of Devon was to toll each bell in succession with a minute's interval before the funeral. With regard to the difference in ringing the passing and the death bell, Mr. Daniell also raises another interesting question. In the churches round Buckingham the bell is tolled for half-an-hour and then raised for a few minutes. This use would fit in with Mr. Daniell's argument. But in the churches round about Leicester a different use prevails. There the bell is tolled for twenty minutes, then raised and rung slowly at irregular intervals for twenty minutes, then lowered and tolled again for twenty minutes. When the order is given, the sexton is ordered to *ring out* the bell, a point which seems to support the language of the canon. In Essex it has been the universal custom where it was possible for the bell to be raised, and rung at slow intervals, but the tolling spoken of in the canon in connection with the passing bell has entirely ceased. Here, when the sexton is communicated with, he is requested to "raise," or "rise," the bell. It is not surprising that in a county so near London, and which had been a stronghold of puritanism, every vestige of the passing bell should be obliterated. Mr. Daniell speaks of the revival of the passing bell as something which should be aimed at, though he acknowledges that it would be surrounded with difficulties, as no doubt it would. But the canon goes on to speak of a bell being used after the burial: "And one other, after the burial." This usage has entirely died out, I think, in Essex, but it survives in some parts of England. Would it not be well to revive this usage? The canon uses the word *peal* in connection both with the death, and before and after the burial. What is a *peal* in this connection?

Great Totham, Essex.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

WAS THERE MORE THAN ONE SYMONDSON?

SIR,—The name of "Symondson," which has been occupying the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" this last few weeks, suggests to me that there must have been more than one. The writer, in last week's issue states that he had a peal of handbells cast by the same, and believes that it was "Symondson and Son, Bell Founders, Tottenham Court Road," engraved on the tenor. I may state that there is a peal of handbells in the possession of St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers, Netherton, which are made mention of in the Recollections of Mr. John Day, "BELL NEWS," September 7th, 1895, Chapter 19. A new peal of sixteen, by Symondson of London, which the writer states were sold to a person at Rowley, and from where the above company purchased them from in the year 1872. The tenor D bears the following inscription: Phillip Symondson, Bell Founder, 30, Clerkenwell Close, London; size 21, and bears the mark H. S. on the crown of each bell. This makes me think there must have been more than one firm.

J. S.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1900.

The Provinces.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SCOTCE Treble.	JAMES MOULTON 5.
HENRY DEW 2.	ARTHUR PRINCE 6.
GILBERT GERRARD 3.	WILLIAM MOULTON 7.
JOHN TOMLINSON 4.	SAMUEL MEADOWS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

This peal was specially arranged for A. Prince, who hails from Wrexham. The bells were rung muffled as a mark of respect for the late Duke of Coburg.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Saturday, August 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor about 26 cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above peal was Johnson's variation of Middleton's First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 9, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ALFRED THOMAS Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	*PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM H. ADKINS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS SHORT 4.	HARRY J. HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman, aged 16.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Thursday, August 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

PHILIP W. DAVIES Treble.	HENRY WITHERS 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 2.	ALBERT WALKER 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 8.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 9.
WILLIAM SHORT 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by F. G. MAY, of Bristol, and
Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th, and twenty-two behind the 8th, and was arranged for Mr. Bennett, of Brighton.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 11, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

F. Bennett hails from Brighton. The above peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place with the 2nd and 3rd never there.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1900, (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL BARKER Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5.
ALFRED MANNING* 2.	STEPHEN BINFIELD 6.
THOMAS RICHARDS* 3.	*SAMUEL GOWER 7.
HERBERT PETTS† 4.	*PHILIP UPTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble is 74 years of age. This makes the third man of that age and over who have rung a 5040 on this peal of bells, viz., J. Laker, who was 75, and James Harrison, aged 74, all belonging to the neighbourhood. W. H. Fussell belongs to Slough.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART (No. 11). Tenor about 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	WILLIAM CLARK 5.
ALFRED DAY 2.	GEORGE ALLDER 6.
HENRY BARNEY 3.	CHARLES CLARKE 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	GEORGE MARTIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Day.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS W. RADFORD .. Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
EDWARD RADDON* 2.	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 4.	HARRY FELLOWES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. THORNE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. It was also W. W. Thorne's 100th peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES CARTER Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 5.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 2.	*JOHN R. SANDOVER 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
THOMAS MUDGE 4.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

READING, BERKS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST BRUCE Treble.	JOHN TUCKER 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung to commemorate the marriage of Mr. Alfred Frederick Gibson, a member of the above Guild, and Miss Lizzie Crutchley, which was solemnised at St. John's, Stourbridge, on that day.

BARLOW MOOR, NEAR DIDSBUY, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE D. WARBURTON* .. Treble.	*TOM MARSHALL 5.
HIRAM MEAKIN* 2.	JAMES S. WILDE 6.
JOSEPH BARLOW* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM GORDON 4.	*PETER BRICKELL Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. This is supposed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

Handbell Peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. W. H. PASMORE, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOHN W. GOLDING .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 3-4.	THOMAS H. TAFENDER .. 7-8.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.
Umpire—Herbert Langdon.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1900, in Two Hours Twenty-four and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. 1-2. | HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4. | WALTER S. WISE .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire—T. H. Taffender. The company wish to thank Mr. Wallace, who heard the last hour of the peal, for allowing them the use of the belfry, and also Mr. Hughes for kindly lending the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, July 14th, at the church of St. Thomas, an attempt was made for a peal in the following methods: 720 Violet, 720 Oxford, 720 College Single, two 720s of Kent, and two 720s of Plain Bob, but it unfortunately came to grief after 720 Violet and 720 Oxford had been rung. J. Fernley, 1; F. Jones, 2; F. T. Spence, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Messrs. Jones and Spence hail from Grappenhall. On Sunday morning, July 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. J. Dean, 1; J. Fernley, 2; S. Rutter, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. In the evening 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; S. Rutter, 6. On Sunday morning, July 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; S. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; J. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Plain Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; A. Fernley, 3; S. Fernley (conductor), 4; J. Dean, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday morning, August 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Dean, 1; J. Fernley, 2; S. Fernley, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; T. Brocklehurst, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. J. S. Wilde hails from Bredbury; T. Brocklehurst farm Hayfield.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Saturday, July 18th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but had to be abandoned after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. owing to a change-course. H. T. Moston, 1; G. D. Warburton, 2; G. R. Newton, 3; S. Fernley, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. Hughes, 6; R. G. Lewis, 7; F. T. Spence (conductor), 8. This is the longest length in the method by all.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, July 8th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; T. Bull, 5; E. Hims, 6; J. Monk, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Thursday, July 19th, as a birthday compliment to H. Brooks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; T. Bull, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Both conducted by J. Monk. First quarter-peal by E. Baker, and first with a bob bell by F. Pounds. On Sunday evening, August 5th, for Divine Service, 896 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk (conductor), 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 1st, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Saunders, 1; W. Foster, 2; H. Chandler, 3; F. Goddard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; T. Beadle, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; A. Sheard, 8. On Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. A. Harding, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; C. Edwards, 5; T. Beadle, 6; H. Browning, 7; H. Seward, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, at Christ church, 720 College Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Burton Treble Bob. J. S. Lomas, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, June 10th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Wells Surprise, standing as above. On Sunday

morning, June 17th, 720 Merchants' Delight. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Woodbine. H. L. Cockroft, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. H. Smith, 4; W. Smith, 5; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 3; J. Shepherd, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Brierley, 6. On Friday, June 22nd, 720 Treton Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first on the bells. On Sunday morning, June 24th, 720 Killamarsh. J. S. Lomas, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bocking Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 4; the rest as before.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, June 30th, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the above Association, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. G. Temple, 1; *W. J. Prescott (conductor), 2; G. Somerville, 3; W. Stokes, 4; E. C. Fricker, 5; J. Bishop, 6; J. Winsor, 7; †E. R. Prescott, 8. †First quarter-peal. *First as conductor.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor with 7-8 covering in 30 mins. T. Dalton (conductor), 1; —. Hough, 2; T. Bannister, 3; W. Sumner, 4; J. Ascroft, 5; W. Walton, 6; W. Walton, 7; Rev. Pearce Knott, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR.—On Tuesday, June 26th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, being ten 6-scores called differently. W. Mytton, 1; T. Williams (conductor), 2; E. Phillips, 3; H. Winter, 4; E. Taylor, 5; T. Mytton, 6. On August 7th, for practice, another quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles. R. Browning, 2; T. Williams (conductor), 5; the rest as before.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH (Devon).—On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Shepherd (conductor), 1; J. Snow, 2; G. Lock, 3; F. J. Shepherd, 4; R. Manley, 5; F. J. Pike, 6; H. T. Burch, 7; A. H. Snow, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Shepherd, 1; H. T. Burch, 2; F. J. Shepherd, 3; G. A. Lock, 4; F. J. Pike, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; A. H. Snow, 7; G. Stocker, 8.

EXETER.—On Thursday, July 19th, at St. David's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd (conductor), 3; F. Davey, 4; T. Mudge, 5; W. Richardson, 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Richards, 8. Also at St. Sidwell's church, 504 Grandsire Caters. E. Searle, 1; W. Drake, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Richardson, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; E. Sargent, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; J. Richards, 10.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 8th, for afternoon service, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the Friendly Societies Hospital Parade, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Pearce, 1; S. Riddle, 2; T. Gould, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; C. Smart, 5; B. Hawkins, 6; J. Bunch, 7; C. Jeffery (first touch of Triples), 8.

SHERE (Surrey).—On Monday, July 16th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Read, 1; H. Garfath, 2; F. A. Barnett, 3; A. Baker, 4; R. White, 5; C. Fry, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Newman, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Harris, 1; W. Read, 2; F. A. Barnett, 3; A. E. Parkin, 4; C. Fry, 5; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; H. Sutton, 7; J. Elcombe, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AMPTHILL (Beds.).—On May 5th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Valentine, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. Chasty, 3; J. Church, 4; F. J. Bird (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; W. J. Barker (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Church, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; G. Valentine, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; A. Robinson, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. J. Bird, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; G. Valentine, 3; J. Church, 4; H. Munday (first 720), 5; A. Robinson, 6.

KEMPSTON (Beds.).—On June 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. A. Smith (conductor), 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; J. Church, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. J. Barker, 6. Also 720 Double Court. F. J. Bird, 1; F. Webb, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. J. Barker, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. J. Bird, 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; H. Toll, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4;

J. A. Smith, 5; W. J. Barker, 6. W. J. Nevard hails from Great Bentley, Essex.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, May 20th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. E. Garrard (conductor), 1; G. R. Fardon, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; H. G. Miles, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8. On Sunday, July 1st, 1260 Grandsire Triples. S. Davie, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; W. S. Pennefather, 3; W. Laurence, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. Fox, 6; A. F. Harris (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8. Composed by J. P. Bradley. On July 15th, 1344 Stedman Triples in 49 mins. W. T. Elson, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; H. G. Miles, 3; S. H. Godfrey, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On Wednesday, July 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court Minor. W. Harvey, 1; W. Bridges, 2; W. Last, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; T. Steward (conductor), 5; J. Souter, 6. On Wednesday, July 11th, 720 Double Court Minor. W. Harvey, 1; W. Bridges, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Moss, 4; T. Steward (conductor), 5; W. Honeywood, 6. Messrs. Ellis and Moss belong to the Harwich company; the rest belong to Mistley.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On June 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Withers, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 10th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Withers, 1; W. Miller (conductor), 2; H. Bottrell, 3; W. Doran, 4; J. Moule, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 12th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, 1; W. Miller, 2; W. Doran, 3; F. Withers, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On June 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrell, 1; J. Moule, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; W. Miller (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bottrell, 1; J. Moule, 2; W. Doran, 3; T. H. Beams (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On June 28th, 720 Victoria Surprise. This has been recorded in the correspondence columns. On July 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Withers, 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; W. Miller, 4; W. Doran, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. The following was accomplished at the annual outing of this branch to Reading and neighbourhood on July 7th and 8th: On the journey down, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, 1-2; J. Moule, 3-4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5-6; C. T. Hopkins, 7-8. A course of Grandsire Caters. W. Keeble, 1-2; J. Moule, 3-4; C. T. Hopkins, 5-6; W. Doran, 7-8; W. Miller, 9-10. At Sonning, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Bottrell, 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Pole Routh, Esq., 5; J. Mardell, 6; W. Doran, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. W. Keeble, 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; F. Withers, 8. At Hurst, 216 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, J. Mardell, H. Bottrell, W. Newell, W. Miller (conductor), W. Keeble. And 312 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, J. Moule, W. Doran, F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor). A 720 of Victoria Surprise. C. T. Hopkins, W. Keeble, J. Moule, J. Mardell, W. Miller (conductor), T. H. Beams. At All Saints, Wokingham, 720 London Surprise. W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Mardell, T. H. Beams. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Dawson, W. Pole Routh, Esq., S. Paice, W. Miller, W. Newell, T. Mower. And 108 Plain Bob and a course of Kent. F. Withers, H. Bottrell, S. Paice, C. T. Hopkins, W. Newell, T. H. Beams. At St. Paul's, Wokingham, 160 Stedman Triples. C. T. Hopkins, W. Miller, J. Mardell, J. Moule, W. Pole Routh, Esq., W. Newell, T. H. Beams, F. Withers. Also 224 Double Norwich and 288 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bottrell, C. T. Hopkins, W. Miller, J. Moule, J. Mardell, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, W. Keeble (conductor). And 112 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, C. T. Hopkins, W. Miller, W. Pole Routh, Esq., H. Bottrell, T. H. Beams, W. Keeble, G. Dawson. At Arborfield, a touch of Plain Bob and Kent, and 720 York Surprise. H. Bottrell, J. Mardell, J. Moule, W. Miller, W. Keeble, T. H. Beams (conductor). At Shinfield, 120 Grandsire Doubles, and 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. T. Hopkins, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, W. Miller, J. Mardell (conductor), W. Keeble. At St. Mary's, Reading, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples. At St. Giles's, Reading, Double Norwich and Grandsire. At St. Peter's, Caversham, Double Norwich and Kent. At St. Laurence's, Reading, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 7th, at St. Mary's church, 360 Doubles, being 120 each of St. Simon's, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. W. Rase, 1; E. Youngs, 2; G. Moss, 3; C. Nunn, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. On handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. W. Rose, 1-2; G. Moss, 3-4; G. E. Symonds, 5-6; C. Nunn, 7-8.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, July 8th, for Divine Service

at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a touch of Bob Major. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; T. Gooderham, 3; F. Moss, 4; A. W. Symonds, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Bumstead (conductor), 7; G. E. Symonds, 8. Also on handbells a course of Grandsire Caters. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; A. W. Symonds, 3-4; G. E. Symonds, 5-6; F. Day, 7-8; G. Moss, 9-10.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSRRINGE.—On Thursday, July 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. E. Pitman, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; A. Hinds, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. Spice, 6; C. F. Turner, 7; G. Johnson, 8.

ERITH.—On Thursday, July 19th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was lost through a change-course. W. E. Pitman, 1; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; J. Garard, 6; —, 7; J. Howe, 8.

HEADCORN.—On Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. P. Hodgkin, 1; R. Edwards, 2; W. E. Pitman, 3; A. Hinds, 4; C. Tribe, 5; C. F. Turner, 6; W. Spice (conductor), 7; G. Johnson, 8.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, July 1st, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Audsley, 1; G. Conyard, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; T. Saxby, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Tuesday evening, July 3rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Barnett, jun., 1; T. Saxby, 2; J. Saxby, 3; G. Conyard, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; J. H. Cheesman (conductor), 6; E. Barnett, sen. 7; H. Audsley, 8. And 392 Grandsire Triples. H. Audsley, 1; J. H. Cheesman, 2; G. Conyard, 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; T. Saxby (conductor), 6; E. Barnett, sen., 7; E. Barnett, jun., 8. Longest length in the method away from the tenor by H. Audsley.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, July 15th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Walker, 1; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 2; M. Broadbent, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; J. Peacock (longest length), 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. And two plain courses, with M. Broadbent, 2; C. Taylor, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Walker, 1; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 2; C. Taylor (first 720), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And 120 Oxford. C. Taylor, 1; W. Walker, 3; others as before.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. Mapp, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; T. Elcox, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; H. Price, 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. C. Rolinson, 1; J. Smith, 2; C. Beaman, 3; W. Bowen, 4; H. Price, 5; J. W. Smith (conductor), 6.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On July 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Thomas, 1; W. Thomas, 2; S. Thomas, 3; R. Clark, 4; J. Burford, 5; A. Harvey, 6; J. Wilkins (conductor), 7; W. Holder, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. J. Thomas, 1; J. Wilkins, 2; S. Thomas, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Burford, 5; C. W. Goodenough, 6; R. Clark (conductor), 7; H. Gully, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Thomas, 1; R. Clark, 2; J. Burford, 3; S. Thomas, 4; F. Phillips, 5; C. W. Goodenough, 6; J. Wilkins, 7; W. Holder, 8. The above touches were rung at the annual outing of the Clifton parish church society. Messrs. Goodenough and Phillips are local men.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Stephen's church, 720 Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Lott, 1; F. Brett, 2; M. Pierce (conductor), 3; C. Luery, 4; E. Foreman, 5; P. Pierce, 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by Messrs. Lott and Luery, and first with a bob bell by E. Foreman. On Thursday, July 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. C. Saxby, 1; M. Pierce (conductor), 2; —, Twyman, 3; J. Fox, 4; C. Luery, 5; F. Brett, 6; P. Pierce, 7; W. Lot, 8.

DARLSTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, June 14th, 503 Grandsire Triples, and three courses of Grandsire Major. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Adams, 4; N. Kibble, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; D. Chapman, 8. On Thursday, June 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor with 7-8 covering in 29 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; D. Chapman, 4; J. A. Brown (conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. Lowe, 7; F. Broadhurst, 8.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, July 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Markwell, 1; W. A. Ives, 2; W. J. Alliss, 3; C. Tyler, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday evening, August 5th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Markwell, 1; W. A. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our friend Mr. Edwin James, the indefatigable Secretary of the Old East Derbyshire Society, tells us in his characteristic vein how the Norton Company spent their annual picnic. About this particular meeting he has not one grumble. No absentees this time; they were all there, "ten smiling faces on pleasure bent." It is quite refreshing to find that our friend—who sometimes writes a very original paragraph or two under the *nom de plume* of "Ex-Q.C."—has no circumstance in connection with this picnic on which to vent his dissatisfaction. I therefore congratulate him heartily; adding a hope that, as long as he fills his present office, those unpleasant incidents which used to crop up and annoy him will occur no more.

Mr. James is an Association Secretary of a most independent character. He is one of those officers who, striving to fulfil their duties well, have very strong opinions about the duties and responsibilities of the members. If the members are advised of a meeting, it is their duty to attend at all hazards, punctually and cheerfully, and support the prestige of their society before the world. Apathy on the part of members of any ringing organization is very little below criminal in their eyes. Better to feel this way than the extreme opposite.

It is rather late in the day, but I cannot pass over the attitude shewn by the new Bishop of Liverpool towards bellringers. The report of the Liverpool Guild meeting is a report to be read twice, or more. If the diocesan Guild executive are awake they will secure a co-operator in their Bishop. Perhaps you may not be aware of the fact that there is at present one bishop on the bench who is a church bell ringer. And I think there is more than one Dean. But you will get all this information when the clergy list comes out. *When?*

The death of the Lord Chief Justice of England came upon us suddenly. He seemed, apparently, to have had years of office before him. His death is one more instance of the great and solemn uncertainty of life. There is one little episode in his career which I may touch upon as appropriate. I think it was in the late seventies when the trial—*Stainbank v. Beckett*—was heard. This was an action brought by the late Mr. Stainbank—of Mears and Stainbank—against the Sir Edmund Beckett of that day—now Lord Grimthorpe. Mr. Stainbank got the verdict; and his leading counsel was Mr. Charles Russell, Q.C.—the late Lord Chief Justice. This trial lasted several days, and was most interesting.

The rhymesters are having quite a beano, as the saying is. Mr. G. Baker, of Brighton, a man great in method-making; and "Double W," are the belligerents. I feel I am treading on delicate ground in alluding to this episode, because the impression prevails with me, somehow, that the first-named gentleman is somewhat impatient of criticism. I have never seen either of the combatants, and so far as I know they have never seen me. Therefore what I say in connection with their latest efforts will be impartial. "Double W," commenced a kind of prose-rhyme; Mr. Baker plagiarised this. Next came *real* poetry; Mr. Baker followed suit (but some way behind). I award the cake and medal for rhyme only to "Double W."

Are there not methods enough and to spare? Surely the manufacture is not to continue for ever. I grant that Mr. Baker and others show great skill and ingenuity, and therefore must be patted on the back for their cleverness. Ringers will ring what methods they please until the end of the chapter; they will listen to no depreciation of a favourite method, not even when objections to it are made by high authority. It is said in fact, though I am unable to vouch for its reality, that in the main many of the newest methods are not so interesting or entertaining to ring as the older ones.

While talking of this, I take the liberty of submitting two methods for the examination and criticism of all

(1)	(2)	method-builders. Will they tell me, please, what methods they are, their names, and probable date of discovery? I have numbered them for purposes of reference, and I hope to goodness neither of them impinge on recent inventions. The appearance of a few figures on this page will be a new departure, you will say. Well, it may be so. But if it is the first time, it is also very likely to be the last. I beg there may be no attempts (successful or otherwise) at rhyme in commenting on these two methods. I apprehend I shall not be wrong in saying they are both Treble Bob. We have not yet, I believe, got to discard that particular definition of all methods where the treble has a dodging hunt. But it is dangerous nowadays to
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make any positive assertion, so I won't insist, but merely suggest that they are what I say.

My concluding paragraph shall be upon a very important subject: the Harlow Peal. This is the fourth week. The first of November is drawing nigh. Recollect the prize that I personally give to the sender whose contribution of twelve penny stamps is first opened by the churchwardens of Harlow on that eventful morning. A fine new peal of twelve handbells! This only will show you the interest I take in the matter. I am not an Essex "calf" by no means, and I am the only member of the staff who has ever been to Harlow. If I was to condescend to the sensational announcements of some of the weekly papers it would be something like this: "Look here! a peal of twelve handbells for a bob! Be in time!" This would be very repugnant to all of us. We have not descended so low. I am having the handbells, made and on the tenor will be engraved the words—

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Ringers' Outings.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On August bank-holiday the Netherton branch of this Association, with their wives and friends, had their annual outing. On arriving at Kidderminster the electric car was called into requisition for Stourport, which was reached about 9.45. The continuous downpour of rain which was to mar the pleasure of the day had already begun to damp, not only the spirits, but the garments. It was our intention to have had a river trip to Holt Fleet, but on making enquiries we were met by disappointing intelligence, viz.: that no boat (either steamer or electric) would run until 3.30 p.m. Returning from the river to our friends, it was "let us go and refresh the inner man, and see what is in store for us." Having partaken of a good meal, the pros and cons were discussed as to what we should do with ourselves the rest of the day. After some looking out of the windows and doors, and shaking heads at the pitiless rain, we resolved to fight our way through it to the church at Areley Kings. Arriving here we found that the Rector—Rev. D. Vaudrey—was away from home. To find any of the local ringers necessitated a mile's walk in the drenching rain. While using the friendly shelter of the church porch, we resolved to brave the damp, and find the ringers, and if possible have a ring. We started off as fast as feet and legs would take us, hunting, dodging, and double-dodging the rain until we got safely into The Squirrels, where, to be consistent, we damped the inside a little, the outside being damped sufficiently already. Some of the local ringers were soon found, and they willingly offered to come down to the church and get it opened. Again having to wait for a considerable time for the rain to cease, we had at last to take to dodging the spots again on our way back to the church. Here our wives and friends, who had been left behind, we found cold, and tired of standing so long. Some of them wended their way to Stourport for a rest, meanwhile some of the party had a pull, full particulars of which will be found elsewhere. The day was wearing on, and we made for our friends at Stourport, and were soon enjoying another good meal. We now decided to wend our way towards home, and getting on the electric car were soon in the carpet-weaving town—Kidderminster—and started from there at 7.51, arriving home about 9 p.m., where the evening was spent in a very jovial manner, and although the weather proved so unfavourable, each one declared that the outing had been thoroughly enjoyed.

J. S.

THE STOWMARKET SOCIETY (SUFFOLK).—On Tuesday, June 26th, this company (accompanied by a few local friends) had their annual outing, the route chosen being Harleston, Redenhall, Pulham, and Diss. The morning was rather dull, but we started from The Fox hotel at 7 o'clock and reached Harleston about 10.30. After partaking of a little refreshment we proceeded to Redenhall, a pretty little village, having a nice tower with a fine ring of eight bells. Some good touches of Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, and a good course each of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major on a very fine old set of handbells, which were placed at our disposal. Then back to Harleston, where we found a splendid hot dinner awaiting us at The Swan, to which great justice was done. Then to Pulham St. Mary, where some ringing was had on a light handy peal of eight, tenor 16 cwt. A very pleasant drive via Dickleborough to Scole, and from thence to Diss, where tea was had at a temperance hotel. Then to St. Mary's tower, where we had some excellent Bob Major. A little refreshment at The Sun, and a trip round the mere while our horses were getting ready, and we had to be on the move. It being practice-night, the local company, as we left the town, favored us with some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich. All agreed that a very enjoyable day had been spent; although dull in the morning it turned out a beautiful day. The company wish to thank the respective Vicars at the different churches for granting permission to ring, and also all those who assisted in any way to make the day a success. The following took part in the day's ringing: Messrs. C. Alderton, F. Allard, C. Souter, W. Souter, G. Melbourne, J. Wade, W. P. Rouse, W. Welham, E. Diaper, J. Souter. The arrangements were made by W. P. Rouse (Hon. Sec.), and proved satisfactory to all concerned.

W. P. R.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—On Saturday, July 14th, this society had its annual outing. The party went to Hull, where they arrived about 10 o'clock, after a very shaky journey. We found our friend C. Jackson—mine host of The Queen—who informed us that day was the first anniversary of the opening of the ring of ten at Holy Trinity church, expressing a wish to call a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. After having had a look over this beautiful church we got into the belfry, and having raised the bells in peal an attempt was made for the quarter-peal, but it was not successful, so a touch of 710 was rung instead. After dinner some went for a trip by steamer on the Humber, whilst others went to All Saints' church, a ring of eight, tenor 15 cwt. erected about two years ago. Here three courses of Double Norwich were rung. In the evening the Sheffield and Hull ringers combined rung touches of Grandsire Caters at Holy Trinity. The following took part in the ringing during the day: C. H. Hattersley, T. Hattersley, W. Lomas, A. Brearley, D. Brearley, John and Joseph Mulligan, S. Seed, W. Burgar, J. Holman, and S. Silvester, with several of their Hull friends. Through the medium of our journal we wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and our Hull friends for their assistance.

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THE HEADINGLEY ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.—In response to a very pressing invitation, eight members of this society visited Shipley on Sunday afternoon, July 27th. Kirkstall station was left in boisterous weather, past the grand old Abbey, and on to Calverley, well known as a very healthy place for ringers. The storm having ceased, rain gave place to sunshine, making the Airedale valley, with its hills and villages, trees and flowers, look very pretty. On arrival at Shipley station the umbrella band were met by the genial Mr. Kendall, and were conducted by him through the village and park to the church. A look round the churchyard and then the tower was visited. The bells are a very handy musical ring of eight, tenor 15 cwt., and go splendidly. For afternoon service the visitors rung 840 of Stedman Triples, and by the wish of some of the local men 420 of Duffield Major. After turning the bells, and chatting with the locals, a decision had to be made as to "where next," when Guiseley was decided on, and a five-mile walk landed us there in time to release the local men from their evening duties, and to perplex both the bells and natives with Grandsire and Stedman Triples instead of the usual Major. Quick arrangements had been made by the locals, and a very good tea was placed before the hungry visitors, to which ample justice was done. Special interest was displayed in the village stocks, remnants of ages past, the delinquents having to sit on the steps of an old cross. Tracks were now made for the station, and after a very pleasant three-mile walk in the cool of the evening through Esholt springs, Apperley Bridge was reached about 8.30; here all booked for home, each one pleased with the afternoon's outing, and they wish to thank the clergy for the use of their bells and the local men for their kindness. The members who took part were J. Whitaker, F. Blaketh, T. Flint, W. Wood, B. Shaw, A. Haste, H. Lindsay, and H. Williams.

H. W.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, ANSTON, YORKS.—On Tuesday, July 24th, this band went to Bolsterstone and Wortley, the first-place first. The sexton being found, the grand ring of eight, by Taylor, were soon raised, and a touch of New London Pleasure rung on the back six. Lowering the bells, we thanked the Vicar, the rev. gentleman giving us an historical address on Bolsterstone, explaining how it got its name; the old stocks and bull-and-bear baiting ring; part of an old arch and doorway, which can be traced back as far as 1660; and other interesting items. Arriving at Wortley another musical ring of eight, by Warner, was raised, and a 720 of Duke of York was rung, when another ringer came in from the Sheffield parish church, an old Anstonian, who rang in the first 720 ever rung by Anston ringers. A 720 of Oxford was then rung, T. Silvester, 6. Then a halt was made, and all being ready for a cup of tea, it was served by Miss Webster in her usual style, Mr. McKegg joining in. Then another item or two of ringing, and the bells were lowered in peal. A social hour was passed at The Landsdowne inn with our Wortley friends, but time passed too quickly, and we closed a splendid day by bidding farewell to all. Our thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for having all in readiness.

C. F.

Notices.

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The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, to-day, Saturday, August 18th. Tower will be open for ringing from 12 noon till 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30. Committee meeting after tea. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Leek, to-day, Saturday, August 18th. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. T. Turner, 8, Jubilee Terrace, Leek. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Gray, at Ruislip on Saturday, Aug. 18th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Royal Cumberland Society.—No meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Friday, Aug. 24th. The next meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 7th. Members are requested to attend; important business will be brought before the Society, also election of Officers for the ensuing year. A. JACOBS, *10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.*

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25th, at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. Meeting at 6.30. All members requested to attend. Business important. WM. BRACEWELL, *Sec. pro. tem.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Aug. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 4 o p.m. Business meeting at 7 o p.m. W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Woodlesford (6 bells), on Saturday, August 25th. Meeting house The White Hart hotel. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers and friends are welcome. H. Y. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., on the 25th inst., by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, by which time the Hon. Secretary hopes to receive the few outstanding subscriptions. Arrangements are in progress for holding the annual meeting at All Saints' church, Fulham, full particulars of which will be announced later.

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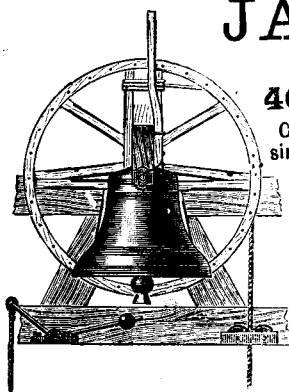
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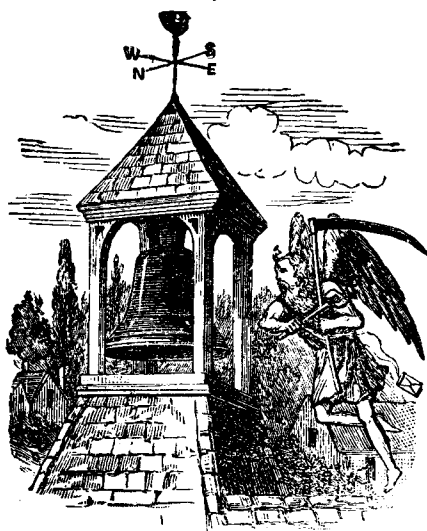
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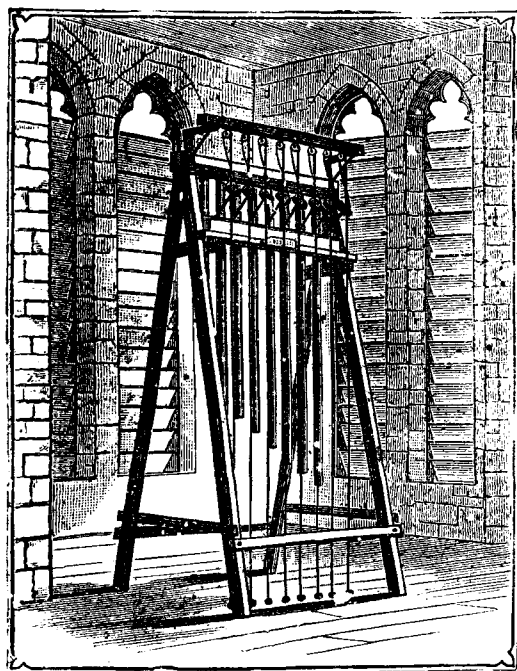
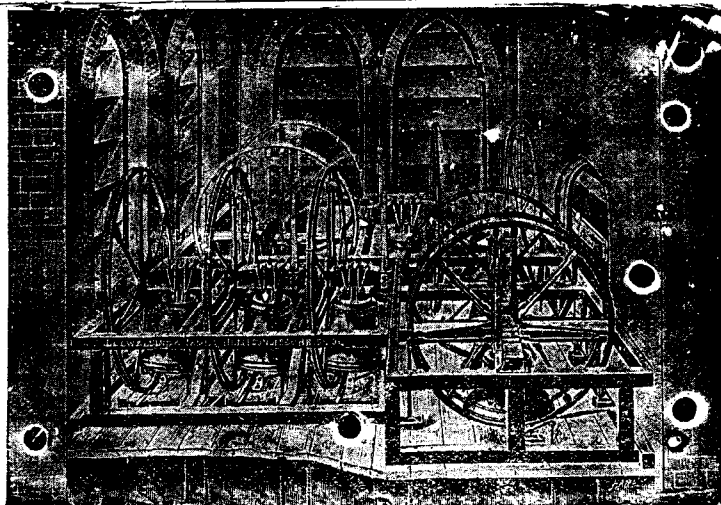
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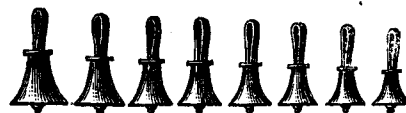
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HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The dedication and opening of a ring of eight new bells at St. John's church, Hugglescote, took place on Tuesday, August 7th. The service commenced at three o'clock, and was fully choral, the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Peterborough; other clergy being present were: Canons Denton (Ashby), Beaumont (Coleorton), and the Revs. H. E. Broughton (Hugglescote), J. W. A. Mackenzie (Whitwick), W. E. Ferry (Elistown) and others. The bells are a handy ring, tenor about 16 cwt., the "go" of them being all that can reasonably be desired. The opening band desire to express their hearty appreciation of the manner in which the contract has been carried out by the Messrs. Taylor.

The ringing in connection with the opening consisted of a number of touches in the following methods: Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major. The honour of opening the bells was assigned to the Whitwick branch of the Midland Counties' Association, the members of which desire to express their best thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for giving them the opportunity to perform so honourable and important a duty. The rounds immediately after the dedication, and the first changes on the new bells were rung as follows by: J. Rawson, 1; S. W. West, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; J. A. Moulton (conductor), 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Boam, 8. After this the ringing up to eight o'clock was done by mixed bands from Loughborough, Leicester, Whitwick, Barwell, Earl Shilton and Shepshed, the concluding touch being 504 Grandsire Triples by the Whitwick band, after which the bells were lowered in peal.

The following day, being the annual school treat, part of the Whitwick ringers again attended, and considerable ringing was done.

For evening service on Sunday, August 12th, eight members of the Whitwick Society succeeded in ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Fern, 1; S. W. West, 2; J. Rawson, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Moulton (conductor), 7; L. Partridge, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the new bells, and for good striking and correct changes it could not be excelled.

STORER W. WEST.

NEW CHURCH CLOCKS FOR DERBY.

A large clock with two dials is to be placed in the Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby. It will have all the latest improvements, and generally made to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Derby, are carrying out the work, and they are also making a large clock with Westminster chimes, for St. Peter's church, Derby.

THE VICAR OF RAMSEY (HUNTS.) AND HIS BELLRINGERS.

Writing in the current number of the *Parish Magazine* the Rev. R. Black, Vicar of Ramsey, states as follows:—

"There is one band of workers which I do not think I have ever publicly thanked, and few know how much we owe to their unpaid services. Since ever I came here the Bellringers Association, by the authority of the Vicar and churchwardens, have rung the bells as a *labour of love* at Christmas, Easter, Trinity and Whit-Sunday and on all occasions when the Bishop or his coadjutor has come here to preach or confirm; and also on all public rejoicings; and I know they have done much to get bellringing as the call to Divine Service placed on a better footing throughout the county. When the Association does not ring, three paid helpers are authorised by myself and the churchwardens to chime the bells, and without such permission no parties have any right of access to the belfry, or right to ring the bells. I desire to acknowledge how much I feel indebted to the present and former members of this Association, and I would encourage them to persevere in their efforts to master the higher intricacies of change-ringing, which is so peculiarly an English Art, and so much more pleasing than the mere clanging of the bells."

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

At St. Edward's church recently, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. L. W. Copsey, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. Roughton, 3; G. Pye, 4; H. Dawkins, 5; E. Pye, 6; W. Watson (conductor), 7; H. Vyse, 8. Composed by A. J. Perkins. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to one of the band (son of the composer), who volunteered for service in South Africa, and died on the 6th of August, at the age of twenty-one years. After service the usual whole pull and stand, and 223 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung with A. Sorrell ringing the tenor.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Doubles. H. Messenger, 1; J. T. Lee, 2; E. P. Buckingham, 3; G. Stacey, 4; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 5. Longest length on the bells. It is proposed to rehang these bells shortly, putting in a frame for eight and adding one or more as far as funds will allow.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On July 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's church, 484 Plain Bob Major. J. Addleton, 1; T. J. Salter, 2; T. Wakeman, 3; N. Davies, 4; J. Smith, 5; T. Bennett, 6; H. Smith, 7; J. Pagett (conductor), 8.

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"THE PASSING BELL."

Who would have supposed that your contributor "P's" article on handbells would have led us in the course of a few weeks to consider what happens to the human soul after death? yet that consideration has arisen in Mr. Drake's letter in your last issue, and it has done so in consequence of some remarks of mine. I am far from sure that I ought not to apologise for having deviated so far from the original subject, and if I ought, I may at least plead that this discursiveness on my part has arisen from the fact that bells are so much a part of our national and social history, that all sorts of connections are generated by vaising any particular point about them. And I may further say that I do not think any remarks can be altogether useless which have had the effect of stimulating Mr. Drake and Mr. Eyre to lay such interesting letters before the Exercise. I will endeavour to complete my searches for information about Symondson in time for your next number; but meanwhile I will try so far as is in my power to illustrate the letters of the above-named gentlemen. And first of all, let me notice Mr. Drake, and thank him for his courtesy, and say that the sooner he is ready to place the result of his investigations before the Exercise, the better pleased we shall all be.

Mr. Drake asks whether I have any evidence as to the meaning of the term "Passing Bell," as at present accepted, being the correct one. Well, the answer to this depends a good deal on what Mr. Drake means by the word "evidence." It seems to me that the general history of the term, and references to its use, justify us in regarding that meaning as one sanctioned by antiquity. But, apart from generalities, does Mr. Drake accept or reject the statement under the head of "Passing Bell" in Hook's Church Dictionary, where Durandus, writing about A.D. 1190, is cited as saying that when any one is dying, a bell must be tolled, that the people may offer their prayers; let this be done twice for a woman, thrice for a man. I have not verified the original of this quotation, but if the word "dying" is correct, or a correct translation, then we have a very definite reference to the Passing Bell before the end of the twelfth century, and at present this seems to me to render practically certain, a pre-reformation origin of the passing bell.

Mr. Drake then proceeds to make what he describes as an incursion into theology, and very interesting it is. I am not a theologian, and therefore am not competent to discuss Mr. Drake's statement; but accepting it, it in no way does away with the accepted meaning of the Passing Bell, and it explains what I have never hitherto been satisfied about, the origin of the death bell. I cannot agree with Mr. Drake that the bell before death, if used, was used as a call to the dying man. Why should it so be? Surely it would not be necessary in order to inform a man that he was stricken with an apparently mortal illness, and must therefore prepare himself for death, to toll a bell. And, besides, why should not a man be as much assisted by the prayers of others, to die in a state of grace as, when dead, to pass satisfactorily through the particular judgment? Surely the practice of calling to prayer on the two occasions are not mutually exclusive, but rather the second is complementary to the first, and

no doubt Dowe's handbell was part of an effort to impress men appointed to die. But they were in an exceptional position, they were not passing out of life in an ordinary way, but under exceptional conditions; and it was in consequence, and solely in consequence, of these exceptional conditions, that Dowe ordered an appeal to be made to them; and the handbell was only used to attract their attention to what was to come after. Such a use of the handbell was, so far as I am aware, an invention of Dowe's, and was not grounded on any custom or tradition. The condemned people in Newgate were not separately confined as they now are, and they would be mainly of two classes—those whose motto would be, let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die, whom Dowe desired to exhort to look farther ahead, and those who were despairing and fearful, whom he wished to remind of a light to them, who in a special sense sat in darkness and in the shadow of death. The handbell was introductory to this special address to a special class, and its use bore no similarity to any other bell sounded before death.

Mr. Drake's statement about the particular judgment seems to indicate two things—the origin of the death bell, that is the bell *after* death, with which we are all familiar, and the reason for a difference in the mode of sounding this and the passing bell. For if people are to pray, it would seem as well, in order that they may pray intelligently, that they may know exactly what the subject of prayer expected of them is. The chiming of the passing bell and the ringing of the death bell, would therefore inform those in days gone by whether they were to pray for a man or woman dying, or one dead, and passing through the particular judgment. The other bells to which Mr. Drake alludes are, I doubt not, relics of the practices he refers them to. I may say that chiming several bells for funerals is still used in the part of Shropshire with which I am connected. I meant to remark on Mr. Eyre's interesting letter, but I have written at too great length as it is, and must defer what I have to say about that till next week.

R. A. DANIELL.

A VISIT TO LEICESTERSHIRE.

Having had an invitation to go to Barwell, in Leicestershire, to a wedding, I at once communicated with Mr. A. R. Aldham, who very kindly arranged with local men and also Mr. R. Lane, for me to have a pull on the ring of six at that place on Monday evening, touches of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Bob Minor being rung. On Tuesday, arrangements were made for a drive of 13 miles to Hugglescote, where a new ring of eight, by Taylor, of Loughborough, were to be opened, a very nice peal, they are, tenor 17 cwt., and here I had the pleasure of meeting several well-known ringers from Leicester and other places, including Mr. W. Willson and Samuel Cotton. On Wednesday we went to Stoney Stanton, and rang a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 minutes. Harry Taylor, 1; W. A. Needham, 2; Herbert Taylor, 3; F. W. Rice, 4; Thos. W. Wright, 5; William Briggs, 6; Arthur R. Aldham (conductor), 7; John H. Swinfield, 8: also 160 of Bob Major. Some of the local band left their work to oblige us. On my journey home, having to wait at Leicester, I managed to find two well-known Leicester men, Messrs. Buttery and Burroughs, with whom I had a pleasant chat. I thank through this paper Messrs. Aldham, Needham, Swinfield, and others who contrived, in spite of the weather, to make my journey most enjoyable.

F. W. RICE,

Fern Cottages, Three Bridges, Sussex.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, August 4th, Messrs. Pegler, Barber and Short, of Birmingham, with Mr. F. G. May, of Bristol, paid a visit to Gloucester to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the Cathedral bells. A start was made about ten minutes to six, and the peal successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 15 mins. It is a most difficult thing to ring a peal on these bells now the clock is in order. The cathedral authorities will allow the quarters to be stopped but not the hour, which is struck on the large bell, about 65 cwt., and hangs close beside the ringers. It is impossible to hear the bells above when it strikes, and it is very curious as the sound of the big bell dies away you can begin to hear the bells above. It is most trying to a band of ringers, but every one was on the alert, and with the exception of a slight trip at seven and eight o'clock it was a very good peal, and was listened to by several ringers, including Mr. J. Kitchener, of Coin St. Aldwyn's, W. J. Sevier and others.

Sunday morning, meeting at St. Michael's at ten o'clock, a touch of Treble Bob Major and Royal was rung, in which Mr. Kitchener took part; also a touch of Stedman Caters. Meeting again in the evening—Mr. F. E. Ward coming over from Cheltenham—two courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung, in which Mr. R. A. Barrett took part.

Monday being the annual outing of the St. Michael's Juniors, it was arranged to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Nicholas', Bristol, tenor 36 cwt., and a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's, but unfortunately the Royal was stopped through a trip occurring after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins., the first part of it being rung like clockwork. It was remarked afterwards that the bells had never been heard in such a good compass before; had it been Treble Bob Royal it would have been perfection, but Surprise Royal with a band that cannot practice together only at long intervals, it is hardly to be expected. It is probable another attempt will be made at Birmingham shortly. The Stedman Caters was also lost after ringing a little over an hour. The whole of the company met together at St. Mary Redcliffe at 3.30 and were joined by the Worcester Cathedral Guild, who had arranged their outing on that day. A course of Grandsire Cinques, one of Stedman Cinques, and three courses of Treble Bob Maximus were rung. After lowering the bells Mr. R. J. Wilkins, an old Junior, then conducted the party to St. Andrew's, Clifton, where good touches of Cambridge Major, Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. After a good look round the bridge the party adjourned to The George hotel to spend a pleasant hour or two with Mr. J. Hinton and one or two others. Mr. A. E. Pegler made a most excellent chairman, and Mr. H. Middleton's rendering of "The Leather Breeches" brought down the house, as did also Mr. W. H. Barber's new method "Aberdovey Surprise," and the glee by the Birmingham trio. The feature of the evening was the chairman's speech, which not only caused all the party to lose their train, but lasted all the way from Bristol to Gloucester, which was reached about 1.30, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The best thanks are due to Messrs. May, Hinton, and all who so kindly undertook to make the visitors welcome.

A VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM.

As I was spending a few days near Birmingham, I took the opportunity of writing to Mr. J. Carter, who was kind

enough to reply where I might find some ringing. On Sunday, August 12th, I took a walk to the old church at Smethwick in the morning, and assisted in the ringing for morning service. There being but a young band, we rung Grandsire Doubles and a course of Triples. In the evening I was to meet Mr. Carter at St. Philip's, Birmingham, but there we could only muster enough to ring Stedman Doubles on the front six, but the ringers kindly offered to meet me on the Monday evening at St. Chad's or Bishop Ryder's church. The latter church was obtained, and a start was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which was lost after ringing 26 mins. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was afterwards brought round. "On Tuesday evening you will be sure to get a full band at St. Martin's," I was told, so I went there, and had three courses of Stedman Caters and three courses of Stedman Cinques, the first I had ever the opportunity of trying. It was a great treat to hear such fine-toned bells as the St. Martin's peal. Mr. W. Short kindly introduced me to some of the ringers, well-known by name to me; Mr. S. Reeves gave me an invitation to call on him at West Bromwich, which I accepted, calling first at the old church, where there is a peal of eight, next at Christ Church, where Mr. Reeves was assisting to tie the fatal knot. After that was over I went to the ringing-chamber and saw twelve ropes hanging on to one of the best rings of twelve in the neighbourhood, but unringable for the want of rehanging. An invitation from Mr. Rock Small to inspect the process of iron tube making came next. That gentleman was kind enough to take me over the works and explain to me and shew me each process from the iron slab to the finished pipe. At each church the bells were raised and fallen in peal. We never or very seldom hear this done in Essex. If this were done the bells would never be rung at all, or the ringers would have to be more punctual than is usually the case. I had a ride on Tuesday morning through some very interesting country, passing Rowley Regis, Old Hill, and Dudley churches. I wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," Mr. Carter and also those who were kind enough to meet me.

W. LINCOLN.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

On the 6th of August, 1900, some members of the Ancient Society of College Youths visited Westerham for the purpose of trying the go of the bells at the old parish church. The ringers were met by Messrs. Selby and Wright, two of the local band, and conducted to the belfry. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, and after excellent ringing for just about a quarter peal, "stand" was called, the conductor believing two bells to have changed course. R. A. Daniell, Esq. arrived at the belfry late in the day, but in time to handle a few touches. The extreme wet kept the ringers from viewing much of the beautiful country round, and most of the day was spent in tapping off touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. The go of the bells was found to be perfect, and the condition of the belfry made the exercise far more pleasant than is the case in many country villages. The following are those who journeyed from Charing Cross: W. E. Garrard (conductor), A. E. Bradley, W. T. Elson, W. Fox, S. H. Godfrey, A. F. Harris, and W. Pickworth. To the members of the local band, who did much to make the visit one of great enjoyment, the thanks of the College Youths are due. Long may they wave. L. H. G.

HOUSES AND FIDDLES.

Reading this headline the reader will wonder what is the connection between the two words, or what grounds for comparison they can possibly afford to any writer. "Houses and Fiddles." Both admirable things in their way, no doubt; the former a very valuable, and at the same time satisfactory commodity to be *seised* of; the latter a desirable *holding* for those who know how to use it—an instrument however, in unskilful hands, greatly tending to destroy the popular belief that music hath charms to soothe the savage breast.

I am about to speak of both of these not in a Pickwickian, but in a campanological sense, or it may be in a logical one *minus* the campano. "Houses and fiddles." Whatever has the consideration of such things to do with the matters which this paper habitually concerns itself? it may be urged. Fiddles, indeed! Yet the objector will not upon reflection deny that the word "fiddle" has become a campanological term—whether logical or not is a matter for his own taste and discernment. Have we not often heard the following phrases: "She goes like a fiddle;" or, "they went like fiddles?" It is not necessary to enquire into the grammatical correctness of such expressions, the credit of Lindley Murray being at a very low ebb in ringing vernacular. Like fiddles. Why fiddles? How can bells "go" like fiddles? Sometimes, especially among amateurs, fiddles "go" very badly indeed, causing listeners to go quicker than they came.

Then with regard to "houses." Another *technique* of bell-ringing, it will be admitted. I have heard more than one ringer say, with something like a shudder, that a particular ring of bells "went like houses;" or to speak in the singular—"She goes (or went) like a house." If in talking of houses one were to say that such and such a house "went," a listener would be apt to think the speaker a foreigner, and put it down to his broken English. Can a house go? In one sense perhaps it can. It is understood that by the word "house" I mean literally a building or residence. If we were to say that such a house went badly, or the reverse, it would hardly be open to comprehension. But our custom is to remark, that church bells either "go" like fiddles, or "went" like houses.

The words are purely figurative; but they answer the purpose for which they are intended. We could say, if we liked, that a bell "went" like a steam engine, or a motor-car, or a cycle, or an Atlantic liner, or anything else. But we don't; we say if a bell goes well it goes "like a fiddle," and the probability is that we shall continue to say so for ever. The word "fiddle" used in such a sense, conveys a feeling of relief and satisfaction to the auditor. Such a colloquy as the following may well be imagined:—

Ambitious young ringer to veteran: "How do the bells go at St. Gundulph's?"

Veteran: "Oh! a fine place for a peal; the bells go like fiddles." And the reverse side muchly, when it is said that bells "go like houses."

It will be gathered from what I have said that ringers are likely to have a dread of the word "house" in a cam-

panological sense. There are grounds for believing that in many instances ringers themselves have the power to prevent such a state of affairs as bells "going like houses." Sometimes bellhanging is done in an imperfect, unsatisfactory manner. If ringers concerned would more often than they do consider it their duty to make *immediate* representations to the authorities that such work is done improperly, their bells would be soon made to "go like fiddles."

Perhaps the hint may be thought about. At any rate, I hope that I have proved that the words of the headline to this short article has a connection with matters of which this paper treats, and that I have shown that there are pertinent grounds for comparison. P.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, ROMNEY, KENT. 1549.

The following are details of certain monies received for some of the fittings, etc., of St. Martin's Church, which was taken down in 1549:—

Item—Fyrst solde to Rycharde buntynge the payying stone a fore the chancel dore	pryse	0	4	0
Item—Solde to Morys peyn of the timber worke of our lady chancel	pryse	0	4	0
Item—Solde to Thomas parrys the funt	pryse	0	1	0
Item—Solde to Gregory Nolton the bordes of ye backsyde of the vestrye	pryse	0	5	0
Item—Solde to Chrystover Cocheman the peyterigon of our lady chancel	pryse	0	5	0
Item—Solde to Ardyen Marden the polepit	pryse	0	1	0
Item—Solde to John Berry the lyme wg agn the churche	pryse	0	1	6
Item—Of Rycharde buntynge for the awter of our lady chancel	pryse	0	1	0
Item—Of Goodman Harneden of Lyd a lenthe of stone 26 other stones	pryse	1	0	0
Item—Of Belleme for a sepolker		0	0	8
Item—Of M epse of olde Romny for xxiiij pavynd tile of myddell lyle	pryse	0	3	4
Item—Of Olyver for tymber of the porche of Saynt Martins		0	1	8
Item—Of Symon padgam Thomas Ladlow Martyn padgam for the upper loft of the stepyell		0	11	4
Item—Of Marden smythe for a stole		0	0	5
Item—Of Syr Wyllyam of hope for a deske		0	0	3
Item—Of Mr. dod for a tongne of Stone		0	1	2
Item—Of Thomas parrys for the Kevering of the funt		0	0	2
Item—Of Rycharde buntynge for a thowson pavyng tile		0	3	4
Item—Of the glazier of Rye for ashes		0	0	8
Item—Received of one Edenberie and of Willm partridge of Rie ffor iiij thousand and six hundreth of bell metall to them sold at x s. ye thousand		48	6	0
Item—Recd. of the said Edenberie and partridge for x ffother of lead to them sold at v s. ffother		50	0	0
Item—Recd. of Nicholas ffan black smith ffor iiijc of Iron to him sold at vjs viijd le hundreth		1	10	0
Item—Recd of Thos parris ffor the great Bell frame		0	2	4
Item—Of Mystresse padgam for a forme	pryse	0	0	6

The rules for ringing the bells were very clearly set forth thus: The rule and custome of useing the bells of ye Chirches of Saynt Martin and Saynt Nicholas at Romeney, accordynge to ye most anyent maner for time out of mynde of men, for service on Sondays, holidais and festivals, a pele on ye smaule bel at viii of the clocke afor noon, raise hur upp, rynghe hur a shorte tyme and faule hur down agayne. For chirche praier tol the bigge bel v min chyme 1, 2, 3, then 2, 3, 4, then 3, 4, 5, each v min then tol ye bigg on tenne M; Death knelle, rais greate bel, rynghe hit and faule it after a space; strik it at ye ende 3 tymes 3 for mankynde and 3 tymes 2 for a woman, doe lykewyse on leetle bells for lads and lasses. For Joie raise alle uppe rynghe alle and faule at ye endynge.

P. HODGKIN,

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 NAME OF "SYMONDSON."

SIR,—For the information of the readers of this paper, I send the following copy of a peal tablet which is to be found in the belfry of St. Michael's church, Bishops Stortford:—

"On Saturday, September 2nd, 1820, was rung in this steeple, by the Junior Society of College Youths of London, a true and compleat Peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5039 changes: which was performed in 3 Hours and twenty minutes, by the following persons, viz.: Henry Symondson, treble; Henry Symondson, jun., 2; Thos. Welch, 3; Frank Marshall, 4; John James, 5; Thos. Thomas, 6; Thos. Cumings, 7; Thos. Edwards, 8; Elijah de Ville, 9; Henry Smith, tenor. Conducted by Henry Symondson, sen. Robert Hawke, John Scott, Churchwardens. The above is the first peal on the ten bells."

P.S.—I have always understood that the above H. Symondson, sen. was a founder of handbells (I have seen several peals of handbells with "H.S." cast upon the crown) and that he was also tuner to the late John Briant, Bell founder, of Hertford.

Bishops Stortford.

H. J. TUCKER.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A "SURPRISE" METHOD?

SIR,—I have been waiting with a certain amount of interest, for a further discussion on the above subject. The Rev. H. E. Bulwer's definition is very good as regards construction, but I think it will cause an unsatisfactory feeling in the Surprise ringing world. I have been under the impression that the word "Surprise" has always signified a complex method, one which requires a great deal of skill and perseverance to accomplish. According to Mr. Bulwer's definition, this is no longer as such, only an ordinary method to be judged in quality from some other source.

I see Mr. Bulwer said, in answer to Mr. Williams, at the Central Council meeting, that it was impossible to allow practical considerations to have any influence in deciding this question. At present, I fail to see this impossibility, also the possibility of the quality of a method coming from its construction without being very unfair to the Exercise. Mr. Bulwer has also been told that London Surprise is as easy as other methods when one got acquainted with its rule. This is the same as Sir A. P. Heywood, about the people who say they can take down lead-ends.

I believe the only safe way of conducting a peal, is by the transposition of course-ends, and better still, the lead-ends. The coursing order of 2, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5, 3, crossing and re-crossing itself, renders a method more difficult than when regular, and a bell repeating its work will not alter this one way or the other.

My opinion is that the "Draft of Legitimate Methods" will be sufficient for the construction of a method, and its degree should come from the art required in ringing.

One other point, then I have done. Some two or three years ago, a motion was on foot to diminish the many names there are to methods, but I see they are increasing by the addition of "Marvel."

F. DENCH.

117, East Hill, Wandsworth, S.W.

"OLD NAMES FOR NEW."

SIR,—I am glad Mr. Willson has at last found sufficient courage to sign his name. IMPATIENT is not the word to express my feelings when criticised by people who shelter themselves (or try to do so) behind such titles as "Double W," or "Plain Speaker."

You yourself, Mr. Editor, have many times condemned this practice, and "Plain Speaker" has also condemned same, forgetting that when he criticises under the above title, that he is not practising what he preaches.

I am now willing to give Mr. Willson an explanation in regard to this matter, which I should never have done had he not owned to being the writer who signed himself "Double W."

In the first place, I should like to mention that until "Plain Speaker" suggested "Old England" as the title of a new

method, I had given the method in question the name of Brighton Court Bob.

Immediately after Victoria Surprise was published in "BELL NEWS," an old London friend acquainted me PRIVATELY with the fact that Sottanstaill had published some methods in his book, bearing the above names, but he also mentioned that they were not worth the paper they were printed on. I do not, and never have possessed Sottanstaill's book, so when the names were given to the methods in question, I was quite unaware that I was using *old names*, otherwise Mr. Willson may rest assured I should not have done so.

After Mr. Willson's first letter appeared, I applied to a Brighton friend who possesses Sottanstaill's book, and he kindly supplied me with leads of the methods mentioned by Mr. Willson. Has Mr. Willson noticed that Victoria Surprise in Sottanstaill is not even a Treble Bob method? England Place Major in the same work, will, I have no doubt, be consigned to the oblivion it deserves, in due time by the Central Council. Unwittingly I may have been a little previous in naming my methods, but I still think the Central Council will perhaps allow the names to be retained; if in its wisdom the Central Council should say that I must find *new names*, it will be to me a matter of indifference.

This was a small matter to start a controversy, and if Mr. Willson had in the first place written a sensible letter, and signed his name, there would have been no need for it, as I should have been quite willing to have given the above explanation and settled the matter.

Adverse criticism is not pleasant to any one, but I would court it rather than object, if the parties will only sign their names, as I think I am quite capable of taking my own part.

In the future, anonymous critics will be treated with the contempt they deserve by

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—My address is now, 3, St. Nicholas Road, Brighton.

TUNEFUL BELLS.

The following letter, from the Rev. Herbert Drake, appeared recently in the *Daily Chronicle*, amid a correspondence designated "Our Noisy Streets":—

"SIR,—Among street noises, most of your correspondents abuse church bells. Their total prohibition is suggested. English people are not fond of total prohibition of any kind, and so many people like to hear bells that it would be hopeless to attempt it. But as a parson and a bellringer, I could suggest a way of mitigating what is certainly an abuse. In the first place, no bell of any kind should be allowed to be sounded in public which does not give a true musical note. Within the last year or two it has been discovered that bells can be tuned quite perfectly. There is therefore no excuse for the clanging pieces of metal one so often hears; and they should be removed as nuisances. Moreover, all whistles, hooters, &c., that cannot be tuned exactly should be replaced by bells. They would answer all purposes, and are the least nuisance of the lot. Again, no single bell (or couple of bells) should ever be rung for more than a minute or so at a time; certainly never no more than three minutes. No punishment could be too great for anyone who keeps a bell clanging for fifteen minutes on end, or even half an hour, as is often done. Every requirement would be fulfilled by a dozen strokes at fixed periods. From a ringer's point of view bells should never be sounded except in peal, and then only by expert ringers. Lastly, all bell-towers should be properly shut in. A bell-hanger who knows his business can always hang a peal, and so brick them in, that they are hardly heard by those close to, whilst the sound is sent out upwards, and heard, mellowed by distance, further off than before *ex proprio cede*. Regulation is more easy than prohibition, and often yields better results."

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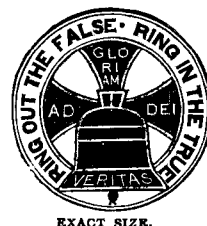
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1900.

THE holiday season has evidently affected many of our ringing brethren, being shown by the temporary falling-off in the number of communications we are receiving. Even the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has somehow or other failed to score a peal this week, and it would be a kind of solace to hear that the reverend gentleman has for the nonce substituted some other kind of recuperation than bell-ringing. Some of our friends are enjoying sea-breezes at their favourite localities; not a few are upon the moors, or whatever the spots are called where feathered and four-footed game are *en evidence*; others are rambling amid green lanes and rich pastures; and some are doing the "lions" of various inland towns. Those arrangements now technically known as "outings" are certainly increasing; and it is satisfactory to learn from the reports of such affairs that church bell-ringers are gaining in popularity very fast. No one, it will be seen, becoming a member of an "outing" company, ever

appears to receive anything but the greatest cordiality and welcome from the neighbourhood visited, from the resident clergy downwards. If the incumbent is absent on these occasions, we generally find his representative—the curate—throwing himself into the breach, and endeavouring to make the visit a successful one in every particular.

These facts are most favourable omens for the cause of bell ringing, and supply potent demonstration and testimony that it is gaining ground everywhere. While we can thus congratulate ourselves upon this important and at the same time pleasant truth, we must point out that there is one ingredient in existence which does not give a similar amount of satisfaction. This is the deplorable condition of many rings of good bells. We admit that much reform has been effected, but unfortunately a great deal more remains undone. Time after time many of the clergy and energetic churchmen labour the fact that the belfry is an important part of the Sanctuary of God; and also that the bells therein constitute the most expensive and valuable item among the church's furniture. Yet too frequently such teaching is unheeded, if not treated with derision. Can anything be done to create a greater public interest in church bells? Instances have been known where the inhabitants of a town or village regarded their parish church bells with interest, in fact, with some degree of affection. Can we, as ringers, attempt to revive such a feeling?

The Provinces.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
HENRY JONES 3.	KEITH HART 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4.	CHARLES PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

STOCKPORT.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 16, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM GORDON Treble.	JAMES S. WILDE 5.
TOM MARSHALL 2.	WILLIAM GORDON, JUN.* .. 6.
JOSEPH BARLOW 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
J. ALLAN GORDON* 4.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman in Stockport.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 3). Tenor about 11 cwt.

THOMAS BEADLE Treble.	*HENRY G. CHANDLER 5.
WILLIAM FOSTER 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	HARRY BROWNING 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS 4.	ALFRED SHEARD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. John Allsopp Walker, of Burton-on-Trent, to Miss Margaret Bessie Shaw, of Feltham.

STOKESLEY, NORTH YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

J. P. CLARKSON* (aged 16) Treble.	*J. W. WHITTLE 4.
G. J. CLARKSON 2.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT 5.
F. P. HOWCROFT 3.	T. METCALFE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

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

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1900 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN NEWMAN* Treble	JOHN SADLER 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT 2.	*SIDNEY CLARK 6.
GEORGE HUMM 3.	CHARLES ROGERS 7.
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Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

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On Saturday, August 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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THOMAS MARSHALL Treble.	†PETER BRICKELL 5.
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*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the tenor. Messrs. Marshall and Bailey belong to Stockport; Potter (2) to Walkden; Pritchard to Eccles; Moss to Bolton; Cross to Pendleton; Brickell to the local company.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. Treble.	THOMAS SHORT 6.
FREDERICK WHITE 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS 7.
FRANK TUBB 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 8.
FRANK BARRETT 4.	RICHARD WHITE 9.
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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

T. STOCKDALE Treble.	J. W. STICKNEY 6.
T. HAIGH 2.	C. JACKSON 7.
T. NEILL 3.	G. T. MILLER 8.
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NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 21st, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Bance, 1; G. Hoad, 2; J. Tidey, 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; W. Pickworth, 5; C. Gordon, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, July 30th, at Bishop Ryders church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Davis, 1; C. Mackenzie, 2; J. Porter, 3; W. Ellis, 4; H. Middleton, 5; J. Perry (conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Hodson, 8. H. Davis was elected a member of the above Association. Rung as a last token of respect for Henry West and William Sanigar.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, August 4th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. Milner, 1; W. Butler (conductor), 2; W. Wagstaff, 3; T. Clough, 4; J. Flint, 5; J. T. Butler, 6. Also 720 College Single (thirty singles and three bobs), standing as above. Conducted by J. T. Butler. Another 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and sixteen bobs), standing as above. Conducted by J. T. Butler. The above was W. Wagstaff's first 720 of College Single. Messrs. Flint and Wagstaff hail from Bolsover. On Sunday evening, August 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles). J. Milner, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. T. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. P. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. The whole of the above were rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Duke of Saxe Coburg.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, July 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. Goldstraw, 4; A. Ryles, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; W. Scragg, 2; T. Johnson, 3; G. Goldstraw, 4; A. Ryles, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent. E. Johnson, 2; the rest as before.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Monday, August 6th, at St. Mary's church, 180 and 360 Bob Minor. J. Irons, 1; J. Jones, 2; G. D. Coleman, 3; S. W. Howksford, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; E. C. Chasty, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Durrant, 1; A. Redwood, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; C. Ramplin, 5; G. Thompson, 6; A. Morris (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; G. Moss, 8. On Thursday, July 12th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins. A. Redwood, 1; J. Levitt, 2; C. Ellison, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; C. Ramplin, 7; A. Morris (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Durrant, 1; J. Brewster, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; A. Morris (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On July 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Philpot, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrell, J. Moule, W. Keeble, G. Hayden. On July 22nd, 720 Double Court. H. Bottrell, W. Miller, W. Doran. J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor), G. Hayden.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On May 21st, at the parish church, 720 Double Oxford. E. Tugwood, 1; J. Mardell, 2; T. Beams (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble, 6. On Monday, July 30th, 720 Victoria Surprise. J. Kimberley, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. Beams (conductor), 6.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On July 31st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Cornell, 1; T. Beams, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Marks, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. And 720 Victoria Surprise. J. Kimberley, 1; J. Mardell, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Moule, 4; T. Beams, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha and Edinburgh.

FEERING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Major. J. Newman, 1; W. Keeble, 2; G. Hum, 3; E. Hayward, 4; W. Elliott, 5; T. Clark, 6; W. Hunwick, 7; J. Newman (conductor), 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, July 31st, for practice, 720 Double Oxford. H. Collins, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Davy, 3; F. Potter, 4; F. Cullum, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Davy, 1; D. Mays, 2; T. Davy, 3; F. Potter, 4; F. Cullum, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. On July 24th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Youngs, 1; J. Rose, 2; G. Kemp, 3; T. Davey, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole, 6.

MONK SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 12th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Plain Bob. T. Chappell, 1; A. Abbott, 2; T. Abbott, 3; E. Youngs, 4; W. Abbott (conductor), 5. After service, 360 of Morning Star. Evening Star, Old Doubles. T. Chappell, 1; T. Abbott, 2; E. Youngs, 3; G. Abbott, sen., 4; W. Abbott (conductor), 5.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On August 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 360 St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. A. Symonds, 1; W. Rose, 2; E. Youngs, 3; C. Nunn, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. On handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Rose, 1-2; A. Symonds, 3-4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5-6; C. Nunn, 7-8. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Rose, 1; A. Symonds, 2-3; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 4-5. On Sunday morning, August 5th, for Divine Service, 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. J. Mayes, 1; W. Rose, 2; E. Youngs, 3; A. W. Symonds, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Rose, 1; W. H. Symonds (12th Royal Lancers), 2; A. W. Symonds, 3; E. H. Symonds, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. On Sunday evening, July 29th, for Divine Service, 120 each of St. Simon's, Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A. A. Berry, 1; W. Rose, 2; G. E. Symonds, 3; E. Youngs, 4; A. W. Symonds (conductor), 5.

BADWELL ASH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, July 25th, on the occasion of the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Higham, bringing home his bride, 480 Grandsire Doubles and 240 each of St. Simon's and Bob Doubles. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; A. W. Symonds, 3; E. H. Symonds, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5. This is the longest length since the bells were rehung.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On May 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. S. Wharton, 1; J. Hale, 2; J. Rutter, 3; J. Hammond, 4; — Redhead, 5; C. Powell (conductor), 6. First 720 of Canterbury by the local band.

WINDERMERE.—On Monday, June 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; C. Powell, 2; J. Hale, 3; J. Rutter, 4; J. Hammond, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Pownall, 7; E. Hampson, 8. On Monday, August 6th, 720 Bob Minor in 23½ mins. S. Wharton, 1; A. Smith, 2; J. Rutter, 3; J. Hammond, 4; J. Hale, 5; J. Pownall (conductor), 6; E. Hampson, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Saturday, July 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. N. Price, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; J. H. Godfrey, 3; W. T. Cockerill, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; G. R. Fardon, 7; J. Basden, 8. Composed and conducted by H. P. Harman. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by A. W. Brighton, being the first in the method by J. H. Godfrey.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 31st, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Wood (London), 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; T. Tabrett (Ashford), 5; H. Castle, 6. On Sunday evening, August 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; H. Barton (London), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 588 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; L. A. Stone, 2; J. Livermore, 3; S. Saker, 4; F. Lock (conductor), 5; A. E. Barrow, 6; L. A. May, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, 1; L. A. May, 2; F. Lock, 3; S. F. C. Saker, 4; A. E. Quaife, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; A. E. Barrow, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. On Sunday morning, August 12th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Penfold, 1; A. E. Barrow, 2; L. A. May, 3; J. Livermore, 4; G. Watson, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6; E. P. O'Meara, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. For evening service 336 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Quaife,

1; L. A. Stone, 2; J. Livermore, 3; S. Saker, 4; A. E. Barrow, 5; F. Lock (conductor), 6; L. A. May, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. Also 112 Grandsire Triples by the same band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 28th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Captain Chilton, for many years resident of Merrow, who was interred on that day. On Sunday, July 29th, several more half-muffled touches were rung for the same object. On Wednesday, August 1st, and Sunday, August 5th, some 6-scores in the same method were rung muffled as a mark of esteem to the Duke of Saxe Coburg. On Wednesday, August 8th, for practice, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. A. Chuter, 1; G. Nicholls, 2; W. H. Tunnell, 3; E. Watkins, 4; A. J. Boniface (conductor), 5; J. Gilbert, 6. This is the longest length on the bells by the local band.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday morning, July 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. J. Harper, 1; C. Groves, 2; P. M. Hannam, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Newman, 8. For evening service 304 Stedman Triples. E. C. Newman, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; J. J. Symons, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Guild (conductor), 6; H. C. Ingram, 7. On Tuesday, July 17th, for practice, 720 Treble Bob Minor. P. M. Hannam, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. J. Symons, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; E. C. Newman, 5; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 23rd, on the occasion of a special visit to Havant by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. — Scott), through the Rev. E. R. Walker, curate of Portsea, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also a 504. J. Harper, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; G. Intrell, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. P. M. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; T. Pullen, 5; G. Intrell, 6; J. Harris (conductor), 7; Rev. E. R. Walker (first touch in the method on the tenor), 8. Also a plain course of Treble Bob Major. P. M. Hannam, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harris, 6; G. Intrell, 7; E. C. Newman (conductor), 8. Also 252 Grandsire Triples. P. M. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; G. Intrell, 5; J. Harris, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And 162 in the same method. P. M. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; T. Pullen, 5; G. Intrell, 6; J. Gould, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. The best thanks of the ringers are due to the Rector of Havant for his kind invitation, and to the tower-keeper for getting everything ready.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 7th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Hardman (conductor), 1; G. E. Rollerson, 2; G. H. Hargreaves, 3; J. H. Nuttall, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Rollerson, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KEYSOE (Beds).—On July 9th, five members of the Association went to this place, at the invitation of Mr. T. Foote. After having a splendid tea the bells were raised in peal and Bob Singles were rung. Afterwards a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Doubles. T. Foote, 1; F. J. Bird, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Church, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5. Thanks are due to Mrs. Foote for providing the tea. Mr. Foote became a member of the Association at its formation.

HARROLD (Beds).—Recently, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. C. Orpin, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. G. Crouch, 3; — Barcock, 4; G. Thew, 5; F. J. Bird (conductor), 6. Another 720. T. Nichols (first 720), 1; T. Wright, 2; W. Freeman (conductor), 3; F. Hopper, 4; F. G. Crouch, 5; F. J. Bird, 6. Also 216 Minor. T. Nichols, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. J. Bird, 3; G. Thew, 4; H. Munday, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. Another 360. T. Nichols, 1; G. Thew, 2; T. Wright, 3; H. Munday, 4; F. Hopper (conductor), 5; — Freeman, 6. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. C. Orpin, 1; W. Freeman, 2; F. Hopper, 3; T. Nichols, 4; F. J. Bird (conductor), 5.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On July 27th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Clarkson, 1; J. Carter, 2; W. Rudd, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; C. Hall, 5; F. Howcroft, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8. And 420 Stedman Triples. W. J. Tickner, 1; J. Carter, 2; R. Fenwick, 3; C. Hall, 4; F. Howcroft, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; Rev. W. P. Wright, 8. Also 448 Superlative Surprise

Major. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; C. Hall, 3; J. Carter, 4; R. Fenwick, 5; F. Howcroft, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; T. Metcalfe, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On July 31st, 704 Treble Bob Major. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. Barrett, 2; F. Howcroft, 3; J. Waller, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright, 6; W. Newton, 7; T. Stephenson (conductor), 8.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On Saturday, August 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Howcroft, 1; J. Carter, 2; R. Haswell, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; J. Whittle, 6. Another 720 in the same method. W. J. Titchener, 1; J. Whittle, 2; W. Rudd, 3; F. Howcroft, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BLACKBURN.—Recently, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of William Slater, late branch secretary. J. Smith, jun., 1; G. L. Goodwin, 2; J. Watson, 3; J. Hargreaves, 4; M. Kearney, 5; W. E. Wilson, 6; J. Scholey, 7; J. Smith, sen., 8.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Leonard's church, in memory of the late H.R.H. the Duke of Coburg, the bells were rung half-muffled for the morning and evening services. After evening service 720 Bob Minor. G. Dray, 1; F. Dearing, 2; M. Broomfield, 3; E. Godley, 4; F. Tindall, 5; F. Steele (conductor), 6.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 12th, at the residence of W. H. Barber, 484 Plain Bob Major. G. Wakeman, 1-2; W. H. Barber, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; J. Pagett (conductor), 7-8. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Wakeman, 1-2; W. H. Barber, 3-4; J. Pagett (conductor), 5-6.

EASTBOURNE (Essex).—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. Crunden, 1; J. Sharp, 2; A. Gower, 3; R. C. Mays, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; G. Howse, 6; W. Elson (composer and conductor), 7; W. Lamb (late of St. Stephen's Westminster), 8. This was arranged for Messrs. Pickworth and Elson, who hail from Fulham.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas' church, 270 Grandsire Caters. W. Godfrey, 1; H. W. Needham (Netherfield), 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Blythe, 4; W. Secrett, 5; H. T. Scarlett (Walthamstow), 6; J. George (Rugby), 7; G. Read, 8; J. Matthews, 9; H. Wright, 10. For Divine Service in the evening an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1249 changes in 49 mins. owing to the 2nd rope breaking. W. Godfrey, 1; W. Blythe, 2; R. Christian, 3; H. T. Scarlett, 4; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 5; G. Read, 6; J. George, 7; J. Matthews, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

HASLEMERE (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service at St. Bartholomew's church, 360 Bob Minor. C. Gibbons, 1; F. Egerton, 2; T. Mack, 3; F. Lamboll, 3; W. Young, 5; H. Mullard, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

HEADCORN (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, July 8th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 28 mins. A. Hinds, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; C. Tribe, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. E. Pitman, 1; A. Hinds, 2; C. Tribe, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; P. Hodgkin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Another 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles) in 27 mins. G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp (conductor), 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Messrs. Hinds and Tribe hail from Tenterden; Pitman from Faversham; Spice from Charing; P. Hodgkin from Headcorn; Hadaway from Linton; the rest from Marden. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this and former occasions.

HULL (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 14th, a party of ringers from Sheffield visited Hull, and rang 710 Stedman Caters, at Holy Trinity church. C. H. Hattersley, 1; J. Holman, 2; W. Lomas, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; W. Burgar, 5; T. Silvester, 6; A. Brearley, 7; S. Seed, 8; C. Jackson, 9; D. Brearley, 10. They also rang a touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at All Saints' church, and various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, at Holy Trinity church in the evening, assisted by the Hull company. C. Jackson, of Hull, conducted the Stedman Caters and Double Norwich.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 12th, at the residence of Mr. Pasmore, five courses of Stedman Caters, on handbells, retained in hand. H. P. Harman, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore, 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8; T. Langdon, 9-10. A plain course of Grandsire Cinques. T. Langdon, 1-2; W. H. Pasmore, 3-4; H. R. Pasmore, 5-6; H. P.

Harman, 7-8; J. W. Golding, 9-10; H. Langdon, 11-12. Four courses of Stedman Caters. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore, 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; H. P. Harman, 7-8; H. Langdon, 9-10. A plain course of Stedman Cinques. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. P. Harman, 3-4; H. R. Pasmore, 5-6; W. H. Pasmore, 7-8; J. W. Golding, 9-10; H. Langdon, 11-12. A plain course of Bob Royal. H. P. Harman, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore, 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8; T. Langdon, 9-10. On Monday, August 13th, on handbells in the belfry of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, 304 Stedman Triples. W. S. Wise, 1-2; C. F. Winney (conductor), 3-4; T. H. Taffender, 5-6; J. George, 7-8. Also 288 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; C. F. Winney, 3-4; W. S. Wise, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, July 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; J. Town, 3; T. Taylor, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Warnett (conductor), 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. W. Keates, 1; H. Warnett (conductor), 2; G. Bedwell, 3; J. Town, 4; G. Wilson, 5; T. Taylor, 6; T. Chandler, 7; T. Clews, 8.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Norman, 1; F. Collins, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; W. Chambers, 4; J. Richards, 5; A. J. Andrews, 6; W. Chapman, 7; R. Chapman, 8. On August 12th, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Norman, 1; F. Norman, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; A. J. Andrews, 4; J. Richards, 5; R. Chapman, 6; W. Chapman, 7; C. Norman, 8. Rung with 6 and 8 covering.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, July 24th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Paskins, 1; A. E. Paskins, 2; Rev. G. H. Ridout, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. White, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; W. Fowler, 8. Also 210 in the same method. And 504 Bob Triples. J. Elcombe, 1; F. Paskins, 2; Rev. G. H. Ridout, 3; A. E. Paskins, 4; R. White (conductor), 5; G. Newman, 6; F. Russen, 7; W. Fowler, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

SOMERBY (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, August 4th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pepper, 1; W. Smith, 3; W. Tyler, 4; J. H. Preston (conductor), 5. Rung with the bells muffled after the funeral of the late Duke of Saxe Coburg.

SEAL (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Kettell, 1; G. Kettell, 2; M. Exeter, 3; G. P. Burr, 4; J. Ford, 5; D. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 6. Rang with the bells deeply-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Coburg.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Butler, 1; C. J. Gillett, 2; R. Lydiatt, 3; A. White, 4; G. R. Fardon (conductor), 5; E. Davis, 6; W. Large, 7; J. Butler, 8. Also a 630. W. Butler, 1; C. J. Gillett, 2; R. Lydiatt, 3; A. White, 4; G. R. Fardon, 5; E. Davis, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; J. Butler, 8. G. R. Fardon hails from London; E. Davis from Worcester; W. Large from Todenham; the rest from Moreton-in-the-Marsh.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 47 mins. W. Tegg, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; A. Miller, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; J. Aldridge, 8. These quarter-peals were kindly arranged for Messrs. Aldridge and Elson who hail from Fulham.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 49 mins. C. Hopkins, 1; W. Pickworth, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; R. Maynard, jun., 4; J. H. Wilkins, 5; J. Nunn, 6; W. T. Elson, 7; F. Rumens, 8; J. Aldridge, 9; T. Watson, 10. Composed and conducted by W. T. Elson.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE SNAITH (YORKS.) ASSOCIATION.—A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday, the 11th instant, by the members of the above association in a visit to Ordsall, near Retford. Owing to the lateness of the trains the party did not reach its destination until rather late in the afternoon, and were met at Retford by the Ordsall ringers, who conducted the visitors round Retford, when the party set off to Ordsall, when two 360s of Canterbury Pleasure were rung. The Vicar of Ordsall had kindly consented to all the bells being rung, and had made all arrangements necessary.

THE CROYDON SOCIETY.—It having been decided to spend the annual outing at Lewes and Brighton, arrangements were made with Mrs. Goldsmith, of Lewes, for catering. Ten members met on the morning of Monday, July 9th, at 6.30 a.m. at East Croydon station, and after a pleasant journey to Lewes, breakfast was the first item of interest. Not being able to ring at Lewes arrangements had been made by Mr. Goldsmith for a ring at Ringmer, where a capital quarter-peal of Stedman was rung, and 252 in the same method with Mr. Jones, steeplekeeper, at the 5th. Then back to Lewes, where an excellent dinner was awaiting, which had full justice meted out to it. The rest of the day was spent at Brighton enjoying the sea breezes. A most enjoyable day was spent. The company tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith for their excellent catering, and Mr. Jones for his most excellent arrangements.

THE KETTERING SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 4th, members of the above had their outing, which has now become an annual affair. The party, numbering fifteen, including ringers and friends, left Kettering at 8.30, and after a drive of about six miles, arrived at Great Addington. The steeple-keeper (Mr. G. Allen) was soon on the spot with the church door key, and after getting inside, some of the party had a look-round the pretty little church while the bells were being raised, and a few touches were rung. The bells are a ring of six, recently rehung and two trebles added by Taylor. The party thank the Rev. R. Dokes for granting permission to ring, and also Mr. Allen for having everything in readiness. Leaving Addington at 11 o'clock, a move was made for Ringstead, and here a nice ring of six was found by Bagley of Kettering, cast 1682, tenor stated to be about 18 cwt. They sadly want rehanging, and some means taken to shelter them from the weather. Mr. E. Mayes (the steeple-keeper) kindly greased the bells before we started, which we were very thankful for. After several touches the bells were lowered, and a move was made for Denford, where we arrived about 1.30. Making our way to the church the bells were soon up and on the go. These bells are a light ring of six, tenor 7 cwt., the 2nd being dated 1581. After about half-an-hour's ringing, the bells were lowered, and a drive of about a mile and a half brought us to the town of Thrapston. Here the first item was dinner, which was safely got through without a shift by 5 o'clock. By the kind permission of the Rev. S. Kingsford, the tower was next visited, and several touches of Minor and Triples were rung. This is a splendid peal of eight, tenor about 14 cwt. At 6.30 again on the move towards Lowick, and after a half-hour's drive we arrived at the church. We were shown round the edifice by the Rev. —. Watson, who shewed and explained to us the various interesting objects in the church, including four stained glass windows dating from the time of Edward I. A couple of short touches were rung, and then a move was made for home. After calling at several places on the way, Kettering was again reached about 11.30, everyone being well pleased with the excursion. The ringers wish to thank all those who met them at the various places and had everything in readiness for them. H.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

The estimate is between £80 and £90, and £30 has been already promised, but the restoration of the church has already cost £900, and over £1,000 more is required, and we should be glad of help towards the bells.

H. LAW JAMES

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The weather has become a great deal more pleasant since I last wrote. We are told, on what I suppose is a good authority, that the extreme heat has departed, not to return this year. I have heard of and felt some very warm days in the month of September, but August is not out yet, and there is plenty of time during this month to have some baking hot days. Well, we must put up with them if they come. We shall soon be grumbling about the cold. After Michaelmas people will begin to count how many weeks it is to Christmas. Before that, however, we have to get through the November fogs and blasts, and December sleet. Verily, our climate is one of the most intricate of variations.

The ringing world is at rest just now. We don't see three or four pages of peal records, and the reports of meetings are getting less and less. I am told that the arrears of touches which were alluded to the other week have been published, and there is a clean "editor's drawer." Of course, there are some figures still left behind, but these keep very well without being hermetically sealed. But all the best of them will appear in time. Composers are proverbially patient, which is a good thing for them. But if they, some of them at least, were more so, and refrained from continually pressing upon the editor to publish their figures in "the next issue," they would be spared some disappointments, I venture to think, with the utmost deference, of course.

I have, by means of the circumstances mentioned a few numbers back, seen the letter of my friend Baker, which is to be found elsewhere, as the peal footnote has it. I am sadly afraid that George Baker, of Brighton, is very angry. Is it possible to assuage his wrath? Let me try. First with regard to my anonymity. I don't think this affects anyone sufficient for complaint. Besides, in my case the reverse is impracticable. Sometimes almost every paragraph of my notes would have to be signed by the writers' names, which would be ridiculous. To be logical, all the Editorial comments would have to be signed, and all original articles, even if the writers desired to be anonymous. I made no attack upon Mr. Baker, nor can any reasonable man so construe my remarks. The majority of my readers would say that what I wrote was simply banter or good-humoured chaff.

My friend must be chagrined because his opponent was awarded the medal for *rhyme*. Ah! now we have it. Never mind, George, if you don't shine as a rhymester, no one can touch you as a method-maker, I truly believe. Be content with the laurels your great powers have bestowed on you (I am not joking now). We all know you can take your own part, though you would be the first to admit that you have not a monopoly of the qualification. We'll shake hands, George, and toast each other. But you forgot to give me your opinion on those two methods.

I have received a letter from Mr. E. O. Masters, of Woolwich, concerning the Harlow Bells Fund. Here it is:—

"SIR,—In reference to the proposed Shilling contribution for the Harlow Bells, I notice you particularly specify that the first letter opened by the Churchwardens on the 1st November, containing twelve penny postage stamps will receive the gift of twelve

handbells. Are stamps really to be sent, or will a 1s. postal order, if forwarded, be regarded as fulfilling the conditions. If so, perhaps "Plain Speaker" will refer to the matter. I quite see the objection to coins being sent, but postal orders or post office orders, should subscribers wish to send, ought to be regarded, I think, as being entitled to a chance of the prize. There is one other thing, and that is "Plain Speaker" ought to get a guarantee from the Churchwardens that they will bind themselves to furnish the sender's name of the first shilling sent by stamps (or otherwise, as may be decided) to you for publication. This may induce some to help. For my part I am going to try for the handbells, and at the same time help the cause.—Yours faithfully,
E. O. MASTERS."

Mr. Masters and all my friends may rest assured that stamps, postal orders, post office orders, and even money in a registered envelope of the required value, or even a five-pound note or cheque for any amount, will be accepted with thanks. I don't think the Churchwardens of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, ought to be asked for such a guarantee as indicated by Mr. Masters. They have copies of this paper every week, and if they have no objection to sending a line to me in terms which may satisfy all, I will insert it next week.

I hope everyone understands that the first letter the Churchwardens open on the morning of November the First (All Saints' Day), containing the statutory One Shilling or more, in paper or hard coin, gives a new peal of twelve handbells to the sender. Again: possibly some of my readers may prefer to send their shillings (or pounds) to the Vicar. In such case the printers of this paper gratuitously offer a similar present to the sender of the first letter which is opened by the rev. gentleman. I have received a postal order for two shillings from Mr. James H. Blake, of Chichester, which has been forwarded to Harlow.

This is the fifth week of penny stamp saving for the Harlow concern. As the time draws nearer I am getting anxious. I hope the 30,000 members of the Exercise have put by a penny stamp each week. Those who have done so should ask at their local post office for a "form" on which to stick them. These forms are given away. Do not, my brethren, neglect or "apathize" in connection with this excellent movement. The First of November is drawing nigh.

CROWHURST, SUSSEX.

On Thursday week a memorial window was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Phillip O. Papillon, of Crowhurst Park, at Crowhurst Parish Church, Sussex. A large congregation attended to testify their love and respect for the memory of one who had justly earned the esteem of all his neighbours. The day was appropriately chosen for the dedication, it being the first anniversary of his decease. The window, the cost of which has been defrayed by public subscription, is the work of Messrs. Heaton, Butler and Bayne. It is of three lights, representing Faith, Hope, and Charity. The rector (the Rev. J. P. Bacon-Phillips) and the Rev. H. C. K. Tindall, officiated, and a most appropriate and excellent address was given by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, vicar of Writtle, Essex, from 1 Cor. xiii. 13. Underneath the window a handsome brass has been placed.

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Royal Cumberland Society.—No meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Friday, Aug. 24th. The next meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 7th. Members are requested to attend; important business will be brought before the Society, also election of Officers for the ensuing year. A. JACOBS.
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, August 25th, at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. Meeting at 6.30. All members requested to attend. Business important.

WM. BRACEWELL.
Sec. pro. tem.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Upholland to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting 7.0 p.m. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Woodlesford (6 bells), to-day Saturday, August 25th. Meeting house The White Hart hotel. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers and friends are welcome.

HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., to-day, Saturday, August 25th, by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, by which time the Hon. Secretary hopes to receive the few outstanding subscriptions. Arrangements are in progress for holding the annual meeting at All Saints' church, Fulham, full particulars of which will be announced later. ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Lincoln Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 1st. Tea (tickets 1s. each), will be provided at The Eight Bells inn.

R. CLARKE, Branch Sec.

21, Richmond Road, Lincoln.

St. Thomas' Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton, on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheadle, on Saturday, September 1st. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. S. West, Silk Mill Cottages Cheadle, not later than August 28th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly Meeting at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Usual arrangements. Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. W. CASS, Branch Sec.

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, September 15th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. Cairns Brown, Vicar of Shifnal. Tea at 5 p.m.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. H. Barber has removed to 13, Parkfield Road, Saltley, Birmingham.

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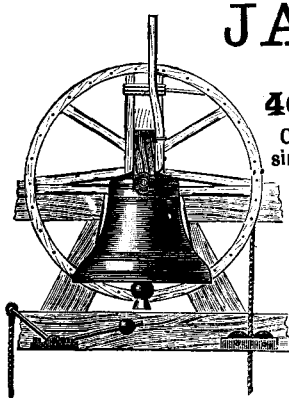
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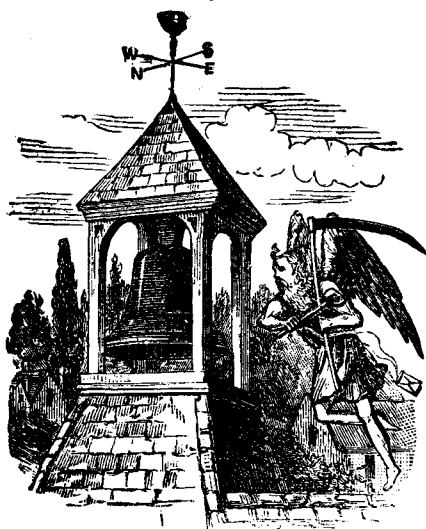
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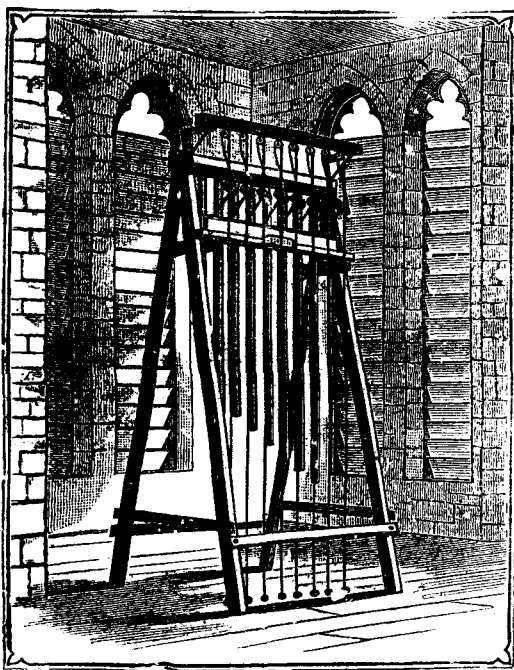
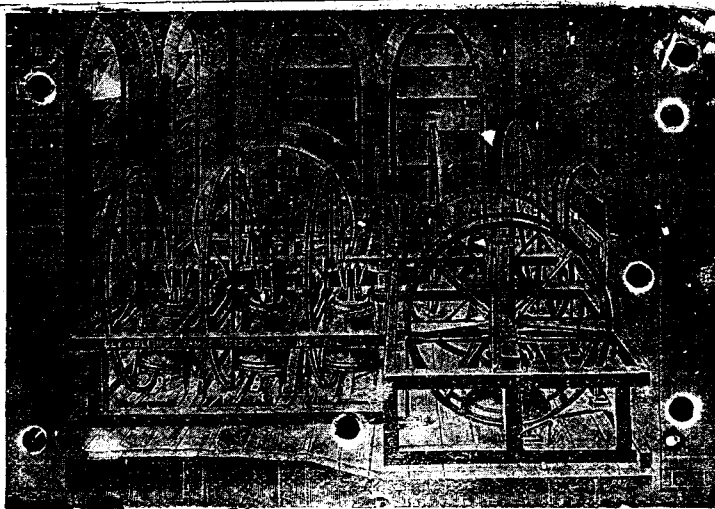
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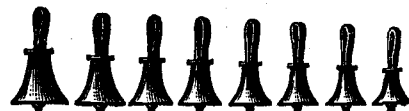
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LEATHERHEAD.

The Annual Festival of the above Guild took place on Monday, July 16th. In spite of the great heat and the rather awkward journey to Leatherhead, some 120 to 130 members attended from various parts of the diocese. The Bournemouth band, finding they could not reach Leatherhead by 10 a.m., journeyed to London on the previous Saturday with their enterprising churchwarden, Mr. Scott-Evans (who always accompanies them on these occasions), and made their way to the place of meeting early on Monday; while the Master (Rev. R. C. M. Harvey), after cycling some fifteen miles and preaching three times on Sunday, reached Portsmouth after midnight, and came up to Leatherhead with his old friends the members of the St. Mary Portsea company, the next morning. No ringing was done before the annual meeting, which was held in the parish room punctually at 10.30 a.m. J. P. Stilwell, Esq., President, occupied the chair, being supported by the Master and Hon. Secretary. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and passed, and as usual the minutes of the preceding annual meeting were re-read. The officers of the Guild then retired. The Master took the chair until the President was placed into it again amidst much applause. He returned thanks to the meeting for their renewed confidence in him, and then followed the re-election of the Master and Hon. Secretary, who in their turn thanked those present for the honour they had been accorded.

The Standing Committee was re-elected, as also were the various hon. district secretaries, with the exception of one vacancy—Winchester. The Rev. H. Wheat, curate of Hursley, was proposed and seconded, provided he would accept the office.

The Rev. Stanhope Rashleigh was elected a Life Member, and the Rev. R. Home an hon. member. Four compounding and nine performing members were added to the society.

Mr. Scott-Evans requested that a notice of the quarterly meetings should be sent to the members of the Standing Committee. This was agreed to.

The balance-sheet was then passed without discussion, on the motion of Mr. T. W. Fairey, seconded by Mr. Harper.

The Hon. Secretary moved "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. H. White for his renewed kindness in auditing the accounts." He said that Mr. White had rendered him valuable assistance in this matter, and saved him much time.

Mr. Hunt (Guildford) seconded—carried unanimously.

Mr. White replied in a few graceful words.

The Hon. Secretary then brought forward the question of a memorial of to the late Mr. James Hewett. After briefly referring to his career, and to his long connection with the Guild, he proceeded to read letters from Messrs. H. Dains and A. Jacob. These were answers to his question—whether the Cumberland Society would join the Winchester Guild in erecting some memorial to Mr.

Hewett. From these communications he gathered that they had better proceed alone, and hoped that the meeting would decide to do something at once, as their old friend had gone to his rest some ten months ago.

Mr. J. W. Whiting proposed that the Guild should take the matter in hand without the Cumberland Society. He thought they could well afford to do so.

The Master suggested that an estimate be procured for a brass to be placed eventually in the church of Holy Trinity, Gosport, and also an estimate for a cross or memorial for the grave. He thought that the former would be the more permanent memorial of the two.

Mr. Grist (Bournemouth), said that some memorial, if only a curb, should be erected at the cemetery to mark the grave.

Mr. Scott-Evans (Bournemouth), spoke concerning the cost of a brass tablet, and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Pearce (York Town), seconded by Mr. Hill (Fareham), "That estimates of the cost of brass tablets be obtained and sent round to the captains of bands." Carried.

A discussion on the day of the week for the annual meeting was then opened by the Hon. Secretary. At the last quarterly meeting held at Chiddingfold only five members present had voted upon the subject, three in favour of Saturday, and two of Monday. He commenced to make arrangements at Leatherhead for Saturday, but was informed that it was a very awkward day for feeding purposes, there being so many excursions, etc. He then wrote to the Master, who replied that he would "back up" Monday instead. Consequently he had altered the day. He felt that an apology was due to the proposer and seconder of the proposition which had been carried in favour of Saturday; at the same time their annual meetings had been held for some years past on a Monday, and it did not seem fair that a single vote at a small meeting should effect such an alteration for so many ringers in the diocese. He knew that some inconvenience had been caused by changing the day, which he was sorry for; but he hoped that the question would now be thoroughly thrashed out. He concluded his remarks by reading a letter from Mr. S. Radford, secretary of the St. Nicolas Guildford band, which he had been requested to make public.

Mr. Hunt (Guildford) said he had been sent by his company to place their feelings on this matter before the meeting. The Guildford men thought that the day should not have been altered, and he considered that some thirty-five men had stayed at home, who would have attended on a Saturday. He proceeded to give a list of the various members in the Guildford district, and spoke about their performances, etc., which he contended showed that they were worthy of consideration.

The Master said that ever since he had been connected with the Guild, first as Hon. Secretary, and then as Master, he had always tried to advance its interests as a corporate body. He was delighted to hear how well the Guildford district was doing, and he hoped other districts would copy their example. At the same time they must

consider other districts and other towers, and do what would benefit the Guild as a whole. It was quite evident that they were divided upon the day; some found Monday suit them, others liked Saturday best. It was for them to decide, they could not possibly please everyone and on such a matter there would have to be "give and take."

Various propositions were then made: Mr. Hunt—"That quarterly meetings be held in the Guildford district." Mr. Grist—"That all quarterly meetings be held in the various districts in alphabetical order." Neither of these propositions, however, found a seconder.

Mr. Le Clercq (Farnham), spoke in favour of Saturday. It was very difficult to leave home on a Monday. Most employers of labour disliked their men taking a holiday on that day.

Mr. T. W. Fairey (York Town), said that the members of his band could attend as a rule on either day of the week. He was glad to have the matter thoroughly discussed. Several others have spoken in favour of either day. The President thought they should conclude the discussion. Mr. Fairey then moved, Mr. Harper (Portsea), seconding, "That in future the Annual Meeting be held on a Monday."

Mr. E. Hull (Leatherhead) proposed, Mr. Le Clercq seconding, "That the Annual Meeting be held on a Saturday."

The Master expressed a hope that they would not make a permanent fixture of the day. It could be decided by votes from year to year at their Annual Meetings.

Messrs. Fairey and Harper agreed to alter their proposition: "That the Annual Meeting next year be held on a Monday." The amendment received twelve votes, while the amended proposition received forty, and was therefore carried.

For the place of the next Annual Meeting to be held in Hampshire, Ryde and Bournemouth were duly proposed and seconded respectively by Messrs. Hill (Fareham), and Batts (Hambleton), and Grist (Bournemouth), and F. Kemp (Leatherhead). Ryde received forty-five votes, and Bournemouth ten. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bournemouth.

A vote of thanks to the President and the other officers of the Guild was proposed by Mr. H. White, and the business terminated.

The Annual Service was held in the grand old church of SS. Mary and Nicolas at twelve o'clock. The usual service was sung by the Rev. S. N. Sedgwick, curate, the lesson being read by the Viear, the Rev. Canon Utterton. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Bursledon, and Hon. Secretary of the Guild, from 1 Corinthians xii. 27: "Ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." He said in the course of his remarks that St. Paul tried to show the Corinthians how God the Holy Ghost had disposed and arranged the order of workers in the church, how He influenced them all both collectively and individually. There was special work for all the members of the natural body, and for the members of the spiritual body. Everything could not be raised or lowered to one standard or one level in the natural body or in the church. Had the Apostle lived in later times he would probably have included ringers amongst his various orders of church-workers. As they met year by year it was well that they should look back and look forward, and remind themselves of their responsibilities; because there were plenty of good change-ringers who could not be called good church-

men. The numerous ringers' guilds and associations all over the country had accomplished much in raising the tone and work of the ringer, but the ringer had not always raised his spiritual or religious tone and work. There were plenty of men about who put up change-ringing *first*, and church membership *last*. There were those who took up ringing as a sort of pastime, and turned it into a secular amusement. There were those who rang, calling others to worship, and who seldom worshipped themselves. There were some members of their own Guild who attended their annual business meeting, and who did not worship with them at the annual service. What was wanted in these days was a more consistent life, a life which showed that they rang the bells to the honour and glory of God, and not for their own glorification. They desired to see a more brotherly feeling abroad; there was far too much selfishness, narrow-mindedness, "cliquism," party-spirit, and pride amongst some of them. He asked them to remember that day and always that they were brethren, members of the body of Christ, that they had corporate duties as churchmen, not merely as members of their Guild. They should strive after a higher and more devoted service, whether they rang in the simpler or in the more advanced methods of their Art; because at the last great day their work would be judged, not by the number of peals or intricate methods they had mastered, but by the quality, tone and character of the service they had offered to God's glory.

At the conclusion of the service an excellent dinner was served in the Victoria Hall by Mr. W. Messam, of the Crown Coffee Tavern, and a member of the local band. Some sixty-five members sat down with the President, who subsequently gave the toast of "The Queen." The Master moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the kind welcome which had been extended to the Guild, and Canon Utterton having responded, the company dispersed to ring at the several towers in the neighbourhood.

P.S.—The Rev. H. Wheat having declined the office of Hon. Secretary of the Winchester District, the Rev. Vere Awdry, Vicar of Ampfield, Romsey, has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary.

We are asked to add to the above the following account of a very gratifying proceeding:—

At the annual meeting of members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, held at Leatherhead on July 16th, an interesting presentation took place. The President, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., on behalf of the members of the Guild, at the request of Mr. H. White, presented the Hon. Secretary (Rev. C. E. Matthews), with an address of congratulation and a purse of £20 on the occasion of his marriage. The President expressed the great pleasure it gave him to make the presentation, and assured the Hon. Secretary how deeply the members appreciated his arduous labours for the welfare of the society during the five years that he had been its secretary. On behalf of the members he wished him and his bride a bright and prosperous future.

The Secretary said the presentation had come upon him as a great surprise, and he really could not find words to express his gratitude to the members for this splendid present. He was glad if he had been able to do anything to help on the work of the Guild. It was a work that was to him a labour of love, and he only hoped that now that he had charge of a parish, he would not

find that it would prevent him from continuing to take an active interest in a work which had brought him so many valued friends. He could only conclude by again thanking the members for their extremely generous and highly appreciated gift. We may add that the work in connection with the gift was most admirably carried out by Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke, and that Mr. J. J. Jones, of Guildford, most kindly supplied gratuitously the necessary circulars and receipt cards.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6th, the above-named Guild had its thirteenth annual meeting at Liscard. Owing to the inclemency of the weather there were only about 140 ringers present. About 10 o'clock the bells of St. Mary's church, Liscard, gave notice that the first batch of ringers had arrived, but owing to its being Bank Holiday, and the train service not of the best, and Liscard not being the easiest place to find, ringers did not arrive so fast or so punctually as usual at an annual meeting. The service was held in the parish church at 11 a.m.; the organist was present at the organ, and the choir was in full force. The special Psalms for the day were the 149th and the 150th. To the great delight of all present the Rev. J. H. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association, preached the sermon, taking his text from the 4th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, verse vii. After the service the annual meeting was held in the mission room, and was well attended. The Venerable the Archdeacon of Chester, Master of the Guild, presided, and there were also present the Revs. Canon Holme, H. Leigh Mallory, J. H. Elsee, T. Pemberton. A letter of apology was read from the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. R. Greenall, who was unable to attend owing to illness. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement of accounts for the year 1899, which had been previously approved by the general committee were taken as read and passed. From this it appears that the balance in the bank for the year above mentioned amounted to £66 3s. 6d., as against £62 13s. 9d. for the previous year. The Venerable the Archdeacon of Chester was unanimously re-elected Master of the Guild. The Rev. Richard Greenall was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, but on a resolution proposed by Mr. Holding, seconded by Mr. J. Mainwaring, it was decided that Mr. F. T. Spence be elected assistant Hon. Secretary. Mr. Langford proposed, and Mr. Geo. Lewis seconded, that the Revs. Canons Blencowe and Holme, Revs. S. A. Boyd, H. Leigh Mallory, G. J. Howson, J. H. Thorpe and Hatt Cook, Esq. be re-elected honorary members to serve on the general committee. This was carried unanimously. The Master proposed, and Mr. Hammond seconded, that Messrs. R. T. Holding, F. T. Spence, T. J. Bethell, J. Dillon, W. Walmsley, Wm. Gordon and Jos. Ashmole be re-elected change-ringing members to serve on the general committee. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Langford then read an invitation from the Rev. G. F. Howson, of Crewe, for the Guild to hold their next annual meeting at that place on August Bank Holiday, 1901. The Rev. H. Leigh Mallory then proposed, and the Rev. Canon Holme seconded, "That the Guild accepts the very kind invitation of the Rev. G. J. Howson to visit Crewe next year," which was carried unanimously. The Master then proposed, and Mr. H. Dew seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Rev. J. H. Elsee, for so kindly attending, and for his very excellent, interesting and instructive ser-

mon. Mr. Holding proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, who, notwithstanding the very wet day, was present in the chair, and had so ably discharged the duties of Master, and this being seconded by Mr. Gordon, was put to the meeting and carried by acclamation. All then wended their way to the village club, where an hot dinner was provided, and, needless to say, ample justice was done to it. S.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On the occasion of the dedication of two new bells at St. Mary's church, Lydney, by the Hon. and Very Rev. Dean Leigh, of Hereford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by Morris J. Morris, of Bangor, North Wales, was rung by a band of ringers belonging to the Llandaff Diocesan Association. J. Morley, 1; J. Prickett, 2; W. Freestone, 3; J. Butler, 4; R. Thompson (conductor), 5; J. Jones, 6; F. Attwell, 7; F. Bye, 8. Messrs. Butler, Jones, and Attwell hail from Newport, Monmouthshire; the remainder from Chepstow. Tenor about 17 cwt. The two new bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and are excellent specimens of bell founding. The octave goes well, but as might be expected from the up-to-date metal fixings, the two new ones are conspicuous by their crispness and clearness, and it is very probable that the parishioners will make a move towards putting the last six on an equal footing with the new trebles. The ringers were entertained at supper at the vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. E. Besant), and the churchwardens, Messrs. F. S. Hockaday and H. P. Turner.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held at Woodlesford on Saturday, August 25th, the following towers being represented: Armley, Bramley, Pudsey, and the local company. A peal was successfully rung during the afternoon, the report of which will be found on another page. The business meeting was held at The White Hart hotel, the president, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read on the motion of Mr. J. Abbishaw, seconded by Mr. J. Haigh. It was then arranged to attempt a peal at the Drighlington meeting on Saturday, September 29th. No other business being forthcoming, Mr. J. Thackray moved, and Mr. W. Chapman seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the local company for their kind arrangements which were carried unanimously. Mr. J. Haigh briefly responded, thus bringing to a close another successful meeting.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.—A writer in *The Guardian* says: "In walking into Westminster Abbey I have often felt that a very unchurchlike tone pervades the place. This impression is notably induced when one comes upon the photograph and bookstall established in the ambulatory, or hears the repeated vociferations of the custodians with reference to the guide being about to start to 'go round the tombs.' Of course, the things may be regarded as insignificant, *per se*, but at the same time one cannot help thinking that it is just such little things as these that encourage in visitors irreverence and disregard for the sacredness of the building."

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."

"WHO WAS SYMONDSON?" ETC.

SIR,—Owing to some slip of yours or mine, the word "and" appears at the bottom of the first column of page 194, in your last issue. It ought not to be there at all, and there should be a full stop instead. It is a small point, but I am not sure that, as the passage stands, my meaning is as plain as I meant it to be.

Now as to Symondson. Henry Symondson was a member of the Junior Cumberland Youths. As that Society had no list of members, we cannot tell when he joined it, and their peal-book is written up in so careless a manner, and with such a disregard of chronological order, that it would be unsafe to conclude that it shows all his performances. In the following, however, he took part:—

5264 Grandsire Major at Lewisham, 6th October, 1793.

5111 Grandsire Caters at St. Sepulchre's 10th December, 1793.

5453 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary-le-Bow, 2nd January, 1794.

6003 Stedman Caters at Spitalfields, 13th November, 1797.

5040 Grandsire Triples at Camberwell, 18th January, 1798.

5016 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 25th February, 1799.

5040 Stedman Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 22nd May, 1799.

6112 Treble Bob Major at Camberwell, 3rd November, 1801.

5280 Treble Bob Major at St. George's-in-the-East, 12th November, 1802.

5040 Grandsire Triples at Lambeth, 10th March, 1809.

On the 27th January, 1812, Symondson was elected a member of the old Society of Cumberland Youths, and on the 8th February following he rang the ninth in a peal of 5424 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin's. After this he seems to have given up peal-ringing, but his name appears as one of the signatories on behalf of the Cumberlands to a petition addressed by the College Youths and them to the ratepayers of St. Martin's in support of the application of a Mr. Clay for the post of steeple-keeper, then vacant by the death of Mr. Palmer. There is a print of this petition in Osborne's collections, but it is undated. I am inclined to think that its date is somewhere in the thirties, and at any rate prior to 1843.

The post office directory for 1840 notes Henry Symondson as a maker of musical bells, at 1, Tottenham Court Road. In 1841, his address is given as 21½ Clipstone Street, Fitzroy Square. In 1842, both addresses are given, and his name appears for the last time. In 1843, Philip and James Symondson were carrying on the business at both addresses, and in 1844 Philip alone. In 1846, Philip Symondson was located at 32, Wellesley Street, Somers Town, whence he moved, apparently in the following year, to 30, Clerkenwell Close, where he remained up to 1854, after which year his name disappears from the directory.

I proceed now to notice some of the points in Mr. Eyre's letter, appearing in your issue of the 18th August. But first I wish to set out two passages from Stedman—the former from the *Tintinnalogia*, the latter from the *Campanologia*. The latter I quoted in your columns last year, but it will probably be more convenient if I set it out again. The last section of the *Tintinnalogia* is devoted to the subject of hanging bells, and the last paragraph is as follow:—

'Tis very convenient (if the frame will permit) to fasten a piece of timber about half a foot long on the end of the main spoke at the top of the wheel (whereon the end of the bell rope is fastened) with a notch on the end of it; so at the setting of the bell the rope will hit into that notch from the rowle, and this will make the bell lie easier at hand when it is set, and flie better.

The passage from the *Campanologia* runs thus:—

Whole pulls was the general practice in former times; and indeed, considering the manner of the hanging of the bells in those days, they could not well have been rung at half pulls; but since the improvement in the art of bell hanging, that is with round wheels, trussing them up in the

stock, and placing the roll at right angles with the sole of the wheel, the bells go much better and are managed with more ease at a set pull than formerly; therefore the changes are now generally rung at half pulls.

Now it is evident that Stedman, in the former passage, was speaking of bells without stays, and he suggests a method by which the bell may lie easier at hand when set; in other words, a method whereby the ringer may the more easily hold a bell, as long as he likes, on the balance. It follows from this, I think, that it was customary to hold bells on the balance. No doubt round-ringers found great pleasure in continually raising and falling bells; but change-ringers would be mainly bent on producing changes in ringing. Hence they would not want to lower the bells after every touch and their bells would "lie in hand when set," till they were ready to start again. Stedman suggests a method whereby this would the more easily come about, and the fact that he does so shews that it was then a practice to so hold the bells up. It is, moreover, to be remembered that Stedman does not use the word "handstroke," though he uses "backstroke." What we now call "handstroke" he calls "forestroke." Again it is neither usual nor necessary to "set" a bell when actually ringing by means of the stay and slider, nor could it have been necessary in Stedman's time to "set" in the way he describes while ringing was going on. Therefore at present I can only understand this passage as recognising the fact that before stays and sliders were invented it was a common practice to hold the bells in hand, that is, by the hand at forestroke, when not being actually at the moment rung.

The latter passage seems to mean that before the round wheels were used and the other improvements spoken of were made, a bell rung could not be balanced at back-stroke sufficiently well to allow of holding up. In fact a bell could not be held up at backstroke; only at handstroke. Will some bell hangers or others tell us how this would be? Someone, I think Mr. Kelly, told me once there were some bells in Devon still hanging on less than whole wheels. If so, will he or some other practical ringer, go and try them and see whether it is the case that they cannot be well held up at backstroke, and let us have the result of his experience.

Now all this may seem somewhat remote from Mr. Eyre's letter, but I connect them in this way. The first passage I have quoted seems to me to take away Mr. Eyre's point that it would not be very practicable for the sexton to hold a bell without a stay long enough on the balance to ring a death knell. I think the passage is an evidence of a common custom of so holding up a bell, and most of us must have had experience of something gone wrong with a stay or a slider which has not prevented a bell being held up during a whole evening's practice. The second passage seems to shew that in former days it was difficult, if not impossible, to hold a bell up at backstroke, and therefore, where the death bell was rung it had to be rung in whole pulls. Hence the ringing of a death bell in whole pulls, which Mr. Eyre cites, appears to me, in conjunction with what Stedman says, to explain what Dowe meant by "double strokes." He chose the form of the death bell for his purpose, and he was accustomed to hear it rung in whole pulls. In fact I think Mr. Eyre, without quite realising it, has explained the whole thing.

There are just two remarks I wish to add. It is not correct that I regard the revival of the passing bell as something to be aimed at. Mr. Eyre will see, if he looks again at what I said, that I left the matter entirely open. Whether a thing is to be aimed at or not must depend on whether it is likely to be practically advantageous, and I expressed no opinion one way or the other as to whether such a revival would or would not be practically advantageous. That I leave to those better qualified to judge. The other remark in answer to Mr. Eyre, is that I think at the time of the framing of the Canon the word "peal" meant anything of any description rung, as distinguished from anything chimed.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I see the question of "Who was Symondson" has been asked in "BELL NEWS" of late. I have come across the following, which I copy from the Name-Book of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Henry Symondson elected 1793; Henry Symondson elected 1812; Henry Symondson, Junr. elected 1819; Phillip Symondson elected 1835; Henry Symond-

son elected 1837. The name of Henry Symondson appears on a Tablet in the steeple of Bennington, Herts, dated 1838, as having improved, retuned, &c. the bells there. Perhaps some one else can tell us how many peals he or they Symondsons rang. *Glemsford, Suffolk.* S. SLATER.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—I must apologise to the Exercise and yourself for the insertion of the false peal in your issue of August 18th, and also to the band who rang it. I sent it for proof and it was returned to me as true. I should feel much obliged if anyone will show me where it is false, as knowledge of the cause of errors is the only way or preventing their recurrence. WILLIAM T. ELSON.
9, Prince Teck Buildings, Earls' Court, S.W.

THE PROPOSED NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HARLOW, ESSEX.

SIR,—We should be glad to think that your readers clearly understand the circumstances under which our appeal for a new Ring of Bells has been issued. The church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, originally built in the year 1837, was rebuilt entirely—chancel, nave, and tower, in the respective years of 1888, 1893, and 1894-5—the whole being a solid substantial structure. A movement has now been set on foot to place a Ring of Eight Bells in this church. The district is poor, and the local resources small. The church of St. Mary Magdalen is three miles from the ancient parish church. We feel that a grand opportunity of completing the church by the addition of bells should be carried to a successful issue. With an earnest desire to obtain the consummation of our wishes we should be glad to give prizes of two sets of handbells to the third and fourth donors of subscriptions received on the morning of November 1st next, or in any other way the Editor of "BELL NEWS" approves of. THE CHURCHWARDENS.

A RINGING HOLIDAY.

Two ringers, father and son, recently decided to score (if possible) one or more peals during a week's holiday in the celebrated district of Drayton, Berks. They were Messrs. J. W. Wilkins and P. W. Wilkins, of Maidenhead, and they depose as follows: "From Maidenhead to Abingdon, where Messrs. Short, Holifield, and Adkin were bespoke for Thursday at Drayton, and these with Mr. Thomas of Harwell, and the evergreen veteran Master—Rev. F. E. Robinson—and Mr. Hyde, the two Wilkinses (sen. and jun.) had the satisfaction of scoring Stedman, being the first attempt by the lad, the record of which has appeared in the peal columns. Another famous peal, Appleton, was then decided on for Saturday, and Messrs. Holifield, Short, Adkin, Barratt, Wilkins (sen. and jun.) met five more good men. Grandsire Caters was going for an hour, then 'stand!' says conductor Holifield. Another 1½ hours ended the attempts for first peal on ten that day. A short time was then enjoyed with the Appleton men, including the veteran Mr. F. White, who was not ringing that day. He said however that he would be pleased to stand in during the following week, so accordingly father and son again 'byked' to Appleton, and Mr. White's remark after 3 hrs. 17 mins.—'that's a capital peal'—conveyed all that the visitors required for their long journey. A peal was booked for Witney and one also for Kidlington, but the dates would not work effectively, though the writer still hopes to visit the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn at Witney and Mr. Bennett at Kidlington at a future time. Will the Abingdon and Appleton ringers accept our sincere thanks? To Mr. and Mrs. Short also, the writer feels indebted for kindness shewn during their visit. Great satisfaction is felt at the enjoyable holiday."

LATE NOTICE.

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above-named Society will be held on Saturday, September 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house, The Beaumont Arms, 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

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, Punsden Vicarage Reading Berks.

Obituary.

JOHN REYNOLDS.

On Saturday, (August 18th,) there passed away, at the age of 74 years, John Reynolds, the oldest bellringer of the parish church of Chailey, Sussex. He had been a ringer for upwards of 45 years, but latterly had been obliged to seek shelter in the Union Workhouse. Through the courtesy of the officials he was allowed to attend and ring for the Sunday evening service, and on the Sunday preceeding his death he was in his usual place. He was buried on Tuesday, when he was borne to his last resting place by four of the ringers, and laid within the sound of the bells he had rung so long. In the evening, muffled peals were rung as a mark of respect to one who had been a member of the parish church bellringers for such a number of years. Thus runs the paragraph in a local newspaper recording the death of a veteran bellringer. "Old John," as he was known through the village, was never a peal-ringer in the present acceptance of the word, but he could hunt the treble on six bells, and no one in his tower could do it better than he. He had a notoriety, too, locally that is to say, of being a capital treble man for raising and falling in peal. When last the writer saw him not many weeks ago, he was looking as hale and hearty as possible. But now, alas, after a life exceeding the allotted span, he has gone. His place at the treble will be taken by younger men, but old John will be missed. R.I.P.

GEORGE MILES.

It is with much regret we have to record the death of the above named ringer, which took place at his residence, High Street, Epsom, on August 2nd, after a long and painful illness, aged 50 years. Deceased was the second son of the late Mr. Thomas Miles, whose death we recorded about ten months ago. He had not taken an active part in ringing for some years, owing to an affection of the heart, but was for many years connected with the St. Martin's band, and had taken part in several peals in different parts of the county. After the funeral, which took place in the family grave in Epsom Cemetery, on the 6th inst., during a drenching rain, the usual whole pull and stand was rang at St. Martin's Church, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect. The ringers taking part were A. E. Bassett, T. Goff, H. Pederick, W. Sutton, J. Crawford, A. Gower, J. Easton, J. Wyatt, H. Kenten, T. Everett.

GREEN CHARLTON.

Wellingborough Belfry has lost one of its oldest and most respected members by the death of Green Charlton, who had been connected with the Parish Church as a chimier for about 30 years. He was a native of Wollaston, and first learnt to "handle a rope" in the old ringing loft of that village. Green Charlton was an adept at the ancient Northamptonshire practice of "ringing-in" the tenor or great bell as a variation when chiming for Divine Service. He was careful, reliable and precise in his own work, and looked to others to be equally so. For chiming he always took the present sixth bell (the old fourth, which was cast in the year 1764, Thomas Holme being Vicar, and John Pendred and Richard Barker Churchwardens). This bell was "toll'd" as "sermon bell" on Sunday evening last, and the tenor in the morning. On Monday afternoon, during the time of the funeral, as a fitting tribute of respect for an old comrade, the senior ringers (in accordance with a very old custom in Wellingborough) chimed the six oldest and heaviest bells in a musical change of which deceased was particularly fond. For some time past he had not been able to attend the belfry owing to illness and infirmity. But when in good health none were more punctual than he, and no one more enjoyed the sweet chiming of the bells for service, or having called others was more regular in attendance thereat than Green Charlton.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1900.

In our last number we asked if anything could be done to create a greater public interest in church bells? It was said that there had been instances known where the inhabitants of a town or village regarded their parish church bells with interest, in fact, with some degree of affection, and the question was asked, "can we, as ringers, attempt to revive such a feeling?"

If ringing history, with its accompanying tradition, may be depended on, there have been several cases where the church bells—and the ringers also—became interwoven with the life and concerns of the people. The historical ring of bells at Painswick was considered by the villagers as reflecting some sort of honour upon themselves, though the prowess of the ringers may have had something to do with this. Then we have heard of the inhabitants of neighbouring towns competing for the honour of possessing the heaviest or numerically largest peal, a competition which did not stop here, but extended to the ringers. The

towns of Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham maintained such a rivalry, we believe. Lavenham bells to this day are regarded by many of the villagers with feelings akin to affection. The church bells were in the grand old times one of the parish institutions, and every inhabitant almost had some legend connected with them to regale the enquirer. They were part of the life of the parish, and held a most conspicuous place in public estimation.

It is a matter for great regret that such deep regard for church bells is not so prevalent. Are there any means in our power to alter this for the best? Is there any process by which we may produce a greater interest? Not merely from the side of change-ringing, or archæology, but socially, so to speak, from the fact that bells are a grand old English institution, identified as they have been, and are still, with our national life. This is a question worthy the attention of all those who have the futurity of our grand church bells at heart.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, August 25, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE 5.	HERBERT F. HULL Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

Messrs. Hull, Prewett, and Salter, who hail from Kidderminster, were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

The Provinces.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
JOHN DENNER 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
JAMES H. BANKS 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 23, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SAMUEL ASTBURY* .. Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JAMES HALL 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
JAMES SMALL 4.	FREDERICK HARRIS .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES,

*First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1900, in Three Hours Three-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE LUFF Treble.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD* 2.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 6.
WALTER G. BROCKHURST† 3.	THOMAS ATTWELL 7.
JOHN HEATHORN 4.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal with a bob bell. Mr. J. Heathorn, for whom this was arranged, is in his 76th year.

WOODLESFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 25, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIE WALKER Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE 4.
HARRY GAYTHORPE 2.	JOHN THACKRAY 5.
GEORGE W. STEEL 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. Treble.	JOHN HACK 5.
GEORGE HUGGETT 2.	FRANCIS F. HOAD, JUN. .. 6.
GEORGE F. HOAD 3.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
JOHN ANSELL* 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD J. STAFFORD* .. Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS 5.
JOSEPH BIRCH 2.	ALFRED TURLEY 6.
FRANK EDWARDS 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
WILLIAM BARTON 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal. First peal of Major by all except the conductor. First peal of Major as conductor.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. Treble.	JOHN ANSELL 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
JOHN HACK 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. F. Taunton for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Laws for having everything ready.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, August 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY HOBBS Treble.	ALBERT REED 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 6.
ROBERT J. DAVE 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
FREDERICK HARDING .. 4.	WILLIAM JENNER Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 3.	ERNEST HOLLOWAY 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

T. J. Salter hails from Kidderminster.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDMUND LINDUP* Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	THOMAS J. SALTER 6.
JOHN STEDDY 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in a Treble Bob method.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BENHILTON, SUTTON (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 11th, an attempt was made for a 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major, which had to be brought round five courses from home after good striking for 2 hrs. 10 mins. owing to the 6th going bad. H. Langdon, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; J. Hack, 5; R. Charge, 6; G. F. Hoad, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 18th, at Christ Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which came to grief owing to a change-course after ringing fifteen courses. J. Hunt, 1; I. G. Shade, 2; G. F. Hoad, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; J. Hack, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8.

ASHTED (Surrey).—On August 18th, at St. Giles's church, an attempt for Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 1008. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; J. Wyatt, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; G. F. Hoad, 4; J. Hack, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; A. Dean, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8.

RANMORE (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 19th, at St. Barnabas' church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost five leads from home, owing to the tenor going bad. F. J. Shepherd, 1; J. White, 2; J. Ansell, 3; G. F. Hoad, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6; F. T. Hoad, 7; W. Lynch, 8. Great credit is due to the tenor man for ringing his bell so long, as it is not pealable for one man at present.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On May 24th, at Holy Trinity church, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, 704 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; T. Burrows, 3; W. Walton, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday,

May 27th, 576 Kent. R. Hartley, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; W. Walton, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, May 29th, 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 5th, Pretoria Day, 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; N. Townend, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, July 7th, at Colne parish church, 720 Kent. T. Redman (conductor), 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Hartley, 6. On Sunday, August 5th, 640 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. Also 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; T. Burrows, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Ashworth, 6. On Sunday, August 12th, 672 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; N. Townend, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 704 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; D. Campbell, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, August 19th, 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Campbell, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams).—On Sunday, August 19th, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Bowtell, 1; E. Webb, 2; P. Webb (conductor), 3; A. Lilley, 4; J. Webb, 5; F. Carver, 6. Also 108 Bob Minor. F. Carver, 1; E. Webb, 2; F. Bowtell, 3; P. Webb (conductor), 4; A. Lilley, 5; J. Webb, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Saturday, August 11th, at the parish church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Horne, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. Evans, 5; C. Giles, 6; J. Tucker, 7; Alfred E. Reeves (conductor), 8. This is the first touch of Major on the bells.

READING.—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Laurence's church, for Divine Service in the evening, 908 Bob Royal, in 35 mins. R. Sawyer, 1; A. Mayo, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; W. Horne, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; E. Bruce, 6; C. Stone, 7; A. Watmore, 8; A. E. Reeves, 9; J. Tucker (conductor), 10.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 8th, a course of Grandsire Triples. H. Remnant, 1; G. Luff, 2; H. Mullard (Haslemere), 3; T. Attwell, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; W. G. Brockhurst, 6; A. J. Bartlett, 7; T. Luff, 8. In the evening three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. H. Remnant, 1; H. Mullard, 2; T. Attwell, 3; W. G. Brockhurst, 4; A. J. Bartlett, 5; T. Luff, 6. On Sunday, August 19th, 180 Bob Minor. G. Luff, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; A. J. Bartlett, 4; A. Ashdown, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 20th, for practice on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Brockhurst, 1-2; A. J. Bartlett, 3-4; T. Attwell, 5-6; G. Luff (conductor), 7-8. First on handbells by all.

DUNSFOLD (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 28th, 360 Bob Minor. G. Luff, 1; A. J. Bartlett, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; W. G. Brockhurst, 4; A. Ashdown, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. An attempt for a 720 failed about 30 changes from home, one of the ringers missing his rope. Also a course of Grandsire Minor. J. Mitchell, 1; B. Smithers, 2; W. G. Brockhurst, 3; G. Hayward, 4; A. Ashdown, 5; A. J. Bartlett, 6. On handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Brockhurst, 1-2; A. J. Bartlett, 3-4; T. Attwell, 5-6; G. Luff, 7-8. Messrs. Attwell, Luff, Brockhurst, Ashdown, and Bartlett (2) hail from Chiddingfold; the rest are local ringers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, May 21st, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 39 mins. W. Brown, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; D. Harris, 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Lane, 8. On Saturday, May 26th, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Brown, 1; D. Harris, 2; C. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; M. Lane, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; M. Matthews, 8. On Thursday, June 28th, a course of Stedman Triples on handbells. D. Harris, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Herbert, 7-8. And another course, with S. Avis, 7-8. On Monday, July 30th, 336 Bob Major and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; D. Harris, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; J. Willshire (London), 5; E. Herbert, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; M. Lane, 8. On August 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Herbert, 1; M. Matthews, 2; D. Harris, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; W.

Chibnall (conductor), 6. A 336 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; D. Harris, 5; E. Herbert, 6; J. Willshire, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. On handbells, 252 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1-2; C. Herbert, 3; D. Harris, 4; E. Herbert, 5; M. Matthews, 6; J. Willshire, 7-8. On August 13, 432 Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; John D. Matthews (Bath, conductor), 5-6; Cyril Herbert, 7-8. And 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; D. Harris, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; J. D. Matthews, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. And 224 Bob Major.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Saturday, August 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22½ mins. W. Smith, 1; M. Lane, 2; S. Avis, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; J. Willshire, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Brown, 1; W. Smith, 2; D. Harris, 3; J. Willshire, 4; E. Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, July 23rd, with the assistance of Mr. Ferry, of Newcastle, 720 Bob Minor. A. Dodds, 1; R. Vest (first 720), 2; H. Wilkinson, 3; A. Pigg, 4; E. E. Ferry (conductor), 5; E. Weightman, 6. On Sunday, August 26th, another 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 29 mins. W. Moy (first 720), 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; A. Dodds, 3; A. Pigg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. Tenor 22 cwt.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTBURY, NEAR BRISTOL.—On Sunday, August 19th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. M. Hedges, 1; F. Winsor, 2; S. Butchers, 3; W. Evered, 4; W. Clarke, 5; J. Winsor, 6; J. Bishop (conductor), 7; H. Trappell, 8. Rung in honour of the return of Lieutenant Gibbs, of the North Somerset Yeomanry, who has been invalided home from South Africa.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. FAITH'S (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, August 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. G. Miles, 1; J. Howes, 2; H. J. Borrett, 3; A. Howes, 4; H. W. Stanley, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. On handbells, 224 Bob Major. J. G. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; C. E. Borrett, 7-8. And a touch of Grandsire Triples. H. W. Stanley, 1-2; J. Howes, 3-4; C. E. Borrett, 5-6; H. J. Borrett, 7-8.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Davy, 1; A. Howes (conductor), 2; R. Etteridge, 3; J. Howes (composer), 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence, 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, August 1st, at the residence of Mr. H. White, on handbells, the last 742 of Holt's Original. H. White, 1-2; H. Barton, 3-4; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 5-6; Dora White, 7-8.

STAINES (Middlesex).—On Saturday, August 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor on the back six in 26 mins. *J. Cooper, 1; A. Wicks, 2; H. Barton, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; J. Durrant, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. Also 300 Grandsire Triples by the above with the exception of G. Harrison, 7 Tenor 18 cwt. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, July 18th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Jubilee Court Bob. J. Luckey, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Ely Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, July 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Coventry Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, July 25th, for practice, 720 Ringers' Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 6; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 5th, for morning service, 720 Rochester Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, August 8th, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts (conductor), 3; T. Jordan, 4; G. Jordan, 5. This was rung in honour of W. Watts' thirty-fifth birthday. On Sunday afternoon, August 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; P. Webb, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. P. Webb hails from Ickleton, Cambridgeshire.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, July 21st, 910 Grandsire Triples. J. Green, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; H. Nash, 5; T. Woods, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; F. Warrington, 8. On Sunday, July 22nd, for Divine Service, 504 in the same method. T. Woods, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; W. Houlden, 8. On Sunday, August 5th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; F. Hilton, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; H. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. On Monday, August 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Woods, 1; W. H. Woods, 2; W. Dickinson, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. Nash, 7; W. Houlden, 8. On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service, 576 Kent. J. Holmes, 1; J. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; W. H. Woods, 5; T. Woods, 6; H. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. On Sunday, August 19th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; W. H. Woods, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; H. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. All these touches were conducted by W. Dickinson.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, August 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 648 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; E. Harris, 3; H. Langdon, 4; J. Basden, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; J. W. Golding, 7; A. Harding, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Thursday, August 9th, being the annual outing of the Westerham choir and bell-ringers, and through the kindness of the Vicar of Christ Church they rang 180 and 504 Stedman Triples, 336 Grandsire, and 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, M. Whatley, G. Steer, R. Stone, J. Heath, S. Voas, S. A. Wright, and D. Wright. The company wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. G. H. Howse for having all things ready.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset).—On Sunday, August 12th, at the parish church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Wyatt, 1; L. Moore, 2; E. Knight (conductor), 3; A. Gale, 4; G. Tippit, 5; J. Nisbett, 6; W. Gillingham, 7; C. Uris, 8.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Thursday, August 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. G. Harding, 1; W. Clark, 2; G. H. Guttridge (conductor), 3; C. Hartley, 4; W. Bateman, 5; E. H. Hawkins, 6. On Wednesday, August 22nd, the Farnham Royal ringers visited this place and rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Clarke, 1; J. Eldersfield, 2; G. H. Guttridge, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; G. Basden, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 216 Grandsire Minor, conducted by G. Basden. And several 120s of Doubles, in which J. Bateman, W. G. Harding and W. Bateman took part. Rung as a compliment to E. H. Hawkins, a local ringer, who was married on that day.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Sunday morning, August 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Gregory, 1; F. Bunce, 2; A. Gregory, 3; A. Gibbs, 4; T. Bull (Witney), 5; F. May, 6; J. Monk (Witney, conductor), 7; C. Lay, 8.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 5th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. H. J. Selby, 1; S. A. Wright, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; R. Stone, 4; J. Heath, 5; M. Whatley, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; G. Steer, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. H. J. Selby, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; S. A. Wright, 3; W. G. Granger, 4; J. Heath, 5; M. Whatley, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; G. Steer, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Saxe Coburg.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—On Saturday, August 18th, the members of this society, who this year had determined to have their outing in a long drive by road, met at their meeting-house, The Halberd inn, at 6.0 a.m., for a drive to Lavenham. A start was made at 6.30, one or two of the company being the recipients of some good-natured chaffing about being delayed in bed. The first stop was at The George inn, Hintlesham, and Hadleigh was reached at 7.45, where breakfast was had. We rang for half-an-hour at the parish church some Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples, and then departed for Monks Eleigh, where there is a nice ring of six bells. Then on to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Lavenham, with its fine ring of eight bells. Here we were met by Mr. Samuel Slater (of Glemsford) and Mr. Charles Sillitoe (of Sudbury), Mr. Symonds being busy in the tower raising the bells ready for a pull. A touch of Steilman and one of Double Norwich were rang before dinner, and after finishing with a short touch of Superlative Surprise, we left Lavenham for Boxford, where there is a ring of eight on which we rang a few short touches. Then on to Stoke-by-Nayland, where we came in contact with one of the oldest ringers in the county—Mr. Daniel Vince, and it was a treat to see the enjoyment in his face when Messrs. J. and H. Motts, H. Bowell, and W. Roughton rang a course of Bob Major upon his handbells in the street. The church contains a nice ring of six. Resuming our journey, we got back to our starting-point, The Halberd inn, punctually at ten o'clock, all having enjoyed the grand drive of about fifty miles. The members sincerely thank Mr. A. Symonds (of Lavenham) for his kindness in so well arranging for our visit. C.

THE TROWBRIDGE SOCIETY.—On a recent Saturday the Trowbridge ringers—accompanied by the veteran William Alley, and Mr. Warden (hon. sec. of the Stroud Association) proceeded by brake to the village of Bromham, and then Seend. At each place they were met by representative ringers, who conducted them to the belfry. After lowering the bells at Bromham the ringers partook of a cold collation at The Greyhound hotel, where touches on the handbells were rung. The Rector, the Rev. Edward B. Edgell, very kindly provided some bundles of choice cheroots, which were greatly appreciated. Bromham is noted as being the place where Tom Moore, the poet, lived and died. He was well known to the Rector—who later on officiated at both the funeral of the poet, and Bessie, his wife—and Bromham church bells are those immortalised by Moore, and with them all who have the honour of sounding and performing upon them. Had there been no ringers Tom Moore could not have heard "Those Evening Bells," so that a ringers' outing to Bromham seems most fitting. The poet's grave is immediately at the foot of the steps leading to the belfry, as if there to guard and inspire all who enter for ringing. Tom Moore probably has never been equalled in pathos and melody; his metaphors are more abundant, varied, and correct, and at the same time more elaborately polished than those of any other writer. His verses generally exhibit the splendour, and breathe the voluptuousness of oriental lands; and couched in language more mellifluous than that of Italy, they resemble rather strains of music than mere poems. He was to verse what Mozart was to music, ever producing yet never exhausted, ever varied, yet ever delightful. It would be fitting if other bands of ringers could, during the summer season, follow the example of Trowbridge ringers, and pay a visit to the poet's resting place, and play the music of the bells. After viewing the church, poet's grave, and other objects of interest, the Rector was thanked, not only for his kindness in granting the use of the tower bells, but for his kind generosity in providing smokes from a choice weed. Mr. Webb and others were also thanked, and the brake drove off about 7.50 p.m. for Seend belfry. Arriving there about 8.15 p.m. Mr. Joseph Willshire and others met and conducted the visitors to the tower. The bells were at once raised, and pealed forth at intervals for some time in the cool evening air. It is only fair to Seend to remark that the scenery from the elevated and well-kept churchyard is most picturesque and beautiful. From a ringer's point of view certainly so, for it appears to be a centre of ringing. On the south are the churches

and bells of Potterne and Market Lavington, with Keovil Edington, Steeple Ashton, and West Lavington; on the south-west Rowde, Bromham, Devizes, Melksham, etc. After 9 o'clock, as night was drawing on, the bells were lowered, and the ringers adjourned for supper to The Bell inn. After some suitable toasting and patriotic songs—one of which was given by the veteran William Alley—Mr. Wilshire and others were thanked, and at 10 p.m. the whole company sang "God Save the Queen," and left Seend for Trowbridge, which was reached at 11.0 p.m. The visit and outing is one that has been greatly enjoyed, and will ever remembered by Messrs. W. McCaffrey (conductor), J. Hayward, F. Sidnell, H. Hulbert, W. Hill, R. Hill, F. Burbidge, W. Alley, W. Warden, and H. Stowe, for all had the honour and privilege of ringing upon the sweet bells of Bromham and Seend parish churches.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, HARWICH.—The first annual outing of this Guild took place on Monday, August 6th, to Woodbridge. Eleven members left by an early train, and arriving at Woodbridge at 9.20, a visit was speedily paid to St. Mary's church, with its splendid ring of eight, and after running home touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major we partook of light refreshment and then proceeded to the small tower of Hasketon, which is 2½ miles from Woodbridge, where we found a pretty-toned six, upon which was rung Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Double Court (the first Double Court on the bells). A move was then made to the house of G. Thompson, the home of one of the ringers, where an excellent spread was awaiting us, and to which we did ample justice. After dinner tunes and changes were rung on the handbells, being much appreciated. A visit was to have been to Ufford, but owing to the rain which set in at dinner-time, we were unable to go, all being very disappointed. Woodbridge was once more reached at 4.30, and a few touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major having been rung, we made our way to the station for home, which we reached at 10 o'clock, all having spent an enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through this medium, to thank the Vicars of Woodbridge and Hasketon for granting permission; and Mr. H. Cutting (of Woodbridge) and Mr. H. Burch (of Hasketon) for having the bells in readiness.

SOUTH SHORE (LANCASHIRE) SOCIETY.—The ringers of Holy Trinity church, South Shore, had their annual outing on bank holiday last, Lancaster, Morecambe, and Silverdale being the places visited. At Morecambe is a new ring of six, and after a 700 and a few touches of Bob Minor had been rung on them, a move was made for dinner. It had been intended to drive to Silverdale, where permission had been obtained for a peal, but unfortunately the weather had taken such a bad turn, that this part of the programme had to be abandoned, and the church of St. Thomas, Lancaster, was at once visited. The Vicar having kindly given permission, a 700 was rung. A journey was then made to the Lancaster County Asylum. Through the kindness of Mr. Bennet, of the Queens hotel, leave was obtained to look round the buildings, which the party found very interesting. A stroll round Lancaster, and then a start was made for home, Blackpool being reached at 11 o'clock, after a very enjoyable outing.

THE MIDDLESBROUGH SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 25th, the ringers of Middlesbrough parish church had an outing to Robin Hood's Bay, kind permission to ring having been granted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Jermyn Cooper. During the day a 700 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and an 18-score of Bob Minor were rung, also touches of Superlative and Bob Major. The ringers taking part were Messrs. Carter, J. and C. Hall, Howcroft, Metcalfe, McFarlane, Rudd, and Titchener, who wish to thank the Vicar for providing lunch and allowing them to visit his grounds, the outing very enjoyable.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

The estimate is between £80 and £90, and £30 has been already promised, but the restoration of the church has already cost £900, and over £1,000 more is required, and we should be glad of help towards the bells.

H. LAW JAMES,

BELFRY DESIGN AND BELL NUISANCE.

[From the *Illustrated Carpenter & Joiner*.]

In the present details of design of church belfries, which propagate the sound of bells, they serve to cause a nuisance. A radical change in the details which are concerned in propagating bell sound is therefore needed, which will presently be described.

The suppression of the ringing of church bells would be a national calamity in the estimation of many inestimable hosts of people and church-goers in most communities throughout the country. Yet there are growing murmurs and rumours of an ominous character, both public and private, that the continuous ringing of church bells, even for the half-hour preceeding service, is a nuisance. In some parishes the ring is only permitted during the first and last five minutes of the half-hour. What, then, is to become of the change-ringing feats of mental, moral, and physical performances involved in Treble Bob Major of 8,864 changes rung through in five hours and twenty-seven minutes? There are, besides, many other famous peals of "superlatives," &c., and various others of shorter duration, varying from about two hours to over three hours. That the "Ringing Island," as England has been fitly called, should discard the important use of her belfries by silencing her church bell ringing is hardly to be entertained. It should be remembered, too, that it would involve stopping the enjoyment of an important mental and muscular exercise, in which between 30,000 and 40,000 professional change ringers are immediately interested, besides a much larger host of their friends and sympathisers. Times, however, are changed, and the design and uses made of church belfries must keep abreast of the advance with the accompanying changes of taste of the people, but not by silencing her bells and forgetting the cunning of her change ringers, it is to be hoped. The church belfry has been for many centuries a most attractive part of the church functions. Even to this day its introduction in 404 B.C. by Paulinus, the then bishop of a most ancient city, founded by the Etruscans 800 years B.C., who first constructed the belfry and cast bronze bells for church purposes, is annually celebrated. This festival called "Giglio di Nola," takes place on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday after June 22, at Nola, near Naples. The leading feature of the procession on the Sunday assumes an architectural display of nearly a dozen highly modelled belfry towers or steeples of different elaborate architectural styles and designs, mostly octagon, and averaging about 70ft. high. They are of six or seven storeys, of varieties of Italian Classic, Renaissance, &c., superimposed architectural orders of design. Each tower is surmounted by the erect figure of the patron saint and embellished with fitting emblems of the local trade guilds presenting them for the occasion. The towers are constructed of bright coloured papier mache upon a light braced frame-work of sawn laths, secured to a light wood platform of about 16ft. square. The platform has ten projecting arms placed equi-distant round each of the four sides, so that each tower structure may be borne in the procession upon the shoulders of forty men, wheeled platforms not being permitted for the occasion. The Italian type of entablature mitring round the capital of the column and pilaster, as in the triumphal arches of Septimus Severus and Constantine at Rome, seems to find favour with the designers of these elaborate bell towers. And not less in favour at times is the more pronounced and extravagant style of architecture, decoration, and enrichment known as Rococo or Racaille, which commenced early in the seventeenth century, accompanying the Renaissance movement. The Rococo was pretentious, sumptuous, and tasteless, and we find it repeated in furniture as well as architecture of more recent times in this country. It succeeded the first revival of Italian

architecture in the time of Louis XIV. and XV. It was sinuous in elevation as well as in plan, broken and curved pediments, scroll buttresses, twisted columns, columns in front of pilasters, with the cornice mitring round them. The mouldings round panels are broken or curved at the angles into various shapes. Panels are filled with flowers, leafage, &c. Crimped and conventional shells, scrolls abound in various positions. There are birds, fishes, masks, figures, husks, marks of different forms and characters, ribbons, canopies, embossed grounds, musical instruments, and other extravagances in carving, sculpture, modelling, &c.

Though we would venture to suggest that some of the lord mayors' metropolitan "shows" should partake belfry towers, as appropriate to the "ringing island," in a somewhat similar manner they should avoid many of the extravagances of the Rococo, with its early "bizarre" and later "baroco" phases. Vast crowds of tourists and visitors from all parts of the world at its most fashionable health and pleasure resort, Naples, witness these annual festive architectural displays.

The most radical reform of the belfrey which is needed is a new phase in the sound-propagating function of the bell chamber. The louvres of the present arrangement direct the sound downwards upon the near dwellers with overpowering loudness, instead of its being scattered abroad. The louvre windows should therefore be boarded up inside and ample sound ports then be opened above them with projecting hoods to keep out the rain, &c. These sound ports should centre opposite to the level of the bells' lips when they are turned mouth upwards in change ringing. The ceiling of the bell chamber should slope upwards and outwards from the centre in a flat inverted conical form somewhat like the sound board over the pulpit of St. Paul's Cathedral. Galvanized wire netting should be spread across the sound ports to keep out birds. Sir Arthur P. Heywood, the chairman of the Central Council of Change Ringers' advocates this desirable reform. It has been successfully introduced in a belfry in Loughborough and elsewhere with satisfactory results.

Another reform in the belfry in which Sir Arthur is likewise interested is of vital importance, as it causes the dangerous dilapidation of the masonry of the belfry, so that many valuable peals of bells cannot be rung. The bell cage, being usually made of timber, shrinks and warps so that the joints of the framework get open and permit of injurious rocking of the cage, which bumps loose the stones of the belfry masonry against which it is wedged. The brasses in which the bell gudgeons work get loose, out of level, and in wind, and thus cause injurious distortions and friction which makes tiresome ringing and oftener prevents it altogether.

The neglect which causes this dilapidation to the belfry masonry, coupled with rickety and dangerous stair access up the tower to the belfry, have long been pleaded against by numerous writers from time to time. But no writer has been more assiduous for many years than the Rev. R. H. Haweis, of St. James's Chapel, Marylebone. Mr. Haweis, too, and likewise the Rev. Canon Simpson, of Chichester, have each laboured to advance the harmonious tuning of belfry bells, so as to make the ringing more acceptable to the public. Lord Raleigh has shown an interest in it by a philosophical investigation of the complexities of the sounding bell.

It should be noted that the bell is not a uniformly thin plate, as nearly all philosophical writers have treated it, but a plate of varying thickness throughout its vertical section, and hence there are various complexities involved in the sound it produces—varied too, by the manner in which it is struck.

Since the belfry is in existence for the use of bells, the bells should be musically tuned to justify the combined existence, when the belfry is properly designed to perform its function without propagating a nuisance. Then, with musically voiced bells, properly hung in a suitably designed belfry, ringing or chiming adaptable to popular melodies, there would be little cause of complaint against the design of the belfry and its propagating pleasing bell music.

Notices.

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The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Lincoln Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Caythorpe to-day, Saturday, September 1st. Tea (tickets 1s. each), will be provided at The Eight Bells inn.

R. CLARKE, Branch Sec.
21, Richmond Road, Lincoln.

St. Thomas' Guild, Dudley. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton, to-day, Saturday, September 1st. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheadle, to-day, Saturday, September 1st.
W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Irthlingborough, to-day, Saturday, September 1st. By kind permission of the Rev. J. K. Taylor, the bells of the church of St. Peter will be at liberty for ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Tea at The Bull hotel at 5 o'clock. Visitors from other Associations will be welcome. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.
Wellingborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rawtenstall to-day, Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. W. CASS, Branch Sec.
83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Refreshments in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after.

JAMES HIGSON, Secretary.
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grassendale, on Saturday, September 8th.
C. A. CLEMENTS, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, September 15th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. Cairns Brown, Vicar of Shifnal. Tea at 5 p.m.
J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.
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The Middlesex County Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Fulham, on Saturday, the 15th of September, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel. Service will be at 6 p.m., when the address will be given by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. A substantial tea will be provided in the parish room at 1s. 6d. per head, and it is earnestly requested that those who are desirous of having places reserved for them will communicate beforehand with one or other of the Hon. Secretaries, in order that proper provision may be made. It is hoped that the bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, may be available, as well as the bells of All Saints Fulham, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be followed by the usual business meeting. The Hon. Secretaries hope that ringers will make

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The Yorkshire Association.—The general meeting of this Association will be held at Horbury (near Wakefield) on Saturday, September 15th. By kind permission of the Rev. E. I. Lough, M.A., Vicar, the new ring of eight at St. Peter's will be available from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. At 4 o'clock, meeting of the official committee. At 5 o'clock, tea in the boys' schoolroom. Business meeting to follow. The Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Eden), has kindly promised to be present. After business the Horbury handbell ringers and concert party will give a smoking concert, programmes of which will be distributed during the day. The local hon. sec. is Mr. W. H. Giggie, Queen Street, Horbury, who will be pleased to make all necessary arrangements for the comfort and convenience of visitors. B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.
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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Worsley, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 7.0 p.m. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.
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The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at Star inn 5.45. Members who have not already done so will oblige by remitting subscriptions for 1900 at once.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.
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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, Wombourn. The bells will be available for touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names on or before the 17th inst. As the reports will be ready for this meeting it is requested that all committee men will attend.

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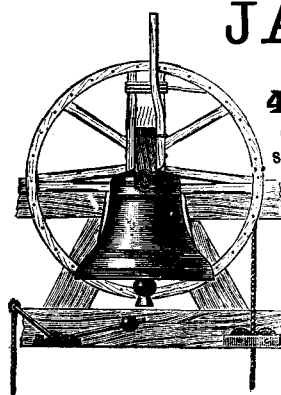
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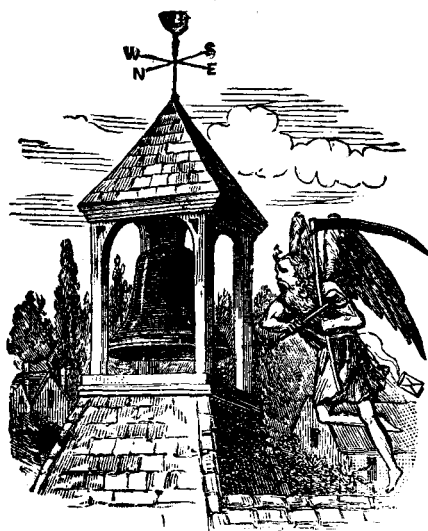
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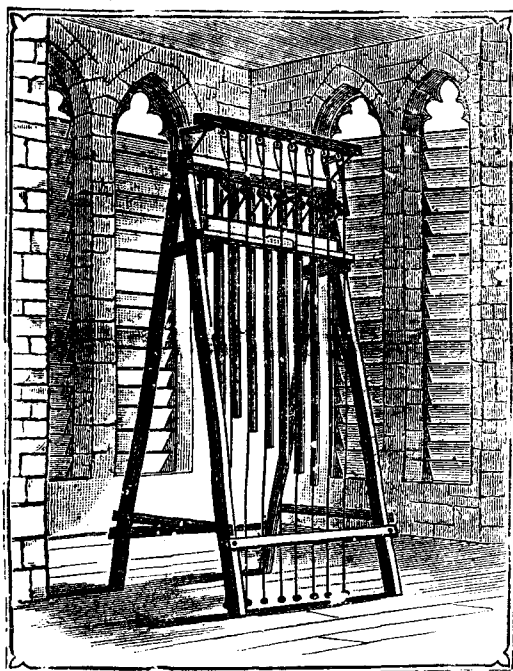
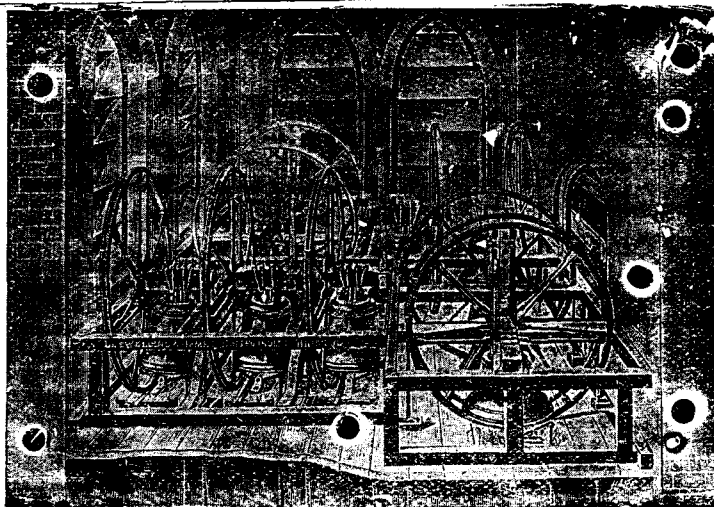
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CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

From what has been written in two or three letters lately in "THE BELL NEWS," I gather that there is a widespread impression that the Committee appointed by the Central Council at its meeting in Norwich is about to draw up a report covering almost all the questions arising out of method-building, including their names and classification. But the work entrusted to that Committee was simply to define what constitutes a method worthy of being rung, and speaking as a member of that Committee I do not think that there is the slightest intention of going beyond the task set us, which indeed is quite complex enough for one report. Therefore the references made to the Committee's work in connection with the names of methods, or whether such and such a method should be called "Court" or "Surprise" are quite beside the mark. This erroneous idea doubtless arose from some remarks made by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer about London Surprise. I do not now wish to say anything about the particular change which he advises beyond expressing my opinion that his definition of a "Surprise" method, which involves this change, is by far the best and most scientific I have seen, but I should like to point out that the whole question of classification of methods is one that must shortly engage the attention of the Central Council.

A good deal has lately been said upon this question, but a good deal remains to be said. Till lately the various ringing terms have been in a state of complete anarchy. "There were no judges in those days; every man did what was right in his own eyes." But if we are to bring order out of chaos and method out of anarchy, we must proceed on lines of common sense and scientific rule, and although common usage is a very important factor in the settlement of this and all similar questions, where common usage is opposed to common sense and scientific rule as must sometimes be inevitable, we must modify the common usage.

I suppose the two groups of methods whose names are most in dispute are the "Court" methods and the "Surprise" methods. But if any ringer will look back and try and remember what he understood by a "Court" method or a "Surprise" method, before he gave the subject any active thought, he will find that his impressions of both consisted of the most undefined and vague generalities. A "Court" method was a method with the treble a plain hunt, whose characteristics approximated to those of Double Norwich. A "Surprise" method was merely a very complex Treble Bob method. Some indeed, including Mr. Dench, would retain the last as a correct and definite definition. But as soon as one considers it, it is seen that it is far too vague and in-

definite to serve. Who shall say what constitutes a complex method? And where shall he draw the line between the complex and the simple? Granted that London Surprise is complex enough, does New Cumberland come up to the standard? And so we simply revert to the old ways, and every man does what is right in his own eyes. Again if you try to settle the question by precedent, you will find that I think, Sottanstell applies the term to methods with the treble a plain hunt, and so you get confusion worse confounded.

The chief obstacle to the adoption of a really scientific definition seems to be that you can find none which does not exclude London Surprise from the group, and if you do this, you are in the eyes of many Surprise ringers casting, so to speak, a slur on that method. Or, in other words, since to ring Surprise methods has been always considered the very highest thing of the practical part of the ringer's art, if you remove London from the Surprise group you degrade it to the position of the other non-Surprise methods, and in so many words state, to use Mr. Dench's expression, that it is "as easy as other methods." Now I confess that this seems to me exceedingly poor reasoning. So long as the Council officially states that London is worth half as many points as almost any other method, no alteration of names will reduce the amount of credit which the Council recognises as being due to the band which rings a peal of it. Nay, more, Mr. Bulwer proposes to advance it a step, and whereas it now shares its title with Superlative and Cambridge, he would promote it to a still higher class. We have heard a good deal of what is called the practical side of the question in contradistinction to the theoretic; the practical side *is* the theoretic, and the practical side is that we should clearly know when one speaks of a method being Court or Surprise, what sort of a method it is. I should imagine that the ideal nomenclature of any method should consist of two words, the second to distinguish the class to which it belongs, the first its own proper name. So that as there may be many Smiths in one house, but only one Tom, one Dick, one Harry, so there may be many Surprise methods but only one Superlative, one Cambridge, all sharing the same general characteristics.

But now we have families in which one method is in no way related to the others, and some family names which mean absolutely nothing. What is a "Pleasure" method? Who can say? It is such titles as this that probably Mr. Dench was thinking of when he wrote his last paragraph. By all means let us get rid of them, but titles we must have for as many methods as are in existence, only let them be sensible ones which convey something in their use.

This question of classification must be thoroughly thrashed out in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" and elsewhere, and then and not till then, the matter should be placed in the hands of a Committee of the Central Council, whose decision with the help of the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" and the assent of the common sense of the Exercise will become the general law of the ringing world.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, August 1st, the two new bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, who also consecrated an additional burial ground. At the service the lesson was read by the Rev. A. Eden, Rector of Ticehurst, brother of Lady North, and the prayers by the Rector, the Rev. W. Hooper. An impressive discourse was delivered by the Bishop, and special hymns sang. There was a large congregation despite a persistent down-pour of rain. The surpliced clergy included the Revs. C. W. Houlbrook (Marlesford), E. Bates (Blaxhall), E. S. King (Sudbury), T. Housecroft (Woodbridge). After the service in the church, preceded by the churchwarden, Mr. E. T. Rope, and followed by the clergy and choir, proceeded round the ground, and prayers, usual on such occasions, were read by the Bishop. The new bells standing in the churchyard were then dedicated by the Bishop. Upon one is inscribed—

"Gloria in excelsis Deo. Reginald Eden Dickson gave me, in loving memory of Elizabeth Holmes, born August 22, 1828, died January 3, 1900, for 52 years the faithful friend and servant of his mother, Charlotte Maria, Lady North. Mears and Stainbank, founders, London, 1900."

On the other bell is inscribed—

"Pax Domini sit semper tecum. To the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Selina Eden, born April 9th, 1826, died August 20th, 1899."

The Earl of Guilford, the Hon. Mrs. and Miss Lowther, Mrs. Lucas (sister to Lady North), Mr. R. Eden Dickson, Madame Borelle, and other ladies and gentlemen were present at the service.

The opening of the bells took place on Tuesday, August 14th, when the first touch rang was 480 Bob Doubles at 11 a.m. by the Marlesford band. A. Messenger, 1; J. T. Lee, 2; E. P. Buckingham, 3; G. Stacey, 4; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 5. Ringers were present from Framlingham, Ipswich, Earl Soham, Ufford, Leiston, Charsfield, etc., including the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, District Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and W. G. Crickmer (16,000 fame).

The parishioners of this pretty village have much to thank the North family for, and still more indebted for the two beautiful bells, being fine in tone and harmony with the rest. This peal of five with a 14 cwt. tenor, are certainly second to none in the county, and the White-chapel firm must be congratulated upon the excellence of their work.

At one o'clock a capital lunch was served at the Hall, everyone doing justice to the good things provided. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung; some of the ringers going over to Blaxhall, an adjoining village, where 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung. E. W. Brooke, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 3; A. Bowell, 4; C. Samson, 5; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 6. These are a light peal with a split tenor about 9 cwt.; also a cracked 2nd and a new treble put in by a local bell-hanger some few months since. What a contrast to the Glemham peal was the opinion of all.

On returning to Glemham a few more 6-scores was rung, and then all went to the Hall to tea. Touches on the handbells and more ringing at the church brought a very pleasant day to a close, everyone being pleased by the kind manner Lady North and R. E. Dickson, Esq., had treated them,

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25th, the members of the Manchester branch of the above Association held their monthly meeting at the church of St. Elisabeth. There was a fairly representative assembly of members from Pendleton, Gorton, Worsley, Oldham, Stockport, Rusholme, and Norbury, together with some of the local band. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, also Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round on this musical peal of bells. At the business meeting which took place in the belfry, the resignation of the branch secretary, Mr. Walter Brown, was accepted with regret, not only on account of the cause of the same, but the feeling that the branch was losing a useful and genial officer, who had fulfilled his duties for the space of eleven years to the satisfaction of the members of the branch concerned. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the services he had rendered, and a hope expressed that he would continue to lend his presence and assistance in the future.

Mr. Smith, of the Pendleton company, was prevailed upon to take up the duties of Secretary, and it is hoped members will help him as much as possible.

Worsley was chosen as the next place of meeting subject to the permission of the bells being available, on October 15th, and an urgent appeal was made for a good attendance at the Annual Meeting which takes place at Oldham, when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, the Rev. E. Oldfield, for the use of the bells; also the local ringers for having everything in readiness. Thus ended a very enjoyable meeting.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK.

It is announced that the Chaucer memorial window in the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour's, Southwark, will be unveiled by the Poet Laureate at a special dedication service to be held at one o'clock on Thursday, October 25th. The window will commemorate the fact that the opening of the *Canterbury Tales* was laid in the parish of St. Saviour's. It will occupy the window space in the northern side aisle, immediately over where the Norman doorway formerly led to the cloisters. The window has been presented to the church by an anonymous donor, and is being prepared from the design of Mr. C. E. Kempe.

The Queen has erected in Whippingham Church a bronze tablet, by Countess Gleichen, in memory of General Sir Henry Ponsonby. In the centre is a portrait of the late general, and on either side is a knight in armour. Above is the Ponsonby crest and motto, "Pro rege, lege, et grege," and the motto of the Order of the Bath, "Tri juncta in uno." Underneath the medallion is an inscription recording that the memorial was placed in the church by her Majesty "in grateful remembrance" of her late private secretary.

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THE SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS AT
DRAYTON.

Friday 24th by the 2.22,
Ringers off to the station! you wonder where to?
Why, off to Drayton! what place is that?
Well, if you don't know, you're no ringer its flat—
Now just come with us, at least in your mind—
For as you're no ringer you must stay behind—
We'll go on before for we dodge so about,
You scarcely would know when we're in or we're out!
Now fancy us landed at great Audley End
Where a few breezy minutes enforced we must spend—
No! stay—we all rush to the "Neville Arms" bar—
Then rush faster back to the Great Eastern car!
A whistle (no bell) and again we are off
As the train moves along with a jolt and a cough,
And the telegraph poles seem whizzing along
To the accompaniment of a joke or a song!

But on each little instance I must not dilate
Or I shall never have time to relate
The half of what happened on this ringing tour,
And you would not read it—of that I am sure—

As usual, the train stopped at Liverpool Street,
And a bottle of "ginger" enlivened our feet,
Which we used to carry us on to the Bank—
Then down in a hole in the ground we all sank!
Then further below we went down in a lift!
And down, down, down, we fancied to drift—
In the tuppenny tube went spinning along
To the marble arch—and it didn't take long!
Then a tram we mounted and rode up the street
That they call Edgware Road—just to save our feet—
Then to Paddington Station all ran in a hurry—
You ought to have seen some of us do a scurry!
Not a moment to spare, barely in time—
If they'd left us behind, we'd thought it a crime—
But, there we were—and I really must say
I don't think I have travelled so fast as that day—
A mile in a minute and some rather less,
If you want to go it—try the Western Express.
We then changed at Didcot, when there we had got,
Though funny the name, it is not a bad spot.

Now off again, and before very long,
Abingdon we can name in our song—
There are objects of interest many to view—
We found "diggings" provided and 'tween you and me
The view most refreshing appeared then to me,
The bountiful spread provided for tea.
A promenade after, and then the "Blue Boar,"
Suggested the means of "one tooth-ful more."
There a pleasant hour sat with the joke and the chat,
With song, and with toast, and what pleased us most,
We had Ward in the chair, and he was our host.

But the liveliest meeting must surely have end,
And then it occurred that the best way to spend
The following day, was then to retire

To say "good-night" and the pillow admire.

Next morning a walk by the famed river side,
A walk to Drayton was then the decide.

To Drayton by foot-path where many had been,
From one to the other is two miles between:
Past the church to the vicar's, where breakfast awaits
With a hearty welcome and many hand shakes,
And the great F. E. R. now heads the repast,
"Pray fall—to my friends—May it not be the last."
Now for business, and up the light bells now swing,
And a peal of "Stedman" we're trying to ring;

Two hours, two minutes, too sad to relate,
We were sailing away on this good peal of eight,
When one of the ropes with the wheel not content,
(With no malice perhaps in its courses intent,)
The arm of the ringer encircled as well,
And so shortened the space from its end to the bell
As to shorten our pleasure and bring to an end,
And sadly out the belfry we wend.

A "ginger beer" and a little stroll round,
And we were again at the vicarage found,
Where luncheon awaited, F. E. R. at the head;
And having done justice to the bountiful spread,
The gardens surveyed, and the loveliest flowers
That entwined so sweetly the Reverend's bowers.

With our hearty best thanks for the kindness received,
And hopes of another good visit well sealed,
Our brake breaks away to Abingdon's streets,
And at the station the Great Western meets.
To Oxford! we cry, and soon the grand sight
Of its glorious towers appear in their might,
From the tram's upper deck exteriors surveyed
And alighting, the interior inspection was made.
We had very good guides in brothers Pitstow:
Who vied in the various attractions to show
In most out-of-way places they gave us a look.
(They'd be capital guides for the great Messrs. Cook.)

To tell of the sights of this wonderful city,
I will not attempt in this poor little ditty;
But one thing I must not pass by without mention,
And you will not notice this little detention
When I tell you that we accidentally met
A ringer as good as any born yet:
Charlie Hounslow by name of good reputation,
I hope he won't mind this little narration.
Mr. Payne, too, of the Long London peal,
At Merton we met and the welcome was real.

(One of our band had a curious whim,
Passing his hand o'er his two-day's growth chin:
Says he you may think I funny behave
But I can't go further without having a shave.
So he missed the sights that most of us saw,
All through thinking he had a rough jaw.)

And then we went back again, back to the train,
Back to Paddington, might and main:
Just missed a train then off to the city,
And as we found later, a disastrous pity.
From Bishopsgate burst as if for a prize,
The main train was gone, oh! what a surprise.
In future, let none of the G.E.R. complain,
Their great punctuality gave us the pain
Of waiting about until the 10.2,
And even that wouldn't carry us through,
So we had to walk for two miles or more;
But that was a walk we'd encountered before.
And we well knew the roads though dark was the night,
So we managed to reach home again and all right,
And though of the walking you might hear us complain,
Not one but would gladly see Drayton again. J. F. P.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPHOLLAND, (Lancashire).—On Saturday August 25th, a mixed company rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. J. W. Rimmer (Southport), 1; E. Prescott (Hindley), 2; W. Major (Wigan), 3; J. Taylor (Aughton), 4; W. Bentham (Aughton), 5; J. Watts (Upholland), conductor, 6.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The articles on "The Passing Bell" from the pens of the Rev. Herbert Drake and Mr. Daniell, divulge some quaint and interesting material. These writings, like others we have had in years past, clearly show that round about the subject of church bells (ay, and handbells, too) there is a large fund of entertaining information. It is to be hoped these gentlemen, and others with antiquarian tastes, will contribute to this paper all such lore they have at their command. The various chapters from the pen of Mr. Daniell some time ago created immense interest, even among many non-ringers, a fact emphatically proved by the recently-increased sale of the "B.N."

Most of us partake in the wonder expressed by Mr. Daniell in the opening sentence of his article on "the passing bell" the week before last. "Who would have supposed," he says, that an "article on handbells would have led us in the course of a few weeks to consider what happens to the human soul after death?" This is another illustration of the old saying—"from little causes great effects arise." The writer of the article entitled "on handbells," has certainly become famous, and very rapidly too. May I be allowed to make a suggestion to him? That he be pleased to alter his signature. A single letter is nothing to lay hold of. How can readers form any theory or speculation, romantic or otherwise, as to the writer from one letter only, and that a letter a "P." What does P stand for in this case—Pagan or Paynim, or Pantaloon, Punch, Pickaxe, or Pugnose? Does it mean "Pinner."

Those two methods I inserted the other week and asked the wise men to define, or say something about them—you will recollect. Well the solons have taken no notice whatever. Was the nut rather too hard? I have, however, heard about them from two or three friends who are not method-improvisers. The following letter to the editor will be interesting:—

SIR,—I saw in your issue for Aug. 18th two six-bell methods published in Plain Speaker's Notes and Comments. As he would like to know their names and probable date of their discovery, I will try and give what little information I can about them. No. 1 as our friend published it is named "Francis Goodwill;" No. 2 is "Francis Genius." From what I have heard they were composed by a local ringer named Francis, over 150 years ago, but there is not anyone who seems to know anything of any importance about him or any of his family at the present day. The following is a copy from an old board which hangs in the tower of All Saints, Brandeston, Suffolk: "On February 2, 1749-50, the seven peals underwritten were rung here without intermission in 2 hours and 55 minutes, and not a bell out of course: James King, 1st; Thomas Bradlaugh, 2nd; Saml. Francis, 3rd; Thomas Bradlaugh, Junr., 4th; James Gall, 5th; and John Garrard, 6th. The 7 peals are: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Francis Genius, Francis Goodwill, Court Bob, and Grandsire Bob. Number of changes 5040. N.B.—Francis Genius and Francis Goodwill were composed by this Society." This board is supposed to have been put up some years after the peal was rang, so they were not certain as to the date of the year. Brandeston, Suffolk.

H. W. BALDRY.

These names, "Francis Genius" and "Francis Goodwill," are not, you see, "old names for new" or *vice versa*, so they will not be called into question. If anyone insists that other names must be found for them it will be to me a matter of the most supreme nonchalance, sangfroid, unconcern, indifference, etc., etc. So long!

What is the origin of the last two words which I have placed in italics? Some of my country friends may think it remarkable that in cockneydom these words are very frequently used instead of "good-night." You see a couple of men shaking hands before parting, and you hear—"So long!" "So long." What is the origin of such a parting salutation? It surely is never a corruption of "Salaam," is it? This puts me in mind of a man I once knew who always when about to take a drink with a friend used to say before the glass touched his mouth—"Six eggs." This sounded rather odd, but it was intended as a facetious way of saying "Success." The number of queer phrases used in cockneydom is quite amusing, but their use is sometimes anything but agreeable to the ear.

As I did not last week contribute my usual page, you saw very

little more about the Harlow new peal. But what you did read was very important. My offer of a new set of (12) handbells has actually been "three times repeated." Subscribers to this movement, have therefore, four chances of a new peal of handbells. I don't think it is quite settled yet how these four sets of handbells are to be distributed, but we shall know in good time. If any of you have a suggestion to make concerning it, don't be afraid to communicate with me. This is the sixth week of the penny stamp arrangement, and if you have not thought fit to adopt this plan, perhaps you have gone one better.

I hear there was an interview recently between the editor and a distinguished ringer, and Harlow was a subject of conversation. The penny stamp proposal, although an ingenious one, was thought to be *infra dig*, and it was asserted that any ringer who intended to support the scheme would send a postal order for the shilling all at once. Well, so much the better if they do. But the penny stamp suggestion is an excellent idea for all that. A form with the twelve stamps upon it is, to begin with, the cheapest way to send the "bob." Some may get more than one form, and thus send more stamps. It is a handy way, and the penny is not felt where more would be. Every one seems to say that it will be a splendid affair for the Exercise if success attends the scheme. I shall let you know about the handbells later. On the 23rd instant, the Harvest Festival will take place at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, when the offertory will be in aid of the Bells' Fund.

I see that the great publisher, Mr. George Vickers, of Angel Court, Strand, is also a manufacturer in a large way of writing inks, gum, marking inks, &c. Some of us therefore may be interested to know that Vickers' inks have obtained the highest award at the Paris Exhibition, 1900, which, with twenty one previous awards at exhibitions in all parts of the world, is, I venture to think, something of a record, as all have been obtained within the short space of three years. Our friend Vickers is interested as a publisher in the fortunes of this paper.

Has there lately been a "slump" in the plumbing trade? For some weeks there has been a plumber wanting a situation, his advertisement being in the usual place, when all at once, I hear, a rush is made upon him, and his services are wanted by several. I hope he will get something permanent. On the other hand, for some weeks advertisements have been running headed "Situations Vacant," without apparently one application. Is there no clerk, or gardener, or baker among the Exercise just at present wanting employment?

The paragraph which was taken from *The Guardian* last week relating to Westminster Abbey was a protest which it is hoped will have some effect. We are apt to pride ourselves that our churches are never used only for Divine Service; lectures, public meetings, and the like being abhorrent to the average churchman's mind. What shall we say then about the sale within the Abbey walls of books and photographs? What can the religious foreigner think about such traffic, when he remembers that upon an occasion long ago merchandise in the temple received a prompt and merited expulsion?

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Correspondence.

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

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

"WHO WAS SYMONDSON?"

SIR,—The question—"Who was Symondson?"—is getting complicated by the enumeration by Mr. Slater of four persons bearing the name of Henry Symondson. I think the Henry Symondson elected to the Cumberlands in 1793 must be the same person as the one elected in 1812. I expect that after his first election he went over to the Junior Cumberlands, who at that time had some very distinguished members—Shipway and Gross amongst others. Butmost of these came back again to the

old society, as did Symondson. I will try and collect some further information about the doings of the other members of the family, but I am sorry I cannot do so in time for this week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS."

R. A. DANIELL.

PEALS RUNG BY SYMONDSON.

SIR,—Since writing to you last week, I have come across the following peals rung by Symondson, and I see that they were not included in the list of last week:—

ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.—On Tuesday, November 13th, 1821, the Society of Eastern Scholars rung on these bells a true peal of Grand-sire Triples of 5040 changes in 3 hours and 1 minut as follows: Henry Brooks, *Treble*; T. Smythers, 2; M. E. Wenman, 3; Robt. Shersby, 4; Henry Banister, 5; Hy. Symondson, 6th; Willm. Smith, 7; Robert Castle, *Tenor*. Conducted by Hy. Symondson. First peal on the bells. Rev. Hugh Fraser, M.A., Rector. G. P. Parkins, P. Puisey, church-wardens.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.—On Sunday, November 16th, 1795, eight of the Society of Cumberland Youths rung on the bells in this steeple a true and complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. The peal was performed in 3 hours 16 minutes by the following persons: Rd. Candley, *Treble*; G. Gross, 2; J. Saxton, 3; J. Badger, 4; Hy. Symondson, 5; J. Truscoat, 6; J. Naughton, 7; C. Lecquerque, *Tenor*. The peal called by G. Gross.

ALL SAINTS, POPLAR.—Junior Society of Cumberlands.—On Monday, June 25th, 1827, the above Society rung in this steeple a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, containing 5040 changes in 3 hours and 34 minutes. Performed by: Josh Harper, *Treble*; Jas. Mash, 2; Edwd. Wheble, 3; Josh. Ladley, 4; Hy. Symondson, 5; Edward Sawyer, 6; Saml. Austin, 7; Edwd. Landsdell, 8; John Merrin, 9; Willm. Rice, *Tenor*. Composed and called by Mr. S. Austin.

TRINITY, NEWINGTON.—The Junior Society of College Youths.—On Monday, March 21st, 1825, was rung in this steeple a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, containing 5120 changes in 3 hours and 12 minutes. Performers: Josh. Ladley, *Treble*; Jas. Mash, 2; Hy. Symondson, 3; Saml. Austin, 4; Ed. Sawyer, 5; Ed. Landsdell, 6; John Merrin, 7; Willm. Rice, *Tenor*. Conducted by Josh. Ladley.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, May 28th, 1820, was rung in this steeple by the Junior Society of College Youths, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 5003 changes, which was performed in 3 hours and 10 minutes, this being the first peal since the formation of this Society: Hy. Symondson, *Treble*; Hy. Symondson, (junr.) 2; Robt. Inwood, 3; Francis Marshall, 4; John James, 5; Danl. Beakley, 6; Thos. Welch, 7; Thos. Edwards, 8th; Elijah de Ville, 9; Henry Smith, *Tenor*. Called by Henry Symondson, sen.

In the three following peals, "I" is used in the name of Symondson instead of "Y."

EDMONTON.—The Society of Cumberland Youths.—On Monday, November 23rd, 1795, the above Society rung in this steeple a complete peal consisting of 10080 changes of Bob Major, being the most ever rung on these bells, and was performed in a masterly manner in 6 hours 29 minutes, by the following: Geo. Gross, senr., *Treble*; Geo. Gross, junr., 2; William Shipway, 3; Malli. Channon, 4; Stephen Collins, 5; Wm. Gibson, 6; Henry Simondson, 7; George Harris, *Tenor*. The peal was composed and called by Mr. G. Gross, sen.

ENFIELD.—Junior Society of Cumberland Youths.—On Sunday, April 9th, 1809, was rung in this steeple by eight of the above, the whole true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes in the short space of 3 hours and 8 minutes, being the first peal on these bells: Wm. Williams, *Treble*; Thos. Ovenden, 3; Thos. Thomas, 3; Henry Simondson, 4; Wm. Mander, 5; Jno. Haynes, 6; Wm. Fletcher, 7; William Vincent, *Tenor*. Called by Wm. Williams.

ENFIELD.—Junior Society of Cumberland Youths.—On Sunday, July 10th, 1809, was rang in this steeple, by eight of the above Society, a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob, containing 5088 changes in the very short time of 2 hours and 58 minutes, being the greatest performance achieved on these bells. Performed by: Wm. Williams, *Treble*; Jos. Sudley, 2; Henry Simondson, 3; Robert Bates, 4; Thos. Ovenden, 5; Thos. Thomas, 6; John Haynes, 7; Wm. Fletcher, *Tenor*. Called by Wm. Williams.

By the above peal records it shows that Symondson was a member of the Society of Eastern Scholars, and the Junior Society of College Youths, and that he called the first peal for this Society at All Saints, Fulham, in 1820, and the record states that Sen. and Junr. rung in this peal, the same as in the Bishop Stortford peal given by H. J. Tucker. The question is now, how many peals did Symondson ring with the following Societies, viz. Eastern Scholars, Junior College Youths, and Senior Cumberland Youths. This got together, then we know how many peals Symondson did ring. It will be seen by the above list that five of the above peals are not recorded in the Junior Cumberlands'

peal book. This will verify the statement made by Mr. Daniell in last week's "BELL NEWS," as to the imperfectness of the Junior Cumberlands' peal book. However, our best thanks are due to that gentleman for his contribution concerning Symondson, and hope that he will make further search and give us the benefit of his labours in the "BELL NEWS."

S. SLATER.

Glensford, September 3rd, 1900.

UNVEILING A NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW.

An interesting ceremony, pathetic in its associations, yet at the same time, picturesque in itself and pregnant with importance to Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, was conducted by the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, the vicar, on a recent Sunday afternoon. The function consisted of the unveiling of a stained glass window in the south side of the chancel, erected to the memory of his wife, by Mr. H. A. Ward, a sidesman, and his father-in-law, Mr. A. Lord, of Middleton. A small, but attentive congregation participated in the preliminary service conducted by the Vicar, who delivered a short address appropriate to the occasion.

He said that for all time it had been the custom to perpetuate the memory of those who had been in the service of Christ. From generation to generation the memory of good men departed was kept alive; and by calling himself the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Deity Himself showed us that his servants ever lived in his memory. It was also the custom of those who were left behind to erect memorials more or less stately and enduring, which would exist for ever over those who had departed; the pillar of Rachael's grave cast its long shadow over Jacob's journey. The most sacred associations of the Holy Land were connected with the resting places of God's departed ones; and these used to be set up in the place where the dead had been in the habit of worshipping. The custom came down to the present time; and one of the most beautiful and lasting means of perpetuating the memory of one's departed was a piece of stained glass erected in a church. What an eloquent sermon it preached! When the light shone through and the picture was formed in all its beauty, it presented to the mind some image of beauty, something of a lesson. In this way the qualities of those who are departed had oft-times been selected for due and appropriate remembrance. They came that afternoon in a simple manner, with praise and prayer, in loving and hopeful memory, to unveil and ask for acceptance by the Lord of the Church in His church, of this memorial of one whom her family desired to honour, and whom all Christian people there respected. That little work they asked the Almighty for Christ's sake to accept, and hoped that it would be a permanent and useful memorial—a thing of beauty and a joy for ever in that house of God.

The window was then unveiled by Messrs. Ward and Lord, the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw repeating the words, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." Continuing, he thanked the erectors in the name of the Church for the donation of the memorial to Holy Trinity, which the congregation would do their best to preserve, and he hoped their successors would do the same, and that it would for many years to come perpetuate the memory of one whom they desired to honour.

The window consists of three beautiful panels. The central one typifies the Crucifixion, with the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalen, and St. John at the foot of the Cross, while Roman soldiers occupy the background. The left-hand light contains the text: "Suffer little children to come unto me," and the right-hand light: "Consider the lilies of the field," with Christ and a kneeling figure. The central panel of the tracery at the top represents the Resurrection, and includes St. Agnes, St. Lucy, St. Catherine, and St. Barbara. The remainder of the tracery contains the archangels, St. Michael and St. Gabriel, with Cherubim and Seraphim bearing a scroll, on which is inscribed "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

At the foot of the window is the following inscription: "To the glory of God, and in ever loving memory of Jemima Clayton Minnie, the dearly loved wife of H. A. Ward, late of this parish, who died January 20th, 1899, aged 41 years. This window was erected by her father and husband, June 1900."

The makers are Messrs. Jones and Willis, of London, who also made the reredos of South Shore's premier church.

After the service the ringers ascended the tower, and a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob Minor was the result.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1900.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25th, a meeting of this Guild was held at Upholland, and despite the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance of members from Aughton, Hindley, Southport, Sefton, and Wigan, besides the local members. Several short touches were rung on the bells of the parish church by the various mixed companies present, when upon the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. G. F. Wills), the members adjourned to the school where a good substantial tea was provided and to which ample justice was done. The Vicar, who was supported by Messrs. J. Martin (Liscard), M. Bradley (Waterloo), etc., gave one and all a hearty welcome, and hoped to see them again before long. The business was of a routine character, new members joined, and the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness duly carried. Business over a move was made for the church, where the Vicar explained several interesting objects in the building, also of the new organ recently opened, the mechanism and nature of the stops, and the tone of the organ being greatly admired. A move was made to the belfry, several short touches being rung, and the bells having been lowered the members dispersed after having spent a most enjoyable meeting.

The Provinces.**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**
(DERBY BRANCH.)*On Monday, August 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

L. L. LOMAS	Treble.	E. WILLIS	5.
G. THOMPSON	2.	A. E. THOMPSON	6.
H. WHITTLE	3.	J. NEWBOLD	7.
C. DRAPER	4.	S. SMEDLEY	Tenor.
		T. ALTON	

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Rang to celebrate the 63rd birthday of Mr. J. Newbold, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, August 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	Treble.	GEORGE A. KING	5.
FRANK BENNETT	2.	THOMAS J. SALTER	6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7.
JOHN STEDDY	4.	KEITH HART	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by KEITH HART.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 1, 1900, in Three Hours Four and a-Half Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

WALTER CHARMAN	Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER	5.
ISAAC G. SHADE	2.	*JOHN HACK	6.
FRANK BENNETT	3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	7.
JOHN STEDDY	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the new bells.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.**THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, September 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN GARFORTH	Treble.	ISAAC IDLE	5.
FRANK BAILEY	2.	GEORGE H. HARDY	6.
WILLIAM AINLEY	3.	JOHN H. DIXON	7.
CHARLES SENIOR	4.	GARFORTH TAYLOR	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

This is the first peal on the bells.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.*On Saturday, September 1, 1900, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor about 17 cwt.

WILLIAM AVERY*	Treble.	HENRY MITCHELL	5.
JOHN AUSTIN	2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS	6.
THOMAS NEWMAN	3.	GEORGE CONDICR	7.
ALBERT HILL*	4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER	Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal. A. Hill is from Worcester.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, September 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES	Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE	5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN	2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE	6.
ARTHUR EVANS	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE	4.	REUBEN SAWYER	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BICESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD SOCIETY.*On Saturday, September 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBURGH,

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

ALFRED FOX	Treble.	THOMAS PAYNE	5.
JOE HOWES	2.	WILLIAM J. SMITH	6.
WILLIAM JEFFERY	3.	WILLIAM FINCH	7.
FREDERICK A. CASTLE	4.	ANTONY STRANGE	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SMITH.

Rung on the occasion of Mr. J. Howes' birthday.

FARNHAM, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, September 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	Treble.	WILLIAM W. THORNE	5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN	2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE	6.
GEORGE R. FARDEN	3.	FRANK BLONDELL	7.
GEORGE N. PRICE	4.	JAMES GEORGE	Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. A note to this peal appears on another page.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

JOHN WYATT	Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS	5.
HARRY CORBETT	2.	EDWARD HULL	6.
HENRY WOOD	3.	ARTHUR DEAN	7.
JOHN HOYLE	4.	DAVID ANSCOMB	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the attainment of his fiftieth birthday all the band wishing him many happy returns.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKS.*On Saturday, September 1, 1900 in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

T. HAIGH*	Treble.	F. T. EARNSHAW	5.
G. WORTH	2.	T. HODGSON	6.
L. WOODCOCK†	3.	A. HAIGH	7.
T. NEILL	4.	G. BREED	Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by T. HAIGH.

*First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. †First peal. It is twenty-one years since a peal was rung on these bells. Rung on the anniversary of the seventy-ninth birthday of Mr. W. H. Howard, who missed the train conveying the band, and followed them later, and enjoyed the pleasure of taking notes of the second and third parts of the peal. The ringers wish the old veteran many happy returns.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 2, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

JOHN STEDDY Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

H. L. WADDINGTON .. Treble.	R. HAMMOND 5.
J. EARWICKER* 2.	A. HALLETT 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	T. WALLER 7.
E. WHITBREAD 4.	G. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH EARWICKER.

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Waddington, the esteemed Hon. Secretary of the Cathedral society.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS SHORT Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 6.
WILLIAM H. ADKINS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY JUDGE 4.	RICHARD WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the conductor's third daughter.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—At Holy Trinity Church, on Tuesday, August 28th, a date touch of 1900 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. *J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; *T. Burrows, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. *Longest touch. Rung in memory of the late Wm. Slater, of Blackburn, formerly Branch Secretary.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1900 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. J. Ellis, 1; J. H. Sholicar, 2; J. Sholicar (conductor), 3; J. Marsh, 4; F. W. Orrey, 5; J. R. Park, 6; A. Halton, 7; T. Marshland, 8. F. W. Orrey bails from Spalding, and it is his longest touch.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

NESTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 18th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, but when about 400 changes from home the 7th rope slipped the wheel, which brought it to an untimely finish. W. Sconce, 1; H. Dew, 2; H. W. Wilde, 3; E. Breeze, 4; W. Moulton, 5; J. Dillon, 6; T. Hammond, 7; J. Martin (conductor), 8. The above is the longest length by the ringers of the front five.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARTLIP (Kent).—On Saturday, July 14th, 720 Canterbury Plea-

sure. F. Marsh, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; J. E. Grensted, 4; W. Miles, 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Wraight, 1; A. T. Hyland, 2; E. J. Hyland, 3; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. J. Hyland, 1; G. Dennis, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; A. T. Hyland, 4; A. J. Day, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Oxford. H. Shipp, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; A. T. Hyland, 4; A. J. Day, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Sunday, August 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Wraight, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; A. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Thursday, August 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. B. Wilkins, 1; J. E. Grensted, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; A. J. Day, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. And 720 Double Oxford. A. J. Day, 1; J. E. Grensted, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; E. J. Hyland, 4; W. H. B. Wilkins, 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

SELLING (Kent).—On August 1st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. W. E. Pitman, 1; A. Hinds, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; C. Tribe, 4; C. F. Turner, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. It was originally intended to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but through meeting one short, the above was substituted.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—PRESTON BRANCH.

SAMLESBURY.—On Saturday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Phillipson, 1; J. Smith, jun., 2; J. Watson, 3; R. Sanderson, 4; M. Kearney, 5; W. E. Wilson, 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Smith, sen., 8. This is the longest length on the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, August 23rd, at St. Peter Mancroft, 704 Grandsire Cinques. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. Knights, 2; E. Ward, 3; W. Bales, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; C. Charge, 10; G. Smith, 11; A. G. Warnes, 12. Also 396 Stedman Cinques. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. Knights, 2; A. G. Warnes, 3; W. Bales, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; G. Howchin, 7; A. Jacob, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; C. Charge, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. Charge bails from Fulham; Jacob from Hornsey.

ST. FAITH'S (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, August 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. G. Miles, 1; J. Howes (Kingston), 2; H. J. Borrett, 3; A. Howes (Horncastle), 4; H. W. Stanley, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6.

BESTHORPE (Norfolk).—On Monday, August 27th, 720 Doubles, consisting of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. G. Standley, 1; W. Cooke, 2; J. Standley, 3; A. Howes, 4; J. Howes (conductor), 5.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Sunday, August 26th, after Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. W. Frankum, 1; G. Paris, 2; H. Frankum, 3; R. Frankum, 4; G. Nash, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. Frankum (conductor), 7; W. Tillin, 8. First quarter-peal by all except the ringer of the 6th, who bails from Burghfield.

OXFORD.—On Monday, July 16th, at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Thorn (first 720), 1; H. Judge, 2; A. Fox, 3; W. Bennett, 4; N. Spindlow (conductor), 5; W. E. Yates, 6. At All Saints' church, another 720. At St. Giles's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. N. Spindlow, 1; A. Fox, 2; J. Howes, 3; A. Browning, 4; T. Payne, 5; E. Hims, 6. Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild, and in honour of the birthday of A. Fox.

DUCKLINGTON.—On Sunday afternoon, August 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Collis, 1; C. Edwards, 2; H. Fisher, 3; J. Fisher, 4; H. Druce, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. For evening service, 600 Grandsire Minor. W. Collis, 1; C. Edwards, 2; H. Fisher, 3; H. Druce, 4; J. Fisher, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6. On Thursday, August 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Pounds, 1; C. Edwards, 2; J. Clarke, 3; T. Bull, 4; G. Davis, 5; N. Spindlow (conductor), 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 18th, the Woburn company, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Bennett, paid a visit to this place and rang the following touches: 336 Grandsire Triples; H. Sear (conductor), Cyril Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Lane, 4; D. Harris, 5; J. Willshire (London, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; V. Sear, 8. 252 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; E. Herbert, 2; H. Sear, 3; M. Lane, 4; D. Harris, 5; J. Willshire, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; V. Sear, 8. 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Sear, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; W. Smith, 5; D. Harris, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; M. Lane, 8. 224 Bob Major. F.

Hedges, 1; M. Matthews, 2; M. Lane, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 5; E. Herbert, 6; H. Sear, 7; J. Willshire, 8. 288 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; M. Matthews, 2; J. Willshire, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; D. Harris, 6; M. Lane, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. 224 and 168 Grandsire Triples. W. West, 1; M. Matthews, 2; W. Sear, 3; E. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; J. Willshire, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; A. Adkins, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 21st, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. G. Carter, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. Bacon (conductor), 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Rann, 5; W. Doran, 6; J. Mardell, 7; W. Clarke, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, July 1st, 720 Worcester Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Exercise, standing as in the morning with the exception of T. Newall, 2: who hails from Accrington. On Sunday evening, July 8th, 720 Kent. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. Rollerson, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 9th, 720 London Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Barnes, 6; the rest as before. On Friday, July 13th, 720 Victoria Surprise standing as in the above. On Sunday, July 15th, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; the rest as before. On Monday, July 16th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, July 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as before. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Smith to Miss Annie Dickenson. On Friday, August 10th, 720 Dewsbury Surprise standing as above. On Sunday, August 12th, 720 each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, standing as above with the exception of W. Smith, 5.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, August 18th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Moston, 1; Z. Lord, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; S. Breeze, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, August 19th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Wilcox, 1; G. Rodgers, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 26th, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Cumberland Exercise, standing as before.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE.—On August 1st, 720 Victoria Surprise. H. Bottrell, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor), G. Hayden. On August 8th, 720 London Surprise. G. Hayden, W. Keeble, W. Doran, J. Mardell, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Miller. On August 12th, 720 Double Court Bob. J. Philpot, W. Keeble, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Miller, J. Moule, G. Hayden. And 720 Plain Bob. E. Ingwood, J. Philpot, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule, W. Keeble, G. Hayden. Also 720 Carlisle Surprise. W. Doran, W. Miller (conductor), W. Keeble, J. Moule, J. Mardell, T. H. Beams. On August 15th, 720 Chester Surprise. W. Doran, J. Mardell, W. Keeble, J. Moule, W. Miller, T. H. Beams (conductor). On August 27th, 720 London Surprise. G. Hayden, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Mardell. On August 26th, 720 Double Court Bob. J. Philpot, T. H. Beams, H. Bottrell, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Moule, G. Hayden.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, August 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Marsh, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; W. Bentham, 3; C. Sharples (conductor), 4; F. W. Orrey, 5; J. R. Park, 6; T. Jenkinson, 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

DUNSTABLE (Beds).—Recently 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Franklin, 1; B. Nash, 2; L. Webster, 3; F. Nash, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; T. Bonfield, 7; —, Franklin, 8.

HAILSHAM (Sussex).—On Saturday, August 25th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing upwards of 3000 changes through a mistake on the part of the conductor. B. Hobbs, 1; H. Rann, 2; A. Reed, 3; A. J. Turner, 4; F. Harding, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; H. Vine, 7; W. Jenner, 8.

HOUGHTON REGIS (Beds).—On August 17th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. N. Alderman, 1; B. Nash, 2; F. Nash, 3; J. Nicholls, 4;

G. Bonfield (conductor), 5; L. Webster, 6. Another 6-score. N. Alderman, 1; B. Nash, 2; L. Webster, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; G. Bonfield (conductor), 5; F. Nash, 6.

HULL (Yorks).—On August 21st, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Highfield, 1; G. Marshall, 2; T. Clarke, 3; C. D. Potter (Barnsley), 4; W. Southwick, 5; G. T. Mills, 6; T. Stockdale, 7; C. Jackson, 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. G. A. Hensman, 1; A. Arnold, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; H. Blundell, 4; A. P. Hensman, 5; A. Moore, 6; W. Farey (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except A. Arnold, and is believed to be the first in the tow by a local band.

PENGE (Surrey).—At the church of St. John the Evangelist, on July 19th, 720 Bob Minor. T. P. Richards, 1; W. J. Battson, 2; H. E. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; E. Pobgee, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On July 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. P. Richards, 1; W. Smith, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. On August 2nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. S. Hopkins, 1; W. Smith, 2; H. Edwards, 3; T. P. Richards, 4; E. Pobgee, 5; W. J. Battson (conductor), 6. On August 6th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. E. Pobgee's fourth daughter, 720 Bob Minor. E. Edwards, 1; J. Town, 2; W. J. Battson, 3; F. D. Edwards, 4; W. Smith, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Saturday, August 4th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). H. Short (first 720), 1; D. Redhead, 2; L. Chapman, 3; F. Wilford, 4; C. Swan, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob (fourteen singles and four bobs) with 7-8 covering. F. Wilford, 1; W. Yates, 2; R. Loveday, 3; D. Redhead, 4; L. Chapman, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6; J. Carter, 7; R. Bland, 8. On Feast Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob with 7-8 covering. C. Green, 1; E. Mayes, 2; C. Swan, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6; L. Chapman, 7; W. Yates, 8. On Monday, August 13th, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs and two singles). C. Green, 1; J. Nickerson, 2; L. Chapman, 3; E. Underwood, 4; R. Loveday (conductor), 5; F. Kirk, 6.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Hobbs, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; E. Jennings, 3; B. Hobbs, 4; A. Reed, 5; J. Burgess, 6; A. J. Turner, 7; H. Ades, 8.

WOBBURN (Beds).—On August 17th, 336 Grandsire Triples. L. Rickett, 1; C. Herbert, 2; B. Nash, 3; F. Nash, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; G. Bonfield, 7; J. Nash, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Nicholls, 1; D. Harris, 2; B. Nash, 3; F. Nash, 4; C. Herbert, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; G. Bonfield, 7; L. Rickett, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. D. Harris, 1; C. Herbert, 2; B. Nash, 3; F. Nash, 4; J. Nicholls, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; T. Bonfield, 7; Cyril Herbert, 8.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. R. Sandford, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hill, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Aldridge, 7; H. Beckford, 8. For evening service 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Harman, 1; A. Phillips, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; H. Hill, 5; G. Carter, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; H. Beckford, 8.

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BOB MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

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26354	-	X	-	-	I	I
56324	S	-	-	-	-	-
32564	I	-	-	-	-	I

Eleven times repeated; single for bob last course at w in the 6th and 12th parts.

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By GEORGE HAWKINS, *Hawley, Hants.*

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35264	-	-	I	I
56234	I	-	-	-
43265	I	-	I	I
64235	I	-	2	-
56342	2	-	I	2
45623	-	-	-	2
54326	-	I	2	-
53246	-	-	I	2
62345	2	-	I	I
24365	I	-	-	-
34625	I	-	-	I
42356	-	-	-	-
62534	2	-	-	I
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54326	-	I	2	-
53246	-	-	I	2
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TWO QUARTER-PEALS OF
STEDMAN TRIPLES.By G. ASTBURY, *Manchester*.

1260.

231456	3	4	7
536421	-	-	-
641235	-	-	-
125346	-	-	-

Four times repeated; 6-7s all at the backstroke.

1260.

231456	4	7	8
146532	-	-	-
356412	-	-	-
642153	-	-	-

Four times repeated; 5-7s all at handstroke. So far as the composer is aware, these quarter-peals are the longest lengths yet composed in the method with such a small number of calls without the use of singles.

NEW WESTMINSTER SUR-
PRISE.By FREDERICK DENCH, *London*.

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34256	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
43265	2	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
52364	2	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

6th the extent in 5-6 without 2nd or 3rd.

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52364	-	-	-	-
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36524	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

Has the 6th its extent in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

The re-hanging of the fine old ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt. in D), at the above tower, was commenced on Wednesday last. A new clock, chiming Cambridge quarters and striking the hours upon the tenor, will be fixed at the same time by Potts and Sons, of Leeds.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.—This Society had their annual outing on Monday, August 27th; a Forester's excursion to London (and previous pleasant experiences) settling the question of destination. Arrangements for ringing had been made by Mr. Winney, to whom our best thanks are due, as well as to the various steeple-keepers. Our first visit was to S. Magnus, London Bridge, where a course of Oxford Treble Ten, and a course of Grandsire Caters, were successfully brought round. Mr. Winney, in the meantime, had successfully sought permission for S. Saviour's, Southwark—a privilege we greatly appreciated. The church having been admired, the bells were raised, and after adjusting troublesome clock-hammers, 396 Grandsire Cinques was rung by C. E. Barrett, (conductor) 1; P. Sadler, 2; E. Ward, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; H. Howlett, 5; E. Francis, 6; G. Howchin, 7; A. G. Warnes, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; F. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12. A visit to S. Clement Danes, concluded the ringing programme, the remainder of the day being spent at Earl's Court. The Collegian's headquarters was visited in the evening, where the handbells were requisitioned for a time by Messrs. F. and F. H. Knights, and Warnes, and a touch or two with some of our London brethren. Liverpool Street was left at midnight, and Norwich reached at 3.30 a.m. To those already thanked we would add the names of Messrs. C. T. Hopkins, A. W. Brighton, and H. P. Harman, all of whom in conjunction with Mr. Winney did so much to make our day (26 hours of it!) so successful. C. E. B.

CRAYFORD AND ERITH, KENT.—The ringers of the above tower, together with the handbell band connected with the former, visited Southend-on-Sea, on Saturday, August 25th. Leaving home about eight o'clock, and travelling *via* Gravesend, our destination was reached at about 8.30, when the whole party, which numbered about 18, went on to the pier, where we were afterwards kept for over an hour by a sudden downpour of rain. About 1.30, a move was made for dinner, the rain having by that time ceased. This over, the change-ringers of the party called by appointment for Mr. W. H. Judd, of Southend, who had kindly promised to accompany us to Rayleigh, he having arranged for us to have the use of this tower, Prittlewell, (which we had hoped to get) not being available, owing to very serious illness near the church. On arrival at Rayleigh, several touches were rung in various methods, including 352 Double Norwich, and 144 Stedman Triples, both conducted by E. Barnett, Senr., and 148 Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Wilkins, also a course of Treble Bob Major. This is thought to be the first Double Norwich and Stedman rung in this tower. The bells go rather heavily, and some difficulty was experienced in bringing these round. On returning to Southend, tea was discussed, and after a short stroll along the front, we caught the train leaving at 7.25, and arrived home shortly after 9 p.m. The railway journeys were enlivened by change-ringing on a fine peal of handbells, belonging to Mr. F. Sayer, of Erith, which he had brought with him for the purpose. Our heartiest thanks are due to Mr. Judd for the trouble he had taken on our behalf in arranging for the use of the Rayleigh tower, also to the Rev. R. C. Rouse, Rector of Rayleigh, for permitting the use of the same. It is hoped that an outing may be arranged to take place annually in connection with these towers. Several years have elapsed since the last trip took place. P. E. BEX.

THE ALL SAINT'S, LEIGHTON BUZZARD SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 17th, the members had their annual outing. We left the town about 1 o'clock *en route* for Woburn, and the drive proved both attractive and most enjoyable. We arrived at Woburn soon after two, and found a number of our friends to welcome us. We took with us our old and valued friend and instructor, Mr. N. Alderman of Gospel Oak. After ringing various touches of Grandsire Triples, we adjourned and did justice to a good tea, which our Woburn friends had arranged before our arrival. After tea we left for Houghton Regis, driving through Woburn Park, the Duke of Bedford's estate. The scenery as we drove along was most interesting, and the drive altogether most enjoyable. On arriving at Houghton Regis, we rang touches of Grandsire Doubles. Here is a nice ring of six, having been recently rehung, they are in first-class order. We did not remain

long, our time being limited, as we had promised our Dunstable friends to pay them a visit on our return journey home, and our old friend, Mr. Alderman, had to catch the last train from Dunstable, where we were met by our old friends Franklin Brothers, and the grand old peal of eight were soon sending forth their glorious music of Grandsire Triples, the bells being in first-class order. We enjoyed the pull immensely, and it was a grand finish to our afternoon outing. Half-pull ringing is not practice there, but Mr. E. Franklin taking the treble through 168 Grandsire Triples was very good, being his first attempt. We reached Leighton again about half-past ten, well satisfied, and quite tired after our excursion, each one owning they had spent a pleasant time, and hoping as the years roll on they will meet their old friends a great many more times, and form united bands to ring the grand old bells of our time-honoured churches. J. N.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.—On August 20th, members of the above society (accompanied by ladies) had their annual outing. The party met at Holy Trinity Church, at eight o'clock, and at 8.15, all being safely seated in Mr. Durrant's fine brakes, a start was made for Ashted, which place was reached about eleven o'clock. After a few short touches on this fine ring of eight, a start was made for the drive to Dorking, where a splendid dinner was awaiting us at the "Wheatsheaf," and which we all did full justice to. After the toast of the ladies, which was responded to by Mr. T. Maynard, Mr. Chorley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Grant for his handsome present towards the outing Fund. This was seconded by Mr. T. Maynard, and carried. The party next made a move for Ranmore, where, through the kindness of the rector, more ringing was indulged in. They have a fine peal of bells here, but the general opinion was that they want re-hanging. After a pleasant time spent on Ranmore Common, where tea was partaken of, the party made their way back to Dorking, and after having a pull at the splendid ring of eight at the parish church, we started for home, arriving at Guildford at ten o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through the medium of "BELL NEWS," to thank Mr. J. Wyatt, Ashted, the rector of Ranmore, and Mr. Dodd, Dorking, for granting them the use of the bells.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.—On Monday, August 6th, the above Guild took their 6th annual outing, Minehead and Dunster being visited. On arrival at Minehead, the party were met by Mr. J. Jones, and several of the local ringers, and as rain was falling heavily, made straight for the church, where several touches of Stedman were rung. The weather clearing at noon, the party rode over to Dunster, where a substantial dinner (kindly provided by the Rector of St. Stephen's) awaited them. After dinner, Dunster church was visited, and touches of Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. On returning to Minehead, Mr. John Sully, of Stogumber, joined the party, and under his guidance took one of the most delightful walks possible, the beautiful scenery being much admired, this finished a most enjoyable day. The members of the guild sincerely thank the Vicars of Minehead and Dunster for the use of their bells, and Messrs. Jones and Sully, and those of the local ringers who contributed so much to their enjoyment. W. K.

THE PEAL AT FARNHAM, SURREY.—The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. — Gardiner for his kind permission, also Mr. Leclercq and others for their kind attention to ropes and fittings. This is C. F. Winney's 334th peal; also his 100th Bob called. It is interesting to note that he has also had the honour to take part in three non-conducted, two upon handbells and one on tower bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

The estimate is between £80 and £90, and £30 has been already promised, but the restoration of the church has already cost £900, and over £1,000 more is required, and we should be glad of help towards the bells.

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Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grassendale, to-day, Saturday, September 8th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 6. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dursley, to-day, Saturday, September 8th. Service 5 p.m. Cheap train from Bristol 2.35 p.m. Fare is 9d return. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above-named Society will be held to-day, Saturday, Sept. 8th, at Kirkheaton. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house, The Beaumont Arms. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, September 15th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. Cairns Brown, Vicar of Shifnal. Tea at 5 p.m. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Fulham, on Saturday, the 15th of September, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel. Service will be at 6 p.m., when the address will be given by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. A substantial tea will be provided in the parish room at 1s. 6d. per head, and it is earnestly requested that those who are desirous of having places reserved for them will communicate beforehand with one or other of the Hon. Secretaries, in order that proper provision may be made. It is hoped that the bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, may be available, as well as the bells of All Saints Fulham, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be followed by the usual business meeting. The Hon. Secretaries hope that ringers will make a special effort to attend, and that the few outstanding subscriptions may reach them by the 8th of September.

C. EDWARDS, } *Hon. Secs.*
ARTHUR T. KING, }

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsley, on Saturday, September 15th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough (8 bells), on Saturday, September 15th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will visiting members kindly inform me by Friday morning's post of their intention of being present? It is hoped that all members in arrears with their subscriptions will forward the same at their earliest convenience.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Yorkshire Association.—The general meeting of this Association will be held at Horbury (near Wakefield) on Saturday, September 15th. By kind permission of the Rev. E. I. Lough, M.A., Vicar, the new ring of eight at St. Peter's will be available from

9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. At 4 o'clock, meeting of the official committee. At 5 o'clock, tea in the boys' schoolroom. Business meeting to follow. The Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Eden), has kindly promised to be present. After business the Horbury handbell ringers and concert party will give a smoking concert, programmes of which will be distributed during the day. The local hon. sec. is Mr. W. H. Giggie, Queen Street, Horbury, who will be pleased to make all necessary arrangements for the comfort and convenience of visitors. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The usual half-yearly meeting will be held at Market Rasen, on Saturday, September 15th. Tea at The Aston Arms at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after. Ringers intending to be present are requested to inform Mr. Joseph Hackney, Mill Street, Market Rasen, not later than the 12th inst. GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Sibthorp Street, Lincoln.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, Wombourn. The bells will be available for touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names on or before the 17th inst. As the reports will be ready for this meeting it is requested that all committee men will attend. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, Westbromwich.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at Star inn 5.45. Members who have not already done so will oblige by remitting subscriptions for 1900 at once.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"Arran," Baldsloe Road, Hastings.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Michaelmas Day. The towers of Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Harlow and Stansted will be open for ringing. Members intending to attend must notify me not later than the 25th. HENRY T. W. EYRE,

Great Totham, Witham. *Assist. Sec.*
N.B.—The G.E.R. have withdrawn their reduced fares to ringers.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, September 29th. Service in St. John's church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me not later than Tuesday, September 25th. The tower will be open for ringing. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions.

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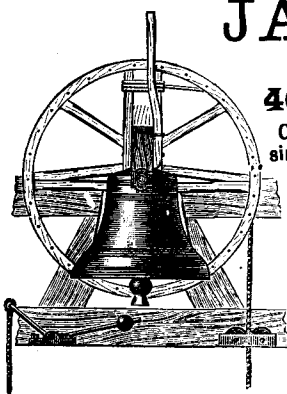
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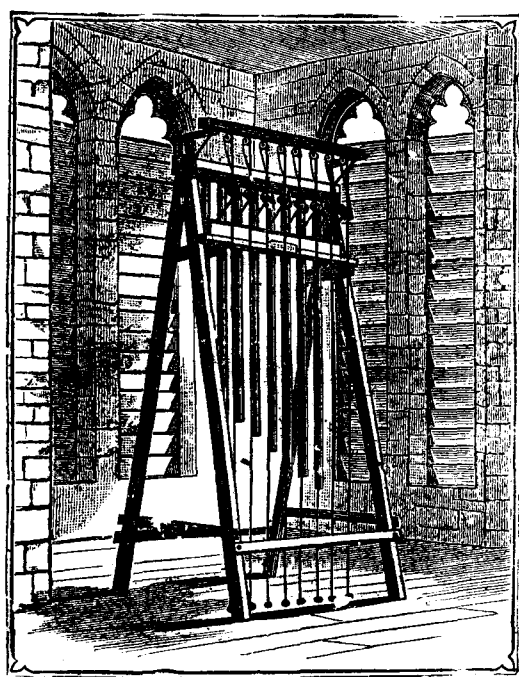
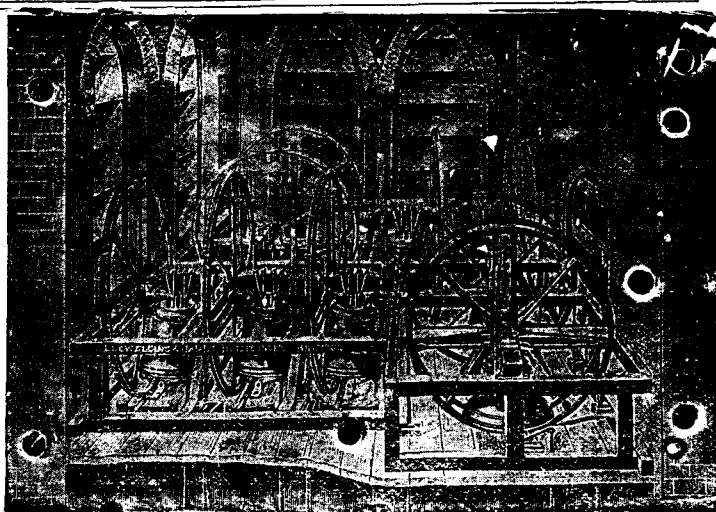
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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

Irthlingborough may be looked upon as the ringing centre of the Central Northamptonshire Association. Many years ago it was noted for its expert change-ringers. Then came a period of inaction and misfortune when the ancient tower was deemed unsafe and eventually had to be pulled down, the bells being safely housed in the churchyard. Most of the old ringers had died ere it was re-built, Mr. J. Houghton, sen., being the only remaining member of the old company. Since the re-dedication of the tower and increase of the bells to eight in 1893, about seventy peals have been rung in the re-built structure, in almost every variety of method, in several of these Mr. Houghton has taken part. The particular position of the church of St. Peter, the lightness of the bells and the great liberty allowed by the Rector and churchwardens, past and present, have all contributed to this result. Chattell, the noted Birmingham ringer, was a native of Irthlingborough. A quarterly meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association, by kind consent of the Rev. J. K. Taylor, took place there on Saturday afternoon, September 1, about 40 members being present from Thrapston, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Raunds, Bedford, Earls Barton, Northampton, Finedon, Peterborough, and Ravensthorpe. Tea was provided at The Bull hotel, at 5 o'clock, the local Oddfellows being good enough to allow the ringers the use of their club-room for the evening: for this they were heartily thanked, likewise the Rector and churchwardens for the bells. The Rev. C. E. Channer mentioned that he had completed the work of inscribing the preface in the peal-book. The members expressed their gratitude for his kindness, and begged he would furnish a design for a "membership card." Desborough was chosen as the place for the next meeting at the end of October, there now being several belfries belonging to the Association in that district. Mr. Matthews, of Bath, was admitted as an "out of county" member. A very pleasant and enjoyable "social" finished up the evening. Mr. Stubbs, of Raunds, amused the company with his ever popular old song and recitation, and Messrs. Wilford (Northampton), Tompkins, (Finedon), and Taylor (Wellingborough), contributed capital songs. Touches on a peal of handbells from Wellingborough filled up the intervals.

Mr. Askham, the genial landlord of The Bull, although not a ringer, comes of an old Raunds ringing family. He is fond of the bells, a good friend to the local company, and ever gives visitors a hearty welcome.

Irthlingborough bells are quite a modern ring. In the year 1829, the five old bells were exchanged for six new ones (tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.) from the foundry of Thomas Mears, of London. Previous to being re-placed in the new tower in 1893, they were sent to the Loughborough foundry to be tuned and refitted, and two trebles added, the late Mr. William Woolston, of Wellingborough, being the donor. They now make an handy octave of moderate weight.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Netherton, on Saturday, September 1st, 1900. Members were present from Wolverhampton, Coseley, Tipton, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Dudley, and Netherton. The Worcestershire Association service was said in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Vicar, and vice-President of the Guild, who gave an address from the words of St. Paul, found in 1 Corinthians xiv. 43: "Let all things be done decently and in order." In the course of his remarks, the rev. gentleman said:—

This was an appeal to the early Church to set its house in order that there might be no gainsaying from those without. And its effect was very soon seen in the liturgies which grew up in the sub-apostolic age. There was a strong desire for order manifested in the services of the Church, and on the model of the Lord's Prayer service-books were by and by in use among the faithful as manuals for conducting the devotions of the people. As the centuries rolled on it was found that these multiplied to a degree of inconvenience that people on the eve of the Reformation were burdened with as many as six or eight of these books when they attended service—such as the Masse Booke, the Graduale, the Prymer, the Pontifical, the Portifory, the Hymnal, etc., so it required some thought beforehand what book they would need. We can therefore see that it was an advance in the direction of order when these books were taken and re-edited and re-issued in one volume which has become known to us as The Book of Common Prayer. To this spirit of reformation, all along its history, the Church of England is strongly committed. Belfry and bellringing reform has been one in which this present age has been much interested, and is attempting to carry out. And the bellringers themselves have been forward in the movement. Organizing themselves into associations to promote the study and practice of ringing, making the belfries into orderly chambers which were before dingy and disorderly, regular in their attendance at service after ringing for "church," many of them being communicants, these changes have proved our ringers to be a valuable band of recent reformers, whose motto might well be—"Let all things be done decently and in order."

After service, the meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Explanations were given respecting the peals which were attempted during the last quarter, and were considered satisfactory, hoping better success would attend the efforts during the ensuing quarter. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Stourbridge, in November, the date to be fixed by the Master and Secretary. A ringing meeting was fixed to take place at Rowley, on September 15th, at 5.30. It was decided to attempt a peal of Bob Royal at Dudley, Stedman Triples at Netherton, and Grandsire Triples at Tipton. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address in the church, and the use of the schoolroom, to which the Vicar responded, brought the meeting to a close. Touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, were rung upon the tower bells during the afternoon and evening.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 3rd, the Ottery St. Mary branch of the above Guild journeyed to the President's mansion at Kelly. The band that took the seven o'clock train from Ottery was the Rev. R. Croysdales, Messrs. J. E. Baker, H. R. Channon, W. J. Fisher, J. H. Godfrey, S. H. Godfrey, W. H. Godfrey, M. Head, J. Lovering, A. W. Pike, and F. Stuckey. Plymouth races were on the same day, and the train was so crowded that the bellringers had to take advantage of the guard's van to Exeter. Here a change was made, and Tavistock reached about half-past ten. A look over the church and a move to the belfry, when it was made known that a resident was ill, and the bells could not therefore be rung. The President having arranged for a ring at Lamerton, a beautiful drive brought the party there, where the Rev. Maitland Kelly was awaiting their arrival, having ridden over on horseback. Lamerton church was some years ago destroyed by fire, but has been rebuilt chiefly by means of sympathisers outside the parish. The bells were found to be in good condition, and some 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. This is believed to be the first half-pull changes performed on the bells of Lamerton church. A drive over the hills with a splendid view of the surrounding beautiful country, and Kelly mansion was reached. The ringers were heartily welcomed to Kelly by the President and the Misses Kelly. After dinner the Kelly mansion and grounds were viewed and enjoyed. Eating apples, etc., in the shade of the bushy trees seemed to suit the company admirably. It being the Harvest Festival, the whole parish of Kelly was alive. The church of Kelly is situate within the mansion grounds. It is a small and very pretty church, the stained glass windows being in memory of former generations of the Kelly family. The bells were soon put in motion, and some excellent ringing done. It is the first time that the Stedman method has been rung on the bells. From a tablet in the vestry it appears that the Rev. Maitland Kelly took part in the first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles ever rung by Devonshire men in the county, and this event took place at Kelly thirty-three years ago. Tea was taken at the harvest tea-table, presided over by the Misses Kelly. Cream and "west country cake" disappeared with lightning rapidity, and then some handbell ringing on the green. Much amusement was caused at the frantic efforts of the ringers to ring the stable bell. The return visit to Tavistock was through the grounds, with the parish of Melton Abbot on the right. During the journey to Exeter 120 Grandsire and 120 Stedman Doubles and a plain course of Grandsire Triples were admirably "fisted" in the absence of handbells to the not small amusement of the other passengers. The guard's van from Exeter was again in requisition, and the old collegiate town was reached about 11 p.m.

S. H. G.

WITNEY, OXON.

Feast-time has come round once more and brought with it the usual influx of visitors, the majority of whom are of course old inhabitants of the town. As might be expected by those who know what Witney ringing is like, know the bells were kept even more busy than usual during the "Feast Sunday," as it is popularly called, which fell this year on September 9th. Touches were rung before the Early Celebration and the morning service, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples before the evening service,

notices of which will be found in the usual place. For the first time a peal was rung in honour of the Festival, and took place on Monday afternoon, and was accompanied by the various instruments of sound in the Fair on the green outside. It was especially fitting that Messrs. Woodcock and Smith, who were associated with the very earliest time of change-ringing in Witney, were home for the "Feast," and able to take part in the peal. It was also very pleasing to see another old friend amongst us again in the person of Mr. Walter Large, late of Burford. At the close of the peal, the ringers adjourned to the house of the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, where refreshments were forthcoming, and while these were being partaken of, a welcome visitor was ushered in, in the person of the Rector, who had made a special point of coming in to shake hands with his old friends, and to speak a kindly word to one and all. Canon Foxley Norris thinks a great deal of his ringers, and they are proud of their Rector. Besides the above-mentioned ringing, a good touch on the handbells was rung in Mr. Jenkyn's garden on the Sunday afternoon.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—
ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.

On Saturday, September 1st, 720 Bob Minor. H. Button, 1; H. Girling, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; A. Wilson, 4; C. Samson, 5; E. Cooper, 6; and another 720 standing as before. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Smith, 1; A. J. Lincoln, 2; F. Cooper, 3; C. Samson, 4; E. Bailey, 5; H. Button, 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. C. Stevenson, to Miss C. K. Cowell, which took place at the parish church, Aldeburgh, on the afternoon of that day.

On Monday, September 3rd, 360 Bob Minor. A. Button, 1; H. Girling, 3; W. Taylor, 3; A. Wilson, 4; C. Smith, 5; E. Cooper, 6. This was followed by two 720s in the same method, standing as before. This was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Captain Cecil S. Wood, to Miss Gladys K. Salmon, which took place at the parish church in the afternoon of that day.

In each case the bride was a member of the much esteemed Garrett family, whose names have been so long and honourably identified with Aldeburgh.

The old town was gay with bunting, and the church bells were "fired" on each occasion, as the bride and bridegroom were leaving the Church, and again as they passed the sacred edifice *en route* to the railway station for their departure.

FAR FOREST CHURCH, SALOP.

A new clock is to be placed in Far Forest, near Bewdley, which will have one dial and strike the hours. It is to be made by John Smith and Sons, of Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe.

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. J. Ll. Davies, B.A., Precentor of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, and headmaster of the Choir School, has been offered the living of Sledmere, near Driffield, Yorks., by Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart., which he has accepted. It is thought that this intelligence will interest many ringing friends. The rev. gentleman is able to handle a bell, but has not gone in for change-ringing yet. He is the brother of Mr. P. W. Davies, a well-known ringer, now of Lichfield.

SHILDON, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday week Mrs. Horatio Spurrier, wife of the Vicar of Shildon, at the unanimous request of the committee, laid the memorial stone of a Gothic tower, designed by Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, of Durham, for the parish church, in the presence of a large assemblage of parishioners and friends.

The Bishop of Richmond, in thanking Mrs. Spurrier, delivered an impressive address, calling to mind the coincidence that her grandfather, Captain W. Price Cumby, of Heighington House, had laid the foundation-stone of the first church at Shildon in 1833 on a site given by Mr. Josiah Smithson, whose son, Mr. Samuel Smithson, afterwards gave the site for the vicarage, and whose grandson, Mr. Harry S. C. Smithson, of Morris Grange, had been one of the principal contributors to this tower, which was intended to complete the commodious church (rebuilt and doubled in size, and consecrated by Bishop Lightfoot in 1882), which he regarded as the great work of Mr. Spurrier's life. Side by side with that church all parochial needs had been satisfied. There were the schools, in which so many had been educated, while the churchyard had been three times enlarged. If they were to add up all the sums which had been spent in the building, the support, and the maintenance of the church and schools of the parish, the total would amount to more than £26,000. And there had, he believed, also grown up the spiritual fabric of love and true unity.

Colonel T. Myles Sandys, M.P., expressed his conviction that it was a very great thing in these days to have as their Vicar a man with whom they could go heart and soul, and between whom and his parishioners no differences existed as to the burning questions of the day.

The offerings on the stone, together with cheques sent, and the proceeds of a parish tea on the vicarage lawn, amounted to £111; and Colonel Sandys, in appreciation of the good feeling manifest in the parish, and in honour of his old regiment, the 7th Royal Fusiliers, undertook to defray the expense of the seventh bell of the peal of eight to be placed in the new tower, the seventh to cost, according to Messrs. Taylors' estimate, £111. The total cost of tower and bells will be £2,721.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

At a meeting of the general committee of the parish church restoration fund on Wednesday, August 5th, held under the presidency of the Mayor, the hon. secretary, Mr. Frank Tylecote, said that exclusive of the restoration of the tower, which Mr. Kershaw had undertaken, at a cost of £3,000, the committee's liabilities were £18,027, towards which they had raised and had promised since the work began four years ago £12,466, leaving an adverse balance of £5,561. Within the last few days a gentleman had offered to contribute £1,000 on condition that the remainder was raised and the church opened free from debt.

The Rev. S. A. Boyd, Vicar, proposed a resolution gratefully accepting the offer, and pledging the meeting to raise the £4,000 needed. This was agreed to.

Mr. F. D. Brocklehurst, who has given the east window and £1,000, said he would also restore the north parapet, costing over £100.

Mr. Kershaw promised another £500.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH).

The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, September 8th, at Grassendale. Members attended from Liverpool, Farnworth, Garston, and Southport. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and several good touches of Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were rung. The business meeting was held in the library of the Church Institute, the chair being taken by Mr. W. Hughes, of Garston. The Vicar was unable to be present owing to a large meeting of the Liverpool Day School Teachers taking place simultaneously in the village, at which his presence was required.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed, after some discussion, and carried, that the next place of meeting be Woolton, to take place on the first Saturday in October. It is sincerely hoped that as large a number of members of the Association as possible will put in an appearance at this meeting, it being well worth a visit, if only to hear the melodious peal of eight bells in the tower, apart from the duty one owes the branch in attending its meetings.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for so kindly granting the use of the bells and room for the meeting. The members were afterwards entertained to tea at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Yeld, who also was elected an honorary member of the Association.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, September 10th, the above parish church was the scene of an interesting incident, viz., the laying of the foundation-stone for the enlargement of the chancel. The stone was laid by Mrs. Palmer-Morewood, amidst a representative gathering of church people.

After the ceremony a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung in 45 mins. W. Burnham, 1; S. Hall, 2; F. Watkinson, 3; J. M. Brook (conductor), 4; A. Brooks-bank, 5; F. Hillyer, 6; R. Hutchinson, 7; F. W. Theobald, 8. This is the longest touch by the local ringers; also the longest touch on the bells.

BURGLARY AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Burglars have committed gross sacrilege and wanton damage at Chester Cathedral. They effected an entrance by smashing a beautiful stained-glass window in the Canons' vestry.

LATE NOTICE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Thursday, September 27th. Special service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, at 12.45. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Crosse. Dinner at 1.30 in the hall of the Conservative Club. Hon. members and friends 2s. 6d; company members 1s. 6d. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers, &c., when the annual report will be read. Notice to be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Friday, 21st September.

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H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. R. Lilley has removed from 56, Eardley Road, Streatham, to 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, Surrey. Mr. A. E. Pegler has removed from 124, Highbury Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, to 98, Ersthalm, Institute Road, King's Heath, near Birmingham.

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

"CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS."

SIR,—I am pleased to find the intention of my letter on Surprise methods has been obtained, and should also feel pleased to see others opinion on the same subject. I think myself that the classification of methods should receive a thorough discussion in the columns of "BELL NEWS," before being brought on for final decision at the meeting of the Central Council. Before expressing my further views, I wish to draw attention to some misunderstanding in Mr. Trollope's views of my letter. I did not say that London Surprise was as easy as other methods, far from it, by my own experience, neither do I call a Surprise method a very complex Treble Bob. The classification of a method must be based on a firm footing, not to involve any unfairness, or onesidedness to the composer, ringer or conductor. It must be based on a principle where these shall receive the full value of their well-earned merits. If, as Mr. Trollope says, the committee define what constitutes a method worthy of being rung, method-builders will have a limit. It seems to me that the construction of a method governing its ringing qualities, is surrounded by difficulties. Take for instances, the Rev. H. E. Bulwer's definition, and the following method which is half Kent Treble Bob and half London Surprise. This method is more valuable in points than Superlative or Cambridge, yet only a Treble Bob method, which greatly reduces it in points. I am not against Marvel being a name for a high grade method, but what are we to do with a Surprise? Give it the honour of 2nd class or no class at all, which is the case by the annexed figures. I think to classify a method by points, is a solution fair both to ringer and method-builder.

F. DENCH.

Obituary.

ARTHUR ACKLAND PERKINS.

It is with much regret we have to record the death of the above ringer, which took place at Eerste-Fabrieken, South Africa, on August 5th, aged twenty-one years. He was one of the Romford ringers, also one of the eleven who volunteered for the front, and died of enteric fever. He had never gone very deep into the Art of change-ringing, his longest touch being a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the treble in 1897, conducted by his father. But he was a splendid tune-player on handbells, in which his fellow-ringers will miss him much this coming season. He was employed on the G.E.R. previous to going out to the front, and everyone who had the pleasure of his acquaintance express their great regret at the loss of such a sincere friend and companion, being never known to have done anyone an unkind action. May he rest in peace. On Sunday evening, August 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob in 23 mins. G. Roughton, 1; L. W. Copsey, 2; H. Dawkins, 3; G. Pye (conductor), 4; W. Watson, 5; E. Pye, 6.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

The estimate s between £80 and £90, and £30 has been already promised, but the restoration of the church has already cost £900, and over £1,000 more is required, and we should be glad of help towards the bells,

H. LAW JAMES.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—This Society held their annual outing on August Bank Holiday last. Ramsgate and Margate were selected, but unfortunately a wet day turned, in which caused much disappointment to the company, as it was intended to have a bathe in the sea. A donkey race took place by four of the party, J. Hands being the winner. After this dinner was the next order, of which ample justice was done. Next move was to Margate, some going by brake and the others by train, this caused a brake in the party till 5 p.m. After tea, all met again, passing an opinion that every one had enjoyed a good tea. Only one hour and a half was left before the train was due for home. This was spent in viewing the shops and things of interest, and storing in refreshments for the homeward journey, which was started at 6.25 p.m., Reading being reached at 1.5 on Tuesday morning. In spite of a wet day, all stated they had enjoyed themselves, hoping for a better day another year.

H. S.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, GOSPORT.—This band had their annual outing on August 25th, the destination being Liss, being invited there by the Rector, the Rev. O. S. Walford, a former Vicar of Holy Trinity. Leaving Portsmouth by the 8.40 train, we arrived at Liss about 9.45, where we were met by the Rector. After looking over the new church, a move was made for the old church, where we rang several touches of Plain Bob and 120s of Grandsire Doubles. A ramble over the hills and fields, where we had lunch brought on at two o'clock. Then we had a drive in a brake through some fine scenery, the hills and fields being covered with heather, and the bushes swarmed with nuts and blackberries. Getting back to Liss at five o'clock for tea, a fine spread being supplied by the Rector on the lawn. After tea, the time was spent in playing games on the lawn, bowls, &c. Tune-ringing and change-ringing on the handbells till half-past seven, when we made another move to the tower, where we rang some more Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor, with the Rector joining in till time to say good-bye. Gosport being reached about 11.30 p.m., after having spent one of the very best outings we have ever had. We take this opportunity to thank the Rector and Mrs. Walford for entertaining us, and to our own vicar, the Rev. W. Lee, for his assistance.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, September 8th, seven of the above members journeyed to Abergavenny, Mon., for a few days' enjoyment. Five of them went from Swindon, and met two others at Bristol, and all arrived at Abergavenny at 11.8 a.m. where they were met by Mr. F. S. Wilson, who had a wagonette waiting to take the visitors to the church tower, where they had some excellent ringing. Two attempts were made for a peal of Grandsire Triples both of which came to grief after ringing 2500 and some odd changes in each attempt. After the first attempt the ringers adjourned for some refreshment, after which they felt fit to make a second attempt for the peal which unfortunately came to grief, the striking in the latter being all that could be desired. The ringing being over, the ringers felt that a little light liquid refreshment could do them no harm, which was much appreciated, as the day proved to be a hot, sunny one. After seeing to the inner man, a walk by the river was suggested, which was much enjoyed, the scenery all round being charming. At 6 o'clock p.m., the visitors were met by the ringers of Abergavenny, (who by the way are not change-ringers, but hope to be some day) and all adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided for the visitors. Mr. E. H. Bretherton (churchwarden), took the chair, and Mr. H. C. Evans, the vice-chair. After every one had enjoyed a good dinner, the visitors gave a good exhibition as to what could be done on handbells, which was much appreciated by all. Mr. R. Rosser kindly rendered some good music on the piano, and altogether everyone spent a most enjoyable time. At 8.40 p.m. the wagonette took the visitors to the station, where they had a capital send-off by the ringers of Abergavenny, who all wished them a speedy return to their town to give them another treat in the art of change-ringing. The ringers who took part in the peal were as follows: F. S. Wilson, (Abergavenny) 1; O. W. Lang, 2; A.

Lawrence, 3; S. Hillier, (Devizes) 8; C. Gardiner, 5; T. Ricketts (conductor), 6; F. Price (Bristol), 7; T. Robinson, 8. All with the exception of those otherwise hail from Swindon. Mr. Thomas Ricketts on behalf of the visitors, wishes to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; and Mr. F. S. Wilson, who had made all arrangements to enable the visitors to have what proved to be a most enjoyable outing.

THE ALL SAINTS FULHAM SOCIETY.—Liverpool Street, August 25th, 8.30 (bar strikes) was the order, and a party of 13 met for the annual outing, Sawbridgeworth and Bishops Stortford having been selected. We were met on arrival at Bishops Stortford by Mr. H. J. Tucker, in whose hands the arrangements for the day had been left. Sawbridgeworth tower was first visited, and the fine ring of 8 was soon set going to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob Major, several local ringers standing in. We then assembled on the roof of the porch, and after a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, were snapped by our own photographer. A start was then made for Bishops Stortford, a walk of nearly 4 miles, and the greater part of the journey unfortunately being through pouring rain, the party were divided, the nimbler members reaching Bishops Stortford much in advance of the others. However, by 2 o'clock we had all met at The Chequers hotel, where an excellent dinner had been prepared by the host, and to which full justice was done, the course-ends rolling up true, although we did not strike until the finish. Votes of thanks to the vicar of Fulham for his hospitality, and to Mr. H. J. Tucker for his efforts on our behalf (he having devoted the whole of the day for our benefit) were carried unanimously. A move was then made to the church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. The conductors during the day were Messrs. H. J. Tucker, J. W. Driver, C. Charge, and Elson. We again submitted to the persuasion of our photographer, and after tea, the rest of our time was spent in handbell ringing, and a chat with our local friends, while some visited the tower again. Home was reached about 12.30, after a long and enjoyable day. E.

THE ST. PETER'S HALLIWELL SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 25th, the bell-ringers and Committee of St. Peter's, Halliwell, had an outing to Leyland near Preston in a waggonette. The out journey was started at two o'clock, all putting in an appearance except R. S. Walsh, Esq., one of the committee, who was unavoidably absent. The drive was thoroughly enjoyed, the weather, which was not very promising, turning out into an ideal summer day. The charmingly situated little village was reached just before 5 o'clock, and as tea was not quite ready, the old church and graveyard was visited, and also some photographs taken of the ringers and committee in a group, by Mr. J. Greenwood, one of the ringers. An adjournment was now made to The Eagle and Child, where an excellent tea was partaken of. After tea, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Bowling, the hostess, for the grand way in which she had everything in readiness, and also for the excellent repast she had prepared. The next place visited was the belfry, where the ringers doffed their coats, and a few Grandsire Triples was rung in fine style. An 168 was rung, with the ringers stationed as follows: W. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Fleetwood, 2; R. Seddon, 3; H. Morris, 4; J. Makinson, 5; R. Barlow, 6; W. Pennington, 7; P. Hargreaves, 8; and also 672 with the ringers as before, with the exception of 8, which was rung by Mr. J. Partington. Time was now getting on, and after a game of bowls, the horses were hitched to, and the return journey started. The overcoats, which had seemed in the way when the weather turned out grand, came in very useful, the wind being very cold. As they made their way along the country lanes, songs were indulged in, and when the point was reached from where they started, everybody seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A hearty vote of thanks was passed by the ringers to the committee, Messrs. J. Brown, J. Bradley, and G. Gorton, for the kindness in giving the outing, and also for the way in which everything had been prepared for them.

CREWE BRANCH SOCIETY.—Lawton ringers took a drive to Biddulph on a recent Saturday afternoon, by waggonette to the famous old tower, to spend the afternoon in ringing, with the kind permission of the vicar, Mr. Brodie. Arriving at the hotel about 4 o'clock, we took small refreshments, and then wended

our way to the tower, and we were about to start hunting for the key, when click went the lock, the tower-keeper was on the scene, and the bells were at our disposal. Grandsire was the first on the list, and a select company from Lawton and Kidsgrove took the ropes in hand with the word go, but came to grief after three attempts (so exit Grandsire for the day). Plain Bob was the next with the full band from Lawton, and were highly recommended for this 720. J. Hancock, 1; J. Wildblood, 2; I. Massey, 3; J. James, 4; J. Pierpoint, 5; W. Rigby (conductor), 6. We were about leaving the tower to view the church inside, when Mr. Carter, the old Biddulph ringer, and a few more made their appearance, and extended the ringing with "let's have a Kent Treble Bob." We turned into the tower again at once, and got 720 with a mixed band, the striking being very good, rung by the following: J. Wildblood, 1; G. Buckley, 2; H. Dean, 3; W. Rigby (conductor), 4; M. Carter, 5; G. Siddons, 6. Wildblood and Rigby hail from Lawton, Dean, Buckley, and Siddons from Kidsgrove, and Carter from Biddulph. This concluded our afternoon's ringing, and a move was then made towards the hotel, where an excellent spread was awaiting us, to which we did ample justice. Our next move was a look round the garden and bowling green, which are a great credit to the place. Our time would not allow us to have a set of balls out, so we contented ourselves with the music of the piano until the call was given that the horses were ready. We left the place where we had enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, with Auld lang syne. The ringers wish through this medium, to thank the vicar Mr. Brodie, for granting permission, and the tower-keeper for having the bells in readiness, and Mr. Basset for the good tea and accommodation we received.

MALDON, ESSEX.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.—Another old inhabitant has passed away in the person of Mr. Stephen Cable, who died at the house of his son Alfred, in Farnbridge Road, on Saturday last. The life of deceased, who was eighty-seven years of age, was of a most interesting character. A native of Purleigh, he came to reside in Maldon many years ago, being leading man on the farm now occupied by Alderman Fitch, and was considered to be the best grass-mower in the district. At Purleigh and All Saints' churches he was a bell-ringer for over sixty years, and had been a member of the Essex Association since its formation. For forty-seven years he was sexton for the united parishes of All Saints and St. Peter, and went to live at Cemetery Cottage in 1885, retiring from the position of caretaker of the cemetery three years ago last November. During his career in the old borough he dug between 2,000 or 3,000 graves. A favourite story of the deceased was that he came into the world without a shirt, dug a grave on his seventy-fifth birthday without a shirt, and in the afternoon of the same day buried [a man named] Adam. The funeral of the old sexton took place at the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. Donald Gotto officiating. Besides the relatives of the deceased there also followed Messrs. W. and T. Mansfield, R. Hutson and C. Tabor, ringers from All Saints' church, who rung a muffled peal on the bells during the evening. Mr. William White, from the office of the Burial Board, was also present at the interment. On the coffin plate was inscribed:—"Stephen Cable, died September 1st, 1900, aged 87 years." Floral tributes were sent from Alfred and Harriet Cable; Mrs. Donald Gotto and her little son; Harriet, Nellie, and Fred (grandchildren); Rev. E. R. and Mrs. Horwood.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Judd, of Kensington, kindly lent his handbells which formerly belonged to Miss E. B. Kendall, who, with other young ladies, practiced Grandsire double-handed, so as to be in form for a handbell peal, which unfortunately, was not accomplished. Miss Sharland was at one time one of the company, a lady who has done much to forward the art. One of the company was delighted to ring a peal on these bells, it being one of his ambitions, ever since reading of the clever performances some years back of the Misses Brine, (Lower Hardres) to take part in a peal on the handbells with one of the fair sex.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1900.

THE Association for Central Northamptonshire, judging from the information set forth in our columns from time to time, appears to be a most united and happy family. Associations and Guilds are now becoming so numerous that our memory is too feeble to enable us to actually recollect what organisations of the kind are in existence. If there is some other association for Northampton besides the "Central," it has escaped us, and therefore we are prone to believe that this particular body is the only one for the county.

But for the present the doubt or otherwise of another organisation is perfectly immaterial. We know that the "Central Northamptonshire" is very popular; the executive is a strong one; and the gentleman who is the main-spring of the movement occupies a unique position. The "Central" has just had a meeting at Irthlingborough—the birthplace of **CHATELL, "the baker,"** as he used to be called. We should advise the Irthlingborough men to

take some means—if not already done—to perpetuate the memory of their distinguished townsman. CHATTELL was as unique in his way as is his native place. Our Irthingborough brethren would not do wrong if they considered the propriety of erecting some sort of memorial to such a departed worthy as WILLIAM CHATTELL, who, though a man of like passions with many of us at the present day, was possessed of a host of excellent qualities, and according to his lights, extended greatly the Art he loved so well.

The Provinces.

GLEMHAM PARK, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARLESFORD BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 2, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. MESSENGER	Treble.	R. H. HAYWARD	3.
T. J. LEE	2.	GEORGE STACEY	4.
E. P. BUCKINGHAM	Tenor.		

Conducted by R. H. HAYWARD.

First peal on the bells, also by Messrs. Messenger, Lee, and Stacey. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were heartily congratulated by the Rector (Rev. W. Hooper), and through the kindness of Lady North a capital supper was provided at the Hall.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. BARBER	Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON	5.
CHARLES MCKENZIE	2.	THOMAS MILLER	6.
WILLIAM A. HANCOX	3.	ALBERT HACKLEY	7.
WILLIAM ELLIS	4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late W. Sanigar.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Woodbine, City Delight, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, and Duke of York. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WYATT	Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN	4.
HENRY J. CREED	2.	TOM W. CREED	5.
ISAAC CREED	3.	JOHN CRIDLAND	Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM R. SMALL	Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN	5.
ALFRED PADDON SMITH	2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS	6.
WILLIAM ELLIS	3.	SAMUEL REEVES	7.
THOMAS HORTON	4.	WILLIAM VERRY	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has a single in each of the first two courses, and was rung on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

WALTER GAMMON	Treble.	HENRY BROOKER	5.
FREDERICK LARBEY	2.	GEORGE BURT	6.
EDWARD STACEY	3.	FREDERICK HERMON	7.
WILLIAM BULPITT	4.	CHARLES KITCHING	Tenor.

Conducted by H. BROOKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Hermon.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD	Treble.	FRANK BENNETT	5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2.	JAMES HUNT	6.
JOHN J. JONES	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
THOMAS W. RADFORD*	4.	WILLIAM W. THORNE	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples with a bob bell. This was intended to have been Stedman Caters, but owing to the trains being so late, and one of the band being delayed, a start had to be made for the above as time was limited, the late one arriving to hear 2 hrs. 30 mins. of the peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13).

ALFRED WICKS*	Treble.	*GEORGE R. FARDON	5.
ALLEN H. TABER	2.	*JAMES DURRANT	6.
JOHN BASDEN	3.	*FREDERICK RICHARDSON	7.
FREDERICK GODDARD	4.	*SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. It was arranged to attempt a peal of Stedman, but one of the band not turning up the above was rung instead.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN	Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR	5.
SAMUEL REEVES	2.	HERBERT KNIGHT	6.
THOMAS HORTON	3.	THOMAS J. ELTON	7.
JAMES E. GROVES	4.	JAMES HALL	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal contains 240 bobs and ten singles, and was rung to celebrate the 54th birthday of Mr. Thomas Horton, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. It was also his 134th peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SAMUEL CORNISH*	Treble.	*WILLIAM ROUGHTON	5.
WILLIAM MOTTS	2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM*	3.	*ALBERT E. DURRANT	7.
CHARLES PARKER*	4.	JAMES MOTTS	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by ALBERT E. DURRANT.

*First peal in the method.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK G. CROUCH .. Treble.	JOSEPH CHURCH.. .. 4.
WILLIAM FREEMAN 2.	GEORGE VALENTINE.. .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	FREDERICK J. BIRD .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal by Messrs. Crouch, Freeman, and Bird. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES J. ELLIS .. Treble.	GEORGE MOSS 5.
ARTHUR T. MORRIS 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
CHARLES P. RAMPLIN .. 3.	ROWLAND FENN.. .. 7.
GEORGE KNOCK 4.	CALEB FENN Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by CALEB FENN.

First peal by ringers of treble and 6th. First in the method by 2, 3, 4, 5. First as conductor. The brothers Fenn hail from St. Margaret's, Barking, and wish to thank (through the medium of this paper) Mr. and Mrs. Morris and the local ringers for their kindness to them on this and previous occasions.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES FEIST* .. Treble.	JOHN HACK.. .. 5.
LOUIS ATTWATER 2.	WILLIAM GIBSON 6.
HENRY STALHAM 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
HERBERT TOMSETT .. 4.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal and first attempt. This (quarterly) peal was attempted a fortnight ago, but the 4th rope broke after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. The band represent five different towers in the county. J. Hack hails from Hayes, Kent.

FARNWORTH, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LEVER .. Treble.	HENRY MOSS 5.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	SAMUEL OAKES 6.
JOSEPH BROOKES 3.	ALFRED POTTER 7.
WILLIAM LEVER 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 6.
ISAAC G SHADE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED POUNDS .. Treble	WALTER LARGE.. .. 5.
MARK WOODCOCK 2.	JOHN MONK.. .. 6.
HARRY BROOKS 3.	THOMAS BULL 7.
FRANK SMITH 4.	*REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Messrs. Woodcock and Smith were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting. *First peal with a covering bell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HENRY HEAD* .. Treble.	GEORGE FOSTER.. .. 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 2.	ALFRED J. PULLING.. .. 6.
RALPH WOOD 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 4.	*THOMAS MAYNARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. W. T. Lightfoot was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 11, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

A. WHITWORTH .. Treble.	†W. KEEBLE 5.
J. BROWN 2.	*E. J. COCKROFT.. .. 6.
J. S. LOMAS* 3.	J. BRIERLEY 7.
W. ASHWORTH 4.	J. H. BARNES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

*First peal of Major; †First peal of Major as conductor, and hails from Leytonstone, Essex.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

CHARLES R. L'ILEY .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Jones, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal of Stedman on the bells for twenty-five years.

Handbell Peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE GLOUCESTER ARMS, ROCHESTER ROW, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
HENRY R. NEWTON .. 3-4.	GEORGE N. PRICE.. .. 7-8.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 9-10.	

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires—H. Pasmore, C. T. Brice, and H. S. Ellis. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 4th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Barratt, 1; P. Jackson, 2; T. Gratton, 3; J. Barratt, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; E. Jackson, 6; J. R. Pritchard, 7; A. Trippier, 8. Arranged and conducted by J. R. Pritchard. Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Rev. A. C. S. Thompson, Vicar of St. Andrew's church, to Miss Marion Ada Pritchard.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TUR BROOK (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, September 5th, six members of the Wirral branch of the above Guild paid a visit to the church of St. John the Baptist, and with two of the local company rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. S. Breeze, 1; E. Caunce, 2; W. Sconce, 3; E. Breeze, 4; H. Dew, 5; J. Martin, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; —, Lovell, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by S. Breeze; also first quarter-peal as conductor. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the local company for abandoning their practice so as to enable them to ring the above.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Clarkson, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; H. H. Bowes, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 5; W. Lane, 6. On Tuesday, August 14th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; T. W. Kelley, 3; L. A. Hardy, 4; J. W. Whittle, 5; W. C. Hardy (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Whittle, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, another 720 in the same method. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. W. Whittle, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 12th, two courses of Grandsire Caters. F. Webb, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8; G. Valentine, 9; J. Sear, 10. Also 408 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; C. Chasty, 7; J. Sear, 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. F. Webb (conductor), 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. On Thursday, August 16th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; G. Valentine, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. On Sunday, August 19th, 395 Grandsire Caters. J. Sear, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; F. Webb, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Chasty, 8; I. Hills, 9; A. N. Wood, 10. On Thursday, August 30th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. J. Barker (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; G. Valentine, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. A. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. J. Barker, 6; G. Valentine, 7; A. N. Wood, 8. On Sunday, September 2nd, a course of Stedman Caters. F. Webb, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Chasty, 8; G. Valentine, 9; A. N. Wood, 10.

WILLINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. W. Clarke, 1; J. Church, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Webb, 4; A. Robinson, 5; W. J. Barker (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine. J. Church, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; A. Robinson, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Webb, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. C. Chasty, 1; F. Webb, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; A. Robinson, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. Church, 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, June 12th, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Smith, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6. On Tuesday, June 19th, 720 Oxford Bob and 140 Kent Treble Bob. A. Wright, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Saturday, June 23rd, 720 each of College Single and Grandsire. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. H. Barker, 4; A. Lawrence, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor),

6. On Sunday, July 8th, 720 College Single. C. Gale, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, July 29th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 3rd, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening another 360 in the same method.

ARDLEY (Herts).—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Austin, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Heady, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. On Tuesday, August 21st, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by A. Lawrence. On Tuesday, August 28th, 720 College Single. H. Austin, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. H. Barker, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Friday, August 17th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. *H. Slater, 1; *R. Brown, 2; H. Westbrook, 3; R. Gardner, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 19th, for Divine Service, 308 Grandsire Triples. *T. Williams, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; R. Fuge, 3; R. Gardner, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; *R. Brown, 6; F. Burnett (composer and conductor), 7; L. Hurle, 8. On Friday, August 24th, for practice, several courses of Grandsire Triples. J. Leaf, 1; T. Williams, 2; *H. Slater, 3; R. Gardner, 4; R. Brown, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; H. Reynolds, 7; H. Ford, 8. *Longest touch.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Smithers, 1; E. Lucas, 2; T. Streeter, 3; W. Trewin, 4; S. Radford, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor and 360 Kent Treble Bob.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On August 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Sheraton, 1; J. Robinson, 2; F. Sheraton, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Anderson (conductor), 6. On August 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. C. Clarke, 1; J. Robinson, 2; J. Anderson (conductor), 3; F. Sheraton, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Myers (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Superlative Surprise. W. Brown, 1; J. Robinson, 2; J. Anderson, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Myers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. On August 27th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. W. Sheraton, 1; J. Robinson, 2; W. Brown, 3; F. Sheraton, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Anderson (conductor), 6.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Saturday, September 1st, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Ford, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; T. Laver, 3; *W. C. Burrough, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; F. Murphy, 6; J. B. Sandover, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. Also a 504 in the same method. W. Hancock, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; T. Laver, 5; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 6; F. Murphy, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. *First quarter-peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Katherine Burch and the Rev. A. B. Johnson. On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine Service, the first part of Hollis' five-part peal in 43 mins. W. Scoble, 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; J. R. Sandover, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; F. Murphy, 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SHRAWLEY.—On Saturday, July 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Mopp, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; P. Elcox, 3; —, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; J. Reynolds (first in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 each of Oxford and Kent, conducted by T. J. Salter.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On a recent Saturday, 720 Bob Minor. T. Horton, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; W. R. Small, 3; W. H. Smith (conductor), 4; S. Reeves, 5; C. Beaman, 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bowen, J. Earp, T. Elcox, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman (conductor). On Wednesday, September 5th, 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single and Oxford Bob.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, September 1st, at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. H. Wright, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secrett, 4; C. Jackson (Hull, conductor), 5; G. F. Read, 6; J. Matthews, 7; F. Pestell, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major with A. Fuller, 1; G. Orford, 5.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, September 3rd, at the parish church,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk (conductor), 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Composed by J. A. Brown. On Sunday, September 9th, two six-score of Grandsire Doubles before the early service. E. Baker, 1; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 2; F. Pound, 3; J. Monk, 4; H. Brook, (conductor) 5; S. Bull, 6. For morning service, 540 Grandsire Triples. G. Room, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; H. Brooks, 3; F. Smith, 4; S. Bull, 5; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 6; John Monk, (conductor) 7; J. Brooks, 8. Before the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; S. Bull, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. Smith, 5; John Monk, 6; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8.

FULMER (Bucks).—On Saturday, September 1st, the Farnham Royal ringers rang 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; J. Elderfield, 3; W. Clarke, 4; G. H. Guttridge, 5; C. Clarke, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; W. Clarke, 4; C. Clark, 5; G. H. Guttridge, 6.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Anston Surprise. On Sunday evening, September 9th, 720 Baden Powell's Victory. W. Platts, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Sten-ton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (composer and conductor), 6. These touches are believed to have now been rung for the first time.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 5th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 44 mins. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; A. Shuffebotham, 3; H. Collins, 4; E. F. Slade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6; H. Coote, 7; W. Webb, 8. On Thursday, September 6th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major failed after ringing 3248 changes, in 1 hr. 55 mins. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. Collins, 4; A. Shuffebotham, 5; W. Hammond, 6; H. Coote, 7; E. F. Slade, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. 32 lbs.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, August 26th, eight members of the Stansted company paid a visit to this place, and rang for evening service, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. After service an attempt was made to ring 720 London Surprise, but was lost just after the second part. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Watts (conductor), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. Jordan, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

PIMLICO.—On Tuesday, August 28th, in the belfry of St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, on handbells, retained in hand, fourteen courses of Stedman Caters. On Thursday, August 30th, thirteen courses, and afterwards six courses of Stedman Caters. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; H. P. Harman, 5-6; G. N. Price, 7-8; J. N. Oxborrow, 9-10.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, August 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Tomlin, 1; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; G. Tomlin, 3; L. Hollingworth, 4; G. C. Tunnicliff, 5; W. Earle, 6. First 720 by W. Tomlin. On Tuesday, September 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Tomlin, 1; A. Lee, 2; G. Tomlin, 3; L. Hollingworth, 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; W. Earle (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of G. Tomlin, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLSOVER.—On Saturday, August 25th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Milner, 1; J. Flint, 2; J. T. Butler, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; J. P. Tarlton (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method. J. Milnes, 1; J. T. Butler (conductor), 2; J. Flint, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6. On Sunday evening, August 26th, for Divine Service, another 720. S. Coupe, 1; S. Coupe, 2; J. Flint, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Severn, 5; J. Goodwin (conductor), 6.

ASHOVER.—Recently the Bolsover band visited this place, and rang 720 Bob Minor. S. Coupe, 1; S. Coupe, 2; R. Coupe (first 720), 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Goodwin, 5; J. Flint (conductor), 6. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. B. Nodder for the use of the bells.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, for Divine

Service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford and 72 Kent. W. Walker, 1; — Brothwell (Burley), 2; B. Cowling (Selby), 3; Jos. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, August 26th, on handbells at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, 504 Stedman Triples. K. Hart, 1-2; F. Bennett, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; C. Willshire (Guildford), 7-8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Willshire, 5-6; K. Hart, 7-8; the rest as before. And a course of Grandsire Caters. Also a short touch of Grandsire Triples, Mrs. G. Williams ringing the trebles.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Alcock, 1; J. Eades, 2; A. Jackson, 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; O. James (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8.

GORLESTON (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Fuller, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; A. Jacob (conductor), 4; G. F. Read, 5; J. Matthews, 6. A 720 Bob Minor. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; A. Fuller, 4; G. F. Read, 5; J. Matthews, 6. A. Jacobs hails from London; the rest are local men.

KERESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 1st, the Coventry ringers visited this place and rang eight 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. G. Chatfield, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; S. Hope, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; J. White (conductor), 5. Tenor 7 cwt. These are the first touches rung on these bells.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 18th, at the parish church, 576 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. S. Cook, 1; C. Gillingham, 2; R. H. Brundle, 3; S. Slater, 4; A. Durrant, 5; J. Motts (conductor), 6; S. Sillitoe, 7; W. Motts, 8.

MORTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, August 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Mitchelson, 1; W. Freeman, 2; G. Hollis, 3; G. Wells, 4; A. Holmes, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. Also three courses of College Single. G. Mitchelson, 1; R. Brightman, 2; G. Hollis, 3; J. Alford, 4; G. Wells, 5; A. Holmes (conductor), 6.

SHIPBOURNE (Kent).—On Saturday, August 25th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Seymour, 1; G. Barham, 2; S. A. Wright, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; C. Hazelden (conductor), 5; R. Goodburn, 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. T. Groombridge (conductor), 1; C. Hazelden, 2; M. J. Exeter, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; S. A. Wright, 5; R. Goodburn, 6. On handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. C. Hazelden, 1-2; T. Groombridge, 3-4; S. A. Wright, 5; J. Ford, 6; R. Goodburn, 7-8.

SANDRIDGE (Herts).—On Saturday, August 25th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Kine, 1; H. Lewis, 2; C. Giddings, 3; E. Whitbread, 4; J. Payne, 5; G. Cartmel (conductor), 6.

WYTHAM-ON-THE-HILL.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. N. Moxon, 1; A. Holmes, 2; J. Alford, 3; G. Wells, 4; G. Hollis, 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Hollis (Grantham), 1; A. Holmes (Edenham), 2; J. Alford (Edenham), 3; G. Wells (St. James's Deeping), 4; G. Hollis (London), 5; R. Brightman (Market Deeping, conductor), 6. Also 240 in the same method. G. Furness (Edenham), 1; A. Holmes, 2; J. Alford, 3; G. Wells, 4; G. H. Hollis (Bourne), 5; R. Brightman (conductor), 6.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The day of outings, and such-like festivities, is not over yet for the year. Every week there is a big jugful (and more) of them to wade through. An outsider (*i.e.* a non-ringer) said to me the other day—"What wonderful people ringers appear to be. They seem to combine a sort of universal jollification society—if they are not ringing, they are eating, and if not eating, why they are drinking, and the votes of thanks for hospitality shown them are beyond everything I ever read of." How do you think I treated these remarks? What sort of a rejoinder do you think I made? Nothing rough, or even forcible; but very polite—the retort courteous, in fact. I will tell you my answer as near as I can think of it.

My friend is a great man in the scientific world, understands all about the differential calabash, and such complex and obscure philosophy. So that I was not unwilling to do a little expounding with him for his own sake. It would not have done for me to have told him much about half-pull ringing, long peals, and so forth, because he would have shut me up by saying that such work could be done by electricity, magnetism, or some other force—centripetal, centrifugal, or other things of the sort. And you know when a philosopher talks about bell-ringing being done by machinery, to a bellringer, the latter generally elects to shut up, to avoid irritation. I am afraid I am getting "wide," rather.

It is not, a colleague tells me, "differential calabash," but "differential calculus." Well, there is not much difference. Whether calculus is differential, or differential is calculus, it doesn't much matter for the present purpose. We shall very likely be told by some of the present day clever writers what these words all mean—calculus, calabash, differential, and otherwise. So we need not pursue this subject just now. My friend the ex-Q.C., or that writer who is known by a single letter, or some of the other clever people, will be sure to enlighten us forthwith.

This last paragraph might not have been written for all the good it is, I dare say. But when you get paid so much a line for writing these notes, you can't keep re-writing and scratching out, else you would never get to the end. We must have fat as well as lean, and bone is not always an evil. But I must tell you what my reply was. Ah! you say with impatience, let's have it without any more palaver. Don't forget my friend, my young perspiring friend especially; don't forget the old saying—"Everything comes to those who *can* wait."

Bell ringers, like other people, eat to live. (The obverse does not apply.) And when the clergy and other gentlemen of sense and refinement begin to see that change-ringing is a wonderfully clever art, and that it requires unclouded faculties, retentive memories, and such-like powers, with a great quantity of that human faculty euphemistically called "grit," they think it a complimentary and graceful act on their part to invite men having such attainments to partake of their hospitality. I pointed out this pleasing fact also: Whenever a clergyman or other generous churchman asks a band of visiting ringers to enjoy a repast, it nearly always follows that the founders of such feasts give their guests another invitation for the next year. This is one

of the many causes why ringers are so often around the festive board. Much more I said. I think I satisfied the philosopher, because he did not pursue the subject. Perhaps he was thinking more of the influential calculus.

Some kind friend has sent me a copy of the *Parish Magazine* for St. Paul's church, Walsall. For the life of me I could not make out why it was sent. I remembered the old joke about "Wassall," as it is locally called, but it had nothing to do with that. At last I hit upon the following paragraph:—

In my letter to my brethren of the clergy dated Easter last, I proposed that all contributions to our Diocesan Thank-offering should be forwarded to me, addressed to my Chaplain, not later than the 1st of November, that it might be presented in the Cathedral on the Sunday following.

This paragraph is part of a letter issued by the Bishop of Lichfield to his clergy. He wants one million shillings. You will observe that he wants this one million shillings to reach his chaplain on the first of November—All Saints' Day. I have received this from a friend at Edinburgh, who does not disclose his identity. He evidently sees some similarity between the Harlow bell scheme and the Bishop of Lichfield's object. The right rev. prelate asks for a million shillings by the first of November for laudable Church purposes. We ask only 30,000 shillings (more or less) from among the 50,000 ringers all over the world.

There are ringers in Edinburgh, and one or two other places in Scotland. From having received this magazine from the modern *Athens*, I gather that the Edinburgh ringers intend to send their shillings to Harlow. And how about our Irish brethren, who are making such progress: they will send their shillings also. And our friends in Australia, and the United States, and New Zealand, and the Cape, and other colonies. They will all identify themselves with this movement, it is hoped. All Essex-born ringers, wherever they may be located, will doubtless for the honour of their county send two "bob." Four peals of handbells!!!! of which full information will be given in due time.

The following note has been received from an eminent ringer down Suffolk-way, not quite a hundred miles from Wickham Market:—

"BELL NEWS" only wants a bit more pushing amongst ringers themselves. I always put it forward wherever I can, but I object to lend my copy, which custom is practised much in this quarter, I find.

I have added this to my notes this week. It is "re-proof" at least. Will you try to correct this, each of you in your separate neighbourhoods? I should gladly esteem any communication upon such an important subject.

One of my correspondents grumbles that his contribution to this page did not appear just as he sent it. As this is not the first time of a complaint of this sort, I had better say once for all that I must be the judge how contributions should or should not appear. Perhaps it may astonish some in these school-board days to hear that almost everything that is sent to me requires shaving down: my blue pencil bill is a serious item. The time in bringing things into ship-shape is—well never mind; but the irritation? Oh! What one particular member of the staff goes through must lead in time to softening—of the brain. *Verb. sap.*

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Notices.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop—The annual meeting will be held at Wellington-to-day, Saturday, September 15. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. Cairns Brown, Vicar of Shifnal. Tea at 5 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at All Saints' church, Fulham, to-day, Saturday, September 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel. Service will be at 6 p.m., when the address will be given by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Middlesex. A substantial tea will be provided in the parish room at 1s. 6d. per head. It is hoped that the bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, may be available, as well as the bells of All Saints Fulham, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be followed by the usual business meeting. The Hon. Secretaries hope that ringers will make a special effort to attend, and that the few outstanding subscriptions may reach them by the 8th of September.

C. EDWARDS, } *Hon. Secs.*
ARTHUR T. KING, }

The East Derbyshire Association—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsley, to-day, Saturday, September 15. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, September 15. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. It is hoped that all members in arrears with their subscriptions will forward the same at their earliest convenience.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Yorkshire Association—The general meeting of this Association will be held at Horbury (near Wakefield) to-day, Saturday, September 15. By kind permission of the Rev. E. I. Lough, M.A., Vicar, the new ring of eight at St. Peter's will be available from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. At 4 o'clock, meeting of the official committee. At 5 o'clock, tea in the boys' schoolroom. Business meeting to follow. The Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Eden), has kindly promised to be present. After business the Horbury handbell ringers and concert party will give a smoking concert, programmes of which will be distributed during the day. The local hon. sec. is Mr. W. H. Giggie, Queen Street, Horbury, who will be pleased to make all necessary arrangements for the comfort and convenience of visitors.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Northern Branch.—The usual half-yearly meeting will be held at Market Rasen, to-day, Saturday, September 15th. Tea at The Aston Arms at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

32, Sibthorp Street, Lincoln.

The Ancient Society of College Youths—Meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on September 18th, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 27th. Members attending the practice at St. Paul's

cathedral will greatly oblige by meeting at 7.45 p.m., as it has been requested that ringing shall cease at nine o'clock.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford—Revised Notice.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, September 22, at the parish church, Wombourne. The bells will be available for touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will only be provided for those sending in their names on or before the 17th inst. to Mr. R. Cartwright, Wombourne, and if members will let Mr. Cartwright know the time they will arrive at Wolverhampton he will advise them by post what arrangement he can make for their conveyance to Wombourne. No conveyance unless notice is given.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, Westbromwich.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at Star inn 5.45. Members who have not already done so will oblige by remitting subscriptions for 1900 at once.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*

"Arran," Baldsloe Road, Hastings.

The Essex Association—A district meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Michaelmas Day. The towers of Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Harlow and Stansted will be open for ringing. Members intending to attend must notify me not later than the 25th.

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

Great Totham, Witham.

N.B.—The G.E.R. have withdrawn their reduced fares to ringers.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, September 29th. Service in St. John's church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me not later than Tuesday, September 25th. The tower will be open for ringing. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—The annual meeting at Oldham will take place on Saturday, September 29th. All peals and reports of ringing to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 92, New Line, Bacup. Subscriptions for 1900-1 are now due, and members not having paid for the past year are requested to do so to their branch secretary, or forward them direct to the General Secretary, A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, }

J. WILSON, }

J. SHEPHERD, } *Secretaries.*

Chester Diocesan Guild—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's church, Gaws-worth, on Saturday, September 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY, *Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, September 29th. Meeting house, The Spotted Cow inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers are cordially invited. HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

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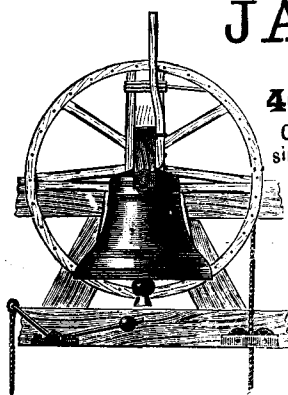
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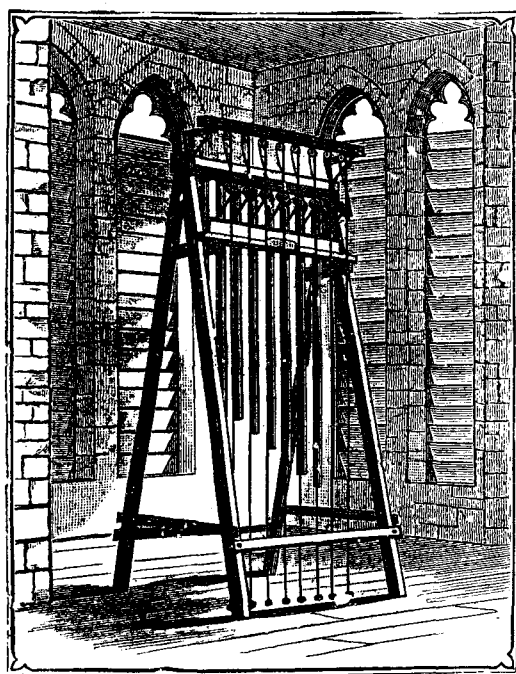
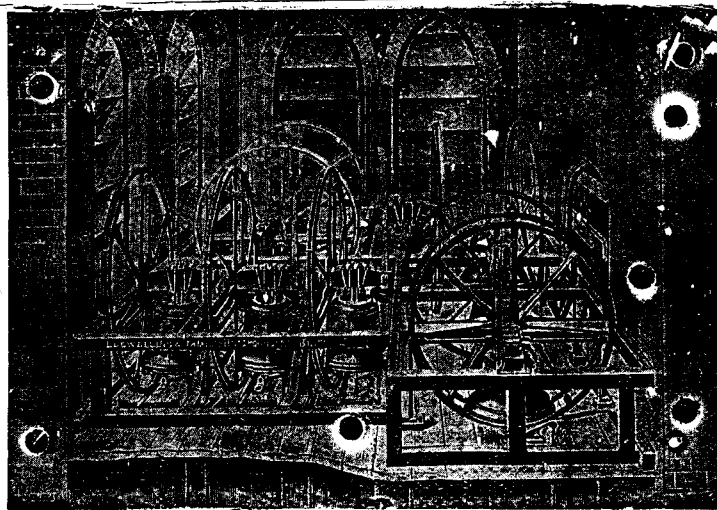
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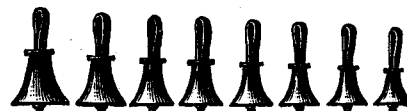
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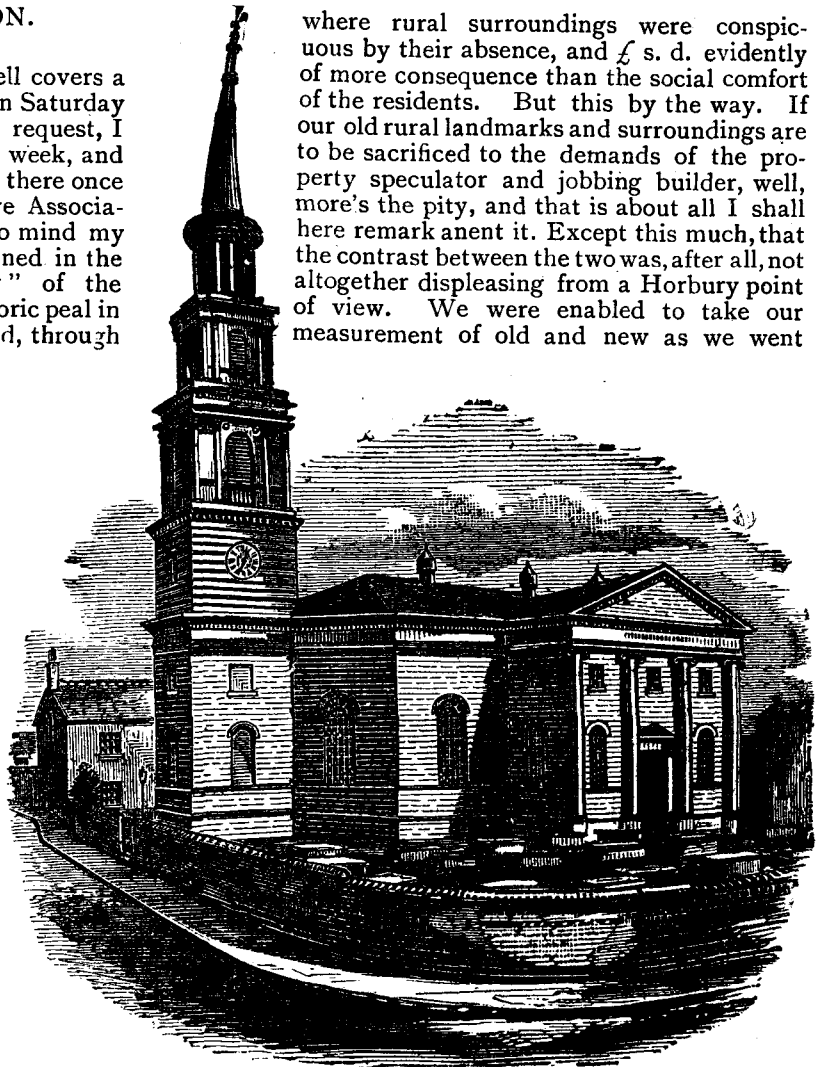
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

"A misty morn and a cloudy sky." This well covers a description of the atmospherical surroundings on Saturday morning last, when, in obedience to editorial request, I was winding up my ordinary business of the week, and preparing for another brief sojourn at Horbury, there once again to join with the members of the Yorkshire Association in general meeting assembled. I called to mind my last previous visit, a few weeks ago, when I joined in the hearty dedication service at the "opening" of the augmented ring from six to eight, when the historic peal in the tower of the church of SS. Peter and Leonard, through the generosity of B. Wilson, Esq., was changed from Minor to Major. I remembered the soulful service in the church, followed by the clock-work performance of the Dewsbury band, who sent forth the first Major changes from the tower—good old Kent Treble Bob!—and refreshed my memory with reminiscences of that never-forgotten event. I "hungered and thirsted" for train time. I was selfishly impatient, and felt somehow almost unnaturally warmed and invigorated as I left my domicile wending my way to the railway station, happy in the anticipation of realising the dream of many weeks past. On my way I had the unexpected pleasure of meeting the members of the Skipton branch, with ever-green William Billows as moving spirit. After greetings, steps were wended to the railway station, where more "brother strings" were met and greeted. These greetings, however, were rudely interrupted by the peremptory order to "take your seats," and a moment or two later we were on our way to our destinations, the time being pleasantly beguiled by enquiries about absentees, reports of progress and other details of interesting information. Notwithstanding the vagaries of the "Lanky" line, Horbury was reached at last, where we mounted the steps from the platform up to the bridge which supported the highway. Turning to our right, on we went, past a little stone quarry to our left, up a slight incline, with cottages, villa residences, farmsteads, and the like on each side of us, all seeming to breathe the same air of repose and contentment. Shortly the village itself was reached, with its strange admixture of "Ancient and Modern," (excuse this, worthy hymnal of that ilk), its old-fashioned ivy-clad dwellings, surrounded with pretty gardens interspersed with (*pace* shades of Ruskin) modern innovations in the shape of newly-built brick rows of erections designed for the abode of toilers, upon a commercial basis of seven, eight, or ten per cent. "divi."

where rural surroundings were conspicuous by their absence, and £ s. d. evidently of more consequence than the social comfort of the residents. But this by the way. If our old rural landmarks and surroundings are to be sacrificed to the demands of the property speculator and jobbing builder, well, more's the pity, and that is about all I shall here remark on it. Except this much, that the contrast between the two was, after all, not altogether displeasing from a Horbury point of view. We were enabled to take our measurement of old and new as we went



HORBURY PARISH CHURCH.

along; and make our own conclusions of the respective merits of past and present. So we jogged past new buildings seemingly springing up on all sides, conventicles, villas, rows of cottages, new shops, co-operative stores, and what-not, till we reached the foot of Queen Street, and rounding the corner, past the busy shops of stationers, milliners, and so forth, we mounted the steep narrow street, till the church of SS. Peter and Leonard was reached, to find ourselves in a throng of "brother strings" just assembled to hear the first touch of the day on the newly augmented ring. It was a curious spot, where "ancient and modern" forced itself upon us. On the corner at our right was the village post office with its modern equipments, while on the other side of the narrow street was old Horbury with a vengeance. Just in front was the church itself—a mere modern child, only

some 106 years old, which had presumptuously replaced a previous structure of almost unknown origin.

Here I feel I must diverge somewhat, to give my critical readers some better conception of the place than my humble pen is capable of. The guide-book tells us that "Horbury is pleasantly situated on the crest of a hill, and commands an extensive view of the surrounding country. It was so named from one of the Saxon hill forts, which are so common in this county, and which generally retain the name of the founder. The old Church of Horbury was of great antiquity, having been included in the grant of the church of Wakefield by the second Earl Warren, to the monks of Lewes. It was taken down to make way for the present edifice. The present church, which is dedicated to SS. Peter and Leonard, is a building of stone in the Italian style, and was designed and built by Alderman Carr in 1794, at a cost of £8,000. It consists of nave, transepts, vestry, and a western tower, which formerly contained a clock and six bells. The transepts are divided from the nave by high Corinthian pillars with floriated capitals. Against the walls in the rest of the building are pilasters, fluted and having capitals which bear up a cornice similar to the pillars. The roof is vaulted and crossed by ornamental bands. The font was given by Mr. Lomas, in memory of his wife, who died in 1866. There are four stained windows, those in the north transept being in memory of Mrs. Parker, of Carr lodge, a relative of Alderman Carr. A new vestry was added in 1884 to commemorate the 50th year of the vicariate of the Rev. Canon Sharp. The tower, which had been unsafe for some time, was rebuilt in 1899, and the old ring of six bells, cast in 1795, were augmented to eight by the kindness of B. Wilson, Esq., who presented a new treble and tenor. A new clock with three dials and quarter chimes was also put in, the cost of which was raised by public subscription."

Having now relieved my mind of descriptive matter, and with the aid of the illustrations which our Editor has been kind enough to add to my only too bold and unsatisfactory description, I think I may return to my narrative.

Trains, waggonettes, bicycles, "traps," and other forms of vehicular transport, were by this time bringing in their load of visiting humanity. I met my old friend David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, with his good wife, and their lady friend, who had "biked" from Deepcar, some twenty miles or so, and looked none the worse for it. Round the corner came a huge waggonette party from Rothwell, then another from Leeds, and afterwards so many behind horses, and on the seats of "bikes" of all descriptions that I actually got bewildered, and made my escape to the schoolroom, where the official committee of the Association was calmly and practically doing business as though there was nothing occurring to ruffle the "even tenour of the way" in any direction. All this time the bells were swinging in the tower to the tune of Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Minor methods, and the like; it was a campanological treat. Of course the striking was varied—you can't fairly expect anything else with mixed companies, but notwithstanding this, all were evidently doing their level best to maintain the reputation of Yorkshire striking, and well they succeeded. It was a real treat to listen to the ringing, allowing for occasional "trips" which you were loyally bound to admit, seeing that the dozen bands who occupied the belfry during the day were made up of men who had never rung the bells before. All appeared to be going on satisfactorily, especially to the hardworking local committee so ably captained by Bro. W. H. Giggie, who seemed to be the "head and front of all offending," as doubtless he was, and a good one at that. If we had any hesitation at feeling ourselves at home, well, that was our own fault. No man could have done more to put us at our ease than these Horbury folk. But I will say no more on this point for fear of raising a blush on their fair cheeks, and making them imagine that I am overdoing this sort of thing. So I will resume my narrative.

At five o'clock we were due to assemble at the school room, just a few minutes' walk from the church, there to partake of their hospitality in the shape of a substantial feed "with the cup which cheers," &c. Thither I went, you may be sure, and I was amply rewarded. The large room, when I arrived, was filled by the guests of both sexes; there was literally a crowd, and I meditated a retreat until the first "sitting down" was

over. But good fortune attended me, and I was "planked" on a seat just by Dr. Eden, the Bishop of Wakefield (who was evidently enjoying himself), the Venerable Canon Sharp, the Rev. E. I. Lough, the present Vicar, Mr. William Snowdon, president, and several other "great guns," and I had a real good tea, which was refreshing. I should not omit here to remark that, as beforetime, "grace before meat" was heartily sung. Well, we had a good tea, and while sitting at the tables, Mr. Snowdon, in a few pertinent remarks, asked our attention while the good Vicar of Horbury introduced the Bishop of the diocese. That, evidently, was an easy task, for I could see that all were anxiously waiting for an encouraging word from Dr. Eden. And we were not disappointed. The worthy Vicar's remarks touched his hearers, and especially when he said that, firstly, he should regard his venerable and venerated predecessor as "Vicar of Horbury" so long as he lived, and him simply as ministering priest of the parish; and secondly, that he felt he had little need to introduce Dr. Eden to his auditors as the respected Bishop of the diocese.

The Bishop, on rising to speak, had a right royal reception, and it was some time before he could commence. When he did, however, he put himself in full sympathy with his hearers. Bells, he remarked, were a beautiful legacy of our Church. Although in other countries, such as China, India, and Russia, there were bells of tremendous size and weight, far exceeding any of ours, yet peals of bells and the science of change-ringing were peculiarly English. It was a singular circumstance that change-ringing was the peculiar possession of the English-speaking race, and further, that in whatever part of the world our countrymen settled, bells and change-ringing accompanied them wherever possible. This fact alone, he contended, should give to change-ringers a high conception of their work, and cause them to be not only skilful exponents of the art, but by their lives and conversations maintain the dignity of their honourable profession as workers in the Church. Before concluding a most interesting address, he assured the members of his entire sympathy with the work of their Association, and gave them a most cordial welcome to his diocese.

In compliance with loud calls, Canon Sharp next rose to address the gathering, receiving a greeting hardly less vociferous than that accorded to the Bishop. In a voice which, though its strength was failing somewhat with his weight of four score and ten years, had yet lost none of its sweetness, he told how gratified he was that the Association had come to Horbury to try their newly-augmented ring in the church tower. In most pleasing reminiscenary fashion he spoke of the old familiar ring of six which for over a century had swung overhead, the sound of which had interwoven itself into all their hearts. And although the old six had now received additional companions which had enlarged their scope and somewhat altered that old familiar sound, yet their sweetness was so pleasing to the ear, that the change from the old six to the new eight, notwithstanding the severance of old associations, was an acceptable one. Turning to the ringers themselves, he was grateful to think what a reformation had been made since his first acquaintance with the occupiers of belfries. This change had undoubtedly been largely brought about by the county and diocesan associations, and, if on that ground alone, he was happy to welcome the Yorkshire Association to Horbury.

The scene at the conclusion of the venerable Canon's speech is one which will never fade from my memory. On the front of the little platform stood the venerable Canon, his left hand resting on the shoulder of the President, and his right hand slightly upraised in token of benediction, he said, "My friends, one word more and I have done. God bless you all, and prosper your work. God bless you."

I need not attempt to describe to you the effect of this speech; nor will I do any such thing. It will be to myself, like very many who were present, a precious memory. Shortly after there were loud calls for the donor of the new bells, Benjamin Wilson, Esq., who gracefully and good humouredly complied, expressing his great satisfaction on hearing throughout the day universal expressions of admiration at the splendid manner in which the bellfounders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had done their work, and the perfect "splice" which they had made.

Hearty thanks were then given to the Bishop of Wakefield for

his presence and address; to the Rev. E. I. Lough, M.A., Vicar; and the wardens, for the use of the bells and school; and to the venerable Canon Sharp. This was followed by three vociferous cheers—one for the bishop; one for Canon Sharp; and one for Mr. Wilson, the donor of the bells. After the cheering had subsided, we finished our tea, which was an excellent one and well served; then we adjourned for a brief space till the "crushed out" and late comers had been refreshed at a second "sitting down," necessitated by the large number of visitors, when several of us had the additional pleasure of a parting greeting with the bishop and clergy.

On reassembling for the business meeting, Mr. W. Snowdon (Leeds) President, occupied the chair, supported by Mr. George Bolland (Tong), vice-President; Messrs. T. Hattersley (Sheffield) and J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), Stewards; Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), hon. Treasurer; Mr. B. T. Copley (Bolton), hon. Secretary; and other members of the committee; the room being well filled. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted,

Mr. T. Hattersley proposed, and Mr. G. Bolland seconded, that the twenty-fifth annual meeting be held at Sheffield, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. T. Hattersley then proposed, and Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) seconded, the appointment of the Rev. F. G. Sandford, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, and the Rev. J. T. Rew, of All Saints', Sheffield, as auditors, which was agreed to.

The President next gave a brief report of the meeting of the Central Council, remarking that through the excellent report given by "THE BELL NEWS," there was little need for him to make any lengthened remarks.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Stephenson (Ossett), Benjamin Wilson, Esq. was elected a honorary member of the Association.

The President moved, and Mr. Stanhope seconded a proposal that the votes of thanks passed at the tea tables be inserted in the minutes of the meeting, which was adopted.

Mr. T. Hattersley moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Horbury branch for their generous arrangements, and to the handbell ringers and concert party, which was seconded by Mr. Bolland, and carried amid loud cheers.

A similar vote to the ladies who had presided at tea was proposed by Mr. Copley, seconded by Mr. Illingworth, and heartily adopted.

A similar compliment to the chairman, moved by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Moorhouse (Sandal) concluded the business.

After this followed the last but not the least item of the day's proceedings. This was a concert by the Horbury Prize Handbell ringers and male quartette. The excellent programme given by this talented combination comprised glees—"Sweet is the Morn;" "On the Banks of Allan Water;" and "The breeze is gently blowing," by Messrs. G. Hunt, M. Rigg, W. H. Giggie, and J. Woffenden; a song "Star of the Dessert," by Mr. Rigg; a song "The Postillion," by Mr. Woffenden; handbell selections—"The Saxon" (March); "Heliotrope (Waltz); and "Auld Lang Syne" (air with variations); performances on the sleigh bells by Mr. G. Hunt; and humorous songs by Mr. F. Dawson. For a couple of hours the crowded audience was kept delighted by the performers, encores loud and persistent following almost every item of the programme. It was a rich treat and thoroughly enjoyed; the artistes were all so thoroughly proficient in their various parts that I feel myself unwilling to single out any of them for special praise, because they all equally deserved it; and Horbury is undoubtedly unique in the fortunate possession of such a thoroughly all-round excellent party of entertainers.

The fear of encroaching unduly on the limited space at our editor's disposal prevents my dealing with this as extensively as I could wish. Therefore I will perforce content myself with simply adding that the meeting from beginning to end was altogether a great success, and the efforts of the local committee, led by Mr. Giggie, its amiable hon. secretary, rewarded as they deserved to be by the appreciation of a large number of visitors.

Their elaborate concert programme—a book of sixteen pages, containing views and portraits,—was in itself a unique experience in the history of the Yorkshire Association, copies of which were eagerly applied for to keep as mementoes of an interesting event. The bells of St. Peter's were kept well occupied, no less

than a dozen bands taking advantage of them by ringing touches in various methods; and as I reluctantly turned my face stationwards I heard the bells ceasing their day's work in creditable fashion, a fitting termination, I could not help reflecting, to a day which will live in the history of the Yorkshire Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Market Rasen on Saturday, the 15th instant. Favoured with a typical autumn day members assembled at the Parish Church, and the bells had hardly been set in motion before the local Hon. Secretary (Mr. Hackney) announced that conveyances were ready to convey the members to Claxby, a village some five miles distant, in the care of the Vice-President of the district (the Rev. Canon Andrews), who, with his usual kindness, had given the Branch a special invitation to his church. The pleasures of the drive, the lovely surroundings of the famous wold district, the enjoyment of a ring upon the bells, combined with a leisurely stroll around the Rectory grounds, including the inspection of the beautiful oak chests in the Rectory house, and the light refreshments served out upon the lawn, will not soon be forgotten by those whose privilege it was to accept the thoughtfulness of the Vice-President.

Returning to Market Rasen, the company sat down to a substantial tea at The Aston Arms. At the general business meeting held immediately afterwards, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Andrews, supported by the Churchwardens of Market Rasen, the Vicar of Middle Rasen, and others, letters of regret at not being present were read from absent Hon. Members, also a letter from Mrs. Hewitt expressing a wish to continue the subscription which her late husband had given almost from the commencement of the Branch.

After the minutes of the Grimsby meeting had been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary announced that he attended the annual meeting of the Central Council, a full report of which the members had no doubt read in "THE BELL NEWS," at least, if they had not done so, it was their own fault for not subscribing to the ringers' paper. He urged the Branch to give the Council its loyal support by assisting to carry out the various suggestions it from time to time decided upon after careful thought and discussion. He reminded the members of the words Sir A. Percival Heywood said when he, at no small inconvenience to himself, attended a meeting some years ago at Lincoln, and told them to take care of his "baby." Although the "baby" had now grown to be a "man" it still required the same care to continue the work for which it was formed.

A special report was also read by the Hon. Secretary upon the progress of the Branch during the sixteen years of its existence, reminding the company that he had chosen this particular meeting for the twofold reason that the idea of forming a Bellringers' Association emanated from Market Rasen and Caistor, and that this was the first occasion of a meeting held at Market Rasen under the recently formed Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The Rev. A. W. Tryon, of Middle Rasen, kindly consented to become an honorary member, and was duly elected.

Replying to a vote of thanks to the Vice-President for his kind invitation to Claxby, and for the deep interest he took in the Branch, the Rev. Canon Andrews gave a stirring address to the members.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Market Rasen for the use of the bells. In consequence of the early departure of the train the visitors had very little time for ringing, but the sound of a touch by the local members as the visitors were journeying to the station seemed to give a happy conclusion to a successful meeting.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, September 11th, at the church of St. Andrew, 672 Bob Major in 33 mins. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; A. J. Gillings, 5; G. Petrie, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8. This is the first touch in the method on the bells by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at All Saints' church, Fulham, on Saturday last, and was largely attended by ringers from all parts of the county. No sooner was the wish expressed to the Rev. W. C. Muriel, that the members were desirous of meeting at his church, than he readily acquiesced, threw himself heartily into the arrangements, and with the assistance of his own ringers, determined to give the Association a hearty welcome. Ringing commenced punctually at 3.30 p.m. and continued at short intervals till close upon six o'clock, when the ringers assembled in the church for service. The address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon of Middlesex, who in place of a text read an extract from the writings of Bishop Durandus—a foreign ecclesiastic, who wrote some six hundred years ago, *inter alia*, upon the subject of bells. Passing by his quaint conceit that the ringing of bells drove away evil spirits, and that they were a protection against lightning and storm, the preacher could not help noticing the deep piety which manifested itself in many of the good Bishop's utterances. Much of what he had written was as applicable to ringers now as it was then, and ringers would do well to remember that in their connection with the belfry, they were performing a ministry no less important, even in its humble way, than that of the clergy, albeit of a different nature. But in calling others to the services of the church, a ringer should give to the work the best of his skill. He should also be punctual in the performance of his duties, and shew an example to the world by not himself remaining away from the services, to which it was his privilege to summon others. Touching upon the peculiarly English art of change-ringing, the Ven. Archdeacon thought that every ringer might be proud, when he reflected that he was exercising his skill and perseverance in ringing the church bells of his home, in a manner that no foreign nation had as yet endeavoured to do.

The service was a very bright one, the presence of the organist and the choir boys was a welcome sign of good fellowship, and was gratefully appreciated as a recognition of the ringers as church workers with themselves. After the service there was an adjournment to the parish room, where a substantial tea was very well served to the entire satisfaction of all who were privileged to find room.

At the business meeting which followed, the report of the work of the Association during the past year was read, and ordered to be printed, and the accounts of the central fund were passed subject to audit. Among the events of the past year, due stress was laid upon the dedication of a new ring of bells at Feltham on the 27th December last, the restoration of the ancient bells of St. Mary's Church, Willesden, and the work so satisfactorily accomplished under the guidance of Mr. E. P. O'Meara, resulting in the bells of St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, which came from a Belgian foundry, being arranged, after many difficulties, in a pealable condition for ringing, as we know it. The record of peals rung by the Association since the last annual meeting was very satisfactory, numbering no less than 59, and being a very considerable increase over those of the previous year. The following is an analysis of the peals rung:—

Bob Minor	6	Superlative Surprise Major	5
Bob Triples... ..	2	Cambridge Surprise do....	1
Oxford do.	7	Grandsire Caters	1
Grandsire do.	3	Stedman Caters	6
Stedman do.	13	Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	1
Bob Major	7	Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Double Norwich	2	Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	3		

The peals were rung in 36 different towers, and no fewer than 137 members took part in them. There were 15 conductors, and of the members who took part in the peals, 20 were successful in passing through the ordeal of their first peal, and 58 their first peal in a new method. Nor is the increase in the number of members less satisfactory. The total last year was 420, and it is now, after a rigid revision of the names, 466. Fourteen meetings were held in various parts of the county during the year, and all of them were satisfactorily attended.

In the conclusion of their report, the committee show themselves to be actuated by aims of a high order, and we cannot help making the following quotation from it. "Peal-ringing is a perfectly innocent recreation, Even if it be of secular origin, it

is well worth perpetuating, because it is a peculiarly English product of intelligence and skill. But how much more noble will it become if our secular amusements be interwoven with our sacred obligations. If our minds be set to 'hallow all we find' in ringing, as in other modes of intelligent recreation, our Association will not have laboured in vain. Privileged as we are to serve the Church in our vocation, let us try to increase year by year our loyalty and attachment to the Church we love. There is a great work for us all to do, and a very little time, in this brief span of human life, in which to do it. That our Association may prosper, is our earnest hope; that it will prosper we feel assured. We may have to live down in the course of our career much obloquy, and a good deal of indifference alike from laity and clergy; but in proportion as we meet obloquy with calmness, and indifference with a zeal subordinated to the high aims we profess, we shall be adopting the only attitude which will bring peace and happiness to ourselves as ringers, and prosperity to the Association to which we rightly deem it an honour to belong."

We have only to add that the proceedings were characterised with a rare enthusiasm throughout, that the handbells were brought into requisition more than once during the evening, and that Mr. J. W. Driver, and his brother ringers at Fulham, did their utmost, and that most successfully, to ensure the success of the meeting, and provide a hospitable welcome to the Association. By the thoughtful arrangement of the Vicar, a large party were enabled to view the Bishop's palace and grounds, a privilege thoroughly enjoyed. The bells of St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, were placed at the disposal of the Association during the afternoon, and were kept merrily going until the time of the evening service at Fulham.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guild of Ringers in the Salop Archdeaconry was held at Wellington on Saturday, September 15th, on the kind invitation of the Rev. H. M. Marsh-Edwards, Vicar of the parish. At 3 o'clock members began to assemble from different parts of the archdeaconry, and some very good touches were rung between that hour and half-past four o'clock, when a service was held in the church. There were present among the clergy the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cavis Brown, Vicar of Shifnal, the Rev. H. Lovatt, the Rev. J. Mackay, the Secretary of the Guild, and others. The presence of the choir, who kindly attended, greatly added to the heartiness and beauty of the service. A very appropriate address was given by the Vicar of Shifnal. After service all adjourned to the parish room, where a very excellent repast had been prepared by the Vicar of the parish. Very hearty votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Vicar for his hospitality, and to the preacher for his encouraging address. After this a business meeting was held, and the Hon. Secretary read his report for the year, and then a second visit was paid to the belfry and ringing was carried on till late in the evening. We were glad to see among the members present Mr. J. E. Groves of Wolverhampton, and also Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower of the Bath and Bristol Guild, both of whom are life members of the Salop.

The Salop Guild is a small one, as the area of its work is only an archdeaconry and not a diocese, and the district an agricultural one and thinly populated. It is, however, doing a good work in a quiet way, and by giving grants out of its funds for the payment of an instructor to all who are willing to learn, it encourages ringers in the country districts to aim at something higher than the old fashioned call changes. Unfortunately at the present time many of the towers as well as the bells of the Archdeaconry are much in need of repair, and this hinders the work of the Guild, but we hope to see its influence more widely felt as the conditions become more favourable under which the work is carried on.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A movement has been set on foot to recast the 3rd bell hanging in this steeple; to rehang the 4th and tenor, and add a treble to make a ring of six.

The estimate between £80 and £90, and £30 has been already promised, but the restoration of the church has already cost £900, and over £1,000 more is required, and we should be glad of help towards the bells,
H. LAW JAMES.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of members was held at Bletchingley, on Saturday, 21st July last. The bells of the parish churches of Godstone (6), Bletchingley (8), and Nutfield (6), were placed at the disposal of members by the respective rectors, and, with the exception of those at Godstone, which need attention, were rung at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening.

The usual tea took place at the Red Lion, Bletchingley, and was served in the style for which the house is noted. Mr. John Bashford, the proprietor, is a change-ringer himself, as was his late father, who was the previous proprietor, as many of the Exercise will remember.

The business meeting was opened by the election to the chair of the Rev. J. W. Warren-Corbould, Curate at Bletchingley. Having thanked the meeting, Mr. Warren-Corbould cordially welcomed the members to Bletchingley in the name of the rector, who was away.

The Secretary having read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed, drew the attention of members to the statement made by the honorary Secretary to the Central Council that the glossary of technical terms used in the art of change-ringing could not be published for the price of one penny as had been presumed by some Association Secretaries. The Secretary stated he was one of those who had allowed themselves to be so misled, and he had accordingly written the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, confirming the order for 300 copies at the price authorised by the Council or its committee. A resolution was passed approving the Secretary's action.

It was reported that since the last meeting the following peals had been rung:—

April 29	at Rusper	Kent Treble Bob Major.
" 30	at Christ Church	Grandsire Triples.
May 5	at Burstow	5040 Doubles.
" 11	at Leigh	5040 Bob Minor.
" 12	at Bletchingley	Kent Treble Bob Major.
June 9	at Reigate	Grandsire Caters.
" 30	at Banstead	Grandsire Triples.
" 30	at Ashted	" "
July 7	at Beddington	Stedman Caters.

It was resolved that same be recorded as Association peals.

The election of Messrs. Sidney Arthur Wright, David Wright, and J. Steddy as members was ratified, and the following were also elected: Rev. J. W. Warren-Corbould, and the Rev. G. Hartwell Jones (Rector of Nutfield) as honorary members; Messrs. John Bashford (Bletchingley), Henry Newnham (Leatherhead), Harry Sayer, Frank Sayer (Ashted), and Henry Horrex (Benhliton), as performing members.

Ashted and Kingston were nominated as places for the next meeting, and on a show of hands Kingston was declared chosen by a majority vote. It was decided the meeting should be held on Saturday, the 20th October next.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the Secretary, concluded the meeting, which was attended by about 40 members.

CHARING, KENT.

On Monday, September 17th, a very pleasant meeting took place in the ringing chamber, when the local ringers, together with the vicar (Rev. Ady), and choirmaster (Mr. Darlington), met to bid farewell to Mr. W. Spice, who is leaving the neighbourhood. A farewell 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by T. Edwards, 1; W. H. Goodwin, 2; W. Good, 3; H. Ward, 4; E. Archer, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. The Rev. Ady then spoke and thanked Mr. Spice for his valuable services both in the tower and in the choir, and also presented him with a very nice time-piece as a testimonial from the vicar, brother-strings, and choirmen.

Mr. Spice expressed much regret in having to leave Charing and so many friends, especially the ringers, and sincerely hoped the Charing band would stick to the Kent County Association like a leach, and that he should try and visit Charing tower and friends as often as possible.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The usual quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, September 8th, at St. Mark's, Preston. Members attended from Blackrod, Chorley, Layland, Penwortham, Preston parish church, and Standish. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and several touches of Plain Bob were rung. The business meeting was held in a private room at The Maudland inn, the chair being taken by the President, Mr. Banister. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. After some discussion it was unanimous agreed that the next meeting be held at St. James', Leyland, on the second Saturday in December. A unanimous vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

ST. PAUL'S, HULL.

An appeal is about to be made in the large parish of St. Paul's, Hull, with about 17,000 souls, mostly artisans, for the raising of 10,000 shillings to clear the church and Sunday Schools from debt. Sir H. S. King, M.P., has promised to give 100 shillings to the fund, and fifty additional shillings for every 10,000 collected. After this we need not have any hesitation in advocating the scheme for Harlow bells. By the way the Harvest Festival at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, takes place to-morrow (Sunday), when the offertories are to be devoted to the Bells fund.

Obituary.

GEORGE DEAR.

The above ringer, who died on Wednesday, September 5th, at the age of sixty-two, was one of the Hornchurch ringers. After the Romford bells were hung in the present tower he was one of the band who rang the first 720 of Bob Minor, his brother, the late Samuel Rush, and the late John Spencer taking part. He was also a member of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. His funeral was attended by several members of the Order, and also by ringers from Hornchurch and Romford. The bells of St. Andrew's church could not be rung muffled as they are at present out of order, but hopes are entertained that this state of affairs will not last much longer. The last he attempted he rang the 3rd, and the late Arthur A. Perkins rang the treble.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH.

On Thursday, September 6th, the above-named ringer died at the age of ninety-four. He had been connected with ringing the greater part of his life, though change-ringing was not practised at Horsley during the time that he was a ringer. He was punctual in his attendance, and took great interest in the practice as far he knew it. A 720 of Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores each called differently, was rung on Sunday morning after Divine Service in 28 mins., as a last token of respect. T. Whilton, 1; B. Day, 2; H. George (conductor), 3; W. Peat, 4; J. Aldred, 5. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. Day and George hail from Ripley; the rest are local ringers.

Correspondence.

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

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SIR,—I see that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on September 1st at Bicester, Oxon., in 2 hrs. 29 mins. Is it possible that a peal can be rung in the time? Pardon me for asking the question.

HARRY SEAR.

P.S.—Excursion leaving Bletchley for Blackpool, September 22nd. One or two ringers going would like to have a pull.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1900.

THE present number contains reports of more than one Association meeting of importance. First we have the annual meeting of the Yorkshire, supplemented by sketches of the parish church of Horbury, the place where the meeting took place; the Lincoln Diocesan; the Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop; and the Middlesex County. That all these organizations are making headway is satisfactory to know. The smallest of the four we have mentioned is not of the colossal dimensions of the others, but it is doing a great and good work and gradually lengthening its borders owing to the earnestness of its Hon. Secretary, who has been devoted to the work. The same may in fact be said of all the rest; and it is a most pleasing thing to know that the officers composing the executives of our various Associations, are most hard working and painstaking in their duties. The Middlesex is making rapid strides; and no sane person will doubt that

to Mr. ARTHUR KING its success is owing. It is no reflection upon others filling the office of Secretary to say that Mr. KING has laboured with a pertinacity almost hitherto unknown to bring his Association to the front. He has succeeded well, and no one doubts the statement that the prosperity of the Middlesex is assured. And our old friend of the North still goes on the same as ever—progressing. Who would have foretold all this success thirty years ago? Not the most courageous and intelligent ringer of the period.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARTHUR HARDY 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
WALTER S. WISE 5.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.
Messrs. Willshire and Blondell hail from Guildford. This is W. S. Wise's 100th peal, of which thirty-six were upon handbells, and thirty-seven conducted.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED W. DARLINGTON* Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM WARD 6.
SIDNEY WADE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	EDMUND LINDUP 5.
JOHN PAICE 2.	JOHN HACK 6.
ALBERT D. STONE 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPOUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES PARKER Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 6.
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HARRY J. MEE 4.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first in Ipswich. The ringers wish to thank Mr. W. Motts for having the bells in readiness.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	SAMUEL OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900 in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

W. BUTLER Treble.	F. BENNETT 5.
T. COLE 2.	J. ARTHUR 6.
G. BARNES 3.	J. W. WHITING 7.
W. WILKINSON 4.	W. DOWNS Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

F. Bennett hails from Brighton; J. W. Whiting from Fareham; the rest are members of the local company, and it is their first peal with the exception of W. Wilkin.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HENRY MIDDLETON .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent at home, and was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5173 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	THOMAS RUSSAM 6.
JOHN DAY 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES .. 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM KENT 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
This was T. Reynolds' 200th peal. The list will be found on another page.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES SWAINSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOULTON .. 5.
ALFRED WILCOX* .. 2.	HENRY DEW 6.
WILLIAM SCONCE† .. 3.	JAMES MOULTON .. 7.
HY. JONES* 4.	GILBERT GERRARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SCONCE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, September 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RICHARD A. JUDD Treble.	GEORGE DENT 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 8.
JESSE GILLET 4.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

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

G. Dent bails from Harlow, Essex, and this is his first peal of Royal. Messrs. Pasmore and Golding hail from London.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 2.	GEORGE CLEAL 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM Tenor.

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

This is the first peal on the bells which were cast and hung by Taylor, and the "go" of them is perfection. Swinfeld hails from Shilton. Inglesant from Loughborough. Moorhouse from Wakefield. Aldham from Barwell. The peal, a one-part of fifteen courses, is now rung for the first time.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

THOMAS GWYNN Treble.	ALBERT CALVER 5.
ROBERT SEWELL 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 3.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 7.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by F. KNIGHTS, of Norwich, and
Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
HENRY J. SELBY* 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR W. PIKE Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE 5.
ARTHUR EVANS 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES 6.
FRANK HOPGOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM BOBY Treble.	*JOSEPH FAYERS 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	WILLIAM KINSEY 6.
ERNEST LINCOLN 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	THOMAS KING Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS KING.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and was arranged for E. Lincoln, who wishes through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the band and other local ringers for making his visit a very pleasant one. He was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal. Gladwell and Kinsey belong to Feltham; Fayers to Preston. *First peal.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. H. HARGREAVES* .. Treble.	STEPHEN DOUGHTY 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	HENRY HORNER 6.
E. B. METCALFE 3.	WILLIAM BILLOWS 7.
FRED. METCALFE 4.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way. *First peal.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES REED* Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINS 2.	SIDNEY MASON 6.
JOHN LYDDON 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
JOHN PUGSLEY 4.	SAMUEL MASON Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	*THOMAS J. SALTER 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS* 2.	JOHN BUFFERY 8.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 10.
THOMAS MILLER 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 11.
ALBERT WALKER 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Cinques. This peal has the 5th and 6th only in 5ths place at the course-ends, with all the 5-6-7-8s. It was rung on Mr. Painter's 56th birthday, his fellow-ringers wishing many happy returns. This peal was arranged to enable several friends of the veteran Mr. Day to ring another peal with him at Solihull, a village with which he had been connected, and had kindly recollections of in his early years.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 19th, at the church of St Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Watts, 1; H. Little, 2; P. Webb, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Watts (conductor), 1; J. Luckey, 2; P. Webb, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; H. Little, 6. On Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Jordan, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 5th, for practice, 720 Coventry Surprise. H. Little, 1; T. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (5th the observation). G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THORRINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, September 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire and 60 of Stedman Doubles. W. J. Nevard (conductor), 1; R. Maynard, jun., 2; G. Lancaster, 3; C. Clarke, 4; G. A. Andrews, 5.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Hills, 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; R. Maynard, jun., 3; W. J. Hazell, 4; G. Lancaster, 5; C. Clarke, 6; G. A. Andrews (conductor), 7; H. E. Bowers, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. E. Hills, 1; R. Maynard, jun., 2; H. E. Bowers, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; G. Lancaster, 5; C. Clarke, 6; G. A. Andrews, 7; W. J. Hazell (conductor), 8. The above touches were kindly arranged for R. Maynard, jun., who hails from Walthamstow, Essex.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, September 10th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1440 Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; A. Shuffelbotham, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; E. Radley, 6; W. Hammond, 7; W. Webb, 8. Messrs. Chaplin and Radley hail from Stisted; Grimwade from Bocking.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHATHAM (Kent).—On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 47 mins. W. Baker, 1; W. Hollier, 2; W. Easter, 3; C. Fryatt, 4; J. Tullett, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6; W. Hunt, 7; H. Hinkley, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by Messrs. Fryatt, Hunt, and Hinkley, and first on the bells. Recently on the occasion of a wedding the last 700 of Holt's Original. A. Duncan, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Baxter, 3; J. Kidd, 4; C. Fryatt, 5; F. Shedd, 6; W. Hunt, 7; H. Hinkley, 8.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Saturday, July 21st, 167 Grandsire Triples and 210 Bob Major. E. Hopkins, E. Cheesman, A. Castle, G. Finn, S. Finn, A. R. Manning, S. Gower, P. W. Crunden, F. Baker. On Sunday, August 12th, 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Rouse, 1; W. Fright, jun., 2; F. Baker, 3; T. Richards, 4; P. W. Crunden, 5; A. R. Manning (conductor), 6; S. Gower, 7; W. Fright, sen., 8.

FOLKESTONE (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 11th, 800 Bob Major. W. Seeley, 1; A. R. Manning, 2; S. Barker, 3; F. Baker, 4; H. A. Petts, 5; W. Fright, 6; S. Gower (conductor), 7; S. Binfield, 8.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 31st, for practice, Double Norwich. H. Audsley, 1; E. Wightman, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. H. Cheesman, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; G. Conyard, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; C. Wilkins, 8. On Tuesday, June 26th, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Audsley, 1; G. Conyard, 2; J. Saxby, 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; J. H. Cheesman, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Barnett, jun. (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, August 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Barnett, jun., 1; G. Conyard, 2; J. Saxby, 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; T. Saxby, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Sunday morning, August 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Audsley, 1; G. Conyard, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; T. Saxby, 7; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Audsley, 1; J. H.

Cheesman (conductor), 2; W. J. Smith, 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; E. Saxby, 6; E. Barnett, sen., 7; H. Audsley, 8. On Thursday, September 13th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but came to grief when just beyond half-way, owing to a change-course. T. Saxby, 1; J. H. Cheesman, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; W. J. Smith, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Audsley, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, July 29th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Taylor, 1; W. Duckers, 2; C. Taylor, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 20th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-two bobs) in 23 mins. Composed by H. W. Wilde. J. Johnson, 1; W. Duckers, 2; G. R. Newton (conductor), 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On July 11th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; H. Burling, 2; W. Singleton, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. On August 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Langford, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 5th, 720 id the same method, standing as before. On August 12th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; A. Gale, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On August 29th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Langford, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On September 5th, 720 Oxford. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Burling, 4; W. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. W. Cooper, 1; W. Langford, 2; W. Singleton, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; H. Burling, 6. On September 12th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; H. Burling, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Churcher (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—Recently, by the St. Nicolas Society, 350 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; E. Raddon, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; G. Reading, 6; E. Allen, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 9; E. Heather, 10. A 559 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunt, 1; G. Reading, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; E. Raddon, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. A 476 Bob Triples. R. Roffey, 1; J. Hunt, 2; G. Reading, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, August 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Roffey, 1; F. Wood, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Reading, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Hunt (conductor), 6; S. Radford, 7; E. Heather, 8. On Friday, September 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Raddon, 1; J. R. Reilly, 2; S. Radford, 3; T. W. Radford, 4; J. Hunt, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. First 700 of Treble Bob on the bells. On Sunday, September 17th, for Divine Service, 560 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, 1; S. Radford, 2; E. Raddon, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; E. Allen, 5; G. Reading, 6; T. W. Radford, 7; J. Hunt, 8; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 9; E. Heather, 10. Also two courses of Bob Major. On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Foster, 1; C. Willshire, 2; R. Wood, 3; — Lightfoot, 4; G. Gunner, 5; A. Pulling, 6; *F. Blendell (conductor), 7; B. Chorley, 8. *Longest touch in the method as conductor.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Thursday, August 23rd, at the residence of W. H. Pasmore, on handbells, retained in hand, 1327 Grandsire Caters. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8; H. Langdon, 9-10. On Wednesday, August 29th, at the church of St. John, Waterloo Road, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 3-4; H. P. Harman, 5-6; H. Langdon, 7-8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 352 Grandsire Triples. T. King (conductor), 1; H. Parker, 2; H. Smith, 3; J. Moore, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Snell, 6; E. Lincoln, 7; A. Symonds, 8. And 168, with A. Symonds, 7; E. Lincoln, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Sunday evening, September 9th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Frankum, 1; G. Parris, 2; H. Frankum, 3; R. Frankum, 4; G.

W. T. Smith, 6; A. Frankum (conductor), 7; W. Tittin, 8. First quarter-peal by G. Smith, and the first by a band composed entirely of local men.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 15th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 1408 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. Samson, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailey, 5; G. Thompson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8.

WICKHAM SKRITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Collings, 1; D. Mayes, 2; E. Youngs, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; F. Cullum, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 360 Double Oxford. E. Youngs, 1; F. Cullum, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; G. Kemp, 4; G. E. Symonds, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. Also a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. F. Cullum, 1-2; W. E. Garrard, 3-4; G. E. Symonds, 5-6; G. Cattermole, 7-8.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, August 22nd, 360 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simons. E. Youngs, 1; W. Rose, 2; C. Nunn, 3; G. E. Symonds, 4; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 5. On handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Rose, 1-2; G. E. Symonds, 3-4; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 5-6; C. Nunn, 7-8. On Sunday, September 2nd, 360 St. Simons, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. J. Mayes, 1; W. Rose, 2; A. Symonds, 3; E. Youngs, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5.

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, September 11th, 546 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. H. Reynolds, 1; C. Parnell, 2; A. E. Mickelburgh, 3; W. Webb (conductor), 4; H. Hopson, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; H. Ling, 7; R. Freestone, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On September 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Clark (first 720), 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; J. Carter, 3; J. P. Clarkson, 4; J. W. Whittle, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6. On September 16th, 720 Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes (conductor), 5; W. Lane, 6.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Farooq, 1; W. Meaton, 2; J. Hinton, 3; W. Charge, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; C. Charge (conductor), 6; R. Charge, 7; T. H. Driver, 8. Composed by G. Charge.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 30th, for handbell practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. R. Flitton, 1; H. Moore, 2; G. Molton, 3; R. Moore, 4; A. Moore, 5; H. Turner (conductor), 6. Also a 360. A. R. Flitton, 1; G. Molton, 2; R. Moore, 3; H. Moore, 4; A. Moore (conductor), 5; H. Turner, 6. First 720 by Messrs. Flitton, A. Moore, and H. Moore, who have just joined the company, and they show every sign of being a good aid to the St. James's (senior) company. A. Flitton hails from Ickleton, Cambs.

CHARING (Kent).—On Saturday, September 8th, a peal of Minor in seven methods was attempted, but after ringing four 720s in the following methods, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob, it came to grief owing to the bad go of the tenor. H. Goodwin, 1; W. Spice, 2; J. Grenstead, 3; A. J. Day, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. The above was arranged as a farewell touch to W. Spice.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Monday, May 13th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On May 17th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles) in 27 mins. A. J. Nicholas, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On May 20th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles) in 25 mins., standing as above. On May 24th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). W. N. Williams, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On May 27th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). A. J. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On June 3rd, for early service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). W. N. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), standing as above. On July

1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and ten bobs). On August 5th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; the rest as above. On August 26th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. T. P. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 42 mins. R. McWhirter, 1; S. Wightman, jcn., 2; J. Lowry, 3; C. Wilkins (conductor), 4; E. Wightman, 5; J. Garard, 6; H. Gibbs, 7; D. Barnes, 8. S. Wightman hails from Creetingham, Suffolk. First quarter-peal in the method by J. Lowry.

MARDEN (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 28 mins. F. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Another 720 in the same method (fifteen bobs and two singles). G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; T. Swan, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Both were conducted by F. Sharp, and rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect for the late Duke of Edinburgh.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, at the collegiate church of St. Mary, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; S. H. Godfrey (conductor), 2; W. H. Godfrey, 3; J. H. Godfrey, 4; H. R. Channon, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike, 7; James Lovering, 8.

REDDISH (Lancashire).—Recently at the church of St. Elisabeth, 720 Bob Minor. W. Lees, 1; R. Minshall, 2; T. Smithson, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Smithson, 5; A. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 4th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), 2; the rest as before. Also another 720 standing as before, Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor). On Saturday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Bailey, 1; H. Meakin, 2; T. Smithson, 3; T. Marshall, 4; H. Smithson, 5; A. Barnes (conductor), 6. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob. *H. Smithson, 1; H. Meakin, 2; *T. Smithson, 3; A. Barnes (conductor), 4; *T. Marshall, 5; J. W. Bailey, 6. *First 720 in the method; also first 720 in the method as conductor. This is believed to be the first 720 of Minor in the method on the bells. On Tuesday, September 11th, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief through a change-course after ringing 2560 changes. *W. Lees, 1; A. Barnes, 2; H. Smithson, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; T. Smithson, 5; H. Meakin, 6; T. Marshall (conductor), 7; *H. Smith, 8. *Longest length. Also 576 Bob Major W. Lees, 1; T. Marshall, 2; H. Smithson, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; T. Smithson, 5; H. Meakin, 6; H. Smith, 7; A. Barnes (conductor), 8. Longest touch of Major by Messrs. Lees, H. Smithson, and Smith; also longest touch as conductor. Messrs. Bailey, Marshall, and Meakin bail from Stockport; the rest are local men.

WHITWICK (LEICESTERSHIRE).—On Sunday, September 16th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. F. Middleton, 1; S. W. West, 2; J. T. Allen, 3; J. Rawson, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; J. A. Mould (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8. This is F. Middleton's first quarter-peal and first attempt.

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The members of this company, accompanied by friends from South Croydon, paid a visit to the six bell tower at Kingswood, near Epsom, on Sunday, the 19th August. Leaving The Plough, at Beddington, at 1.30, in a pair-horse brake, the party, after a very pleasant drive through the intervening country, arrived at the church soon after three o'clock, and were met by the Sexton, Mr. Law, and the local ringers, and cordially welcomed. The bells, kindly placed at the disposal of the company by the Rev. Frederick Taunton, M.A., the Vicar of the parish, were raised, and an excellent six-score of Grandsire Doubles was struck, conducted by Mr. Brooker. This was followed by a touch of Bob Minor, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Wignell, 1; C. Dean, 2; H. Brooker, 3; A. Clayton, 4; C. Bance, 5; C. Gordon (conductor), 6. Stedman Doubles succeeded this, and an adjournment was then made for tea. For the Evening Service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, Mr. Gordon again conducting, the ringers standing as follows: J. Rumble, 1; C. Bance, 2; W. Stamford, 3; C. Dean, 4; A. Clayton, 5; C. Gordon, 6. It was hoped that the party would have been able to ring after the service at Banstead on the road home, but partly owing to the absence of the Rector, and partly to the antagonistic spirit evinced by some of the local ringers, the majority of whom are, unfortunately, unacquainted with the art of change-ringing, this could not be arranged. The return journey was made in good time, the company having spent an enjoyable afternoon for which the Kingswood ringers were largely responsible, and the company take this means of thanking them, and also the Rev. Frederick Taunton for so readily granting permission for the use of his beautiful bells.

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THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Horsley on Saturday, September 15th, members being present from Ripley, Pentrich, Tibshelf, South Normanton, North Wingfield, Wingerworth, Clay Cross, and Horsley.

The Vicar (Rev. A. G. Waldy), kindly entertained the visitors to tea on the vicarage lawn at 5.30, to which fifty-three sat down. After tea the Vicar was voted to the chair, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the Association to Horsley. The minutes were duly read and confirmed, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the tea, use of bells, etc., also to the ladies who so kindly arranged the tea, etc.

Mr. Whilton, in a pithy little speech, made an appeal to the members present for a subscription towards an additional treble to make six, the result being £1 4s. 4d., for which the Vicar returned thanks.

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This is without a doubt a record quarterly meeting, the members present surprising both Vicar and all alike, beautiful weather with beautiful bells added much to the enjoyment of all present. Every one was made welcome, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

SANDRIDGE (Herts).—On Saturday, August 25th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Kine, 1; H. Lewis, 2; C. Giddings, 3; E. Whitbread, 4; J. Payne, 5; G. Cartmel (conductor), 6.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Revised Notice.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, Sept. 22, at the parish church, Wombourne. The bells will be available for touches during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron, to-day, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at Star inn 5.45. Members who have not already done so will oblige by remitting subscriptions for 1900 at once.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's church, Gaws-worth, to-day, Saturday, September 22nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY, *Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Michaelmas Day. The towers of Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Harlow and Stansted will be open for ringing. Members intending to attend must notify me not later than the 25th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE,

Great Totham, Witham. *Assist. Sec.*

N.B.—The G.E.R. have withdrawn their reduced fares to ringers.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, September 29th. Service in St. John's church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me not later than Tuesday, September 25th. The tower will be open for ringing. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting at Oldham will take place on Saturday, September 29th. All peals and reports of ringing to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 92, New Line, Bacup. Subscriptions for 1900-1 are now due, and members not having paid for the past year are requested to do so to their branch secretary, or forward them direct to the General Secretary, A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS,
J. WILSON,
J. SHEPHERD, } *Secretaries.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Thursday, September 27th. Special service at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, at 12.45. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Crosse. Dinner at 1.30 in the hall of the Conservative Club. Hon. members and friends 2s. 6d.; company members 1s. 6d. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers, etc., when the annual report will be read.

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

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The formal unveiling of a peal-board will take place in St. Martin's belfry on Tuesday, the

25th inst., at ordinary practice-time, when the churchwardens will be present. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, September 29th. Meeting house, The Spotted Cow inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers are cordially invited. HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Ampthill on Saturday, September 29th. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday afternoon, the 29th September. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the Secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6th, at Doncaster parish church. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meeting house, The Market inn, Market Place.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale (8 bells) on Saturday, October 6th. Tea in the Town Hall Buildings at 4 p.m., 9d. each. Members are requested to inform the Secretary before Tuesday, October 2nd, if intending to be present. The tower will be open all day.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, October 6th. Canon Spooner has kindly offered to provide tea to members present. It is particularly requested that names of those intending to be present be sent before October 1st to St. Luke's, Southport.

C. A. CLEMENTS.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting of members will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 20th next, further particulars as to which will be advertised later. Will the local representatives kindly obtain all subscriptions which may be in arrear, so that same can be paid at this meeting. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

NOTE TO PEAL.

T. REYNOLDS'S 200 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 20; Grandsire Caters, 19; Grandsire Cinques, 5; Stedman Triples, 58; Stedman Caters, 32; Stedman Cinques, 25; Treble Bob Major, 6; Treble Bob Royal, 12; Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Plain Bob Major, 6; Plain Bob Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 8; Union Triples, 2; Duffield Royal, 1; Duffield Maximus, 1; and one peal in four methods. Total 200.

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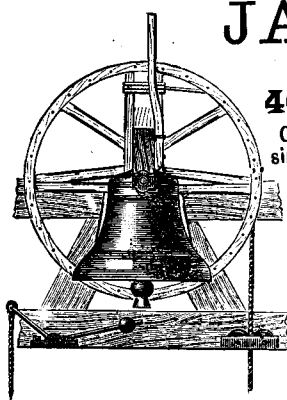
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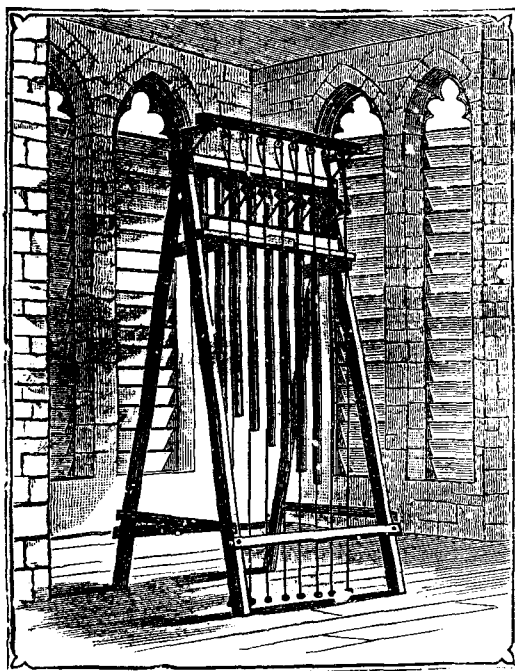
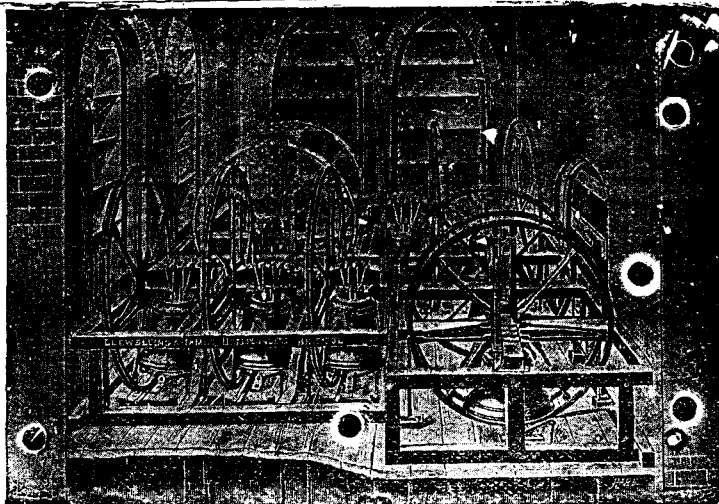
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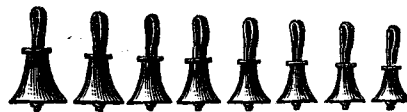
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"ON HANDBELLS."

As the several articles in your publication referring to handbell founders seem to invite information, perhaps I may add a few comments on the subject which may interest some of your readers.

I will commence with the Aldbourne bell foundry, which, as far as I can learn, was the first where handbells were made to form anything of a musical cadence or sequence. Handbells and round bells were very extensively used in that part of the country on horses' collars to give warning of their approach in narrow roads; hence the idea occurred to them of making the bells sound in a sort of musical scale. Robert Wells, who was the proprietor of the Albourne foundry, *circa* 1750, seems to have done a good business in them. Many of his bells were in existence only a few years since, and could be identified by his initials stamped on the inside in raised letters. He succeeded the Corr family of bell founders. I have an old handbell by R. Corr, but unfortunately a piece is broken out of it. The Aldbourne foundry seems to have been closed about 1825. The patterns and one or two of the men migrated to Whitechapel. I knew one of Wells's men very well indeed. His name was James Bridgeman, and he was one who went to Whitechapel and worked there for a few years, but returned to Aldbourne and set up handbell making on his own account. I called upon him at Aldbourne, at Christmas, 1850, and found him old and infirm and not doing much business. His bells had the letters I. B. on the inside. Bridgeman in his day did a nice little trade among the farmers with his horse, sheep, and clock bells, etc. He used to attend the fairs and markets with a display of his articles; indeed the bellman was quite an institution, and was looked forward to on these occasions. Therefore, so far as I can gather, the tuning of handbells in sets, although very roughly done, had its origin at Aldbourne, in Wiltshire, about 1750, though it may be that someone can give an earlier date.

Now I will pass on to the Symondsons as handbell makers. The first was Henry Symondson, whom I knew very well. He did not cast his own bells, but got them cast by Pontifex and Wood, in Shoe Lane. Very good bells they were, and always correctly in tune, and have never been beaten. I look upon Henry Symondson as the first handbell maker who paid strict attention to getting them in tune. He was a very nice gentlemanly person and lived at No. 1, Tottenham Court Road (previously No. 40, Tottenham Court Road) and had a large handbell hung outside, mouth upwards, as a sign. His workshop was at the back of a house in a street on the west side of Tottenham Court Road. The first time I saw the old gentleman was at Oxford in 1838. He afterwards called upon us at Loughborough in 1840. He died some time in the early forties. My esteemed friend Mr. J. R. Haworth informs me that he rang with him at Westminster Abbey, where he was the head ringer in 1838, on the Queen's Coronation Day. He had never any partnership with the Taylors, the bell at Redbourne being made by mutual arrangement. This

Henry Symondson had three sons, a very gifted family. The eldest, Henry, was by profession, a pianoforte tuner. He usually paid us a visit at Loughborough about once a year on his professional rounds to his various patrons. I remember how I enjoyed the evenings he spent at our house, a thorough mimic and raconteur, he would keep us in continual laughter the whole of the time. Although he understood change-ringing, for I have rung with him, and he took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Bishops Stortford (see "BELL NEWS"), he did not follow it up. He had nothing to do with the handbell business. His residence was out Hampstead way and he died some time before 1850.

Now I come to the handbell makers, Philip and James. They and their father used to play tunes beautifully, each having four bells in each hand. Philip, in partnership with one James Platt, carried on the handbell business at No. 30, Clerkenwell Close, sometime about and after 1851. I also remember James Symondson and James Platt subsequently doing a little business for a short time in Manchester. I lost sight of them altogether about 1860, and my friend Mr. Haworth informs me that Philip and James died about that time.

Mr. Haworth also states that he knew another famous handbell founder at that time, *viz.*, William Dunn, and he says that Philip Symondson, who afterwards became insane, and Dunn lived in St. Pancras workhouse together, though they never spoke to each other and eventually they died there. Dunn was an old man and had carried on his business at King's Cross. Mr. Haworth thinks him the most remarkable man. He was a tailor by trade, and actually cast and cleverly finished his handbells himself. Dunn, like Symondson and his sons Philip and James, was a change-ringer on church bells. Mr. Haworth rang with him in a muffled peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in memory of Thomas Tolladay, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, January 3rd, 1844, and a peal of 6328 Grandsire Caters at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, March 11th, 1844. Mr. Haworth asserts that both Symondson and Dunn made a revolution in handbells, producing them at half the weight they were formerly made. He also says about that time a great business in handbells was done, especially in the East end of London. The proprietors of many public houses bought them, and regular meetings of handbell players' societies were held at their houses for practice, lapping, and tune-playing by men who were not church bell-ringers, except the bob-callers, among whom were Cox and Haley.

Now I arrive at George Stockham, who commenced handbell making, I think, about 1852. He was born in London, his father coming from Exeter. Stockham acted as fireman, steeple-keeper, clock-winder, etc., to the parish of St. Clement Danes. He also for a time provided shop room for one of the Olivers, a workman from the Whitechapel foundry, for making and repairing church clocks. Stockham secured Dunn's patterns and did his handbell business in Newcastle Court, a neighbourhood which was pulled down to make room for the new Law Courts.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, SEN.

Loughborough.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 15th, eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association paid a visit to Lydney, to attempt a peal on the newly augmented ring of bells. On arriving at the station they were met by some of the local ringers, and escorted to the church. The Vicar, the Rev. F. E. C. Besant, was there to meet them, and gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped the peal would be successfully rung; but the ringers were doomed to very great disappointment, as after rising the bells, it was found that two or three of the back bells were unpealable. However, several touches were rung in which two of the local men took part, viz., Messrs. Thomas and Davis, including Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Four courses of Stedman Triples were also rung in which the following took part: F. G. May, 1; *A. Knight, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; F. E. Ward, 4; J. W. Golding (London), 5; J. Austin, 6; W. H. Pasmore (London), 7; Davis, 8. *First touch of Stedman and first attempt.

After the ringing was over, the Vicar very kindly invited the ringers to tea, which was gratefully accepted, Mrs. Besant presiding at the tea-table in the absence of the Vicar, who was conducting the evening service. The bells (the back six being Rudhalls of Gloucester), are a very musical ring, the two new bells are Taylor and Co's. of Loughborough, and as good a "splice" as it is possible to get, being in perfect tune, and it was a great pity that at the time Messrs. Taylor were at Lydney hanging the new bells some arrangement could not have been come to to overhaul the old six, but as the expenses attached to the church have been very heavy these last few years, it was thought they could go on for a short time before again asking the good people of Lydney to subscribe towards the re-hanging of the bells. As previously remarked, the ringers were disappointed in not being able to ring a peal, but if they were disappointed in what they intended, the Vicar was more so, as he made up his mind to have heard what would have been the first 5040 nearer than Chepstow or Newnham.

There is a local band attached to the tower, but never having rung more than Doubles, there is plenty of scope to assert their abilities now that they have a full octave to practice with. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Mrs. Besant for their appreciable kindness, and also to the local men for their ready help, and hope at some future time to be allowed to make another attempt at what they were unable to accomplish at the first time of asking.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch was held at Fulmer, on Saturday, September 22nd, and was poorly attended, the only towers represented being Lane End, Farnham Royal, and Fulmer, and one unattached member from Slough. Ringing commenced about 4.30, and during the evening a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor was rung. J. J. Parker, 1; G. H. Gutteridge, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; W. Clarke, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; G. Basden, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: C. Clarke, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; W. Clarke, 4; G. Basden, 5; G. H. Gutteridge (conductor), 6; and a 360 of Court Bob Minor conducted by J. J. Parker, and several shorter touches of College Single, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION).

The first meeting in connection with the above Association was held at Pulborough, on Saturday, September 15th, and was well attended, upwards of thirty ringers being present, Midhurst and Arundel supplying the largest contingent. The other towers represented were, Angmering, Heene, and Brighton (St. Nicholas), the local band also being well represented. Also present, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Hon. Secretaries, and Treasurer. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung from 4 p.m. till 5.30. A move was then made to Ye Oulde Five Bells, where host Allen had provided a substantial tea. This being over, a short business meeting ensued, Mr. Tompkins occupying the chair (in the absence of the Rector, who is abroad). Mr. Bennett proposed, and Mr. Tompkins seconded the election of the local band, which was carried unanimously. A discussion ensued as to the quarterly peal, it being decided that another attempt should be made on the Cathedral bells, the 8th of October, several present consenting to take part; also the Rev. C. D. P. Davies; Mr. Lindup, of Heene, being appointed conductor. The tower was again visited and further touches were rung till train-time.

H. EVANS.

(EASTERN DIVISION).

The quarterly meeting of this division was duly held at Waldron, on Saturday, September 22nd. The inconvenient train service and the distance from the station, was no doubt responsible for a somewhat small attendance. Ten members, representing St. Peter's, Brighton, St. John, Southover, All Saints, Eastbourne, St. Clement's, Hastings, and Christ Church, Blacklands, were present, and with the addition of five of the local company, made up a very enjoyable party. The usual programme was gone through, comprising short touches in various methods on the tower bells, tea, and short business meeting. After tea, Mr. F. Harding was voted to the chair, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; eleven new members were elected, including the All Saints, Eastbourne band. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

THE BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22nd, six members met together in North Bucks. for a ringing afternoon. Arriving at Chicheley, a very hard-pulled 720 of Bob Minor was rung. The ringers were J. Robinson, 1; W. Freeman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. J. Bird, 4; J. Church, 5; W. J. Barker, 6. Afterwards a 6 score of Grandsire Doubles was rung and then the bells were lowered. A move was then made to Sherington, where a nice-toned peal of five were soon on the swing to the tune of Grandsire Doubles. Emberton was the next place, and going to the church one could not help hearing the remarks about a new treble which was hung last year. It is called "the deaf bell," because it is impossible to hear it ring, but nothing daunted, they were raised and a 720 of Oxford Bob was rang by W. West, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; T. Wright, 3; J. Church, 4; F. Bird, 5; W. Freeman, 6. A move was then made to The Bull hotel where some refreshments were had. The bells of the three towers are in a very bad condition, practically unringable.

F. J. BIRD.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 1st, Mr. T. Hollingworth, President of the above society, gave his annual outing, Coleorton and Ashby-de-la-Zouch being the places chosen. A start was made at one o'clock by brake and pair, the weather being delightful. After driving for an hour Coleorton was reached, and refreshments were served by host Charvil, of The Beaumont Arms. After drinking the health of the President a start was made for Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and by four o'clock we had arrived at The Waggon and Horses, where we met Mr. Canner, the proprietor, tea being ordered for four o'clock. We arrived in splendid form for the good things provided for us. I am sure the above society can recommend Mr. Canner's ability for catering for brother-ringers. The next item was a visit to the church, and after looking round we raised the bells and rung a well-struck 434 Grandsire Triples, and also 532 Oxford Bob Triples. After lowering the bells we adjourned to The Waggon and Horses, where we spent part of the evening with the Ashby friends. Time being called for the return journey, we had to wish them all good-night. On arrival at Lount there was a good substantial supper awaiting us. After the cloth was removed, songs were contributed by Messrs. Hollingworth, Tivey, and Walker. Home was reached at one o'clock, after a most enjoyable day's outing. The society wish to thank the President for his generosity in entertaining his brother-ringers year by year. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Canon Denton for the use of the bells; also Messrs. Hatton and Thornley for having everything in readiness.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 22nd, eight members of the St. Stephen's, Westminster branch of the above Society paid a visit to Speldhurst, Kent. The esteemed lady of the Ancients had some time back given the invitation, and was determined that it should be accepted sooner or later. London was left by the 1.35 train from Cannon Street, and the railway officials must have known that they were carrying special passengers, for strange to relate, Tunbridge Wells was reached only a short space behind the advertised time. A brake conveyed us to Speldhurst Rectory, where we were welcomed by Miss Leney and the Rector. After refreshments, a visit was paid to the church, and all the points of interest (too many to mention here) were expounded upon by the Rector. If any one wants to see scenery in stones, let him visit the beautiful church at Speldhurst and he will not be disappointed. The bells were then raised and three courses of Superlative conducted by H. R. Newton, tapped off. This was followed by three courses of Cambridge, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow, and two courses of London, conducted by C. S. P. Brice. The band stood the same for all viz., H. R. Newton, A. G. Ellis, W. H. Pasmore, H. S. Ellis, J. W. Golding, F. Dench, C. S. P. Brice, and J. N. Oxborrow. These are believed to be the first Surprise methods on the bells. After a visit to the "old oak room" in the neighbouring inn, we adjourned to the Rectory, where an tea was awaiting us. This was served in the schoolroom, but one and all agreed that it was more a museum than a school. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were

brought round upon the Rector's handbells, and all too soon rolled round the time for our departure.

The members wish once again to tender their sincere thanks to Miss Leney and the Rev. Mackinnon for their great kindness and for such an enjoyable afternoon.

J. N. O.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HARLOW.

The offertories at this church on Sunday last on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, amounted to £7 4s. 6d. in aid of the Bells Fund.

HARVEST FESTIVAL DECORATIONS.

[From *The Guardian*.]

Mr. F. C. Eden writes, supplying yet another instance of the inordinate love of decoration which distorts our churches at harvest festivals. "The church of Southwold," he says "contains what is recognised by competent judges to be in its way the very finest specimen of mediæval art in the kingdom—namely a fifteenth-century screen decorated with paintings and raised gesso-work of unimaginable delicacy and refinement. Last Sunday was observed in the parish a festival which is at least as foreign to the Prayer-book as, let us say, the feast of the Holy Rosary, but popularly known as the 'Harvest Festival.' In preparation for this festivity the church was surrendered to the 'monstrous regiment of women,' who employed their time in bedizening this exquisite work of art with dripping green-grocery. No doubt the conglomeration of moss, earth, wire, thorns, and vegetables, euphemistically called 'decorations,' will be allowed to remain in contact with these delicate paintings the whole week long, until with the wrenching off of the supporting wires, their saturated surface is smeared away in a mass of sodden garbage. Publicity seems to be the only adequate weapon with which to chastise the criminal ignorance of the custodians of this church."

At the meeting of the Leeds Ruridecanal Council on Monday night last, the Vicar, Dr. Gibson, remarked that for a good many years it had been the custom to have open-air concerts on Sunday afternoons, to which, he thought, no serious objection could be taken, in that they did not interfere to any marked extent with public worship. But some two years ago a further step was taken, and a plan was started by the Leeds Workpeoples' Hospital Committee for promoting concerts in open spaces, such as Woodhouse-moor and Roundhay Park, on Sunday evenings, at a time when people were flocking to church or chapel. Thus these concerts were distinctly in rivalry with the church services, and he thought there could be little doubt that congregations in the summer months had been seriously affected by them.

On Thursday last, the memorial stones of St. Mary's Church, Cockerton, a suburb of Darlington, were laid. The late Mr. E. T. Pease, left £4,000 in connection with Trinity parish, and about £1,500 of this will be devoted to building the new church, which will be capable of seating 200 people.

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OUR IDLE HOUR.

It happened in this manner. We were sitting around the sub-editor's table cracking nuts and jokes, and discussing the probable date of our long-expected wayzgoose, when THE MAN "Plain Speaker" burst in upon us. He looked gorgeous!

"Boys," said he, "I am going away to my farm—my estate in the north of Ireland, just for a few days to recuperate, and I should like one of you to fill my column while I am away."

At the mention of that "farm" several of us sniggered, while others exchanged a portentous wink. We had heard about it before. It was rumoured that it was Elysium (good word that) a premature millenium on a small scale, where THE MAN sat under his own vine and fig-tree! a place where a "fiery untamed steed" was kept specially to bring up visitors from the railway station, through the park drive to the palatial residence of our "BELL NEWS" Nabob.

True, someone had maliciously hinted that the *steed* had ears a foot long, and had been found by THE MAN under a barrow in the Mile-End Road! but the evidence lacks corroboration. Moreover, did not our captain of the quill assert that it was a thoroughbred, and that its ancestors had won a Derby?—centuries ago! "I won't be away long, boys, but the hungry must be fed—on 'current topics'—so try and fill what would otherwise be an aching void. Hark ye, a free hand, but no politics. So long! I am off to Giant's Causeway."

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We watched his aldermanic figure down the street and agreed that he was great on Causeways!

"Now boys," said I, with that modesty which has always been my bane, "Let us fill the aching void. Pass the cigars and decanters, and let us shew Plain Speaker how we admire his taste."

And they rose up as one man and snorted "Hear, *Heve*." If THE MAN only enjoys half the health we wished him he will live to be an extremely old man. Our right hands found something to do and we did it with all our might. We fought that decanter with all the tenacity of a true-born khaki Briton, and came off conquerors.

After a while we held a council of war to settle how to fill this column, and I was elected to the post, you see me, as Mark Twain says, "a doing of it."

"Snips," our sub-editor, wants me to say that he don't think the 20th century begins next year. He considers the dates have been mixed up so much that no one knows. We are often solemnly told that only popular ignorance regards this year as the first of the new century, and we turn away nearly convinced because it looks so simple that 99 is not a century; but suddenly our doubts return when we see in the prayer-book this statement—"The next century, that is, from the year 1800 till the year 1899 inclusive."

Not only that, but astronomers denote the year which preceded our era by 0, and the one previous to that by 1 B.C. Therefore, "Snips" wants to know what year we are in, seeing that in England alone, New Year's Day has been fixed on three different dates. In the 7th century, the year commenced on Christmas Day. In the 12th century on March 25th, and only as recently as 1732 was New Year's Day shifted to January 1st.

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We have had several discussions and have come to the unanimous opinion that the coming elections are responsible for the sudden rise in the price of hen-fruit. It

is absolutely impossible to get eggs fit to eat. Still, in these days of weapons of war, the fruit of the fowl is not to be ignored.

EGGZACTLY SO.

When a speaker's inconclusive,
When his statements look delusive,
When the most important point he seems to beg,
When he shies from all his fences,
You can bring him to his senses
With the logic of a well-directed egg.

When a speaker's much exalted,
Quite cocksure he can't be faulted,
And the audience wish to take him down a peg,
The thing to send him reeling
With a sad and sickly feeling
Is the squashing, swashing whistle of an egg.

Be he ribald, dull, or funny,
Be his speech as sweet as honey,
Be he adipose or active on the leg,
You can knock his best intentions
To a place one never mentions
With the nerve-destroying impulse of an egg.

If some bitter wrong you're righting,
If for woman's rights you're fighting,
A vote for cousin Kate or sister Meg,
If on free-trade or protection
You would turn some great election,
Be sure you go provided with an egg.

Their colour's perhaps derisive,
But their impact's most decisive;
You can buy them for elections by the keg.
Lay in a stock this minute,
And your party's fairly in it,
If you only fight for freedom with an egg.

This will, I think fill the aching void for the time being, and let me out thereabouts at the bottom of the page.

JINGLE.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Saturday, September 15th, an interesting ceremony was performed in Caversham church tower, this being the unveiling of two peal tablets, one recording London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise peals rung in a fortnight, and the other a peal of Grandsire Triples which was rung to enable Mr. T. Hibbert to ring a peal with his two sons. The tablets (which are of marble, look very nice, and are quite an ornament to the tower) were unveiled by Mrs. Cleaver, the wife of the genial Vicar. Mr. Cleaver, who gave a short but interesting address, testified to the real good feeling which exists between himself and his ringers, and said how he enjoyed their ringing, and hoped they would be able to always keep an efficient band together, and to work on the same smooth lines as heretofore. Our old friend, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, kindly put in an appearance, and expressed his delight at seeing the records of such methods in the tower. He also noted his pleasure at seeing they came under the heading of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which remark caused a few explanations to be made, which we venture to believe did not wholly dissatisfy the rev. gentleman. The Grandsire Triples band were also all present with the exception of the tenor man, Corporal W. Hibbert, R.H.A., who is with his battery at Kirkee, Bombay, India, but who can rest assured that his name was mentioned on a great many occasions that day, and whose health was drank heartily by all, hoping some day to see him again at the rope's end in Caversham tower.

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ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

"A week-end at Newcastle-on-Tyne" was the resolution adopted at a meeting of the above Society when discussing a proposed excursion for the Edinburgh autumn holiday. Accordingly our secretary was instructed to communicate with the secretary to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in order to learn what he had to say to a proposed invasion by his brother-strings from across the border. In the course of a post or two a reply was duly received welcoming our threatened invasion in a right hearty fashion. Consequently, on Saturday, 15th September, at 2.20 p.m., we found ourselves seated in a reserved compartment in the south express, from which we emerged at Newcastle at 4.55 p.m. Before entering the Central Station, the North-Eastern Railway Company, as though anxious to satisfy our natural craving, drew our train up as near as they possibly could to the tower of All Saints' Church, where for ten minutes we had the opportunity of hearing the bells in an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

A glance along the arrival platform, and the familiar figures of Mr. C. L. Routledge and Mr. William Holmes were soon recognised. The former had already secured very comfortable apartments for us at the York Hotel, where we adjourned for a first-class tea. The wants of the inner man having been duly attended to, our friend Mr. Routledge conducted us through the town pointing out all the buildings and places of interest. We were then fortunate in meeting Mr. R. S. Story, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, who had kindly secured a room at the Hotel Metropole, where a most pleasant time was spent in handbell ringing. On Sunday morning we were conducted to the cathedral, where three of our men, Messrs. Heathcote, Whitson and Ellis, had the pleasure of taking part in a touch of Grandsire Caters. In the afternoon a visit was paid to the well-known and much appreciated beauty-spot of the district, Jesmond Dene. In the evening arrangements had been made for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at the cathedral, the following ringers taking part: C. L. Routledge, 1; E. F. Price, 2; C. C. Ellis, 3; J. E. Keen, 4; E. E. Ferry, 5; W. C. S. Heathcote, 6; R. Richards (conductor), 7; R. Whitson, 8. The quarter peal was the first part of Holt's Original, and is the longest touch by Messrs. Price, Heathcote and Whitson, who, along with Mr. Ellis, belong to St. Mary's, Edinburgh.

On Monday morning Messrs. R. S. Story and C. L. Routledge accompanied us down the river as far as Tynemouth, and pointed out all the places of interest, and the large shipbuilding yards en route. The return journey from Tynemouth to Newcastle was made by rail, and it was proposed to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the church of All Saints, but unfortunately the Vicar, though anxious to do so, could not see his way to grant permission to use the bells during business hours. Mr. R. S. Story, however, who always had more than one string to his bow, paved the way for a conducted tour through Stephenson's large engineering works, a sight which one and all thoroughly enjoyed.

At 5.30 p.m. the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association entertained us to a substantial dinner at the Hotel Metropole, which formed a most fitting conclusion to a delightful excursion.

The members of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society would like, through the medium of this paper, to place on record

their appreciation of the efforts of their Newcastle friends to make their holiday a success, and in doing so they desire specially to mention the names of the president and secretary of the Association, Mr. R. S. Story and Mr. C. L. Routledge.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

The St. Margaret's Society of Ringers, on Saturday the 8th inst., supplemented their recent annual outing. Starting at noon, in one of Mr. F. Garrod's well-appointed wagonettes, in perfect weather, the first halt was made at Tunstall, where, in addition to some members of the local company, Mr. R. Wells and Mr. Edmonds of Benhall, and Mr. J. Larter of Henhem, met them at the tower. Here is a pretty little ring of six going like the proverbial fiddle—upon which 720 Bob Minor and 240 Oxford Treble Bob were successfully brought round. A move was then made to Blaxhall, where the ringers were met by some of the local company, in addition to the above-named. The tower contains a ring of six bells, but they don't compare favourably with Tunstall, being somewhat out of tune—the second and tenor require adjusting. After 360 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob had been brought round tracks were made across some fields to Little Glemham, whither Jehu had been sent forward to the local hostelry, The Lion, where tea was partaken of. Here the ringers were met by Mr. Robert H. Hayward of Marlesford, where the tower was visited. It contains a good ring of five bells, tenor about 14 cwt., recently augmented from three, and in good going order, and on which various 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were successfully accomplished. The adjournment was then made to The Lion, where a social hour was spent, and several touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung upon Mr. C. Samson's handbells.

It became known during the evening that it was Mr. J. Edmunds's birthday; the veteran ringer's health was very heartily drank, and many were the expressions of good feeling towards one who is a general favourite with all. The hour for departure arrived all too soon, and home was reached at eleven o'clock, a most enjoyable time having been passed by all. The ringers desire through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the incumbents of the several towers for the kind permission granted for the use of the bells, and the various local ringers who attended, which contributed so much to make the outing so pleasant and successful.

Correspondence.

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

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

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I should esteem it a great favour if you or some of your correspondents could enlighten me, either by publication in your valuable journal or otherwise, on what is getting with us, as a band of ringers, a vexed question. I may say we have the advantage of a fine peal of eight bells, and have just managed to creep through our first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Our trouble is just this, instead of ringing changes for Sunday morning services, certain parishioners, among whom are some old ladies, would like the ringers to chime hymn tunes on the bells. Some of our number are inclined to fall in with the proposal, others (myself included) are of opinion it should not be encouraged. Can anyone tell me, is it customary for ringers who have started change-ringing to go back and practice such things on tower bells? I should gladly welcome the opinions of some more competent ringers than ourselves.

YOUNG RINGER.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Sear, the time of peal rung at Bicester, on September 1st, should have read "Two hours and fifty-nine minutes."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1900.

We are living in stirring times. The war in South Africa, which, to speak technically, appears to be in the coming-home course; the throes of a General Election; the Chinese mystery; and the Church Congress, are prominent among the many questions now agitating, shall we say interesting, the commonwealth. The last-named appears to be as popular as ever, while the papers by the various speakers, given at length by our excellent contemporary, *The Guardian*, lack nothing of their usual interest and research. Electioneering speeches display more rancour and personality than has been customary in recent years; the irrepressible member for West Birmingham not being one whit behind his opponents in this direction, to say the least. The conflict in South Africa seems to be so near the finish that some of the troops are preparing to return; and the victorious British General will, we suppose, be among his admiring countrymen before Christmas. Affairs in China appear to be clouded in mystery, not untinged

with gloom. The reflection that in the present day such troubles as war, rebellion and savagery can and do exist is a painful one.

Almost every interest would appear to be affected in an adverse manner by the present wars. Trade and manufactures must suffer greatly from these conflicts. But amid all the depression "the Art" is thriving. A good show of ringing performances, festivity of every kind, and other pleasing conditions, mark the progress of ringing. So might it always be, in spite of the existence of untoward international conditions.

The Provinces.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM PETTITT Treble.	GEORGE DENT 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	HENRY STUBBS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal in the method, and the second ever rung on the bells, which were increased to eight in 1884. T. R. Hensher's 50th peal.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	THOMAS R. ABBOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Wakefield Manning, an old Finedon ringer.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 19, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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

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

Rung to celebrate J. G. Lusher's wedding day and A. Smith's birthday.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE LUFF Treble.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT .. 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL 2.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN .. 6.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
WALTER G. BROCKHURST .. 4.	HERBERT REMNANT .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by the tenor man, and first attempt. The above are all local men with the exception of the conductor, who hails from Guildford.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES. Tenor 43 cwt.

HARRY J. BORRETT* .. Treble.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 6.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. 2.	CHARLES JACKSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BALES .. 3.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 8.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.	SAMUEL SMITH Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

*First peal on ten bells. The conductor hails from Hull.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

This peal has the 6th her extent in all positions. Rung in honour of the twenty-fifth year of the Association.

OXFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES. Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	JAMES W. HINTON .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 2.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 9.
PHILIP W. DAVIES .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. 10.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 11.
ALBERT WALKER .. 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

note to this peal will appear next week.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES G. GILLETT .. Treble.	FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 5.
WALTER LARGE .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. 6.
THOMAS BULL .. 3.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
JOHN F. BARLOW .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. This is the first time the tenor has been rung single-handed through a peal.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN DRONFIELD .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.
CLIFFE DRONFIELD .. 2.	JOHN PARKIN .. 6.
GEORGE PARKIN .. 3.	GEORGE JACKSON .. 7.
JAMES BELL .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

This peal was arranged for the Rev. Arthur T. Beeston, of New Mills, near Stockport, and is his first peal of Bob Major.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lbs.

FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	JOHN WELSBY 5.
JOSEPH LOWE 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. . 6.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

T. LOCKWOOD Treble.	*A. NAYLOR 6.
A. WINDSOR* 2.	*J. WOODHEAD 7.
H. LOCKWOOD 3.	WM. WOODHEAD 8.
G. TINGLE* 4.	F. WOODHEAD 9.
G. BARRACLOUGH* 5.	H. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to A. Windsor and J. Woodhead, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns. It is fifteen years since a peal was rung in this method on the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM HORNE Treble.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 5.
ARTHUR EVANS 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. . 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES 3.	*CHARLES GILES 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

First peal of Major on the bells. *First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Sunday, September 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 2.	JOSEPH GOWER 6.
HARRY J. BORRETT 3.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES 4.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

The above was rung (at the invitation of the Vicar), previous to the Harvest Thanksgiving service.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 23, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. WIGHTMAN.

Stephen Wightman, for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a member before starting, and hails from Cretingham, Suffolk.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge, York, Rochester, Ely, Coventry,
Huddersfield and Superlative. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in seven Surprise methods. This peal was rung to commemorate the 32nd birthday of T. J. Watts.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 25, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	JOHN TUCKER 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
ARTHUR EVANS 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

This is the conductor's 100th peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Petersfield, and reported in our last issue, should have been a Winchester Diocesan Guild peal.

Date Touches.

SOMERBY (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, September 15th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Smith, 1; C. Dalby, 2; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 3; W. Jones, 4; J. H. Preston, 5. Longest touch by Messrs. Smith and Preston. Messrs. Dalby, Bartram, and Jones belong to the Melton Mowbray band.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, 220 Grandsire Triples. W. T. Cockerill, 1; C. F. Winney, 2; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 3; E. J. Comb, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Langdon, 6; G. R. Fardon, 7; T. Walker, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. W. T. Cockerill, 1; C. F. Winney, 2; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Langdon, 6; G. R. Fardon, 7; T. Walker, 8. After service 336 Grandsire Triples. E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 1; C. F. Winney, 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; E. J. Coomb, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Langdon, 6; G. G. Fardon, 7; T. Walker, 8. This is the first time these bells have been rung for Divine Service, the weight of the treble being only 1½ cwt. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On Wednesday, September 19th, at St. Leonard's church, in honour of the golden wedding of T. M. Southwell, Esq., President of the Bridgnorth Branch of the Church Defence League, a quarter-peal of Darlston Bob Triples in 44 mins. E. Foxall, 2; A. T. Baker, 2; J. Elcock, 3; B. Head, 4; J. W. Howard, 5; W. Overton, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Baker, 1; E. Foxall, 2; J. Elcock, 3; B. Head, 4; J. Overton, 5; W. Overton, 6; *J. W. Howard (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. Also several touches of Oxford Bob Triples, being the first in the method by all. B. Head, 1; A. T. Baker, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; W. Overton, 5; J. W. Howard, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, September 18th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Abraham, 1; G. Smith

(conductor), 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; E. Young, 3; T. Spratt, 5; W. Tucker, 6; W. H. George, 7; G. Brown, 8. Also a 308. G. Aslet, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; R. Abraham, 3; E. Young, 4; T. Spratt, 5; W. Tucker, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; F. Unsworth, 8.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, September 12th, for practice at the church of St. Nicholas, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. E. Mundy, 1; W. Ball, 2; C. Fray, 3; A. Marks, 4; W. Tucker (conductor), 5; F. Pitman, 6. On Wednesday, September 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. *E. Dumper, 1; W. Tucker, 2; *C. Fray, 3; *A. Marks, 4; W. H. George (conductor), 5; *E. Mundy, 6. *First 720.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Thursday, September 20th, 720 Oxford Single. E. Jacobs, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; H. Burling, 4; H. Chappell, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Griffin, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; A. Millard, 4; H. Burling, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. These two 720s were rung as a farewell to H. Burling, who is leaving Bishop's Waltham, much to the regret of the Swanmore and Wickham bands, to whom he has given so much voluntary help. G. E. Chappell hails from Wickham.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Thorpe, 1; T. Waterhouse, 2; C. Hill, 3; F. Medhurst, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. Kennett, 6; H. Denman, 8. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. T. Thorpe, 1; T. Waterhouse, 2; H. Harvey, 3; C. Hill, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. Kennett, 6; H. Dennett, 8. These are the first touches of Minor rung on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Croom, 1; *R. Brett, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Lane, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; R. Brett, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Lane, 4; W. Martin, 5; M. Digby (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Saturday, September 15th, at St. Helen's a peal of Grandsire Caters had to be abandoned after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins., owing to illness close by. P. W. Wilkins, 1; W. Adkins, 2; T. Short, 3; H. Holifield, 4; W. Bennett, 5; T. Barratt, 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; G. Holifield (conductor), 8; F. White, 9; A. Ambrose, 10. On Sunday afternoon, September 16th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Holifield, 1; J. Broom, 2; P. W. Wilkins, 3; W. Adkin, 4; T. Short, 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; F. Smith, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk (conductor), 6; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

BROAD CLYST (Devon).—On Saturday, September 15th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Ford, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. Mudge, 5; G. H. Head (conductor), 6; F. Davey, 7; J. Moss, 8.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 1050 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Hancock, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; T. Laver, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; W. Miflin, 5; T. Murphy, 6; J. R. Sandover, 7; W. Lowton, 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 8th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters was lost owing to the conductor feeling much indisposed, who called the bells home after ringing 1601 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Rumble, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; C. Bance, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; A. Winterton, 5; W. Stamford, 6; J. Wignell, 7; J. Fayers, 8; A. Clayton, 9; C. Gordon, 10. On Sunday, September 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. Boxall, 1; J. Rumble, 2; A. Winterton, 3; C. Bance, 4; A. Trappitt, 5; C. Gordon, 6; A. Clayton (conductor), 7; J. Wignell, 8. W. Stamford hails from Warnham; A. Winterton from Hallow, Worcestershire, and was formerly a member of the local company, for whom it was arranged.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 12th, for practice,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rev. E. G. Norris (first quarter-peal), 1; T. Lincoln, 2; W. Wellington, 3; R. Wood, 4; H. Head (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 5; A. Head, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Radley, 8. Composed by H. J. Tucker.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH).

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, August 26th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On Saturday, September 1st, on the occasion of the branch meeting at Caythorpe, 672 Grandsire Triples. R. Cragg, 1; H. Paley (longest touch), 2; R. Clarke, 3; J. Hoyes, 4; W. Cawton, 5; H. W. Kirton, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; G. Chester, 8. Messrs. Cragg and Paley are local men; Chester hails from Lincoln; Hoyes from Hough; Cawton from Grantham; Kirton from Newark; Dickinson from Heckington. On Sunday, September 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenor covering. W. Dickinson, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; E. Houlden (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; W. Houlden, 8. First 720 in the method as conductor. On Sunday, October 9th, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. 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 Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. F. Warrington, 1; T. Woods, 2; W. Woods, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, September 16th, for Divine Service, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. Clark, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. In the evening for Divine Service, 210 Union Triples. W. Houlden, 1; J. T. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. Also 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; W. Dickinson, 3; W. Woods, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; H. P. Nash, 7; J. Clark, 8. First course of Oxford Major on the bells, and by all the band.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—On Thursday, September 20th, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Pointer, 1; L. Willshire, 2; H. Hopkins, 3; P. A. Reed, 4; T. B. Reed, 5; W. J. Collison, 6; G. Willshire (conductor), 7; T. Lees, 8. Also two 168s with Messrs. Sayer, Golder, and Shoobridge taking part. H. Hopkins hails from London; W. J. Collison, who has just returned from South Africa, belongs to Staplehurst.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, August 26th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. W. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; F. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; S. Meager, 6; J. Atkins, 7; V. Sear, 8. On Wednesday, August 29th, a quarter-peal of Doubles. V. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; S. Meager, 3; E. Reader, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; J. Atkins, 6. On Sunday, September 9th, four 6-scores of Doubles. J. Sear, 1; W. Sear, 2; S. Meager, 3; H. Sear, 4; F. Hedges, 5; J. Atkins, 6; A. Atkins, 7; V. Sear, 8. For evening service six 6-scores of Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. W. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; S. Meager, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; R. Sear, 6; J. Sear, 7; V. Sear, 8. On Thursday, September 13th, for the Harvest Festival, 600 Doubles. W. Sear, 1; A. Atkins, 2; S. Meager, 3; E. Marks, 4; H. Sear (conductor), 5; W. Shilton (Fenny Stratford), 6; V. Sear, 7; E. Tompkins (Newton Longville), 8. After service 360 Doubles. W. Sear, 1; A. Sear, 2; S. Meager, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; A. Atkins, 6; V. Sear, 7; E. Tompkins, 8. On Sunday, September 16th, 480 Doubles. W. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; S. Meager, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges, 5; F. Robinson, 6; A. Atkins, 7; V. Sear, 8. For evening service six 6-scores of Doubles. W. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; S. Meager, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; A. Atkins, 6; V. Sear, 7; H. Sear, 8. After service a 240. V. Sear, 1; W. Sear, 2; S. Meager, 3; H. Sear, 4; F. Hedges, 5; W. Crane (Bangor), 6. On Tuesday, September 18th, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples. A. N. Atkins, 1; F. Hedges, 2; W. Sear, 3; S. Meager, 4; H. Sear (conductor), 5; E. Marks, 6; W. Crane, 7; V. Sear, 8.

CHICHELEY.—On Saturday, September 8th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; J. Ward, 2; W. West, 3; J. Line, 4; H. Sear, 5; F. Causton, 6.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, September 19th, 600 Grandsire Doubles. *J. Weight, 1; *F. Weight, 2; J. W. Mallett, 3; J. Read, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5. *Longest touch.

LONDDN.—On Sunday, September 23rd, at the residence of W. H. Pasmore, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Langdon, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 3-4; J. Golding, 5-6; W.

H. Pasmore, 7-8. Also five courses of Grandsire Caters. T. Langdon, 1-2; H. R. Pasmore (conductor), 3-4; W. H. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8; H. Langdon, 9-10.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 56 mins. W. Potter, 1; F. Brace, 2; F. Plant, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Piper, 5; N. Hollyoak, 6; G. Pagett, 7; A. Roberts (conductor), 8. On Sunday, 23rd, before Morning Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Green, 1; A. Whatmore, 2; A. E. Whatmore, 3; F. Plant, 4; N. Hollyoak, 5; J. Piper (conductor), 6. And before Evening Service a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 57 mins. F. Brace, 1; W. Potter, 2; F. Plant, 3; W. Fryer, 4; R. Matthews, 5; N. Hollyoak, 6; J. Piper, 7; A. Roberts (conductor), 8.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—Recently for evening service at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Penfold, 1; L. A. Stone, 2; A. E. Barrow, 3; J. Livermore, 4; S. Saker, 5; F. Lock, 6; W. Franks (Battle, composer and conductor), 7; W. H. Swann, 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, September 15th, an attempt was made for a 5040, but came round at 4860 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins., after ringing three 720s of College Single, three 720s of Bob Minor, and 540 Bob Minor. J. Milner, 1; H. Tarlton, 2; J. Flint (Bolsover), 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. T. Butler (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

SHERRINGTON.—On Saturday, September 8th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; J. Ward, 2; W. West, 3; J. Line, 4; H. Sear, 5.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Ross, 1; J. Lilley, 2; H. Biltcliffe (New Mills, conductor), 3; T. B. Kendall, 4; H. Haigh (New Mills), 5; G. A. Nettleton, 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. *H. Walker, 1; E. Whitbread, 2; H. Parkins, 3; J. Earwicker (conductor), 4; R. Hammond, 5; A. Hallett, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; H. Arnold, 8.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Thursday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins. G. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; H. Sear, 3; E. Yates, 4; G. Cowley, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6.

WALDRON (Sussex).—Recently for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Ades, 1; A. Reed, 2; J. Beal, 3; A. Hobden, 4; B. Hobbs (conductor), 5; E. Jennings, 6; A. J. Turner, 7; W. Jenner, 8.

WALTHAM ST. LAURENCE (Berks).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor. J. Cooper, 1; W. Horne, 2; F. Hopgood, 3; A. Talbot, 4; G. H. Martin, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. On hand-bells several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. J. W. Wilkins, 1-2; F. Hopgood, 3-4; W. Horne, 5-6; Also a six-score of Grandsire. J. W. Wilkins, 1-2-3-4; W. Horne, 5-6.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 16th, for the Harvest Festival, 360 and 500 Bob Minor. F. Collins, 1; H. J. Creasy, 2; F. Clayton, 3; W. Burgess, 4; W. G. Crickmer, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6.

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A CYCLING JAUNT.

Many ringers of the present time are also cyclists, and make use of their iron steed both for business and pleasure. The writer's machine has served him well recently in a tour of the latter description, through a portion of English pastoral and woodland scenery, well worthy of being visited by all—ringers, or lovers of nature alike. Your correspondent has only a slight knowledge of change-ringing matters, yet he is fond of visiting the churches which contain a peal of bells, and further of making acquaintanceship with the ringers. Unfortunately the time at disposal would not permit of inspecting every church on the route—a hasty glance at the exterior, and a mental wish for some had to suffice.

The town of Bradford was left by rail for Liverpool, and the tour commenced at Eastham to Chester, where the Cathedral was first visited, and during a walk round the city walls the church of St. Mary (Without) was noticed. Advantage was taken of the privilege to ride through the park and visit Eaton Hall, the seat of the Duke of Westminster. In passing through a village named Handley, on the way to Whitchurch, signs of bell restoration were evident, a portion of a bell frame was being hoisted to the tower at the moment. At Whitchurch, the parish church was visited and the old-fashioned pews noticed, and here we learned that a well-known ringing clergyman, was at one time a curate here (Rev. C. D. P. Davies). At Shrewsbury one has plenty of choice of churches to visit, amongst the number being: the Abbey Church, St. Mary's, St. Chad's, St. Julian's, and St. Alkmund's. Next, Church Stretton was passed through, and here is a peal of eight bells. At Ludlow the fine tower of the parish church was seen. At Leominster, the verger, Mr. Thompson, kindly showed us the ducking stool, belfry, and the bells, and accompanied us to the summit of the tower, from whence a splendid view is to be had. At Hereford we were fortunate in meeting with Mr. Greenleaf (the bell-hanger), who escorted us to the Cathedral, and showed us both the belfry and the bells. Here I would remark the former is not an ideal place, and the ringers are worthy of commiseration from their more favoured brethren, in having to stand in such a darksome chamber. Proceeding next to Ross, the bells of the parish church, so pleasantly situated, greeted us, and drew the writer into the tower, where he was courteously welcomed by Mr. Clark and his comrades, and invited to stand in—the invitation being extended to next morning as well at 6 a.m., when he heard a touch of Stedman Triples on this musical ring. Leaving Ross, the next move was towards Tintern Abbey, but first Goodrich Castle was seen, next the lovely views from Symonds Yat and Staunton, and on through Monmouth, where time would not allow of a stay to visit the church and hear the bells. At Tintern Abbey we stayed to view the abbey by moonlight, and the ride thence to Chepstow is a pleasant one—the Castle and St. Mary's Church with its peal of eight bells, being worth a visit. *En route* from Chepstow, Lydney Church, where recently two trebles have been added, and Newnham were passed through. At Gloucester the Cathedral is worthy of a close inspection, and the ringers are well known for their capabilities. On the way from Gloucester to Stratford one passes through fine scenery, and the churches of Winchcombe, Broadway, and Mickleton are seen. At Stratford, the parish church of Holy Trinity, beautifully situated on the banks of the river Avon, and so well known as the burial place of William Shakespeare, contains a splendid peal of eight bells, which we were fortunate in hearing rung by Mr. Hayes and his comrades, who are all genial fellows. A ride of ten miles from Stratford and Warwick is reached, and a visit to St. Mary's Church (ten bells) and the Castle, well repay the journey.

Still onward we passed through villages and quiet hamlets until Leicester hove in sight, and here we quit the road, and embark ourselves and the dusty "bike" on board the "Great Central Railway Company's dining car train," and a hasty luncheon helps to while away the brief three hours ere Bradford is once more reached safely, thanks to the splendid roads, and without any mishap either to rider or steed.

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A VISIT TO LANCASHIRE BY AN ESSEX RINGER.— RESULT—AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

After having made arrangements to attempt four peals with the Lancashire Association during the second week in September, I made my way to Liverpool Street on the morning of the 8th inst. in time for the 8.40 to Lincoln, thence by the Great Central to Liverpool, my destination for the time being, arriving there at 4.45, but no ringing till Monday evening. Meeting-hour 6.15 at St. Luke's, all having met at the appointed time (every man being punctual), and I might here add if this was the case oftener how much might be left unsaid sometimes. The first on the programme being Stedman Triples, a start was made after the election of two of the band into the Lancashire Association, but after 2 hours and 16 mins. excellent *striking* the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course; thus attempt number one failed. The next on the list was Treble Bob Major at Bacup for Tuesday evening. I duly made my way there on the Tuesday morning, arriving at mid-day, and after having been invited by Mr. J. Brierley to inspect Christ Church belfry, where I had hoped to have attempted a peal of Surprise Minor, but this was not to be, as the bells are not pealable at present. After having made our way down the steps I was invited to look over one of the cotton mills for which Bacup is noted and to see the number of spindles going one would hardly think that cotton was being "cornered," as the Americans say. After meeting with another ringer the time was getting on to retrace our steps to the residence of Mr. Shottin, sen., where I was very kindly invited to stay during my short visit to Bacup. Having partaken of the cup that cheers, we made our way to St. Saviour's church, where the bells go like fiddles, not like houses, and here again all turned up in good time. The bells were soon set going to Kent Treble Bob, and after ringing 2 hrs. 49 mins. the welcome words "that is all" were heard; thus was the first and only peal that I had the good luck to score brought home. The next was Superlative at Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday. I made my way there in the afternoon, being met at the cathedral by the Pendleton band, but here again I had some more ringers' luck—thirteen courses in 1 hr. and 50 mins. After having bid the company farewell I landed in Liverpool at 10.45, the next attempt being Stedman at Tue Brook, Liverpool, the same band meeting again except one. Somehow Stedman would not go, at least, only for an hour, but nothing try nothing succeed. Thus ended my peal attempts, the last pull being a touch of Bob Major at Bromborough parish church on Sunday evening. I must here thank all for making my visit so pleasant and enjoyable, and hope at some future time to again pay another visit and have better luck.

W. K.

EXETER RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. Sidwell's Society of Change-Ringers enjoyed a very pleasant annual outing on Saturday. They proceeded by early train to Holsworthy, where breakfast was partaken of, and merry peals rung upon the eight bells in the fine old western tower of SS. Peter and Paul. The out of perpendicular pinnacles were noticed with interest, and so was a monument in the north aisle to the 18th century of Pearse's, whose inscription terminates with the lines:

The names we loved to hear,
Have been carved for many a year,
On this tomb.

By a list of Rectors hung in the church (the first recorded dating from A.D. 1311) it was seen that one George Day (*sacrae theologiae doctor*) had been inducted as Rector that very day, 363 years before, *i.e.*, September 22nd, 1537. So Grandsire Triples and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung to his very pious memory. There is a 60-foot pull of rope to the bells in this tower. The party then entrained for Bude, from where they proceeded to Stratton. The fine church of St. Andrew (which contains the sculptured effigy of Sir Ranulph de Blanche-minster, the doughty Crusader), in this quaint Cornish village, contains eight bells, with a pull of 80-feet rope. Like those in the other churches visited, they were found to be in capital condition, and the way in which the St. Sidwell's campanologists manipulated them delighted the whole parish. Afterwards a capital dinner was sat down to at the historical Tree Hotel,

Mr. Harry Hems, Vice-President of the Society, being in the chair, and Mr. Moss in the vice-chair. During the afternoon Marham Church, situated a mile or two away, was visited. Its venerable old parish church is dedicated to S. Maravina, and its ivy-mantled tower contains six bells. Upon these Mock Triples, Grandsire Triples, and other peals were rung; and then following the track of the Bude and Halsworthy canal, cut at an enormous expense in 1824, but now practically dried up.

Bude was reached just ere the shades of evening threw their mantle upon the mild attractions of the annual pleasure fair held on Saturday. Exeter was duly gained again by the last train, everyone declaring they had seldom enjoyed a happier day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Thursday, September 20th, six members of this Guild paid a visit to Surfleet, the occasion being the re-opening of the church after restoration by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. Starting from Heckington about 10 a.m. we soon arrived at Great Hale, picking up the remaining part of the company. After a pleasant drive of ten miles Donington was reached, a small market town with a nice church, which possesses a capital ring of five bells. The Vicar was soon approached, and was delighted to have some ringers pay him a visit. The bells were soon raised, and three 6-scores rung, the whole of the band having a pull. The Vicar being invited to take a rope, he consented on condition that we rang a special 6-score which was fastened up in the belfry, a custom very prevalent in this part. A start was made, but in the first few changes down came the rev. gentleman's rope. After repairs a fresh start was made, and this time success attended our efforts. This concluded the ringing here; the bells were lowered, the Vicar thanked, and the journey resumed. Another four miles drive brought us to Gosberton, a pretty village with a fine church and a beautiful ring of six. Here the ringers as usual were made welcome by the Vicar, who accompanied them to the church, giving a graphic description of the way the bells had been mutilated during the process of rehanging. The bells were soon going to Kent Treble Bob, a capital 720 being brought round. After falling the bells in peal we were soon on our way to our destination, where we arrived in time to witness the procession, and join in the opening service, after which our old friend, the Vicar, the Rev. H. L. James, welcomed us all to his church and parish. The tower presents an extraordinary appearance, as it is 3 feet 2 inches out of the perpendicular, but it possesses a very good ring of five, and a movement is on foot to add another bell, which will make a musical ring of six. The bells were kept going till tea time, which was held in the park, the visitors enjoying themselves immensely. At this part of the programme A. O. Barber surprised the party by his appearance; also J. Green, of Hale, and G. Ladd, of Pinchbeck, by whom the bells was rung for evening service, after which a start was made for home which was reached at 10 p.m., the whole band declaring it to be the most enjoyable ringing outing they had spent.

On Saturday, September 15th, a party of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, journeyed to Bushey for an afternoon's outing. We met at the London and North Western station, St. Albans, at 3 o'clock, and took the train to Bushey. Alighting from the station, we climbed the steep hill which leads to old Bushey Park Parish Church, the Rector kindly placing the bells at our disposal. Here we were joined by Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham of Bushey, and Messrs. C. George, and H. Martin, of Oxhey. Touches of Grandsire Bob Triples having been rung, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham, we adjourned to tea. A capital spread was provided, to which full justice was done. After tea, the handbells were brought out, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung. A start was then made for Oxhey church, the Vicar kindly granting the use of the bells. They are a very light peal of eight, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman having been rung, we started for Watford station, St. Albans being reached about ten o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. G. M. Hall of Bushey, and the Rev. Newton Price of Oxhey, for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Buckingham for their extreme kindness in entertaining us.

Notices.

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The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Michaelmas Day. The towers of Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Harlow and Stansted will be open for ringing.

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N.B.—The G.E.R. have withdrawn their reduced fares to ringers.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Bromsgrove, to-day, Saturday, September 29. Service in St. John's church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. The tower will be open for ringing. Shall be pleased to receive all unpaid contributions.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting at Oldham will take place on Saturday, September 29th. All peals and reports of ringing to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 92, New Line, Bacup. Subscriptions for 1900-1 are now due, and members not having paid for the past year are requested to do so to their branch secretary, or forward them direct to the General Secretary, A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, }
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Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, September 29th. Meeting house, The Spotted Cow inn. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers are cordially invited. HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Ampthill to-day, Saturday, September 29th.

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

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Folkestone this Saturday afternoon, the 29th September. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Dist. Sec.
Hythe, Kent.

The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6th, at Doncaster parish church. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meeting house, The Market inn, Market Place.

R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale (8 bells) on Saturday, October 6th. Tea in the Town Hall Buildings at 4 p.m., 9d. each. Members are requested to inform the Secretary before Tuesday, October 2nd, if intending to be present. The tower will be open all day. REV. W. P. WRIGHT,
Stokesley, R.S.O. Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, October 6th. Canon Spooner has kindly offered to provide tea to members present. It is particularly

requested that names of those intending to be present be sent before October 1st to St. Luke's, Southport. C. A. CLEMENTS.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bitton (6 bells) on Saturday, October 6th. Service at 5.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Longton on Saturday, October 6th. Members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. G. Wade, 96, Ashwood, Longton.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, at the church of St. Andrew, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. A tea will be provided. All members are requested to attend, as the district officers will be elected. Friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting of members will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 20th next, further particulars as to which will be advertised later. Will the local representatives kindly obtain all subscriptions which may be in arrear, so that same can be paid at this meeting. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., Hon. Sec.
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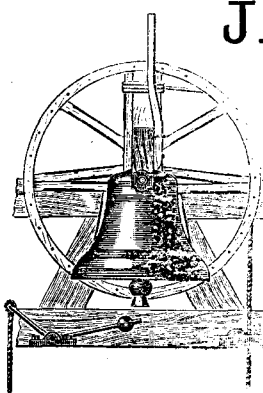
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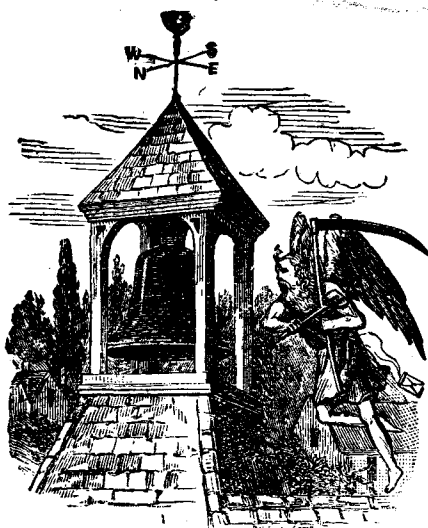
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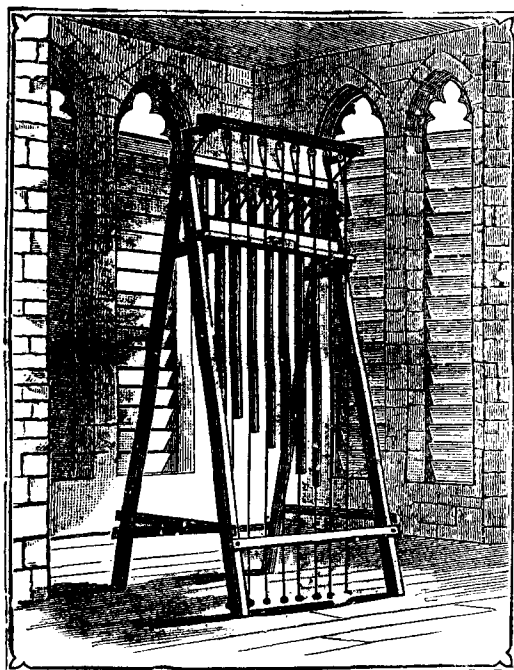
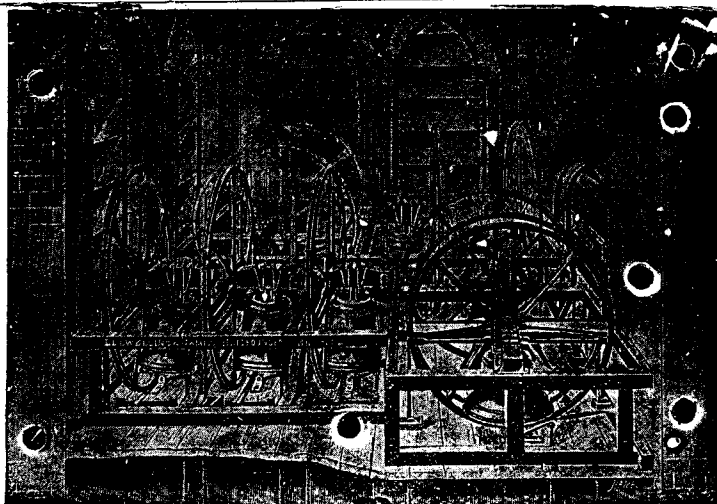
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Norwich, on Thursday, September 27th. About 150 members attended from various places in Norfolk and Suffolk, far and near, and more would have been present had it not been for the sudden change in regulation with regard to reduced fares adopted by the Great Eastern Railway *without previous notice having been given to the Hon. Secretary*. Much disappointment and vexation was caused to many members by discovering on the morning of the meeting when they applied for their tickets that reduced fares would only be granted to parties of not less than eight from *any one* station: the previous regulation having been not less than ten from *all* stations. The special service was conducted in St. Peter Mancroft Church, at 12.45, and was well attended by ringers. The Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, Canon of Norwich Cathedral, delivered an especially useful and suitable address on the importance of the ringer's office. Dinner was served in the hall of the Conservative Club at 1.45. The Rev. Canon Pelham Burn, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, occupied the chair, and in giving the usual loyal toast, deplored the absence of the Rev. Dr. Raven, who had been obliged by illness to resign the Presidency of the Society. There were also present at the dinner, or during the day, besides Archdeacon Crosse, the Rev. T. H. Marsh, Rector of Cawston; Rev. W. Morley Smith, Rector of St. Cross; Rev. E. J. Bowen, Vicar of Stoke Ash; Charles Candler, Esq., of Harleston; the Hon. Secretary; Messrs. Gabriel Lindoff from Dublin; H. Hopson, W. Ireland, J. W. Spratt, G. Day, E. Pemberton, C. E. and F. R. Borrett, G. Moy, and many others, representing some thirty-five towers in the Diocese. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, and a verse of the National Anthem sung, Mr. C. Candler proposed the Bishop and Clergy, with thanks to Archdeacon Crosse for his address, and to the Clergy of Norwich for the use of their bells.

Archdeacon Crosse replied. He said he had also to propose "Prosperity to the Association," which had called them together. Some people always sighed for the good old times, but he should not like to see them back. His idea with regard to old things was that if they were any good they should be retained and made as useful as possible. If they were no good then they should be got rid of, or amended so that they should be useful. He understood that was exactly what the Association was formed for, and the work it had done. With regard to the bells, he would keep them and treasure them with the tenderest care and love, because they were one of the good old things and connected with the good old days. He would not have any desecration occur to them, or that they should want anything for lack of care. Bells were a grand inheritance from our forefathers, and therefore should be especially treasured. He could not say as much for the good old ringers. If there was one set of people that wanted reformation and improvement it was the old bellringers. Therefore with regard to bellringers, he did not sigh for the good old times. He rejoiced in the formation of a society like theirs, and if the Association was to

prosper, the prosperity was very much in their own hands. He concluded his speech by proposing "Prosperity to the Association": to which

The Hon. Secretary replied, thanking the Archdeacon for his remarks, and Canon Pelham Burn for his presence on that occasion, as well as for his kindness in allowing them the use of his noble church for the annual service, and the grand ring of bells in the tower. Referring to the disappointment caused by the action of the railway company, he suggested that out of their working balance they could very well reimburse the victims the extra expense to which they had been so unexpectedly put; but he must ask for a vote to authorise him to repay them. This having been taken, he proceeded to say there were three subjects on which he had wished to address them. Of the progress of the Society they would hear in the Report about to be read; but he wished to say that in his opinion the prosperity of the Association was very much involved in the stability of separate companies, and the stability of the company depended upon good company organization, while organization was, in its turn, very much a matter of good management of the company's money matters. He was bound to say that experience had shown him that the organization of many separate companies was of a very loose description, to remedy which he ventured to suggest to the representatives of the many different companies present that they should adopt a better system of management of their finances. The subject of ringers' payments had been discussed by the Central Council in that very room last year, and the result arrived at was a general acknowledgement that payment of ringers in some form was necessary, inevitable, and just. It was perhaps a delicate subject to handle; but he was convinced that to secure the stability of a company, it was necessary to have a kind of belfry club, into which all that the ringers received (after payment for bare time expended on occasions of special ringing) from whatever source should be paid. Once a year the views of the majority of the company should be taken as to the use to be made of the club fund; but out of it should come, as a matter of course, the annual contribution of the company, according to the number of its members to the Association. If this were done in all cases, the present fast and loose character of the attachment of ringers to their company, and to the Association, would in a great measure be corrected; and the stability of the company, and the welfare of the Association would be alike improved. Much of the troubles experienced by district Secretaries and himself in recovering annual subscriptions arose from the fact that they had to deal in so many instances with individual ringers instead of with the responsible heads of companies. The subscription to the Association ought to be that of the company, and not of the individual ringers that compose the company. Another matter he wished to mention was the publication of the "Glossary of Technical Terms" now in the hands of the printers. Most of the principal Associations had signified their willingness to assist the publication by taking a number of copies for disposal to their members, and he should wish their Association to do the same. It would

be useful to have a sufficient number of copies on hand which could be distributed or retailed to members at cost price. And the expense would not be great. The third matter was the restoration of the ancient peal-boards in S. Peter Mancroft tower. These were historic records, the preservation of which was a matter of some importance and great interest to the Exercise; and he thought that, considering the long connection of the Association with St. Peter Mancroft, and the pride they felt in that grand ring of bells, the Association ought to undertake the restoration of at least one of these records. Having pointed out how this could be done without trenching upon ordinary income, he asked for a vote to authorise him to pay the cost of restoring one peal-board. This was unanimously given.

The Annual Report was then read. It stated that the President, the Rev. Canon Raven, was obliged through continued ill-health to retire from that position. The present numerical strength of the Association was somewhat less than last year. Only seventy-eight members of all grades had been elected during the twelve months, whilst upwards of one hundred names had fallen off the list, but some of those might possibly be restored. The companies at Hindringham and Stow had withdrawn, while on the other hand, Thetford St. Peter's rejoined and Yoxford came into union with a new company. There were also hopes that a new company would soon be formed at Swaffham consequent upon the restoration of the bells now nearing completion.

The report having been adopted, Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes was elected President, and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer was re-elected Hon. Secretary. In reply, Mr. Bulwer said a remark had been made that the Association would suffer if he retired from that office. They, however, would have to look forward to a time when they would have to replace him, and he was certain there were two or three ringers who could fill the place and perform the duties as well as he could.

One honorary member, twenty-three performing members, and eighteen probationers were then formally admitted to the Society. And after the choice of place for the next quarterly meeting had been left to the Hon. Secretary, a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. Chairman brought the business meeting to a close; the members resuming work in the different towers till the time of departure arrived.

Correspondence.

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

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

SIR,—Would you be kind enough to allow me to ask through the medium of your valuable paper, if up to the present any report of the last meeting of the Landaff Association held at Penarth, has been sent to "BELL NEWS." A friend of mine tells me such a meeting was held, and as far as he remembers, the next meeting was arranged to be held the first week in October. Well, if this is the case, it seems that there must be gross neglect on the part of someone, otherwise we should read in advertisement column, notice of place and date of next meeting. It seems to me, Sir, that the whole fabric of this Association wants a severe shaking up. This apathy and indifference of the officials seems to have caused almost a death-blow to bellringing in the confines of its district, and the sooner they wake up to a proper sense of their duty the better for the cause they represent.

4, Malpas Road, Newport, Mon.

F. ATWELL.

[Our correspondent will perhaps be content after a perusal of notice page.—Ed.]

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHERTSEY.

The foundation-stone of the above church was laid on Thursday, September 27th, by Viscount Midleton, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey. Unfortunately, the weather in the morning was unpropitious, and prevented many from being present who would otherwise have attended the ceremony. There was, however, still a large attendance of the leading clergy and gentry of the town and neighbourhood, and the keenest interest was evinced in the proceedings. The service was most impressively rendered by the choir and clergy, and heartily joined in by those assembled. After an eloquent address from the Bishop of Guildford, the silver trowel was presented by Mr. Churchwarden Herring (chairman of the building committee), to Lord Midleton, who laid the stone with the usual formula. His lordship then gave an appropriate address, in which he urged the laity not to leave all the Church's work upon the shoulders of the clergy, but to stand by them and uphold them with all sympathy and help in their power, more especially when they saw them labouring in such a good work as that in which they were that day engaged.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. Parr, then gave a short address in which he spoke of the need of this new church, and of the circumstances which led up to its present position, dwelling more especially on the noble gifts which had been given by the late Dr. Shurlock and Mr. Serjeant Spinks, who each left legacies of £1,000 towards its erection. He thanked the Bishop of Guildford and Lord Midleton for their presence and help, and hoped that the Bishop's prayer that the new church might be made a rich blessing in the neighbourhood might be fulfilled.

The new church, which will be a fine specimen of Gothic from designs by Mr. J. Henry Christian, when completed will seat about 500 people, and will cost, inclusive of site, some £6,000.

In connection with the above, a correspondent sends the following:—

On Thursday, September 27th, on the occasion of laying foundation stone of the above, an attempt was made by a company of the Winchester Diocesan Guild for Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples; but after ringing about an hour the tenor-man began to show us he had quite enough to do to keep his bell up, so the Rev. F. E. Robinson asked him if he could keep on, to which he replied "bring them round." So the bells were brought round at the half-way. The ringers taking part were J. J. Jones, 1; J. Harris, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Newell, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; F. Hopgood, 8.

The next item was tea, to which all done their best to try and bring to a successful finish, and one and all wish to again thank the Rev. F. E. Robinson for providing such an excellent meal. The rev. gentleman expressed a wish to come again with more strength and score the first peal of Stedman on the bells. We all then wished him a hearty good-bye. The rest of the company again repaired to the church to do some more ringing, and with the assistance of Mr. J. Heathorn (Guildford), rang 560 Bob Major. J. Harris, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; W. Newell, 5; A. E. Reeves, 6; J. Hunt, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8; and a touch of Grandsire Triples. Lowering the bells in peal we adjourned with the local ringers to a well-known hotel, where courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rang on the handbells; but to put a finish to all the change-ringer's art the Chertsey men gave a fine display of tune-ringing, the best the writer ever heard in his life. The Chertsey men are not method ringers, but if they could ring changes as well as they play tunes, they would be a fine band. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Percy, also all the local men, for making their visit so pleasant, and hope to see them again soon. H. H. J.

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WHO WAS SYMONDSON?

Mr. Taylor's very interesting communication throws great light on the personality of the members of this family. Can he go a step farther and identify the four persons named Henry Symondson mentioned by Mr. Slater in the issue of the 8th September? Hitherto he has mentioned two persons bearing this name. Can he or Mr. Haworth account for the rest? or do more than one of the entries extracted by Mr. Slater refer to the same person? I may say, by the way, to Mr. Slater that I will make, or cause to be made, a further search for Symondson peals. I may also remark, what no doubt he knows, that the Eastern Scholars whose peal he names are not the old Society of that name to whom I referred some months ago; that society became extinct before Symondson's connection with ringing began.

Mr. Taylor also gives us some interesting information about the history of handbells, ending with the opinion that the tuning of handbells in sets originated at Aldbourne about 1750. I think, however, that date must be considerably too modern. I know nothing of any earlier founders, but that there must have been some seems evident from the fact of some of the College Youths having gone for a sail to Calais in 1733 and rung changes on handbells there and on the passage. Moreover, William Laughton, of whose manuscript I wrote in these columns, refers on at least three occasions to change-ringing on handbells, and on two of these Caters were rung. Besides this, Laughton gives us a song about the ramblers, from which I extract the following stanza as a specimen:—

"Then next upon Camberwell eight,
Five thousand and forty we rung,
Good ringing most part of it was
As e'er I'd desire to hear done,
We struck e'm most charming and true,
And sent out their sound for to rove,
For sweetly they sung o'er the fields,
Ay, and up to the end of the Grove."

He then gives us the tune to sing, pricked for ten bells as follows:—

3 5 6 7 0 7 8 7
6 5 4 3 4 3 5 6
6 6 5 6 6 4 2 7
7 8 6 3 8 7 9 0
0 7 6 7 7 5 3 9
9 6 5 6 7 6 7 8
6 3 5 7 2 4 6 1
2 3 1 2 3 5 4 6 7

Now, it is evident that this tune must have been pricked for handbells, for it cannot be supposed that people who wanted to try it over were to adjourn to a steeple for the purpose, and therefore I conclude from these notices there was change-ringing and tune-playing on handbells about 1733 at any rate, and that we must date handbells tuned in sets at the least twenty years earlier than Mr. Taylor suggests—I say "at the least," because I have not yet come across any earlier reference to handbells.

Whatever may have been the defects of these old bells in quality or fittings, I cannot see why they should not have been in good tune. If the College Youths had handbells at this period it is only reasonable to suppose that other societies, such as the London Scholars and Union Scholars, should have had some also, and Laughton mentions some in private ownership. Surely it could not have been impossible to tune them at that time, and it is unreasonable to suppose that ringers or tune-players

would use sets which were not in tune. I venture to think, therefore, that sets of handbells in good tune are older than Mr. Taylor suggests.

I may add that Laughton also refers to the bells on horses' collars mentioned by Mr. Taylor, and also to another contrivance. He is speaking of the stupidity of those men who object to all variety in methods and numbers of bells. Of them he says that they—

"Travel on in their old road
Like pack horses beneath their load
Whose fore horse bears besides his pack
Of God knows what upon his back,
A collar o'er his neck, of leather
Set round with bells full close together,
Whose discord notes still always ring
The same peal o'er and o'er again.
Oft have I seen a rolling cage
Of wood and wire nicely made,
A bird within it circling hop,
And strike eight bells hung o'er the top
Or set to changes or to chimes,
And thus he strikes 'em as he climbs,
But then 'tis always the same thing,
The cage once round begins again,
The simile I make to those
That to variety are foes."

In conclusion may I ask Mr. Taylor to be so kind as to give us his view on the question about ringing in whole pulls on bells hung on less than whole wheels, which I asked in the third paragraph of the second column of page 208, in the issue of the 1st September last?

R. A. DANIELL.

MUSICAL HANDBELLS.

I was pleased to read Mr. Taylor's notes on the Aldbourne Foundry, Wilts. According to Rev. W. C. Lukis, Oliver Corr, Robert and William Corr, and John Corr, carried on business in succession from 1696 to 1750. I believe that William was the first to make musical handbells; anyhow, I know he made horse bells tuned so as to harmonise. I have one of these by me. They generally had a figure of a bird and the letters W. C. inside. I remember seeing a primitive set of ten musical handbells (I think Corr's), without springs, and having hard wooden knobs (about the size of a walnut), for clapper balls.

Robert Wells made superior sets to these, having spade-shaped brass springs without pads, reaching nearly up to the balls of the clappers. The clappers were plugged as in modern handbells.

These bells of Wells's are to be met with in all parts of England. I myself have seen them in the possession of companies of ringers as far as Lincolnshire and Norfolk.

I will conclude with a copy of Robert Wells's advertisement in the *Marlborough Journal* of June 6th, 1772 (taken from Mr. Lukis' book).

"At the Bell Foundry at Aldbourne, Wilts., Church Bells are cast in a most elegant and as musical a manner as in any part of the Kingdom, the Founder having made the Theory of Sounds as well as the nature of Metal his Chief Study; also hangs the same, finding all materials in a complete and concise manner; and also Hand Bells prepared and strictly in Tune in any key. House bells, Clock and Room Bells, the neatest of their several kinds.

Likewise Mill Brasses cast and sold at the lowest Prices.

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He gives Ready Money and the best Prices for Bell Metal."

Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM,

DEDICATION OF SURFLEET PARISH CHURCH RESTORATION WORK.

The new work completed in the Parish Church of St. Laurence, Surfleet, was dedicated on a recent Thursday. Nearly the whole of the interior of the church has received attention, the work having been in progress for over a year, at a cost of about £820. The whole of this money has been subscribed, and prior to last Thursday week, there was a balance of nearly £80 in hand, which sum will go towards the repairing of the chancel roof and exterior of the church, for which over £1,000 is required.

The services commenced on Thursday morning, when Holy Communion was administered by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln to 62 communicants. In the afternoon, at 3 p.m., there was evensong and a sermon by the Bishop. There was a large congregation, the church being comfortably full, and the local clergy who took part in the procession were Canon Bullock, Revs. J. Heath, D.D., P. L. Hooson, E. M. Tweed, S. Clark, W. H. Judd, E. T. Hudson, H. M. Fowler, F. F. Wayet, W. M. Warlow, J. W. Rhodes, R. G. Ash, &c. The processional hymn was No. 215, "The Church's One Foundation," followed by special appropriate prayers read by the Bishop. The Psalms chanted were xlvii. and xlviii. Canon Bullock (Spalding) read the first lesson, which was taken from Ezra iii., the "Magnificat" following. The Rev. J. Heath (Wigtoft) read the second lesson, which comprised portions of Luke ii. and xix., after which the "Nunc Dimittis" was sung. The choir rendered the anthem, "Ye that stand in the House of the Lord." (Spinney.) The hymn before the sermon was "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving."

The Bishop of Lincoln took as his text Micah vi. 8: "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" His lordship said it was certainly wonderful what God had enabled them to do in Surfleet, and a matter to be greatly thankful for. The improvement in the church was glorious and wonderful, and the devotion of the parishioners to the service of God was a cause for great thankfulness. It was a privilege for him to come among them and see their boys and girls, young men and maidens, so quietly and reverently moving up and down in the innocent enjoyment of their lives. The restoration was a matter to thank God for. Perhaps someone would say, "What does it all come to? What is it all to lead to?" People did ask these questions sometimes, and even good people got impatient, and asked, "What do you clergy want?" and sometimes in their secret hearts, went further, and asked, "What does God want with me? What will he be satisfied with? I can't always be in church. What am I to do?" It was good sometimes to try and find an answer to these questions, and he ventured to think it would be found in the text. In a few quiet words, it set forth what God wanted. "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." That was what we wanted in our hearts to-day. We wanted to try and get everybody to do justly one by another—no over-reaching, no under-hand practices, but all above-board, honest, plain dealing one with another. Do to another as you would have another do to you, and try, in little matters as well as great, to deal with other people as brothers. To be trusted—that was the very essence of commercial life. It was the very essence of relations between nation and nation that they should be able to trust one another. If this rule were applied and carried out, it would tend to the good of the individual and the good of all. That was part of the teaching of the Church. But that was not all. We must not only aim to be just, but also merciful and kind. Then we should become more like the image of our Maker. Our Saviour came down from Heaven to restore this likeness. We must learn to make allowances, be tender-hearted, having compassion for everyone. Old people and middle-aged people needed to learn to make allowances for the young. They needed to remember that they were young once, and wanted the tender guidance of a

mother's hand. Love mercy, make allowances, and "walk humbly with thy God." That was what they wanted. It was not enough that we should try ourselves to make ourselves just. We should fail. We needed to learn, from association with the Church, the full measure of Christ's teaching. Now they would see what was meant by a church restoration. They hoped, by the restoration of this parish church, to bring religion and the thought of God more and more before the minds and lives of those who loved Him; they hoped that the likeness and image of God would grow in them more and more; that they would learn to do justly on the farm, in the shop, in the family circle. They wanted to see the spirit of gentleness and kindness; they wanted everybody in the parish to be more considerate, more kind; and to remember that they could not do this without the help of God. And so, in nearly every parish, a church was set up, where they could have the ministrations of the Gospel, the Sacrament, the Holy Communion. There their children might be baptised and confirmed. He wanted that day to put all these things together, and place them simply before them. They must walk with God, and attend to the ordinances of religion, or they would fail. These were the instruments which would assist everybody in the parish to "do justice and love mercy." They must remember also to "walk humbly with God," to attend to the articles of religion, to come to God in his own appointed way, and ask his help. This they would find how wonderfully true God was, and that his ways were the best.

At the close of the sermon, the Te Deum was sung, and the processional hymn was "Onward Christian Soldiers."

In the evening, the Rev. Precentor Bramley was the preacher; on Friday evening, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; and on Saturday evening, the Vicar (Rev. H. Law James), and there were good congregations.

The 3rd bell at Surfleet has been recast, and the 4th and tenor re-hung.

A MUNIFICENT GIFT.

Whilst reading my Sheffield paper I came across the enclosed cutting, which I think should not be allowed to pass unnoticed by many who can help if they would, and which I hope you will publish in your next issue:—

MUNIFICENT GIFT TO WALKLEY CHURCH.—Five years ago the late Mr. William Lewis Littlewood, coal merchant, of Sheffield, gave a peal of six bells to St. Mary's church, Walkley, which cost £600. We understand that his widow, Mrs. Mary Littlewood, desires to supplement that magnificent gift by providing an endowment for the payment of the ringing of those bells for ever.

The bells at Walkley church have not been rung for some time on account of the lack of funds. Some short time ago one of the churchwardens waited on Mrs. Littlewood to solicit a subscription, when she spontaneously gave £500 as an endowment for the payment of the ringing of those bells for ever. The Sheffield parish church company reopened the bells on Saturday, September 22nd, with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Hattersley, W. Burgar, W. Lomas, T. Sarel, J. Holman, and J. Mulligan. After the general opening various methods were rung by mixed bands.

Sheffield.

F. WILLEY.

LANGFORD, MALDON, ESSEX.

The following touches were rung on handbells at the residence of Mr. William Chalk, Langford, on September 29th, by himself and sons and daughters. Quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes in 40 mins. Philip Chalk, 1; Fanny Chalk, 2; Laura Chalk, 3; Walter H. Chalk, 4; Fred Chalk, 5; Wm. Chalk, 6; Wm. Chalk, jun. (conductor), 7-8. Also 462 Grandsire Triples. Laura Chalk, 1; Fanny Chalk, 2; Walter H. Chalk, 3; Fred Chalk, 4; Wm. Chalk, jun. (conductor), 5-6; Wm. Chalk, 7-8. Also 324 Grandsire Caters. Emily Chalk (aged 11 years), 1; Philip Chalk, 2; Fanny Chalk, 3; Laura Chalk, 4; Walter H. Chalk, 5; Fred Chalk, 6; Wm. Chalk, jun. (conductor), 7-8; Wm. Chalk, 9-10. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major, standing as in the Bob Major. And a course of Stedman Triples, standing as in Grandsire Triples. Four of the above are members of the Essex Association (Maldon Company).

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, September 22nd, at the parish church, Wombourn. The bells were set going by the local ringers early in the afternoon, and were kept ringing till late in the evening by mixed bands who had come from the different towers throughout the Archdeaconry to the number of about fifty, some good touches in various methods being successfully brought round. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, and a very interesting address was given by the Vicar of Wombourn. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom where an excellent knife and fork tea was found to be in readiness. Everyone seated, "go" was called, and full justice was done to the good things provided. Several new members were elected, and the next meeting was decided to be held at Stafford early in the year 1901. A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the Vicar for the address, the use of the bells, and the schoolroom. Also to Mr. Rowland Cartwright for providing the visitors with such a beautiful tea, and to the ladies who very kindly presided at the tables and attended to the wants of all present. The members then dispersed, some to the tower again for ringing, others for a stroll round the village, and as the darkness was fast coming on, the brakes were again brought into requisition for the return journey, and although the morning was very showery, the afternoon and evening turned out a fine one, thus making the homeward journey very enjoyable.

S. R.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of the above Society was held at Drighlington on Saturday, Sept. 29th, the following towers being represented: Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley St. Michael's, Horbury, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Tong, Wakefield, and local company. A peal was rung during the afternoon, after which, much to the regret of all present, the bells had to be stopped, owing to a political meeting being held in the schoolroom close by. The business meeting was held at The Spotted Cow inn, the president in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. One new member was elected, viz., Mr. S. Helliwell of Bramley. It was then agreed that the rules be strictly adhered to in future with regard to peal ringing. On the motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Smith, the next meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, instead of Oct. 27th. This concluding the business part of the meeting, Mr. Thackeray moved, and Mr. Whittaker seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, which was carried unanimously. The rest of the evening was spent with the handbells, several touches of Major and Minor being well rung, much to the enjoyment of all present.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On the evening of the 25th of last month, the new band of ringers of the parish church, met at The Royal Hotel for a social chat and supper, instead of in the belfry for practice, and the round-about method of touching their hearts and stimulating their enthusiasm by means of their digestive organs proved a very enjoyable treatment.

Eleven members turned up, and at one end of the table

sat Mr. Churchwarden Pilgrim, and at the other the worthy teacher of this new band, Mr. Samuel Green. Mr. George Kite, who as a change-ringer affords valuable assistance, was also present. The Vicar (The Rev. E. R. Mason) and his Warden had been invited, but owing to another meeting in the parish, were not able to turn up till later in the evening.

A very profitable "social" was enjoyed, and important bell-matters in connection with this budding band were discussed which promise well for an early development.

Mr. Pilgrim, on the suggestion of the Vicar, presided over the evening's conversation. Mr. Green, who has undertaken the instruction of the band, proposed success to the movement, and made a strong point in urging each member to attend practice on every possible occasion. He has himself not missed a practice since the commencement in May last. Not content with such an example on his part, and the exercise of patience, which as an experienced change-ringer this entails, in standing with a learner at a bell-rope, he made the generous offer of £5 to a fund for re-hanging the bells. The Vicar, who is anxious to see the movement through, also promised £5, so that at an early date a plan of operations for procuring the necessary funds (the bells are almost unsafe) will be drawn up; and let us hope that the grand old tower with its good ring of eight will before very long be a centre of attraction to neighbouring change-ringers.

H. P.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Bishops Stortford on Michaelmas Day. About forty-five ringers assembled from different parts, and some good touches were rung on the ten bells of St. Michael's. The belfry here is all that could be desired, commodious, clean and well fitted, and the ropes fall in almost a complete circle. It being the Dedication Festival, the parishioners were very grateful to the Association for the merry peals that floated from the old tower. Tea was held at the Chequers, the chair being taken by the assistant secretary in the absence of the honorary secretary, whose numerous engagements prevented him from attending. The meeting resolved itself into a special meeting to consider and pass the two following resolutions, of which notice had been given at the annual meeting. First—That the minute passed at Loughton, October, 1888, prohibiting footnotes to peals rung by the Association, be rescinded, and in future footnotes may be added to the reports of peals, when the facts of such footnotes partake of the nature of historical interest. Second—Rule VII., strike out "a proportion (not less than one half of the expense of such entry) shall be borne by the band ringing the peal," and insert "one half of the expense of such entry shall be borne by the Association, providing the band ringing the peal pay their share within 28 days from the date of ringing the same. After that date, the band ringing the peal shall be responsible for the whole amount, and no peal shall be entered until this has been paid to the secretary."

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Bishops Stortford, and to the Incumbents of the other churches who had kindly opened their belfries to the Association.

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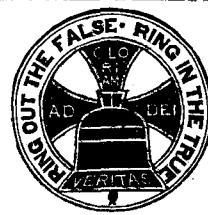
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1900.

THE Norwich Diocesan Association has just held its annual meeting in the Cathedral City, and though the Great Eastern railway company had withdrawn at the last moment the usual travelling privilege, the gathering must be considered as very successful. We invariably receive some practical hint for improvement whenever the Honorary Secretary of this Association addresses the members. The occasion in question is another instance of the Rev. H. E. Bulwer's advice. His remarks tending to illustrate the value of the complete local organization of ringers is very appropriate, and the counsel on such point is sound. Whenever a local body of ringers is without some kind of organisation, nothing goes well. A series of fits and starts is seen among them, followed generally by something very nearly a collapse when the short period of excitement is over. A proper organization of local ringers would, as Mr. Bulwer says, correct the fast-and-loose attachment.

Many years ago we advocated to the best of our ability

the formation of local ringers' societies, or clubs, in order that there may be some cohesion among the members. It is necessary on the formation of these clubs to have some small weekly subscription from each member, which would, with other moneys perhaps, form a good fund at the year's-end. Out of such fund, it has been found the best plan to pay for all requirements, among which should be the whole of the members' subscriptions to the county or diocesan Association. That this has been found to work splendidly is within our own experience, and it seems a most extraordinary thing that it has not been universally adopted. The leaders of local ringers will find it greatly to their advantage and comfort if they will insist upon the formation of such clubs.

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	*WILLIAM CHARGE 8.
HARRY BARTON 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal of Stedman. Mr. A. Hardy kindly stood out for Mr. J. C. Truss, who hails from Great Marlow.

The Provinces.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	JOSEPH POTTER 5.
ALBERT E. WREAKS 2.	HENRY MOSS 6.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
TITUS BARLOW 4.	JOHN MAKIN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE E. TURNER .. Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 5.
ALFRED POTTER 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN 4.	SAMUEL OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

A peal of Superlative was arranged, but one of the band not appearing, Stedman was substituted.

WANTED a Set of Handbells 12 to 15, in good condition.—Rev. C. Birch, Foots Cray, Kent.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER BROMLY Treble.	EDWARD MATTHEWS 5.
ALFRED CLAYTON† 2.	LEWIN FERRIGE 6.
HENRY BROOKER 3.	FRANK HOLDEN 7.
WILLIAM TILLER* 4.	JAMES RUMBLE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD).

On Thursday, September 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 32 lbs. in F sharp

HARRY COOTE* Treble.	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 5.
WILLIAM T. FARROW* .. 2.	†WALTER H. HAMMOND .. 6.
CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 3.	*WALTER WEBB 7.
HARRY J. COLLINS 4.	EDWARD T. SLADE Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by CHARLES H. HOWARD.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight, and was rung previous to the Harvest Festival, which was also the eve of the first anniversary of the dedication and opening of the two trebles. *First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. Treble	CHARLES HALL 5.
JOHN H. JONES 2.	FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 6.
JAMES A. CARTER 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
WILLIAM RUDD 4.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Rung on the seventy-first birthday of the Rev. J. K. Bealey, M.A., Vicar of Middlesbrough.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DAVID ANSCOMBE .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	ALFRED PEEKE 6.
HARRY G. BEAMS 3.	CHARLES E. READ 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. A. Peeke was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Joseph Woolmer.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE Treble.	FREDERICK GOMM 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 7.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	GEORGE ALDER Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung as a thanksgiving peal on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES* .. 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 7.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

*First peal of Caters in the method, and first attempt. This composition has the 6th twenty-two courses behind the 9th, and twenty-four behind the 5th, and was arranged for the Rev. T. Lewis Jones and W. T. Pegler, who hail from Bangor and Gloucester respectively.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

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

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. WALKER* Treble.	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE .. 5.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 2.	GEORGE W. STEELE .. 6.
ALBERT SCOTT 3.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. 7.
TOM LATIMER 4.	†WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

W. Walker belongs to Armley; Scott to Wakefield; Latimer and Cordingley to Pudsey; Holgate to Bramley; the rest to Rothwell. *First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS CHOWN Treble.	JOHN H. BOWER 5.
FRANK WILLEY 2.	JOSEPH ROWLEY 6.
ALBERT GLEDSTONE .. 3.	THOMAS SILVESTER .. 7.
WILLIAM SMITHSON .. 4.	JOHN LLOYD Tenor.

Conducted by F. WILLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. D. Boler, one of the church sidesmen, who died very suddenly.

Handbell Peals.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART, 19, MOLINEUX STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
E. B. JAMES'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES E. HART* .. 1-2.	†WALTER WALLACE .. 5-6.
ALBERT H. WARD .. 3-4.	*CHARLES DRAPER .. 7-8.

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

Referee—S. Maskrey. *First peal on handbells. †First peal on handbells as conductor. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN BRANCH.
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, September 29th, at the church of St. Thomas, a date touch, being 103 Plain Bob, 180 College Single, 180 Warnham Court, 360 Violet Treble Bob, 360 New London Pleasure, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Longest length by J. Kellett.

Miscellaneous.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, September 4th, a 720, being 240 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; A. Ryles, 2; E. Johnson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; J. Gibson, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent. F. Goldstraw, 1; A. Ryles, 2; E. Johnson, 3; T. Johnson, 4; G. H. Goldstraw, 5; J. Brindley (Birmingham), 6. On Tuesday, September 25th, 240 Killamarsh Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; A. Ryles, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. H. Goldstraw, 4; J. Gibson, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 Duke of York, standing as before.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTREAD (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 12th, for practice at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Little, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, 720 Rochester Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, September 19th, for practice, 720 York Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Ely Surprise. J. Luckey, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; J. T. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 720 Rochester Surprise. F. J. Watts, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, three members of the Standed company paid a visit to the above place, and with the assistance of the local company rang for evening service at the parish church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 360 Bob Minor. M. Milton, 1; H. Little, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; W. White, 5; W. Dellow, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—Recently on the occasion of the Harvest Festival for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. P. C. Sayers (first 720), 1; H. Seager, 2; H. J. Brown, 3; S. Rushin, 4; C. Ballard, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. Evening service 720 Plain Bob. P. C. Sayer, 1; H. Seager, 2; H. J. Brown, 3; T. Hammond, 4; J. Seager, 5; J. D. Buckingham (conductor), 6. Also after service a 360. On the Sunday afternoon following, H. J. Brown, S. Rushin, and T. Hammond drove over to Goldhanger, to pay the return visit to J. D. Buckingham, who hails from here, and with him and his company rung several 6-score of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, closing the evening with a touch of Bob Minor on the handbells.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening on the occasion of the Harvest Festival a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples composed by H. J. Tucker, fifty-two Bobs two singles. W. Emery, 1; T. Lincoln, 2; R. Wood, 3; A. Head, 4; H. Head (first quarter-peal in the method), 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. After service, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; C. Wasket (of Galleywood), 6; the rest as above.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, September 21st, 720 Bob Minor, H. Head, 1; W. Sadler, 2; W. Wellington, 3; A. Head, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. W. Sadler hails from Coggeshall, and it was his first 720.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday, September 18th, 720 Oxford. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Tuesday, September 25th, 720 Duke of York. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, September 30th,

the Harvest Festival, 720 Woodbine. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Hammond, 1; W. Hillman, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob. T. Hammond, 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; R. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. This was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Saturday, September 29th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. Dora White, 1; Alice White, 2; H. White (conductor), 3; Alfred E. Reeves, 4; J. E. Ballard, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; C. Giles, 7; J. W. Whiting, 8. On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. Alice White, 1; Dora White, 2; C. Giles (conductor), 3; J. Ballard, 4; W. Bulpitt, 5; Alfred E. Reeves, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; G. Martin, 8. For evening service 504 in the same method. Alice White, 1; Dora White, 2; C. Holaway, 3; Alfred E. Reeves, 4; F. G. Wilson, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; C. Giles (conductor), 7; H. White, 8.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, September 12th, for practice, 720 College Single. F. Linter, 1; G. Elston, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. Trewin (conductor), 5; T. W. Radford, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Gomm, 1; W. Walker, 2; F. Dentry, 3; F. Bissley, 4; W. Ayres, 5; *F. Gomm (conductor), 6; G. Martin, 7; H. Jones, 8. First quarter-peal by H. Gomm. *First quarter-peal as conductor. W. Ayres hails from Marlow.

OXFORD.—On Sunday morning, September 22nd, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. T. Hibbert, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; J. Howley, 3; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 4; W. Jeffrey, 5; A. E. Pegler, 6. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob. Messrs. Hibbert (2) hail from East Ilsley; Pegler from Birmingham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, September 30th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. J. Perkins, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; S. Perkins, 3; H. Martin (first quarter-peal in the method), 4; J. Smith, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. Composed by J. George.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Darwen, 2; W. Wilde (Hyde), 2; T. Sale, 3; W. Gordon, sen., 4; J. Barlow, 5; T. Bradley (Hyde), 6; J. S. Wilde (Bredbury), 7; Jno. Bailey, 8. Also some Bob Minor with two brother-strings from Tadcaster. On Thursday, September 27th, for practice, several courses of Stedman Triples, three courses of Stedman Caters, a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a touch of Grandsire Caters conducted by W. Gordon, sen., in which the following additional ringers took part: T. Marshall, H. Makin, and A. Barnes (Reddish).

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service at All Saints, Boyne Hill, 1232 Bob Major in 45 mins. M. Smither, 1; F. Dentry, 2; G. Martin (conductor), 3; Rev. H. C. Bell, 4; F. Gomm, 5; J. Richardson, 6; W. Walker, 7; F. Richardson, 8.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNSTER (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Hole, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; T. Elliott, 4; J. Grabham, 5; J. Jones, 6; H. Moore (conductor), 7; W. Thrush, 8. On Sunday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. A. Hawkins, 1; G. Stacey, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Jones, 4; H. Moore, 5; W. Thrush, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8. W. A. Hawkins hails from Dulverton, and this is his first quarter-peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES (Wilts).—At St. Peter's Church, on September 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Draper, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3;

C. D. Higginbotham, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; F. S. Wilson, 6; S. Hillier (conductor), 7; F. Merrett, 8. On September 29th, at St. Mary's Church, 10 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. R. Hampton, 1; S. Hillier (conductor), 2; F. S. Wilson, 3; C. D. Higginbotham, 4; C. H. Hampton, 5; A. Draper, 6. On September 30th, at St. John's Church, 120 Stedman Doubles. C. H. Hampton, 1; C. D. Higginbotham, 2; C. R. Hampton, 3; F. S. Wilson, 4; S. Hillier (conductor), 5; R. Phillips, 6. The above ringing was specially arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, who was paying a visit to Devizes, and hails from Abergavenny.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 240 each of City Delight, College Pleasure, and Arnold's Victory. T. Helliwell, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. W. Chadwick, 3; E. Oddy, 4; E. Newton, 5; E. Redshaw (conductor), 6.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. B. Tamplin, 1; W. Northey (Cardiff), 2; J. Prickett, 3; W. Freestone, 4; J. Morley, 5; W. Coombes (conductor), (Cardiff), 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Davis, 8. Also 240 of Bob Minor, on Wednesday, September 29th, for the Harvest Festival, 360 Bob Minor 7-8 covering. B. Tamplin, 1; J. Prickett, 2; R. Thompson (conductor), 3; W. Freestone, 4; J. Morley, 5; C. Smith, 6; F. Bye, 7; W. Davis, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1277 Grandsire Caters. *E. H. Oxenham, 1; R. A. Daniell, Esq., 2; *F. J. Shepherd, 3; G. Brush, 4; H. S. Shepherd, 5; W. E. Shepherd, 5; W. E. Judd, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; W. Fox, 8; A. F. Harris (conductor), 9; J. Judd, 10. Composed by H. G. Miles. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

NEWBOLD, NEAR RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, September 19th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. B. Fenton, 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; A. A. Dubber, 3; A. Bramall, 4; T. Holmes, 5; J. George (conductor), 6.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Wednesday, September 26th, before the Harvest Festival Service at St. Peter's church, 700 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; A. Butler, 2; F. S. Wilson (Abergavenny), 3; S. Cole, 4; W. Wilkinson (conductor), 5; J. Arthur, 6; W. Butler, 7; W. Downs, 8.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. T. King (Barnet), 1; H. H. Staffurth, 2; R. P. Knight, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; F. T. Stevens, 5; A. Saunders, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; S. Ames, 8.

FEERING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 23rd, at All Saints' church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the four following touches of Bob Major were rung. For early service 336. J. C. Newman 1; W. E. Hunwick, 2; G. Hum, 3; E. Hayward, 4; W. Hunwick, 5; S. Clark, 6; C. Rogers, 7; J. Newman (conductor) 8. For the 11 o'clock service, 896. J. C. Newman, 1; W. E. Hunwick, 2; G. Hum, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Sadler, 5; S. Clark, 6; C. Rogers, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. For evening service 720. W. E. Hunwick, 1; H. Elliott, 2; G. Hum, 3; E. Hayward, 4; W. Elliott, 5; S. Clark, 6; C. Rogers, 7; J. Newman (conductor), 8. And 688. G. Hum, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. E. Hunwick, 3; D. Elliott (conductor), 4; J. Newman, 5; S. Clark, 6; C. Rogers, 7; W. Elliott, 8.

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5008.

23456 I 4 5 6

54326 - -

43526 - -

35426 - -

24536 - -

45236 - -

52436 - -

34256 - -

23645 - -

32546 - -

25346 - -

53246 - -

35642 - -

63254 - -

32654 - -

56234 - -

62534 - -

25634 - -

36524 - -

65324 - -

53624 - -

26354 - -

32465 - -

23564 - -

25364 - s

32456 - -

The last eleven courses to be twice repeated. Bob for single except in last part.

5184.

23456 4 5 6

34256 - -

36245 - -

62345 - -

23645 - -

62534 - -

25634 - -

56234 - -

25463 - -

54263 - -

53246 - -

32546 - *

25346 - *

32654 - -

Three times repeated. Single for bob at * in the second and fourth parts. By adding a bob at 4 in the eighth course of one part the peal is reduced to 5072.

5120.

23456 I 4 5 6

32654 - -

26354 - -

32465 - -

24365 - -

Continued— I 4 5 6

43265 - -

34562 - -

53246 - -

34256 - -

52436 - -

24536 - -

45236 - -

32546 - -

Three times repeated. Single for bob at * in the second and fourth parts. By adding a bob at 4 in the third course of one part reduces the peal to 5008.

By EDGAR WIGHTMAN, *Erith, Kent.*

5040.

23456 I 4 5 6

34256 - -

52436 - -

24536 - -

45236 - -

32546 - -

25346 - -

43526 - -

35426 - -

54326 - -

42356 - -

53246 - -

23645 - -

36245 - -

62345 - -

63245 - s

32645 - -

26345 - -

25364 - -

53264 - -

32564 - -

23465 - -

34265 - -

23546 - -

The first twenty-two courses repeated produce—

35264 I 4 5 6

25463 - -

23456 - -

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 5ths place, only when the 6th is at home; and the 3rd in 6ths place one course only.

5024.

23456 I 4 5 6

34256 - -

52436 - -

24536 - -

45236 - -

32546 - -

23645 - -

36245 - -

32645 - s

26345 - -

63245 - -

42365 - -

52463 - -

Continued— I 4 5 6

25364 - -

53264 - -

32564 - -

23465 - -

34265 - -

24563 - -

45263 - -

24356 - -

43256 - -

52346 - -

23546 - -

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong and right, without the 2nd in 5-6, and the 3rd only when the 6th is there at a course-end.

5184.

23456 I 5 6

34256 - -

42536 - s

25436 - -

54236 - -

43256 - -

52346 - -

32645 - -

26345 - -

63245 - -

62345 - s

23645 - -

36245 - -

23564 - -

35264 - -

52364 - -

53264 - s

32564 - -

25364 - -

32456 - -

24356 - -

53426 - -

34526 - -

45326 - -

23546 - -

Repeated.

This is supposed to be the first peal ever published with the 6th twenty-four times at home, with all the 4-5s, 5-4s 6-4s and 6-5s in forty-eight courses only.

BOB MINOR.

By J. T. LOWE, *Garston, Lancashire.*

720.

23456

s 32564

26345

64253

45632

s 54326

s 45263

56432

63524

32645

B 32456

Five times repeated; omit bob at end of the second, fourth, and sixth part-ends.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 22nd, the following twelve members of the above society—Messrs. H. P. Harman, E. P. O'Meara, J. R. Sharman, T. H. Taffender, and C. F. Winney, of London, with W. H. Barber, P. W. Davies, A. E. Pegler, and A. Walker, of Birmingham; J. George, of Rugby; R. T. Hibbert, of East Ilsley, Berks., and J. Hinton, of Bristol, visited the city of colleges. The object in view was a peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church Cathedral. Members began to arrive about mid-day at host Bint's, of The Corn Exchange hotel, George Street, where the headquarters for the occasion was made. By tea-time eleven were present. "Where's Winney," was the cry? "Oh, he will sure to be here" (as he nearly always is in this good old method). Tea over, a move was made for the Cathedral, where about six o'clock twelve sturdy youths (Winney having appeared in the meantime), could be seen entering, with Stedman Cinques plainly written on their faces, but were informed that we should certainly require two men for the tenor, as she was not pealable for one. Having found Father Hounslow in charge, oiling the gudgeons, adjusting ropes, etc., Mr. Pegler quickly volunteered to ring the tenor single-handed; so a start was very soon made at 6.15. It is worthy of note that there is a difference of five minutes between the Cathedral and the city time. But lo! only two-and-a-half courses had been rung when "stand" was called through a mistake. A fresh start was made at 6.35, and right well did the bonny Christ Church bells ring out, as they told their tale, course after course was tapped off, the ringing being listened to for many miles around. As the hands of the clock pointed to ten, so the "bob at 2" was called in the coming-home course, and in six minutes "that's all" brought its completion. Thereon Mr. Charles Hounslow entered the belfry and congratulated the visitors on having rung an excellent peal. The band then adjourned to the Oxford Society's meeting-house, The Bell inn, Cornmarket Street, where a social half-hour was spent with the Oxford ringers, much to the regret of all longer time not permitting.

Mr. E. P. O'Meara (Master of the College Youths), proposed a vote of thanks for the able manner and kindness with which they had met them.

Mr. T. H. Taffender seconded, and Mr. W. J. Smith, Master of the Oxford Society, suitably responded.

To headquarters for supper and to bed was the order, but strange to say some did not reach there very soon, but all were early astir. Stedman Cinques wae again on the board for morning service, but only a course was rung, several of the ringers' heads being severely lacerated. This concluded the tower-bell ringing for the day. Some started for a handbell peal of Stedman Triples, which, after ringing 3000 changes was not successful, others attending Divine Service at the Cathedral, the rest to view the city, Messrs. Davies, Hibbert, Hinton, and O'Meara leaving for home at noon. After dinner, in charge of Mr. A. Fox, we visited the place where Martin Luther was burnt at the stake, the Shakesperian theatre being much admired, and also several of the colleges. In one a remarkable incident occurred. While Mr. Pegler was examining the organ, a door was accidentally closed, the key not being obtainable; his rescue was effected by the aid of ladders, causing much amusement to the company present. The old city wall in the splendid garden of New College was next examined, and a quiet hour was spent. Refreshment time coming round, tea was had. At 5.30 the rest of the Birmingham men left for home, also T. H. Taffender for Great Marlow, the remainder of the company entraining by the 8.10 p.m. for London, after having spent a most enjoyable week-end. Our best thanks are due to Mr. C. Hounslow, who in conjunction with Mr. Taffender made the arrangements, and Mr. A. Fox, as guide, and other Oxford ringers too numerous to mention. The same band expects to meet again next year at another west of England tower for a twelve-bell peal.

T. H. T.

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A RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding of Mr. Ernest Richards (bell warden and secretary of the Stepney Society of Ringers), and Miss Elizabeth Holloway, of Hackney, took place on Tuesday, 25th ult., at old Stepney Church, the Rev. A. E. Dalton, M.A., Rector, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her guardian Mr. Charles Richards, was dressed in ivory cream silk, with chiffon and lace to match, whilst the two bridesmaids, Miss Rose Holloway (sister), and Miss Annie King (niece) wore dresses of mauve crepon, trimmed with white silk, and hats to match. Miss Winney King (9) acted the part of trainbearer to the bride. Mr. Charles Wadman (chief accountant Bovril, Ltd.), acted as best man. There were three pair-horse carriages, and the bells rang merrily. The bridal party returned to Clapton, to the bride's sister (Mrs. King), and later in the day the happy couple left for Folkestone en route to Paris. The church was packed with friends from all parts of London. Many hand some presents have been received, among them being a beautiful marble clock from the bellringers of Stepney and neighbouring churches.

We wish Mr. Richards every happiness in his new life, and he may be assured he has the same wish from every ringer for his untiring energy and past kindness to the ringing cause. We are told that he was the prime mover, and through him and him alone, the bells of Stepney parish church have been renovated.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

There being a change of Vicars at Isleworth, Middlesex, it was suggested that out of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. T. F. Bigg, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, eight members of the above association should attempt a peal of Bob Major, so on Saturday, September 22nd, eight ringers met, but not a Bob Major band, so Holt's Original was started for, but was unfortunately lost after 2 hrs. and 7 mins. H. Curtis (first attempt), 1; W. Foster, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; F. Goddard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; T. Beadle, 6; H. Browning, 7; G. A. Ranson, 8.

As soon as the ringing ceased the new Vicar came into the belfry to make the acquaintance of the ringers. In the course of a neat little speech he said he thought the ringing was very good; he knew very little of practical ringing, but it might interest them to know that his name was on one of the bells at Staplehurst. He then thanked them for their hearty welcome, asked their acceptance of a small present, and hoped they would be able to ring for the induction service to be held on Wednesday, September 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

Before this service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung. J. Basden (conductor), 1; W. Foster, 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; H. Chandler, 4; C. Edwards, 5; F. Goddard, 6; H. Browning, 7; A. Saunders, 8. Quite a big muster of ringers then attended the very interesting service. Evensong was said by the Rural Dean, the proper Psalms being the 84th and 122nd; Lessons Isaiah, chap. 61, and 2 Cor., 4 chap. to verse 11; the rest of the service being taken by Bishop Barry, his address being listened to with rapt attention. The congregation were rung out with 420 changes of Oxford Bob Triples. A. Saunders, 1; W. Foster, 2; J. Basden, 3; C. Edwards, 4; T. Beadle, 5; F. Goddard, 6; H. Browning, 7; A. Sheard, 8.

The ringers then adjourned to The Bell Inn to supper, which was provided by the Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Watton, and admirably served by mine host, and presided over by Mr. T. Beadle, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. J. Basden. On the cloth being removed the Chairman gave the toast of the new Vicar, the vice-chairman, the churchwardens, &c. The handbells were brought into use, the Isleworth men mostly taking part in various tunes, &c., especially Mr. Goddard, who is a past master at it. Closing time came all too soon, but the hope was expressed that the party might meet on many more occasions like that one. The only thing to be regretted was that the peal was not rung, but hopes were expressed for better luck next time.

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Notices.

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The Sheffield and District Society.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 6, at Doncaster parish church. Tower open at 4 p.m. Meeting house, The Market inn, Market Place.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Correction.—Owing to the Richmond election being declared on October 6th, the meeting of this Association announced for that day at Bedale will be postponed to Saturday, October 13th. REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.* Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Woolton, to-day, Saturday, October 6, Canon Spooner has kindly offered to provide tea to members present.

St. Luke's, Southport. C. A. CLEMENTS.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bitton (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, October 6th. Service at 5.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Longton to-day, Saturday, October 6.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, at the church of St. Andrew, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. A tea will be provided. All members are requested to attend, as the district officers will be elected. Friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting of members will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 20th next, further particulars as to which will be advertised later. Will the local representatives kindly obtain all subscriptions which may be in arrear, so that same can be paid at this meeting. CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.* 72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry on Saturday, October 13th. Tea 1s. per head at 5 p.m. Members who intend to take tea are requested to inform Mr. H. Wilson, Bawtry, Yorks., not later than Monday, October 8th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above-named Society will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at The Swas with two Necks, Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5.30.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*,

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Autumn meeting at Drayton, Berks., on Saturday, October 20th. Trains to Steventon (1½ miles) 1.40, to Abingdon (2½ miles) 2.12. Ringing at Drayton 2.30 to 4. Service at 4. preacher, Rev. Canon Houlton. Tea at 4.45. Ringing at 5.30 at Drayton, Abingdon, Sutton Courtney and Steventon. Trains back Steventon, 8.28, Abingdon, 8.47. Tea will be provided free of cost to those who give notice of coming on or before October 18th to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Blaenavon, on Saturday, October 20th, at 5.30 sharp at the church.

REV. MINOR CANON PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 263rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary*.

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

All Saints, West Ham, Essex.—The practice which has been discontinued during the hot weather will re-commence on Tuesday, the 9th instant, and will be continued on the 2nd Tuesday and last Saturday in each month during the winter.

W. DORAN.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DERBY.—This is the first peal achieved on handbells since 1897 by this band, when it was unfortunately broken up by the sad death of our esteemed friend and ringer F. Bradley, who as a skilful and accomplished handbell ringer and conductor few could equal, although only twenty-one years of age. By his early and untimely death the Derby branch sustained a severe loss from which they have never recovered, especially in the handbell circle. Since that time we have struggled to initiate another brother-string into the intricacies of double-handed ringing, but we have lost all patience times without number, and quite despaired of ever again scoring a peal. We have been trying for this peal ever since the early part of last year, and since that time have made quite thirty attempts, having rang considerably more than half on most occasions. The last two attempts were made in September this year, viz.:—September 19th, when we came to grief after ringing 3560 changes, and September 24th, when we smashed again three leads further on at 3600 changes. We wish to convey our sincere thanks to Mr. Maskrey and several other ringers who have from time to time acted as referees during the many fruitless attempts for the above peal, and trust that this will be the forerunner of many future peals.

A. H. W.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Horrex, 1; E. Newman, 2; T. Levitt, 3; E. Kinsey, 4; H. Gladwell, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Newman, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; T. Levitt, 3; E. Kinsey, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Horrex, 1; T. Levitt, 2; A. Symonds, 3; R. Hollox, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening 720 New London Pleasure. E. Newman, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; A. Hollox, 3; T. Levitt, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. The above were rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

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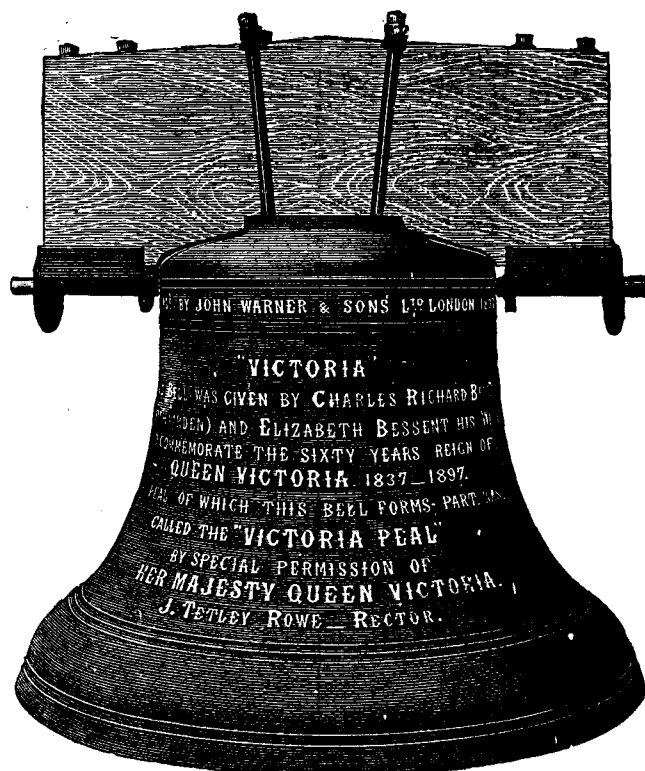
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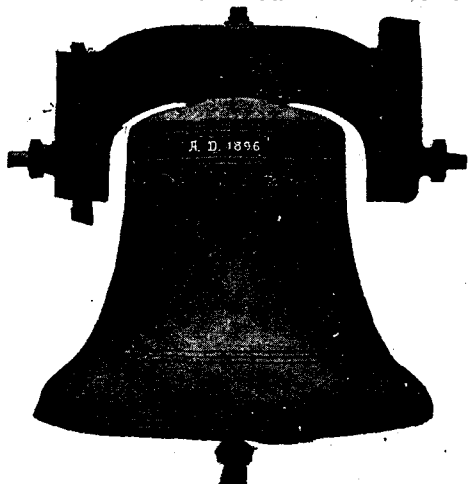
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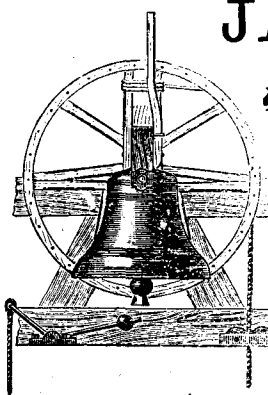
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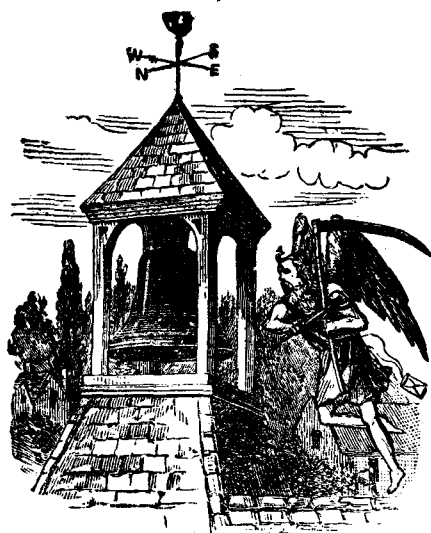
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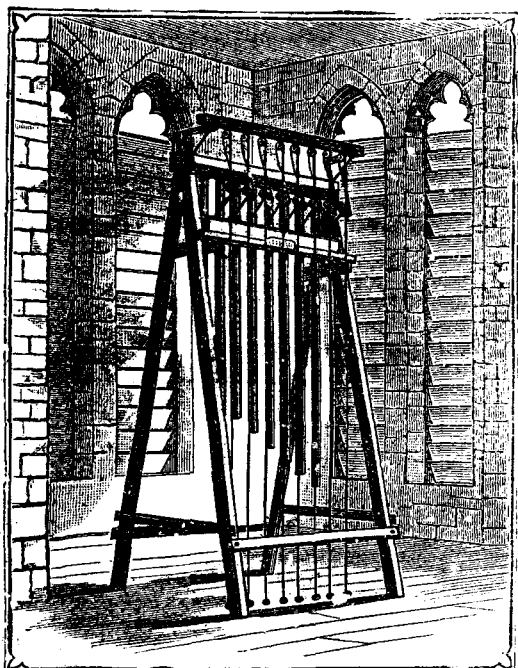
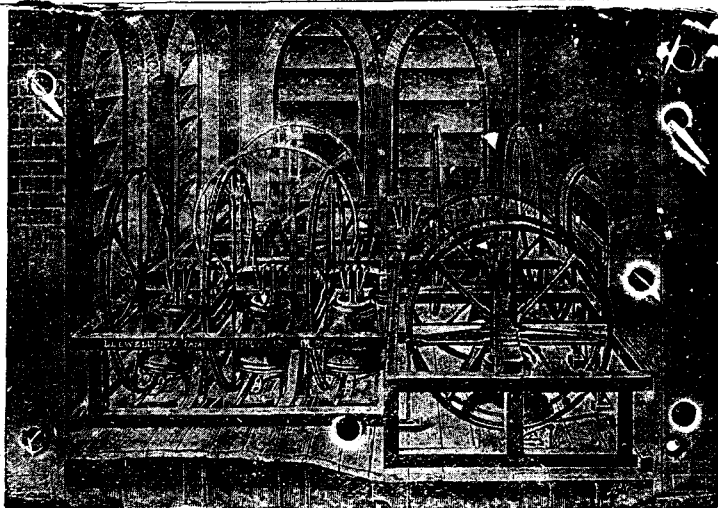
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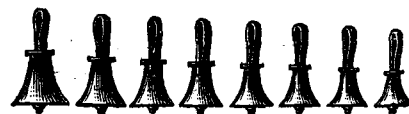
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29th, a quarterly meeting of the above was held at Bromsgrove, a good number of members being present from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Brierley Hill, Chaddesley Corbett, Dudley, Kidderminster, Kings Norton, Netherton, Oldbury, Old Hill, Pershore, Stoke Prior, Suckley, Tipton, Wollaston, and Worcester. A short service was held in the beautiful old parish church at 5.30 o'clock, upwards of 50 members being present. A special form of service for the Association was intoned and the lesson read by the Rev. C. Tansley.

A very appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. W. G. Whinfield from the words "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel"—1 Corinthians ix. 16. The Rev. gentleman said the words were inscribed on the large bell of St. Paul's Cathedral. He impressed upon his hearers that when performing their duties in the belfry they were preaching the Gospel to the great multitudes of people outside by the sound of the bells. The clergy from the pulpit could only reach those who came inside the sacred edifice and sometimes were apt to forget those who were anxious to come to church, but could not possibly get there, while the ringers, with the sound of the sweet church bells, preached to the sick in their affliction, to the weary, and to the mothers who could not leave their homes. The office of a ringer was as sacred as that of the clergy or choristers, and he was proud to know that the ringers of the present time would not allow the mean, inebriate man to belong to their body. He urged upon them one and all not to forget that after calling others to church it was their duty to attend also, and by so doing, and living consistent christian lives, their example would be the means of bringing others into the Church of Christ.

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where the Vicar, the Rev. E. Vine Hall, was waiting to receive the members to partake of tea, which had been provided by himself and churchwardens. In a short time the members were doing full justice to the good things prepared, which were excellent and well served. A move was then made into an adjacent room, where the business meeting took place under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Vine Hall, being supported by Mr. J. E. Pritchett, King's Norton (lay vice-President of the Association).

The Chairman on opening the meeting expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet so many members of the Association at Bromsgrove, and hoped ere long another visit would be made to their centre.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were enrolled. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Brierley Hill, in January 1901. Messrs. W. Micklewright (Dudley), and H. Mason (Old Hill), were elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. H. Mason, a hearty vote of thanks was recorded the rev. chairman for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells, to his colleague for the service in the church, especially the impressive address which he had

given that afternoon, also to the donors of the tea, and the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tables.

The rev. gentleman, in reply, thanked them for the vote of thanks, and the way it had been received, and would convey the same to his colleagues, also to the ladies and gentlemen who had so willingly assisted. During the afternoon and evening the bells were rung by mixed companies, touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Treble Bob Royal being accomplished.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

A very successful meeting of this branch was held at Kempford, on Saturday, September 29th. This was the more gratifying as it was the first occasion on which a meeting has been held at a six-bell tower by this branch. The bells are not in such good going order as could be wished, but during the afternoon some 6-scores of Doubles were brought round. Service was held in the beautiful church, and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Browne, the Vicar, who is a member of the branch. He took for his text Zechariah xiv. 20, and being the festival day of St. Michael and All Angels, the Vicar compared the ministry of the bells with the ministry of the Angels, and gave several instances the better to illustrate the comparison. The organist and choir kindly gave assistance with the musical portion of the service. Tea was provided in the parish room close by, where a substantial meal was much enjoyed. While the room was being cleared, the vicarage grounds were visited, at the bottom of which runs the river Thames, a very different stream here to what one is accustomed to think of as old Father Thames. There is also the ruins of an old castle.

The business meeting followed under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Browne. Four new members were proposed, and Tetbury was decided on as the next meeting place. Mr. S. Moore proposed, and Mr. Bishop seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar for his admirable address, and also for the manner in which he received the members. This was agreed to unanimously.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the compliment, said that he hoped at no very distant date to have the bells rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave.

The majority of the party then made a move to Castle Eaton, another six-bell tower, two miles distant, where there is a nice handy ring, permission having been granted by the Rev. C. R. Luckman. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, and Treble Bob Minor were brought round, and a very pleasant day was thus brought to a satisfactory termination.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

A large clock is now being fixed in the parish church tower by John Smith and Sons, of Derby. It has all the latest improvements, and generally is to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The tune-playing chimes were made and erected by the same firm a few years since.

THE NEW BELL AT BEVERLEY MINSTER.

The new great bell, which has been given to Beverley Minster by the Vicar "as a thank-offering for twenty happy years of work in the Minster parishes," is 6 ft. 10½ ins. in diameter, and 6½ inches thick at the sound bow, and weighs 5 tons 13 cwt., which is a quarter of a ton more than "Tom of Lincoln," and half a ton more than the famous old "Great Bell of St. Paul's." But whereas these remain rigid, and are only struck by hammers, the Beverley great bell has been suspended (like "Great Paul") by an arch of steel, so fixed as to avoid all side-thrusts against the tower walls, and enables the bell to be swung with ease by two men, bringing out its full tone, without causing the slightest vibration in the tower. The bell is of singularly tall and beautiful shape, its curves being the result of long and careful study of the great bells of the Continent. It has been tuned on the principles propounded by the late Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, Sussex, so that all the harmonics are in tune with the nominal (A flat). The founders of the bell are Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have erected in their works a large machine capable of tuning bells of the largest size in this method. The inscription on the bell is "Soli Deo Gloria. Pax Hominibus," and the date "1900." also the founders' name, "John Taylor & Co., Loughborough."

Owing to the weight of the bell, its arrival in the station, its removal to the Minster, and its elevation to the south-west tower of the Minster have aroused much interest in the town, and the interest was re-awakened on Sunday by the dedication service.

At a quarter past ten the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Willis), an ex-Mayor (Mr. Alderman Hobson), in their official robes, and attended by the members of the Corporation, and several of the county and borough magistrates, as well as the Trustees of the Minster Old and New Funds, left the vicarage, where they had assembled, and entered the Minster in state by the north transept to the strains of the National Anthem. This gave way to the processional "O worship the King," while the choir and clergy, the rear being brought up by the Archbishop of York, attended by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D.) as his chaplain, proceeded to the west end. Here a dais had been erected for his Grace, who had on his right the civic dignitaries, the clergy and choristers in front, and a guard of honour from the 15th Regimental Depot on his left. The scene was very striking, the vast congregation stretching up the whole length of the nave to the choir-screen.

The form of dedication was then gone through, the senior churchwarden (Colonel Cussons) presenting a rope attached to the bell ropes above to the Archbishop, and requesting his Grace to dedicate the bell. This the Archbishop did, and delivered the rope to the Vicar. After a few collects and responses had been said, the deep notes of the new "Bourdon" were heard, fulfilling for the first time its function of summoning the people to morning service.

The Archbishop preached an impressive sermon from the Epistle for the day, Ephes. iv. 1.

A large number of cyclists attended the service from Hull and the district, storing their machines in the parish room adjoining the vicarage, which is always set apart for this purpose on Sundays. After service the Mayor, Corporation, magistrates, and officials were presented to his grace at the vicarage, and in the evening there was an equally large congregation, the preacher being the Rev. A. H. Simpson, son of the late Canon Simpson.

A NEW SPLICE.

Our old friend, Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of 1, Churchyard, Headcorn, Kent, has just discovered a quick and easy method of splicing a bell rope. He thinks a knowledge of this invention will be very handy when any ringers break a rope and have not much time to put an ordinary splice in. He adds: "Having tried this way for several years at Headcorn, I know it can be relied on, as Mr. Latter, Hon. Sec. of Tonbridge Division of the Kent County Association, can testify, he having rung 5120 Treble Bob Major at Staplehurst, Kent, one of the ropes being spliced in this way. It is very simple: where the rope breaks in the wheel, tuck one piece through the other about six inches from the break, then tuck in again, then tuck the other end through twice, then lower the rope about six inches. I have sent a specimen, and if you can understand it and explain it, I shall be much obliged."

Mr. Hodgkin kindly sends a pattern of this splice, but it is impossible to do justice to it by illustration. He will be glad no doubt to give our readers all information concerning it upon enquiry. We should respectfully suggest however, the accompaniment of a stamp or two when making enquiries, for postage.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

A most successful monthly meeting was held on Saturday last, the 7th, at Woolton, the delightful suburb of Liverpool. A goodly number of members attended from Liverpool, Garston, and Southport. Many touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. Canon Spooner very kindly provided tea in the church hall for those present. Immediately after tea, the business meeting was held, the Vicar in the chair. In his opening address, the Rev. Canon extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Association. He was always glad to see them at Woolton, and anything he could do for them was a source of satisfaction to himself as well.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after a discussion, St. Nicholas, Liverpool, was decided upon as the next meeting-place, for the first Saturday in November. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his hospitality and the use of the bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

A meeting was held at Bitton, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Short service was held at 5.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, of Oldlands, at which about twenty attended.

After service, a business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by the chairman of the branch (Rev. H. A. Cockey). It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Chippenham, on November 3rd. Mr. A. Luton of Bristol, was elected a member of the Association.

Several 6-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman Doubles were rung, also a 720 of Bob Minor by the following: A. Luton, 1; C. H. Gordon, 2; W. Summer-ville, 3; —, 4; Lansdown, 5; F. G. May (conductor), 6.

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NOTES ON NEWS.

The cigar-box is empty, likewise the cabaret, but "Plain Speaker" has not returned. Still the writer of this page is not unhappy. At the time of writing he is lying in the MAN's chair with feet on the mantel, and a kerchief spread over his face to keep the flies off. In the centre of the aforesaid kerchief is a convenient hole through which protrudes the last of the MAN's cigars, and having tarried with the toothpick and sipped the juice of Burgundy, he is as happy as the man whose numbers have been called at the head of the poll.

Ah! the postman; a letter from "P.S." "Having a high time over here, I am trying to persuade Lindoff and Washbrook to stand for Parliament. Will you write their election addresses? Lindoff getting fat; Washbrook growing whiskers! Write some more for the paper this week. Make it look bulky and give them plenty for money. No good asking Snips or the Editor to write anything. The former is too busy I guess selling peal-cards, like Irish eggs, thirteen a shilling (cash with order). Mention the Harlow bell fund and I will treat you when I come back."

That is "the man" all over, but what can one expect of a person who buys a sewage farm for a country residence, and wears impossible yellow trowsers!!!

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We got on very well without "Plain Speaker" until the election began. I might mention that in the office we have a variety of political opinions. The foreman is an "Imperialist," I am a "pro-Boer," at least they say so, and all because I ventured to say that our friends the enemy were fighting for their country to the death. Snips is a "S.D.F.-er," something in the democratic line; and yesterday an event occurred that sent the sub-Editor clean off his balance.

My readers will have noticed, perhaps, that some of the candidates' names are similar to those of some well-known ringers. Well, the sub had been reading election addresses until he felt nausea coming on. I am not going to say what caused it, simply because a writer on NEWS ought not to obtrude his political opinions, but if anyone thinks it was the rubbish usually shot in election addresses, he must think so without any assistance from me. I simply say he read until he thought he had taken an emetic, and then: dropping his pen and scissors he seized his hat and sallied down to the corner, where a meeting was going on.

I could see him from the office window. He mounted the tub and gathered a tremendous crowd. We got the comps. together, and went out to rescue him, but it was unnecessary. We missed a good deal, but got near enough to hear him shout: "Vote for Sammy Wood, the King of Treble Bob." "King of what?" said a Walthamstow man, "Sam's a Labour man." But Snips went on: "Vote for Stepney—I mean Stedman—the prince of Triples. Double your efforts. Minor at your disposal. Never mind those who are calling 'Bobs,' our man will spend the Major part of his time to Cater for your wants in a Royal manner. Cinque all differences and defeat those who always Maximus of things."

Then we grabbed him by the coat-tails and yanked him down.

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During the present year several important peals have been rung, which however have not elicited any comment, favourable or otherwise. This is perhaps owing to over-

sight, but when a peal out of the common is rung, something more than the pleasure of seeing it in print is due to the band.

Some months ago the Irthlingborough men rang the long peal of Superlative Surprise, 9312. True it had been rung before, but as no notice was taken at the time I take this opportunity of congratulating the band on their achievement. Those who have watched the rise of the Irthlingborough men will agree with me that they deserve every encouragement. From the reports of touches occasionally I see that they have seriously tackled London Surprise, and I hope the coveted prize will soon be captured. It is good to see the birthplace of the celebrated "Billy" Chattell coming to the front, and I sincerely hope that "Andy" Tyler and company will be not content; and that reminds me that I might with advantage shunt in at this particular juncture a small chunk of poetry: "BE NOT CONTENT."

Be not content, contentment means inaction!

The soul must onward in its upward quest.

Satiety is twin to satisfaction,

And all great achievements spring from life's unrest.

The tiny roots—deep in the dark mould hiding,

Would never bless the earth with fruit or flower

Were not an inward restlessness abiding,

To stir and mould them with its gentle power.

Were man contented with his lot for ever,

He had not sought strange seas with sails unfurled,

And the vast glories of those shores had never

Dawned on the gaze of an admiring world.

Prize what is yours, but be not quite contented,

There is a healthy restlessness of soul

By which a mighty purpose is augmented,

And urges man to seek a higher goal.

JINGLE.

LATE NOTICES.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, October 27th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting at The Bell Inn 6 prompt. Clay Cross Station, close to church.

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

TO AN ARCHDEACON.

SIR,—In your last issue I observe an account of the annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association. In connection with this, I note that Archdeacon Crosse delivered an especially useful and suitable address on the importance of the ringer's office. What he said is not reported, but as after the subsequent dinner the company assembled thanked him for it, I have no doubt the thanks were well deserved. According to the report, in replying to a toast, the Archdeacon, among other things, said that if there was one set of people that wanted reformation and improvement it was the old bellringers.

Now is this a fair account of what the Archdeacon said? If so, it appears to me he made a very one-sided and inadequate statement. If not, will the Archdeacon kindly inform us what he did say? In order to get at this at first hand, and to provide against the likelihood of the Archdeacon not being a regular reader of "THE BELL NEWS," I shall take the liberty of forwarding him a copy of the issue in which you publish this letter.

But if I do this, it is at least courteous and respectful that I should indicate to the Archdeacon why I venture to trouble him, which I will proceed to do.

It has long been a commonplace among people who have not devoted any attention to studying the rise and progress of ringing from an historical standpoint, to speak or write in a more or less defamatory manner of the old ringers. The foundation and justice of this manner of speaking or writing have been considered at some length in your columns within the past year, and neither, so far as I can see, has been established. I think that members of the Exercise cannot regard such a manner of speaking or writing as either sound or just. I certainly cannot; and it is to be observed that none of the clerical members of the Exercise, when the subject was being discussed, gave any evidence that they did. The evidence so far as it was then collected appeared to us to shew that the old ringers were no worse than anyone else of their own time and manners, and that other people were just as much liable as ringers to be blamed for the mere fact that they were not in all respects in accordance with our present views; but, that whereas in the case of others, before judgment formed, allowances were made, and credit given for what was due, in the case of ringers no allowance was made and no credit given.

Therefore I hope the Archdeacon will see that I am not actuated by mere idle curiosity in addressing to him through your columns the questions I am asking. If he is correctly reported, then it is very desirable that we should know on what grounds he singles out the old ringers for animadversion in this pointed way. Will he in that case kindly tell us?

Whatever may be the demerits of the old ringers, they are at least entitled to their due. Assuming, for the present, the report to be accurate, the Archdeacon gives them nothing of the kind. He apparently appreciates bells, but does he realise, that, but for the old ringers and their science and energy, the interest in bells in England would long ago have been as dead as it was in Scotland? Does he know anything of that grand old school of ringing in his own city, by which, amongst other achievements, Stedman's principle was first developed into Cinques—a method of ringing which has since been consecrated to use in connection with Divine worship, and is to be heard twice every Sunday at St. Paul's Cathedral? Does he form any conception of the skill, patience, perseverance, and pluck by which the old ringers, without any assistance from the Church, made possible the existence of such Associations as that which he now blesses? Does he know anything of the honourable roll of names of men dead and gone which represent, to take a few examples, the Norwich Scholars and Cambridge Youths in his own part of the country, and the College and Cumberland Youths in London? If he knows all this, either he did not make use of his knowledge on the occasion referred to, or the report does him a grievous injustice.

A city set on a hill cannot be hid, and words attributed to an Archdeacon cannot be treated as the "hare-brained chatter of

irresponsible frivolity," and therefore cannot be passed over in silence when they single out a particular class of men for animadversion. Granted that there was much room for improvement in some respects in the old ringers, were they the "one set of people?" Would the Archdeacon like to find the clergy in his archdeaconry at the present day with the views of duty prevalent when, say, Dr. Stanley was consecrated to the See of Norwich? I take it he would not; but at the same time he surely would not assent to the assertion that they were the one set of people to be reformed. He would, I imagine, say public opinion had to be raised all round. That is so, and applies to all classes, and no one has ever yet, that I have seen, given anything worth calling a reason why ringers as a body required special reformation, apart from that of people at large.

Nothing can be more important for the welfare of ringing than thorough co-operation between clergy and ringers; but, writing as a change-ringer and a layman, I must express a strong opinion that that co-operation is not assisted, but rather impeded, by slighting references on the part of distinguished ecclesiastics to the old ringers. Whatever may have been their due share of shortcomings, shared in many cases with the clergy and others of their day, we present-day ringers know them to have been men who, in many respects, have left us a great example, and to whom we are indebted for the very foundations of our art; and when we remember all that we—and the Church, too, if change-ringing is Church work, as we are continually being told it is—owe to them, we cannot but feel irritated at the contemptuous manner in which they are too often depreciated by members of the clerical order.

R. A. DANIELL.

20, Bucklersbury, E.C., 9th October.

MUSICAL HANDBELLS.

SIR,—It may interest you or your readers to know we have a set of eight handbells something like those described in this week's "NEWS." They are marked "W.A." on the crown, so I suppose they are Wells's, for they are very old. When I became a ringer (nearly 40 years since) there were some who had been ringers 50, and I never heard them say when they were got. They have wooden handles, and the end of the clapper has a wooden ball to strike the bell. There were no springs in them, but we got some put in about thirty years since. Our tower bells were cast in 1764.

W. D. TINKER.

Gainsborough.

SIR,—I have been much interested in the several articles on the origin of handbells, and venture to think that the following may be of interest to your readers. When a lad, I had a great fancy for bell music and ringing, and in my wanderings to listen to peals, I frequently got into conversation with old ringers, and on more than one occasion had heard of the age and quality of a certain set of handbells. I think it was about 16 or 18 years ago, I became one of a young party of beginners at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and on one of these meeting nights, the late John Cox, being in a talkative mood, told me of many of his rambles and handbell ringing expeditions, and happening to mention what I had heard of this particular set, that used to be played at the "Olive Branch," Southampton Street, Camberwell, he told me that those bells were some of the most musical he had ever heard, and that there was among them probably the oldest handbells in existence, and that some of them had travelled across the seas many times. I remembered then that the late William Roberts, the verger and steeplekeeper of St. Giles, Camberwell, had told me a similar tale. For some weeks I tried hard to get a sight of these bells, but eventually I found that the party of ringers had dissolved partnership, and that the bells were then housed in two clothes baskets. I, however, always had these in mind, and some twelve years ago approached the owner, a Mr. Sedgely, as to whether he would sell them, but he seemed to have an idea they were priceless, and he would not entertain the idea at all. He too, said he had the oldest in existence. Sedgely eventually died, and it was only the early part of the present year I succeeded in tracing the destination of some of the bells, and after some trouble I bought them (94 in number) from a relative of Sedgely. When I had looked them over, I came to the conclusion that there was nothing remarkable about them, excepting some were very much out of repair, and I put them aside hoping in the near future to be able to have them

thoroughly overhauled, etc. Since this correspondence began I have examined them and find many are of Robert Wells's make, some having his name R. Wells, and others only R.W. in raised capitals inside the bells. In one I find two sets of initials, R.W. being on one side and I.B. on the other. There are others with H. S. on the top, also I.B., and another with W.D., the latter being more modern looking, very thin and musical, and the larger ones that run down to 26 size seem to be of Stockham's make. In one of Wells's bells are two stout leather springs, while others seem never to have had any at all, the clappers being of thin iron and brass ends with holes drilled for leather plugs. They appear to me to be even lighter than the modern make, and I have not the least doubt they were very musical.

It is not of these however that I am writing. Mr. Jerram's article reminded me that I had some of exactly similar make to what he mentions, and I find there are ten without springs, and having hard wooden knobs for clapper balls. One of these has moulded on the inside a swan-like bird, and underneath the bird is the name W. R. Cor (not Corr). Inside the bell at the top is an iron loop which has been turned up, and apparently afterwards an ordinary iron clapper (with a wooden knob) has been screwed in. This bell is about 16 size. The other nine, much about the same make as the last mentioned, all have the initials very distinct in raised capitals of W.R. The shoulders of each, together with the one of Cor's make, are rather more rounded, and the lip turned more outward than the modern ones, and seem to me to be of a rougher kind of metal. Now, seeing no mention has been made of W. R., and noting too that the bells are of quite the earliest style, I am wondering whether it was to these that the late John Cox and Sedegley referred, and as Mr. Daniell in his very interesting article mentioned Camberwell in his notes from Laughton's manuscripts, I have thought that perhaps the gentlemen who are taking so much interest in this matter might like to know that there are still in Camberwell some bells that were possibly made by another maker either before or about the time of Corr.

It has occurred to me that perhaps Messrs. Henry Dains and Richard French, both old Camberwell ringers, may know more about these than I am able to tell, and I shall feel obliged if any one can let me know the name of the maker and their probable age.

WILLIAM G. BULL, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

77, Havill Street, Camberwell, S.E.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING AT NORTH WEALD.

(BY SOME OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION).

For the third year in succession, Sunday, October 7th, found a party of seven ringers—four from Leytonstone and three from Loughton—assembled at North Weald to ring for the evening service at the parish church of St. Andrew, the occasion being the Harvest Thanksgiving services. Friend Gridley and his good lady had evidently expected us, for on our arrival at the church, we were invited to “have a cup of tea first.” Nothing loth we accepted, and how quickly the time passed, but at 5.30 p.m., “Go Kent” was called, and despite the long draught of rope, though light bells, and their bad, or shall we say indifferent “go?” a very creditable 720 was accomplished, the band standing: F. Withers, E. Bacon, J. Rann, T. H. Beams, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor). A short spell and then 720 Plain Bob (26 singles) was negotiated, and as in the previous case, successfully. In this the band was F. Withers, T. H. Beams (conductor), E. Bacon, J. Moule, W. Clark, W. Keeble. The ringing before the service was concluded by Messrs. Keeble, Beams, Bacon, Moule, Clark, and Rann tapping off a 6-score of Stedman's Doubles—probably the first on these bells.

A capital service, conducted by the Vicar, was enjoyed; as well as the practical sermon preached by the Rev. J. Nairne, of Latton, but time was creeping on, and only 360 Kent was rung after service. This touch, however, was watched by a goodly number of the congregation.

Coffee and sandwiches had to be despatched ere we said “good-bye” to our kind friends, and then a moonlight walk to the station across the fields. Once aboard, every one voted we had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and with the talk of attempting seven minor methods on these bells in the near future, we separated.

F. H. B.

THE SILENT PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

The band fixed in for this peal last winter, but only short practice was possible. In hopes of taking it to the last annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association it was arranged to make the first attempt on Easter Monday last, but when the band met at 5 a.m. it was found that one had cut his hand, and peal-ringing was out of the question. Nothing further was done during the summer, owing to domestic ties, but on August 13th a half-peal was rung. The next attempt was on September 26th, when the band broke down six courses from home; or when 4400 had been rung. Again on October 4th we reached 3500 changes when a curious incident occurred. One of the umpires yawned (or gaped) so loud that we stopped, thinking he had called stand! but to our consternation the bells were all right! *Moral:* Keep MUM when umpiring. The next attempt was successful, and in addition to the referees, Mr. Stephen Cooper (mine host of ye King and Crown) Joseph Needham and Alfred Millis heard the peal from outside at intervals, they arriving too late to be in the room at the start, although on the three previous occasions they also had the figures. All the recognised rules for silent ringing were rigidly observed throughout.

W. W.

HANDBELL RINGING CONTEST AT MANCHESTER.

Visitors from all parts of the country flocked to Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester, on Monday, September 24th, interested in the forty-sixth annual handbell ringing contest which was to be decided in the afternoon. In importance this event ranks second to the great brass band contest which is held each year at the beginning of September. Seventeen bands had entered the contest, but only ten put in an appearance, these being, Birstall St. Saviour's, Lepton, Huddersfield, Clifton, Almondbury, Horbury, Liversedge, Mottram, Barnsley, and Crossland Moor. The test piece was a selection from Lortzing's Opera “Czaar Und Zimmermann,” arranged by Cramer. The judges were Dr. Henry Watson, professor Royal College of Music, Manchester, and Mr. F. Veller, musical director, Manchester, whose decisions appeared to give general satisfaction, and were as follows, viz.:—First prize, £20 and gold medal, Almondbury; second prize, £12, Crossland Moor; third prize, £10, Horbury; fourth prize, £5, Clifton; fifth prize, £3, Liversedge. This is the third successive year the Almondbury band have secured the first prize, and consequently each member of the band will receive a silver medal, and they will not be allowed to compete in the contest next year.

We have received the following characteristic letter from our old friend C. F. Winney. He intimates that it is written under difficulties, and it is in very faint black-lead pencil on a post-card. This manner of corresponding should only be adopted when ink cannot be obtained; and our friends who wish to find their communications unjeopardised will do well to avoid as far as they can such ephemeral vehicles as post-cards and pencils for their correspondence:—

“One day when in Chester I thought of buying a cup; on it a picture of the Cathedral. I turned it over. Underneath—‘Made in Germany.’ So I resisted the temptation, for those ringers who have nerves. Martin Luther was born in Saxony, November 10th (St. Martin's Eve) 1483, and died in his native village February 18th, 1546. Please insert this correction in T. H. T's skit of what was forgotten at Oxford, and oblige, yours in haste, C. F. Winney.—Written while waiting for train.”

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THE peal records in this number of our journal reach to twenty. Of these the Stedman Caters in hand, performed in the ancient and historical town of Leicester, is perhaps the most interesting. No one will grudge the ringers of this peal their due meed of praise, not only for the performance itself, but for the energy and unflinching perseverance exhibited by them. We shall not be surprised to hear of the Association which will have the honour of possessing the official record of the peal, recognising it as a more than an ordinary display of our Art by the erection of a special entablature of some kind.

Recently, on more than one occasion, attention has been drawn to a proposal affecting the provision of a new ring of bells for the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex. Our next number will contain full particulars with respect to this matter, from one of our most popular contributors. There are four sets of twelve handbells to be given away to the same number of lucky contributors to the fund in aid of such a praiseworthy

object. It is pleasing to hear that several of our leading brethren have contributed to the fund in a direct manner. Our suggestion of the arrangement may have been wild, but if our 30,000 readers reply to the invitation, a great thing will have been achieved.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29th, the Grappenhall branch of the above Guild held their half-yearly meeting at Daresbury, when there were present about 24 members. The Rev. R. Greenall, Rector of Grappenhall, was voted to the chair, the Secretary then reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The following five new members were then proposed by Mr. Mainwaring: A. Kinsey, M. Lomas, R. Tincler, G. H. Wheeler and J. Fairhurst; these were seconded and carried unanimously. It was proposed and seconded that the next meeting be held at Grappenhall, which was carried. It was explained by the chairman, that owing to our having no branch expenses, all the money that we had in hand had been handed over to the General Fund. Tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, was then partaken of, and as it was served in host Phillips' best style, ample justice was done to it. A move was then made to the tower, where a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was successfully brought round by H. T. Moston, 1; F. Jones, 2; R. Duckworth, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; J. Priestley, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob by S. Spence, 1; S. Jenkins, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. Jones, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Priestley, 6. Then 360 College Single by R. Duckworth, 1; S. Jenkins, 2; F. Jones, 3; H. T. Moston, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Priestley, 6. This is S. Jenkins' first 720 of Plain Bob with a bob bell, and first in the method of College Single. This brought to an end another branch meeting, which was much enjoyed by the visitors, and they hope to meet together again very shortly. F.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	SYDNEY JONES 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
WILLIAM TEGG 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ARMSTRONG, and
Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Arthur J. Chidwick, of Barnet, who died suddenly last week, and who was a frequent visitor to the band First peal of Major by S. Jones, late of Wootton, Gloucestershire. This composition which has the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place, and the 2nd never in 5ths, is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, October 3, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

STEPHEN COOK Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS 5.
ROBERT HAWES 2.	HENRY BOWELL 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung after the marriage of the Rev. John Edward Cowell, younger son of Mr. Charles Henry Cowell, of Colne House, Ipswich, to Miss Constance Emily Thorp, fourth daughter of the late Rev. Gervase Thorp, Vicar of Wealdstone Harrow.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS* Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES* 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Godden This is A. E. Pegler's rooth peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	*JOSEPH POTTER 6.
WALTER BROWN 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
REV. H. J. ELSEE* 3.	*A. EDWARD WREARS 8.
JOHN POTTER* 4.	JOHN EACHUS 9.
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 5.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER PRIOR* Treble.	*WILLIAM WATTS 5.
GEORGE DENT 2.	*HENRY J. TUCKER 6.
WALTER HOBBS 3.	*ISAAC CAVILL 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 15040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs.

FREDERICK STILL Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD 5.
ARTHUR THOMAS GODLEY 2.	GEORGE TURLEY 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	GEORGE IZZARD 7.
RICHARD PELLING 4.	JOHN THORPE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

This is G. Izzard's first peal with a bob bell, and it was rung entirely by the local band.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, October 4, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 6.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	EDWARD BRYANT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The Rev. T. Lewis Jones hails from Bangor, for whom this and previous peals were arranged, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking him for his generosity on each occasion.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HUBERT EDEN* Treble.	HERBERT MARTIN 5.
CHARLES GEORGE 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
FRANK A. SMITH 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES GEORGE, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6ths place, and the 2nd never in 5ths place at a course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

JOHN WYATT Treble.	HARRY HORREX 5.
THOMAS GWYNNE 2.	LEWIN FERRIGE 6.
JOHN HOYLE 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOSEPH FAYERS 4.	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent, Merchants Return, New London, Oxford, and Violet.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES GRATRIX Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD 4.
JAMES DICKEN 2.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. 5.
OWEN WOOD 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by OWEN WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Gratrix and J. T. Dicken, the ringers wishing them many happy returns. Gratrix hails from Prestwich; T. B. Dicken from Mossley.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE MEE Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 3.	GEORGE DAVIES 7.
DAVID BREARLEY 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

ALTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN J. JONES Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH WINGFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of College Single, and three 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

T. ALLIBONE* Treble.	T. CLOUGH 4.
W. BUTLER 2.	J. T. BUTLER 5.
J. FLINT 3.	J. TARLTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. TARLTON.

The above was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. A. V. Coleston), who was inducted on the Thursday previous. J. Flint belongs to Bolsover.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. TITCHENER .. Treble.	RICHARD FENWICK 5.
FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. 2.	THOMAS METCALFE .. 6.
JOHN H. JONES 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
JAMES A. CARTER 4.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
JOHNSON E. HERN 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 8.
ERNEST BRUCE 4.	ALFRED WATMORE 9.
ALBERT E. REEVES 5.	WILLIAM ROBINS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CHARLES PEARCE Treble.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 5.
SYDNEY RIDDLE 2.	MAURICE STEER 6.
CHARLES SMART 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	CHARLES JEFFREY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. C. P. Berryman for the use of the bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, October 10, 1900, 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 A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	THOMAS GWYNNE 5.
JAMES D. DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
HARRY A. HORREX 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOHN HOYLE 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. SMITH.

Handbell Peals.**LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE KING AND CROWN, TOWNHALL LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	SAMUEL COTTON 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL 3-4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7-8.
JOHN BUTTERY 9-10.	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.—A SILENT PEAL.

This is the first non-conducted peal on ten bells ever rang, either on handbells or tower bells. Umpires—C. H. Fowler—who called "go"—J. W. Moorhouse and J. Morris, all of whom checked the figures throughout. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

Miscellaneous.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at the residence of J. C. Truss, The Two Brewers, Marlow, on handbells retained in hand, the last 742 of Holt's Original. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3-4; J. C. Truss, 5-6; W. E. Yates, 7-8.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service, at St. Laurence, 504 Grandsire Caters. R. Sawyer, 1; W. E. Batten (first 504 Caters), 2; J. E. Hern, 3; F. Hopgood (conductor), 4; E. E. Bruce, 5; W. Goseltime, 6; W. P. Routh, Esq., 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Watmore, 9; F. Cole (first 504 Caters), 10. Also on Sunday, October 8th, on the occasion of Harvest Festival, 1272 Grandsire Caters. W. E. Batten, 1; A. Watmore, 2; A. Mayo, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5; E. Bruce, 6; A. W. Higgs, 7; C. Stone, 8; W. Horne, 9; W. Goseltime, 10. Also 504 Stedman Caters. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; A. Mayo, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; C. Stone, 5; E. Bruce, 6; W. Horne, 7; W. Newell, 8; A. Watmore, 9; R. Sawyer, 10.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE (Chester).—On Sunday evening, August 19th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas's Church, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob. J. Dean, 1; A. Brocklehurst, 2; J. Whitehead (conductor), 3; J. Fernley, 4; A. Fernley, 5; T. Brocklehurst, 6. The ringers of 2, 3, and 6, from Hayfield. On Sunday morning, August 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. The same evening for Divine Service, 720 College Singlestanding as before. On Monday evening, August 26th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; S. Fernley (conductor), 3; J. Dean, 4; A. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure Treble Bob. J. Kellett, J. Fernley, S. Fernley (conductor); J. Dean; A. Fernley; G. D. Warburton. On Monday evening, September 3rd, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; S. Fernley (conductor), 3; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 4; J. Fernley, 5; A. Fernley, 6. Rev. A. T. Beeston hails from New Mills. On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; S. Fernley (conductor), 3; J. Dean, 4; A. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Monday evening, September 10th, for practice, 720 Warnham Court. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. First 720 in the method by the band. Also 720 College Single, standing as before. On Saturday, September 15th, on the occasion of the ringers' outing to Sutton, near Macclesfield, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; R. Sutton, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday morning, September 16th, for

Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; E. Horne, 3; J. Dean, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. E. Horne hails from Gorton, near Manchester. On Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday evening, September 22nd, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 360 New London and 360 Warnham Court. On Saturday evening, September 29th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 360 New London, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 9th, at St. Stephen's Church, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Nudds, 1; E. Pryor, 2; C. Pryor, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. Pryor (conductor), 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; R. Bevan, 7; W. Norton, 8. And 168 standing as before. On Tuesday, September 11th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. F. Nudds, 1; C. Pryor, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; G. Hollis, 4; E. Young, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; R. Bevan (conductor), 7; W. J. Nudds, 8. Also 336. C. Pryor, 1; E. Pryor, 2; rest as before. And 308 Grandsire Triples. F. Nudds, 1; E. Pryor, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; G. Hollis, 4; E. Young, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; R. Bevan (conductor), 7; W. Norton, 8. On Tuesday, September 25th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Hollis, 1; A. Friend, 2; H. Watson, 3; E. Bousfield, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. J. Pryor (conductor), 6; W. J. Nudds, 7; F. Hull, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. F. Nudds, 2; E. Bousfield, 3; J. W. Chandler, 3; G. Hollis, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6; F. Hull, 7; R. Bevan (conductor), 8. On Saturday, September 22nd, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. it unfortunately came to grief. E. Pryor, 1; C. Pryor, 2; E. Bousfield, 3; G. Hollis, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; R. Bevan, 7; H. Ellis, 8. On Sunday, September 30th, for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Nudds, 1; E. Pryor, 2; F. Smith, 3; E. Bousfield, 4; W. Pryor, 5; W. H. Pryor (conductor), 6; C. Pryor, 7; W. Norton, 8.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Thursday, September 13th, for practice at the church of St. Martin, 360 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; W. H. Pryor, 2; F. Nudds, 3; N. Alderman, 4; G. Hollis (conductor), 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob. R. Bevan, 1; W. H. Pryor, 2; — Chadwick, 3; N. Alderman, 4; G. Hollis, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. On Thursday, September 20th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Pryor, 1; J. W. Chandler, 2; G. Hollis (conductor) 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. Steggall, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. Also a plain course. H. Ellis, 1; W. H. Pryor, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. Steggall, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. And another. J. W. Chandler, 1; F. Nudds, 3; R. Bevan, 6; rest as before. And a course Double Court. H. Ellis, 1; J. W. Chandler, 2; W. J. Nudds, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. Steggall, 5; R. Bevan, 6. On Sunday, September 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, 42 singles. H. Ellis, 1; N. Alderman, 2; E. Young, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Young, 1; N. Alderman, 2; G. Hollis, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; R. Bevan, 2; J. Nixon, 3; G. Hollis, 4; E. Young, 5; W. J. Nudds (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 480 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; G. Hollis (conductor), 2; E. Young, 3; N. Alderman, 4; J. Nixon, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. And 180 standing as before, conducted by W. J. Nudds.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine Service, 1344 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong (conductor), 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade, 8. On Tuesday, September 18th, on the occasion of the wedding of W. T. Ricketts, Esq. to Miss M. Feiling, of Southgate House, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. H. Miller, 1; S. Ansell, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; A. Miller, 5; C. Bale, 6; J. Miller (conductor), 7; H. Balaam, 8. And 720 Bob Minor conducted by J. Armstrong. On Sunday, September 30th, for Harvest Thanksgiving, 1280 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade, 7; J. Miller (conductor), 8.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Miller, 1; S. Jones, 2; F. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6. On Saturday, September 29th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Bob Minor. A. Glasscock, 1; W. Tegg, 2; F. Ford, 3; S. Jones, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service on the

occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. H. Farnan, 1; J. Hinton, 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. Herbert, 4; J. Crombie, 5; H. Adams, 6; W. Charge, 7; W. Elson (conductor), 8; E. H. Adams (St. Mary's, Warwick), 9; S. How, 10.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday, August 31st, 720 Rochester Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockcroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 2nd, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), standing as above. For evening service 720 College Single. D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; the rest as before. On Monday, September 3rd, 720 London Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockcroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. On Sunday morning, September 16th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles) standing as before. For evening service 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles), standing as before. On Monday, September 17th, 720 Wells Surprise standing as before. On Sunday morning, September 23rd, 720 Woodbine. J. H. Smith, 4; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Duke of York, standing as in the morning. On Sunday morning, September 30th, 720 Violet. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockcroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Kent. J. H. Smith, 5; the rest as before.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation) in 46 mins. E. Fenn (conductor), 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; G. W. Faulkner, 3; E. Andrews, 4; A. J. T. Carter, 5; A. C. Hardy, 6; R. Fenn, 7; E. A. Davies, Esq., 8. Rung in honour of the sixty-eighth birthday of Lord Roberts.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Wednesday, October 3rd, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. N. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 4; W. Prior, 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; W. T. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. The above has the twelve 7-4's, twelve 4-6's, and eight 6-7's.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 30th, for Divine Service, 1255 Stedman Caters in 52 mins. H. Flanders, 1; G. R. Pye (conductor), 2; W. Pye, 3; J. J. Lamb, 4; W. Watson, 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; I. G. Shade, 7; W. Berry, 8; E. Pye, 9; H. F. Dawkins, 10.

GROBY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 30th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. S. Murby, 1; J. Wain, 2; G. H. Geary, 3; J. Spencer, 4; W. Chaplin, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6. *Hails from Ratby.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday evening, July 15th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Spiby, 1; J. Barnes, 2; C. Dalby, 3; E. J. Gale (conductor), 4; A. V. Potter, 5; T. Gillett, 6; W. James, 7; R. Young, 8. On Sunday evening, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Barnes, 1; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale (composer), 3; S. Saker, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; W. James, 6; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 7; R. Young, 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—Recently at St. Giles Church, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. J. Freeman, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Hensman, 3; F. Wilford, 4; H. Rainbow, 5; T. Harris, 6; A. Arnold, 7; A. Moore, 8; A. Stewart (conductor), 9; W. Farey, 10. Also a course of Stedman Caters. A. Stewart, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Hensman, 3; F. Wilford, 4; A. Hensman, 5; A. Moore, 6; A. Arnold, 7; T. Harris, 8; W. Farey, 9; J. Freeman, 10. And 270 Grandsire Caters. J. Freeman, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Hensman, 3; A. Stewart (conductor), 4; A. Arnold, 5; T. Harris, 6; W. Farey, 7; F. Wilford, 8; A. Moore, 9; C. Fennell, 10. At Sepulchre's Church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins. through a change-course. H. Hensman, 1; H. Rainbow, 2; T. Harris, 3; F. Wilford, 4; W. Farey, 6; A. Arnold, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. At All Saints Church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Hensman, 1; A. Stewart, 2; T. Harris, 3; F. Wilford, 4; A. Arnold, 5; A. Moore, 6; W. Farey (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. And 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Hensman, 1; A. Moore, 2; T. Harris, 3; F. Wilford, 4; A. Arnold, 5; W. Farey, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; C. Fennell, 8. At St. Peter's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Rainbow, 1; W. Allen, 2; H. Hensman, 3; A. Moore, 4; W. Farey, 5; W. Sturgess, 6; F. Wilford (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8.

CAMPSALL, NEAR DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 29th, seven members of the Doncaster and seven members of the Pontefract parish church companies met by arrangement to have an afternoon's ringing at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Campsall. The bells are a nice ring of eight, tenor 13½ cwt. in F., but are rather in want of a little attention in the way of bolts, etc., tightening up, and also a different lubricant (the writer found paraffin in the oil can). Two courses of Stedman Triples were rung as a preliminary. Afterwards about 504 of Grandsire, and another touch of a similar length of Stedman were brought round. Then an adjournment was made for tea, and a walk to inspect the magnificent row of cedars at Campsall, the seat of G. B. C. Yarborough, Esq. Another visit to the church, and an attempt was made for two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, but the bells did not seem to be used to swing to that time, and the touch came to grief. Another try, and a 480 was successfully brought round, a 420 of Stedman and a few courses of Bob Major concluding the ringing, the conducting being shared by Messrs. C. Armitage (Doncaster), C. Watts and W. Pearson, of Pontefract. A short inspection was made of the fine Norman arches and the doorway at the west-end of the church, and a few minutes pleasant intercourse over pipe and glass, then good-byes had to be exchanged, each one agreeing that a very enjoyable afternoon had been spent, and hopes expressed of another reunion at no distant date. Among the many objects of interests in this fine old church is an old rood screen with the following inscription running across in old English characters:

Let fal downe the ne and lift up the hart
Behold thy maker on yon cross al to torn
Behold his woundis that for the did smart
Gotyn without sin and on a virgin born
Alas man thy hart ought to wrest in to
Beware of the deyvil when he blowis his horne
And pray thy gode angel convey the—

The remainder is missing. The clerkship at Campsall has been in the writer's family since the year 1746. John Pearson holding office from 1746 to 1778, his son Richard from 1778 to 1815, Richard's son George from 1815 to 1849, George's son Richard 1849 to 1891, Richard's son Arthur 1891 to 1895, Arthur being succeeded by his brother Thomas (who is now in office) in 1895.

W. PEARSON.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Friday, October 5th, at the request of Mr. Churchwarden Lainsbury, ten members rang at St. Clement Danes a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, and afterwards a touch of Grandsire and Stedman Caters to the memory of Mr. Twining, aged eighty, a churchwarden for several years, and benefactor of the parish, who died at Monday last at Brighton. It is interesting to note that during the interval of ringing the late Tom Tolladay's name was mentioned by Mr. Comb, Mr. Haworth telling the company that Mr. Tolladay and his wife died within a day or two of each other, and were buried in the same grave situate a little to the north-west of the tower. During the evening Mr. Comb gave many reminiscences of his ringing. He remembered Mr. Tolladay and his father also. Both Mr. Comb and Mr. Haworth have been connected with St. Clement's belfry for sixty years, so they are with Mr. Weatherstone almost as much a link with the parish as the late Mr. Twining. The Master and Secretary of this company will be glad to welcome all young members for practice in the towers every alternate Monday at 8 o'clock sharp, and afterwards at the meetings to practice single and double handbell ringing.

Some very delightful evenings have been spent with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. A. Daniell. One night we had four visitors in the room as witty as Mark Twain, to say nothing of their being a sort of *Encyclopædia Britannica*.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; J. Tucker, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; C. Cox, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; H. Tucker, 6; A. Osborn, 7; J. Goodenough, 8. Also 322 in same method. N. Cox, (longest length in the method), 1; A. Osborne, 2; C. Cox, 3; A. E. Reeves (conductor), C. Giles, 5; J. Swain, 6; H. Tucker, 7; E. Searle, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

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5040.

23456	M	W	H
32654	2		2
56234		2	2
52364		I	2
53624		I	2
24365	I	2	2
23645		I	2
32546	2		2
52436		2	I
54326		I	2
23456		2	2

5000.

23456	M	W	H
52364	2	2	2
53624		I	2
43265	I	2	I
42635		I	2
62345		2	I
63425		I	2
35426	I		2
24536		2	2
25346		I	2
23456		I	2

5040.

23456	M	W	H
52364	2	2	2
32654		2	I
53624		I	
35426	2		2
24536		2	2
32465	2	2	2
42635		2	I
62345		2	I
25346	I		2
23456		I	2

By G. HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove.*

5120.

23456	M	W	H
24536		I	2
62345	2	I	2
43265		2	2
35264	I		2
32654		I	2
56234		2	2
34625	I	2	2
43526	2		2
25346		2	2
23456		I	2

In this composition the 4th, 5th and 6th are the only bells in 6ths place, and the 6th her extent in 5-6, with all the 4-5s and 5-4s, and a double bob at home throughout the peal. It is the first one-part peal ever published containing the above qualities.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

By J. P. BRADLEY, *College Youth.*

12,000.

231456	5	6	19
516423*			.
513624			-
514326			-
415623	-		-
413526			-
314625	-		-
315426			-
316524			-
613425	-		-
213564	-	-	-
214365			-
215463			-
512364	-		-
514263			-
415362	-		-
412563			-
413265			-
314562	-		-

The last nine courses three times repeated produce—

216354			
516324	-	-	s
514623			-
513426			-
315624	-		-
314526			-
413624	-		-
415326			-
416523			-
614325	-		-

The last nine courses four times repeated; calling a bob instead of a single at 19 produces 216453.

*1, 4, 5, 17, 19 single.

Round at 2, 3, 5, 7, 16, 18, 19, 20.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By J. MARTIN, *Liverpool.*

5120.

23456	I	4	5	6
34256				-
42356				-
34625			-	
42635	-			
23645	-			
43526	-	-		-
32546	-			
24536	-			
63425	-	-		
24365	-			-
43265				-
32465				-
25463	-	-	-	
35264	-			
45362	-			
52364	-	-	-	
23564				-

Continued— I 4 5 6

35264				-
56234	-			
36452	-	-		-
26354	-			
46253	-			
64352	-			-
24356	-	s	-	

Repeated.

5088.

23456	I	4	5	6
36452	-	-	-	
62453	-	-	-	
25463	-			
53462	-	-	-	
32465	-	-	-	
43526	-			
23645	-	-		-
54326	-	-		
42356	-			

Five times repeated. Single midway and end.

5120.

23456	I	4	5	6
36452	-	-	-	
26354	-			
46253	-			
64352	-			-
24653	-			
23645	-	-	-	
34625	-			
42635	-			
36245	-			
64235	-			
42365	-			s
23465	-			-

Three times repeated; omit single in second and fourth parts. In these peals the 5th and 6th are their extent each way in coursing order behind the 7th and before the tenor. The six and two-part peals also contain all the 6-5s and 5-6s.

By E. TIMBRELL, *Chipping, Lancs.*

5184.

23456	I	4	5	6
42635				-
26435				-
56234	-			
32654	-			
26354	-			
63254	-			
52364	-			
23564	-			

Five times repeated. Single at 1 in the last course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

The 720 Bob Minor published by J. T. Lowe in last week's "BELL NEWS" was composed by H. J. Tucker several years ago and published in "THE BELL NEWS."

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.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Correction.—Owing to the Richmond election being declared on October 6th, the meeting of this Association announced for that day at Bedale will be postponed till to-day, Saturday, Oct. 13th. **REV. W. P. WRIGHT,** *Stokesley, R.S.O.* **Hon. Sec.**

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, at the church of St. Andrew, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, October 13th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. A tea will be provided. All members are requested to attend, as the district officers will be elected. Friends are cordially invited. **C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.**

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting of members will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 20th next, further particulars as to which will be advertised later. Will the local representatives kindly obtain all subscriptions which may be in arrear, so that same can be paid at this meeting. **CHAS. DEAN, JUN., Hon. Sec.** 72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry to-day, Saturday, October 13. Tea 1s. per head at 5 p.m. **B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above-named Society will be held to-day, Saturday, Oct. 13th, at The Swan with two Necks, Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5.30. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.** 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—A meeting for the transaction of business will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, October 16th, and there will be a meeting for practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Thursday, October 18th, at 7.45 p.m. **W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.** 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Autumn meeting at Drayton, Berks., on Saturday, October 20th. Trains to Stevenston (1½ miles) 1.40, to Abingdon (2½ miles) 2.12. Ringing at Drayton 2.30 to 4. Service at 4, preacher, Rev. Canon Houlton. Tea at 4.45. Ringing at 5.30 at Drayton, Abingdon, Sutton Courtney and Stevenston. Trains back Stevenston, 8.28. Abingdon, 8.47. Tea will be provided free of cost to those who give notice of coming on or before October 18th to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Blaenavon, on Saturday, October 20th, at 5.30 sharp at the church. **REV. MINOR CANON PRICE, Hon. Sec.** **J. H. ALDRIDGE, Asst. Sec.**

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 263rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J.

Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary. 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch of this Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, October 20th, at 6 p.m.

B. G. MACANDREW, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 27th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend. **ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Eccles parish church, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 4 o'clock, free to members sending in their names to Mr. James Barrett, 7, College Croft, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, October 24th. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, October 27th. Tower open at 2.0 p.m. Committee Meeting at 3.15. Tea at 4.0 in the Victoria Schools. Will all those who intend being present at tea kindly send a post card to Mr. A. Knights, Brunswick Street, Chesterfield, not later than Thursday, October 25th?

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Mytholmroyd, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready from dinner. Business in school at 6 o'clock. **WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.**

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The 23rd Annual Festival will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 29th. Headquarters at the Cathedral. The bells for members' use are at Cathedral (10); All Saints (8); St. George's (8); and St. Stephen's, in the evening (8). St. John's tower is now closed. Committee meeting in Cathedral vestry at 11 a.m. Service in the lady chapel at 11.45. Dinner at Metropole hotel, West Clayton Street, 12.45, 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary before the 24th inst. Will they also note change of time in the arrangements?

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W.C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

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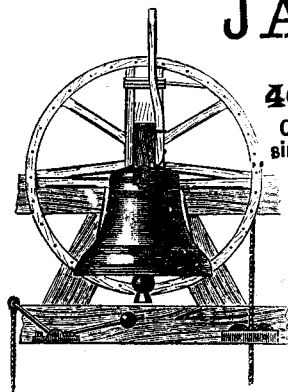
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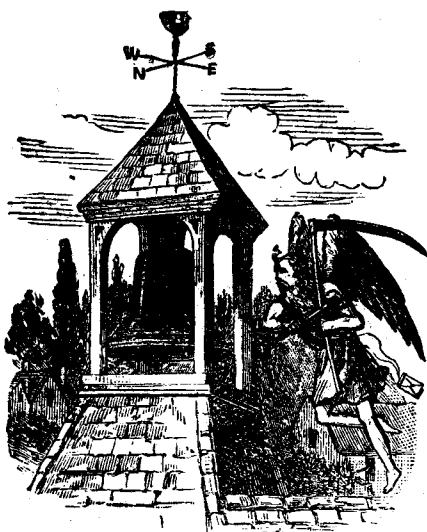
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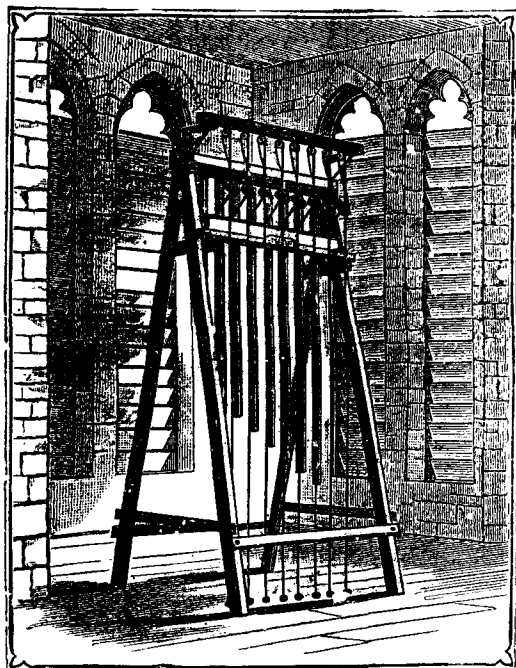
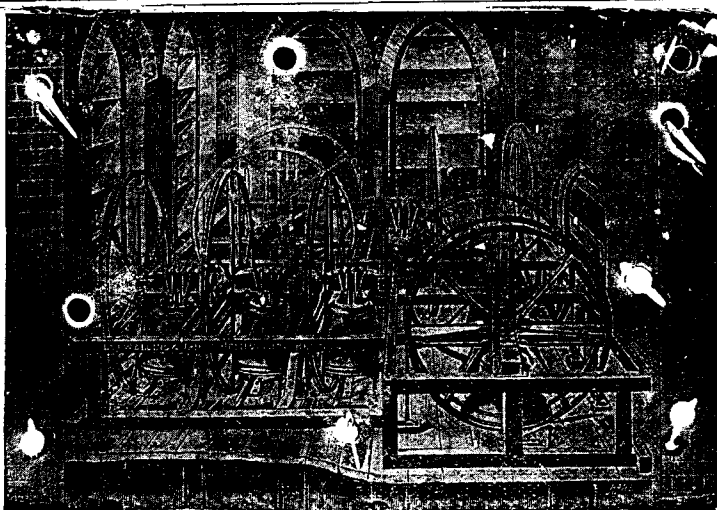
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM was on the eve of the poll for the General Election on Saturday, September 29th, when for the first time the Lancashire Association held its annual meeting in that town of huge mills and many chimneys. The election did us one ill-turn, it monopolised the attention of the reporters, who should have given an earlier and more complete account of our proceedings, otherwise it made little difference to the meeting. Ringers came intent on their own business, not to listen to election speeches, and they came in good number, as the list of places represented will shew. St. Mary's, with its fine ring of twelve, marvellously hung in the slenderest of towers, was of course the headquarters for the day, and the belfries of St. Mark's, Glodwick, and St. Thomas's, Leesfield, eight bells each, were also open to members. Among the places represented were Ashton, Bacup, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Colne, Dalton-in-Furness, Eccles, Farnworth, Hamer, Helmshore, Heywood, Liverpool, Leesfield, Manchester, Newchurch, New Hey, Oldham, Padiham, Pendlebury, Pendleton, Penwortham, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Reddish, Rochdale, Southport, Stockport, Todmorden, Walkden, and Worsley. Ringing took place before the service, and after the business meeting.

At the choral service in St. Mary's Church at 4 o'clock, the prayers were said by the Rev. G. Perry-Gore, Vicar of St. Mary's. The lessons were read by the Revs. E. A. Sydenham and H. J. Elsee, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, from the words, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service?" (Heb. i. 14. R.V.) Speaking first of the special lesson of the day (St. Michael and all Angels), the preacher went on from the ministry of angels to speak of the ministry of ringers, urging that those who had received a special talent from God, should count it their honour to use it in His service, and should also endeavour so to practise themselves in it that they might at last render it back to God better than they had received it.

Tea in the school followed the service, and more than one hundred sat down to a substantial spread, for which excellent arrangements had been made by a local committee.

At the business meeting, which was held immediately after tea, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President, and he was supported by the Revs. G. Perry Gore, F. E. Robinson, C. A. Clements, and E. A. Sydenham, Messrs. J. Eachus (vice-President), A. E. Wreaks and J. Shepherd (Secretaries), H. W. Jackson (Treasurer), and others. At the outset the Vicar of St. Mary's, Oldham, who had to leave before the end of the proceedings, spoke a few words of hearty welcome to the Association. St. Mary's bells had, he said, been spoken of that afternoon in terms of high praise by one of the most competent judges in the country, and they were glad to welcome to Oldham so many who could enjoy the sound and also, now, the go of the bells.

The annual report of the committee was read by Mr. J.

Shepherd. It stated that the number of members now on the books was 943, almost the same as in the preceding year, while the peals rung numbered 43, in 13 methods. Special grants had been made to Pendleton and Christ Church, Bacup, towards the cost of peal-boards to commemorate the first peals rung by the Association in Cambridge Surprise Major and seven Minor Surprise Methods respectively. The statement of accounts presented by the Treasurer shewed an income for the year of £38 6s. 9d. and an expenditure of £36 12s. 2d., the total balance now standing to the credit of the Association being £78 16s. 1d.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that this was an opportunity of taking stock of the position and work of the Association. The report shewed that they were about stationary both in membership and finance. How far then had they succeeded, as an Association, in the objects which years ago they set out to secure? Their objects were mainly three, to secure that proper care should be bestowed upon belfries, bells, and their fittings, to promote the Art of change-ringing, and to obtain the recognition of ringers as Church workers, whose privilege it was to use their art for the glory of God. As an example of what had been done under the first head, they need look no further than the tower under which they had met that day, while the new or increased rings at Farnworth, Colne, and Ramsbottom were evidences within the last twelve months of attention bestowed upon the bells. Under the second head let them compare their peal list with that of ten years ago, not merely in the greater variety of methods, but in the larger number of peals rang in the more intricate methods. Then as to the third head, undoubtedly there was still much to be desired, especially in the value which ringers themselves set upon worship. Yet here, too, there had been an undoubted improvement, and he was able to declare that he had never seen any behaviour unworthy of the place in a Lancashire belfry. Now this advance might not be due solely and directly to the work of the Association, but certainly a great deal of it had been brought about by the existence throughout the country of such bodies as their's. In some measure, then, they might feel satisfied at the work which the Association had done. But now there was just the danger of success. It was often easier to work for improvement than to maintain a high level when that had once been reached. And there was the danger of lukewarmness on the part of many members, who might be inclined to regard the Association as a body to which it was indeed proper for them to belong, but which did not depend for its success upon their efforts or interest and did not call for any sacrifice on their part to make it strong. Well, was it not just the function of the annual meeting to counteract this danger? They met that day, once in the year, as one single body, to feel their corporate life, to unite in an act of worship, to take mutual consent together for the advance of their work. Their motive in coming was not, firstly, personal enjoyment, but service of the common cause. Could it be said that in any sense their work was done, that there was no further need of

sustained effort in the Association? Take one point only, the cultivation of new methods. Was striking yet perfect in these—or always perfect in the older methods? He would remind them that this lay at the root of the question debated in the Central Council as to the accuracy of peals. Finally, did they, as members of the Association, try to realise that the highest point of their office was reached in the Sunday ringing for service, that then their striking should invariably be the best, because then they were directly offering their art for the worship of God.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted, after a short discussion, and the meeting proceeded to re-elect the retiring officers, President (Rev. H. J. Elsee), Secretary, (A. W. Wreaks), Assistant Secretary (J. Wilson), and Treasurer (H. W. Jackson), for a further term of two years. The election of members of the committee, representing the different branches, was also confirmed.

A proposal to pay full travelling expenses of branch secretaries in attending branch meetings, and of the general secretaries in attending the general meetings of the Association, was adopted as an experiment for one year.

Liverpool and Blackpool were proposed for the place of the next annual meeting, and on being put to the vote, Blackpool was chosen by a large majority. A comprehensive vote of thanks to the preacher, the authorities of the church, the local company and their friends for the excellent arrangements made for tea, etc., was briefly responded to by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and after a similar vote to the chairman, the members dispersed, first to the towers and then to the station *en route* for their various homes.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The autumnal quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, October 13th, at Bawtry, once a great posting station now a well-known halting place for cyclists on the great North road, just within the borders of Yorkshire, but justifying its membership in the North Notts. Association by being ecclesiastically within the diocese of Southwell. Business duties kept some faithful members away, others were no doubt deterred by the stormy afternoon; anyhow, the muster was rather smaller than usual. Six towers were represented, viz.: Bawtry, Blyth, Harthill, East Retford, Ordsall and Shireoaks, to the number of twenty all told, who sat down to tea at Mrs. Marsden's well furnished table at five o'clock, the Rev. A. E. Meredith, Vicar, presiding.

Bawtry Church (which suffered grievously, like most other parish churches, at the hands of the churchwardens of the Georgian period, who "brake down all the carved work thereof with axes and hammers" to make room for square pews and galleries) is now undergoing a much-needed restoration; the ascent to the ringing-chamber was therefore precarious, and the descent more so, especially when the workmen removed one of the ladders from below and coolly departed, leaving the ringers to get down as best they might. Whilst some were ringing above, other members, waiting their turn at the ropes, examined the work going on below, under the direction of the Vicar, who kindly pointed out the various interesting features of the structure, representing at least four different periods of architecture.

At the business meeting, held under the presidency of the vicar, after tea, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ordsall on Saturday, January 12, 1901,

subject to the permission of the Rector. Four new members were elected: Messrs. R. Bescoby, East Retford; J. H. Wilson, J. W. Taylor and W. Steele, Bawtry. The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. E. Meredith for the use of the bells and his kind reception of the party.

Perhaps the dangers of the climb to the tower made the ringers' heads swim and interfered with rope-sight or recollection; at any rate, only two 720's were completed during the afternoon, as follows:—720 Kent by H. Hall, 1; J. Hinde, 2; J. White, 3; D. Russon, 4; T. Smith (con.) 5; B. Hall, 6; time, 25½ minutes; and 720 Plain Bob by E. Pindar, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. W. Taylor, 3; J. White, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; H. Wilson (conductor) 6; time, 27 minutes.

A NEW CLOCK FOR THRAPSTON.

The desirability of having a clock in the Parish Church of Thrapston which would chime the quarter-hours has long been felt. A short time ago Mr. E. T. Cottingham very generously offered to provide a clock with chimes on condition that £25, part of the amount which it would cost, was subscribed by the inhabitants of Thrapston. That amount was soon collected, and the clock and chimes are now installed in the tower of the Parish Church. The works are full sized quarto, released electrically by a closely fitting regulating clock, which hangs in the ringing chamber below the chiming mechanism. The clock bears the inscription on its face, "E. T. Cottingham, maker, Thrapston." On Thursday afternoon, a dedication service was held in the church. The clergy present were Rev. S. Kingsford (Rector), Canon Hodgson (Aldwinckle), Canon Lawson (Sudborough), Canon Clayton, (Peterborough), and the Rev. E. R. Williams-Freeman (Clapton). The service, which was fully choral, opened with the singing of the hymn "O Word of God above." The lessons were read by the Rev. S. Kingsford, who also intoned the service. After the hymn "O God our help in ages past," Canon Clayton, standing on the altar steps, read the special prayers dedicating to the glory of God and to the use of His people. The clock at the same time chimed and struck four. He then proceeded to the pulpit and delivered a short address. The shortness of time, he said, was a subject upon which one-half of mankind was always at issue with the other half. To the young time seemed not so short, but long. To the old, however, with all their experiences completed, it seemed short. The Christian religion had added a new sense to time, and had taught them to look upon it in an entirely different aspect. Jesus Christ told his disciples to teach the people and to exhort them with the words, "The Lord is at hand." By that the responsibility for time was taught them, for they knew not at what time the veil might be rolled away and the Master would demand an account of the life He had entrusted them with. There was a work entrusted to each one within themselves, and that was the work of conquering sin, and in growing in grace. God had also given each person a work for them to do in the world without, and had allotted a time for it to be done in. That work should have its effect on the souls of others. The rev. gentleman concluded by saying that the chimes ought to serve to turn their thoughts towards prayer, without which they could not work successfully. The service closed with the singing of the hymn "When morning gilds the skies." A collection was taken in aid of the clock and chimes fund.

LANE END, BUCKS.

This church was built in 1878 from designs by John Oldrid Scott, Esq., F.S.A., and a light, but very neat, ring of six bells by Mears and Stainbank, was given by Mr. H. W. Cripps, Q.C., Chairman of the County Council, and Chancellor of the diocese of Oxford, who died last year. The tower, however, for some reason, probably from want of funds, was built too low, and the bells, which were lower than the roof of the nave—the tower being at one side of the church—were hardly heard at all in one direction. Since Mr. Cripps's death, Mrs. Cripps, of Beechwood, Marlow, his widow, as a memorial to him, has remedied this defect. The tower has been taken down almost to the ground, in order to strengthen the lower part, and then rebuilt to the designs by Mr. Scott, almost exactly on the old plan, about sixteen feet higher. The bells have been raised proportionately. They were of course taken down with the fittings at the beginning of the work, but the frame remained in its place till its new berth was ready for it, when it was hauled up by pulleys bodily, and the bells rehung. Though the bells are very light, and some fourteen feet has been added to the drop, they go as well as ever. At the re-opening, which took place on Sunday last, in connection with the Harvest Thanksgiving, the striking was very good, though most of the ringers had not touched a rope for five months; and two 720s of Bob Minor were rung in the course of the day with hardly a false stroke, and without one word having been spoken by the conductor to any ringer.

On Sunday morning, October 14th, for early service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and the re-opening of the tower after enlargement, 720 Bob Minor. J. Sears, W. Bishop, F. Goodchild, W. Meakes, Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), and J. Meakes. For evening service another 720 of Bob Minor by the same band.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of this district was held at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing commenced at 4.30, some good touches in various methods being successfully brought round. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to the Church Room, where an excellent tea was provided by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird. After tea a business meeting was held, the Rev. H. G. Bird, President of the Association, taking the chair, when the following officers were elected: Mr. J. Basden, Master; Mr. C. Edwards, Secretary; Messrs. F. Goddard, J. J. Pratt, W. Foster (Central Committee); W. Odell, G. Alder, T. Beadle, T. S. Carter, W. H. Gosden, A. Wicks, H. Browning (Working Committee); W. Foster, H. H. Chandler (Instructors).

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar for his kindness. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Isleworth on Saturday, November 10th.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; J. Tucker, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; C. Cox, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; H. Tucker, 6; A. Osborn, 7; J. Goodenough, 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8th, at the Cathedral tower, an attempt was made for Vicars's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was unfortunately lost in the last division of the last part owing to a change-course after ringing over 3 hours. H. Evans, 1; G. H. Lea, 2; D. H. Falconer, 3; C. Hills, 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; E. H. Lindup (conductor), 6; J. H. Blake, 7; J. Netley, 8. It may be mentioned that the clock is a great nuisance to peal-ringing in this tower, striking on a 73 cwt. bell that completely drowns the sound of the ringing bells during the time of striking.

*THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

It is quite possible that many readers of "THE BELL NEWS" have never heard of the parish and village of Denham, and more than possible that many metropolitan ringers have never paid it a visit. Situate about half a mile north of the London and Oxford road, two miles west of Uxbridge, and on the main route to nowhere in particular, is this typical English village, with its old-fashioned dwelling-houses, its gradually decreasing population and pretty rivulet and bridge. Its redeeming features however, from our own particular point of view, are first, a substantial old flint church tower containing an undoubtedly fine ring of eight bells, and what is perhaps more important, a Rector devoted to change-ringing, as many of the older members of the above Society can testify. The Rev. R. H. Lathbury is the gentleman in question, and it was at his invitation that the present visit was mooted. The general impression appeared to be that the bells had been neglected to such an extent that it was doubtful whether change-ringing could be attempted. However nothing daunted, after the bells had been raised and a preliminary touch or two accomplished, a quarter-peal from Holt's Original was attempted and successfully brought round by the following in 50 mins. W. Wilder (Slough), 1; A. Wicks (Staines), 2; F. Sinkins (Slough), 3; A. Hardy (London), 4; H. Barton (Slough) conductor, 5; W. H. Fussell (Slough), 6; F. Richardson (Staines), 7; F. Holloway, 8. It is worthy of mention that this was the first attempt made at change-ringing by the tenor man, who belongs to the local band. A touch with the Denham men brought the ringing to a close.

A still more pleasing feature of the outing, and which contributed largely to the enjoyment of the visitors, and, it may be, to the successful ringing afterwards, was the request issued to the Royal Cumberlands, that they would appear at the village hostelry (the Swan), where a substantial tea had been provided for them by the Rector. The local ringers also joined, and, needless to say, justice was done. In the absence of Mr. Lathbury, who had sent a message of apology, the chair was occupied by Mr. F. Sinkins, and this gentleman, when everyone appeared satisfied, called for a vote of thanks to the absent host. This was done by Mr. W. H. Fussell, in his usual able style, and suitably responded to by the foreman of the Denham society.

A further point of interest on the return journey to Uxbridge was at the Crown inn, where may be seen a room containing what is unmistakably one of the finest specimens of early oak panelling in this country, and where, we were informed, a famous compact was signed between Charles I. and Oliver Cromwell, upwards of three hundred years ago. Uxbridge Station having been safely reached, the party wended their several ways, each one being well pleased with the trip, as, although a peal was never intended to have been attempted on this occasion, to anyone interested in bells and bell ringing Denham is well worth a visit.

H.B.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Miller, 1; S. Jones, 2; F. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6. On Saturday, September 29th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Bob Minor. A. Glasscock, 1; W. Tegg, 2; F. Ford, 3; S. Jones, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

My young friend "Jingle" has been letting his imagination run free in my absence, much to the amusement of readers; and they have been interested also in the poetry with which he concludes his sayings. He is very good indeed, you will say, at poetry; and I agree with you. As long as he eschews politics he is really enjoyable, and we shall hope to hear more of him in the near future.

The general election seems to have disturbed our peace. They generally do so, to some extent, at any rate. There has been plenty of that kind of behaviour known as "Donnybrook," more than in any other election of late years. Now it is over, and we can sleep freely without any fear of broken windows and such like. Not only that section of the community called "the proletariat," but the higher classes, as they are termed, deserve a strong rebuke at election times in neglecting to use their best efforts to prevent disorder.

But I must to business. My estate in the North of Ireland, as my friend "Jingle" hath it, has not taken from me the delight I have in gossiping with my brethren of the rope. And first of all, I have a cheery letter from our friend, Sam. Joyce, who, as you know, went to South Africa—not to fight the Boers, for Sam is a man of peace—to better himself. But most of Sam's friends were afraid the "bettering" wouldn't come off, and, as I before remarked, the auspices under which he left were not sufficiently robust to warrant success. So Sam's a-coming back. Bravo, Sam! Old England for ever! Scatter her enemies, and make 'em fall (*vide* Ed'ard Cuttle). Here is Sam's letter. He writes from "4, Plein Street, Woodstock, Cape Town:"

SIR,—Kindly accept my sincere thanks for your kind remarks in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 28th, also for your kind invitation to return home; which I hope the time is not far distant when I shall be amongst my old friends again. "THE BELL NEWS" is not merely read, but eagerly devoured, not only by myself, but my old friend, James Priest, of Wanstead, Essex. Mr. Priest and myself have not been idle out here, for we have been agitating for a peal of bells to be placed in the tower of St. Mary's, Woodstock; but sorry to say since the church has been restored they have not been able to clear the debt, £2000, and that is the reason we are unable to obtain them; but we have the promise from two gentlemen to give a bell apiece as soon as the debt is cleared. I often regret not bringing out my peal of handbells, as Mr. P. is a most expert tune player, and perhaps myself, with a little practice, might have been the same, and so we could have given a little entertainment which might have brought a peal of bells to our church quicker than anticipated. I must certainly admit that I have greatly been taken in in coming to S. Africa. In concluding, kindly accept my kind regards to all ringing friends, with every success to "THE BELL NEWS," thanking you again for your kind remarks, I remain yours respectfully,
S. JOYCE.

Ah, Sam! St. George's-in-the-East will receive you with open arms when you return.

I verily believe that Sam, and his old friend, James Priest, of Wanstead, Essex, have before now sent their quotas to the Harlow Bell Fund, a matter about which it devolves upon me, as the time is drawing near, to give the latest particulars for the information of the 40,000—not 30,000—ringers inhabiting this terrestrial orb at the present moment. You have not been troubled with any reference to this question lately; it has not been laboured so as to become distasteful; what has been written and said upon

it has been written and said in all sincerity. And what has been the object in view of your humble servant and others who form the regular staff of this paper? I shall make it plain to you. Don't for one moment imagine that our only object is in *merely* asking for assistance towards the erection of a new ring of bells at Harlow in Essex. Quite as prominent a feature in our view was, if possible, to show churchmen and the world at large that the Exercise was a force, that it contained within itself more than sufficient enterprise, and cohesion, and *esprit du corps*, not only to assist, but to *cause* a complete ring of bells to be erected where it pleased.

We are told we are fighting for high game in this matter. Be it so. The game is worth the candle, as the saying is. Imagine for one moment this movement a success: that a sufficient number of ringers to erect these bells had subscribed the required sum in shillings. Would there be one among the number who would not in years to come point out with great pride to his grandchildren the "record" of such an extraordinary incident, with his name enrolled among the contributors? No; there would not. The principle of the matter is sound; if successful, we—the Exercise—shall have scored higher than ever; we shall be regarded as a greater force than ever; and our existence as a body of Churchmen will become more extensively regarded as one of the greatest bulwarks of our glorious Church. Brethren, do not let this movement fail; do not, for the credit of the Exercise, let it end in a fiasco. If successful, I say without hesitation that it will go far to disorganize and discourage the Church's enemies; and those people called Liberationists will soon be of opinion that threats of disestablishment and disendowment have no terrors for Church bell ringers.

A brief recapitulation of the *modus operandi* may be well. You have been asked to contribute the sum of one shilling (at least), each of you. It has been respectfully pointed out that the purchase of a penny stamp for twelve successive weeks would not bear hard upon the means of those of you who have not so much of the world's goods as others; thus the poorest of you may help in so good a cause. Your shilling donations should reach Harlow on the first day of November (All Saints' Day). You may address your letter containing the stamps thus: "The Churchwardens of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex;" or "The Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, Essex." The senders of the first two letters opened by the churchwardens will each be presented with a new ring of twelve handbells; and the senders of the first two opened by the Vicar will receive a similar present. Of these four sets of handbells, one is given by the Vicar; another by Mr. G. Dent, a Harlow ringer; the third by the publishers of this paper; and the fourth by your humble servant. Make this matter known to all your friends, and above all things, don't apathize. If you want to ask any questions about it, send me a stamped addressed envelope, and I'll attend to it immediately. Here endeth the Harlow chapter for this week. Look out for my concluding and final remarks upon the matter in the next number.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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

EXPLANATORY.

SIR,—With reference to my letter in your last issue, I hasten to tell you that I have received a very handsomely-expressed letter from Archdeacon Crosse. He does not say whether he is going to write to you, nor does he authorize me to publish his letter. Therefore I am writing to him about this. If he gives me permission to publish his letter, as I hope he will, I shall send it to you for your next issue. In the meanwhile I wish to state, through your columns, that the Archdeacon tells me that the inference I drew from his remarks seems to him unnatural and irrelevant. I accept this without the slightest reservation, and I apologise to him for my stupidity.

R. A. DANIELL.

20, Bucklersbury, E.C., 17th October.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—May I ask, either through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" or directly, for an opinion on the length of pull desirable for a ring of bells? For important reasons it is desired at the Luton Parish Church to bring the ropes from the present ringing-chamber down to the base of the tower. The distance from the top of the tenor-wheel to the floor of the ringing-chamber is 29 feet, and to the base of the tower is 41 feet further. We have a ring of eight, and the tenor weighs 19 cwt. The bells are to be re-hung in a new frame. Is a pull of 70 feet too long, and if so, why?

HENRY PAULI.

The St. Luke's Society, Burlington, had their annual outing on Thursday, September 20th, the place selected being Berkeley, Gloucestershire. Starting soon after seven, we lost no time in picking up a few friends and two brother-strings on the road, and then for twenty-one miles' drive through as lovely country as one could wish to see. Stopping at Almondbury, our thoughtful captain, Mr. Hillier, brought forward a well-stocked nose-bag, which was done ample justice to by all. However, we were soon off again, getting a good view of the Severn Valley and old town of Thornbury, with its bold, conspicuous tower, which were greatly admired. Rattling along to tunes on the handbells, we were soon passing through a pretty village named "Stone," getting a good view of thirty couple of fox-hounds, cub-hunting, arriving at Berkeley about 11.30. Luncheon first and then for a ring. Getting permission from the vicar, we rang 240 and 360 of Minor and several 6-scores on the back six, not being a Triples band. Our captain then reminded us it was dinner time, and we adjourned to the hotel and thoroughly enjoyed it, the course-ends turning up in fine style; after which some of the party rode to Sharpness, others visited Berkeley Castle, looking over King Edward's bedroom and dungeon. Returning to the tower, we rang 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 minutes. After partaking of tea, a start was made for home, which was reached about 12 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Berkeley, through this paper, for the use of his fine-toned bells; also the steeple-keeper for his kindness.

C. H. T.

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Obituary.

HERBERT JAMES THOMPSON,

DIED AT SHEFFIELD, OCT. 3RD, 1900, AGED 39 YEARS.

On Saturday afternoon was laid to rest one of the All Saints' company. After a short illness of typhoid fever, he was called to rest with his forefathers. The All Saints' Society, of which the deceased was a member, formed the bearer company. Service was held in All Saints' Church, the Rev. C. F. Knight, M.A., Vicar, conducting the service, assisted by the Rev. Frank Swainson. The cortege was met at the west porch by the clergy and choir, and after the opening services had been read by the Vicar, the 39th Psalm was sung by the choir. The lesson was read by the Rev. F. Swainson from 1 Cor. xv. The anthem was taken from Sir A. Sullivan's "Light of the World:" "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me."

After a few appropriate words from the Vicar, exhorting his hearers to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, the closing hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er" (Barnby), was sung to the well known tune of "Hebron." Mr. Tom Wright, the organist, played the Dead March as the cortege left the church.

The deceased ringer was formerly a member of the Yorkshire Association. He joined it in 1882, and rang two peals of Grandsire Triples, but, through ill-health he was compelled to give up change-ringing for more than ten years. He was a true type of an inoffensive and obliging man, regular in his habits and genial in disposition. He was one who would rather submit than be at variance with his colleagues. It need hardly be said that a man with these traits in his character was respected by a large circle of ringing and musical friends. He was employed at Messrs. John Brown & Co., Ltd., for upwards of twenty-five years, and many of the officials attended his funeral as a tribute of respect, among them being: Mr. Wigglesworth, cashier; Mr. Rockett, accountant's office; Messrs. John Thorpe, F. Jackson and — Emsworth, wages department; Mr. W. Jackson, flue department; Mr. J. Pullon, buffer department; Mr. G. Garwood, construction department; while Mr. W. Harvey, inspector, represented the Yorkshire Penny Bank, the deceased holding the post of actuary for the All Saints' branch.

After the funeral the ringers attended at the church and rang muffled touches during the evening. A muffled peal was afterwards arranged, but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it had to be abandoned, so 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by the following band:—Thomas Chown, George Lewis (conductor), Albert Gledstone, Edwin F. Rippon, Joseph Rowley, Frank Willey.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday evening, October 6th, at St. Peter's, Colchester, a company of change-ringers met for the purpose of ringing for the wedding of their leader, Mr. W. Schofield, which took place on October 4th, and also for presenting him with a copper kettle, the gift of the Vicar, the Rev. C. Triffitt-Ward and Mrs. Ward, and a timepiece the gift of the ringers. The Vicar, who always takes a kindly interest in his ringers, was through being unwell, unable to be present, so Mr. Stannard, with a few well-chosen remarks, made the presentation, all present expressing their best wishes for our leader's happiness. During the evening touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 7th, at All Saints Church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. Hammond, 1; F. Willey, 2; A. Gledstone, 3; G. Lewis (conductor), 4; E. Rippon, 5; J. Rowley, 6; W. Smithson, 7; T. Chown 8.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1900.

A CYCLING EXPEDITION TO GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

On Tuesday evening, October 9th, an expedition to the above place, was arranged by W. Lincoln, for the purpose of ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and ringing with E. W. Davis, formerly of Writtle, now living at Waltham, leaving Writtle at 6.30, six of the Writtle ringers and one probationer, all on bicycles, picking up E. Runter of Broomfield, arriving at Waltham about twenty past seven. The Rev. F. E. Norris, whose machine was *hors de combat*, had walked, and was waiting for us. As a preliminary, and to give Mr. Norris a pull, 168 was rung and some rounds for our beginner. An excellent quarter-peal was then rung by G. W. Sorrell, 1; E. W. Davis, 2; W. Wellington, 3; E. Runter, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; F. G. Radley, 6; A. Head, 7; F. Edwards, 8. Composed by J. Barrett of Stepney. Mr. R. Wood rang in the 168, but as W. Wellington of Widford arrived just as we were about to start, kindly stood out in favour of W. Wellington. Change-ringing is at a low ebb at this place, but a start has been made with

the help of E. Davis, but not much headway has been made. Several of the local men were in the belfry the whole time and watched us with interest. The bells go very well indeed, and a wish was expressed, that if we could get the tower the next visit, it should be Treble Bob. After a little refreshment, a start was made for home. One had gone, like some of the foolish virgins, but several of the lights mysteriously went out when we stopped. One of the party had a little fun to himself by turning the wicks down, causing a few false starts, but all reached home safely and well pleased with their moonlight excursion.

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The Provinces.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN WHITAKER Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 5.
TOM LATIMER 2.	FRANK BIRKS 6.
PRATT CORDINGLEY 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR 7.
WALTER WOOD 4.	ALBERT HASTE Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by ALFRED NAYLOR.

Messrs. Whitaker, Wood, Naylor, and Haste hail from Headingley; Thackray from Armley; the rest belong to the local company.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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On Saturday, October 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 8.
WILLIAM T. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. 9.
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. 10.
WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE 11.
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The composition is now rung for the first time.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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DISS, NORFOLK.

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On Monday, October 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
JOHN TITE* 2.	JOHN SOUTER 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND* .. 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PAGETT and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

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On Tuesday, October 9, 1900, in Two Hours Fifty-seven and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

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STEPHEN PERKINS, JUN.† 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
HARRY MARTIN* 4.	GEORGE SMITHERS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The composition is now rung for the first time.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JAMES BOUGHTON Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see Central Council Appendix for 1895.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 8.
PHILIP SADLER 3.	ERNEST PYE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	GEORGE SMITH 10.
WILLIAM BALES 5.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 11.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 6.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

For calling, see Snowden, part ii., page 114.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, October 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM RUMSEY 2.	WILLIAM GRIMES 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition will be found in the Central Council Appendix for 1895. The brothers Pye, J. H. Cheesman, and I. G. Shade for whom this and the previous peals were kindly arranged, hail from Chadwell Heath, Greenhithe, and Greenwich respectively.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
SAMUEL HUGHES 2.	JOHN GOODMAN 6.
HENRY GOODMAN 3.	*HARRY PRICE 7.
EDWIN FELLOWS 4.	WILLIAM JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

It was intended to ring a peal of Caters, but meeting two short Triples were rung to give Trooper William Jackson, Kings Royal Irish Hussars, who is on furlough, an opportunity to ring a peal before his return to Dundalk, and Harry Price belongs to Netherton.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM BOWEN Treble.	*WILLIAM PAGE 4.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	†JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal as conductor.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH Treble.	JAMES A. SMITH 4.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER 3.	GEORGE VALENTINE Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven methods with a bob bell by G. Valentine.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

G. L. BODDINGTON Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 2.	ERNEST BRUCE 6.
ARTHUR EVANS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
ALBERT E. REEVES 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER* Treble.	E. SIDNEY HODGES 5.
W. ROCK SMALL 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
ROBERT PICKERING 3.	CHARLES H. WATTS 7.
JOHN JAGGAR 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed and conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal in the method, also first peal of Norwich on the bells.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

JOSEPH FAYERS Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
ARTHUR DEAN 2.	LEWIN FERRIGE 6.
JOHN WYATT 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
HARRY A. HORREX 4.	WILLIAM COOK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH).

On Monday, October 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of College Single, and two 720s each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; each of the two 720s in the same method called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LOWERY* Treble.	*FRED. HOLT 4.
REV. A. T. BEESTON† 2.	*WILLIAM MARSHALL 5.
THOMAS RAMSEY* 3.	SAM RUTTER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor and as conductor. First peal on the bells.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Monday, October 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN* Treble.	*WILLIAM T. PRIOR 5.
THOMAS JORDAN* 2.	WILLIAM WATTS 6.
THOMAS J. WATTS* 3.	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal in the method. This peal has the 5th twelve times wrong and fourteen times right, and the 6th twelve times wrong and eighteen times right, and is now rung for the first time.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR BARRATT Treble.	JOHN JACKSON 5.
PHILIP JACKSON 2.	ARTHUR PRINCE 6.
THOMAS GRATTAN 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 7.
JAMES BARRATT 4.	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of F. Glass, Esq., to Miss Bailey, daughter of C. W. Bailey, Esq., late churchwarden of Eccles parish church. A. Prince hails from Chester.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT E. LISH* Treble.	HERBERT MARKWELL 5.
WILLIAM A. J. IVES* 2.	LAZARUS PAYNE 6.
SAMUEL BURT 3.	GEORGE PAYNE 7.
CHARLES TYLER 4.	*WILLIAM MARKWELL Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

*First peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Speldhurst on October 4th was not a Kent County Association peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service, 784 Bob Major. A. A. Fothergill, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; J. Woffenden, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; J. Smith, 6; G. Hunt (conductor), 7; E. Carr, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. Longest length in the method by all.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, October 6th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 1 hr. W. Cundall, 1; T. B. Kendall, 2; C. Pratt, 3; W. Popplewell, 4; J. Waite, 5; E. Wheeler, 6; F. W. Dixon (conductor), 7; S. Wheatley, 8. Longest length by all except W. Cundall. On Sunday morning, October 7th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Joyce, 1; W. Fox, 2; J. Lilley, 3; T. B. Kendall (conductor), 4; J. Ross, 5; G. A. Nettleton, 6. For evening service 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. B. Kendall (conductor), 1; W. Fox, 2; J. Ross, 3; J. Lilley, 4; W. R. Sandiforth, 5; G. A. Nettleton, 6; W. Joyce, 7; J. Joyce, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, October 6th, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. H. Oxenham, 1; F. J. Shepherd, 2; W. Crockford, 3; G. Thrussell, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; T. Langdon, 6; *H. Langdon (conductor), 7; W. Longley, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Longley.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at St. Mary's church, several 6-scores of Grandsire were rung and the bells fired on the occasion of the home-coming of Captain Kays of the Highland Light Infantry (son-in-law of Sir A. Colvin, K.C.S.I., of Earl Soham Lodge), from South Africa. J. Wright, 1; F. Wright, 2; J. W. Mallett, 3; A. Leggatt, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5. On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire. J. Wright, 1; F. Wright, 2; A. Leggatt, 3; J. A. Read, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5. First 720 by the Messrs. Wright. On Sunday, October 7th, for the Harvest Festival, 360 Grandsire, 120 Plain, 120 Old, and 120 April Day. W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 1; J. W. Mallett, 2; A. Leggatt, 3; J. A. Read, 4; G. Balls, 5.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, September 27th, at St. Peter Mancroft, a course of Oxford Treble Twelve. C. E. Borrett, 1; A. G. Warnes, 2; P. Sadler, 3; G. Howchin, 4; C. Mee, 5; F. Mee, 6; F. Howchin, 7; F. R. Borrett, 8; J. Souter, 9; W. G. Crickmer, 10; E. Pember-tun, 11; G. Lindoff (Dublin), 12.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Thursday evening, October 4th, several touches of Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; E. E. Diaper, 3; F. Allard, 4; G. Melbourne, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; W. Souter, 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. As to a touch with W. Ruffles from Debenham, rung for the church Harvest Festival. On Sunday morning, October 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Major. Also for evening service, 1008 Bob Major in 40 mins. Tenor 24 cwt. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; E. E. Diaper, 3; F. Allard, 4; G. Melbourne, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; W. Souter (conductor), 7; W. P. Rouse, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—Recently at St. Michael's church for the Harvest Festival, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. F. Cullen, 1; W. H. Thomas, 2; S. Thomas (conductor), 3; G. Thomas, 4; F. Isaacs, 5; W. W. Lea, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Jay, 1; G. Thomas, 2; F. Cullen, 3; J. Thomas, 4; W. H. Thomas, 5; S. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 360 Violet Treble Bob. W. W. Lea, 1; G. Thomas, 2; S. Thomas, 3; J. Thomas, 4; F. Isaacs, 5; W. H. Thomas, 6. First 360 of Violet by the band and on the bells. And 360 College Single. A. H. Lea, 1; S. Thomas, 2; J. Thomas, 3; G. Thomas, 4; W. W. Lea, 5; W. H. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Holder, 1; G. Thomas, 2; A. H. Lea, 3; G. Jay, 4; F. Isaacs, 5; S. Thomas (conductor), 6. And several courses of Double Court Minor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, October 3rd, at the church of the Holy Trinity on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1050 Grandsire Triples. H. Head, 1; G. Foster, 2; R. Wood, 3; G. Gunner, 4; B. Chorley, 5; W. Lightfoot, 6; F. Blondell (conductor), 7; A. Pulling, 8. On Sunday morning, October 7th, for Divine Service, 420 Stedman Triples. C. Willshire, 1; W. Lightfoot, 2; R.

Wood, 3; G. Gunner, 4; B. Chorley, 5; A. Pulling, 6; F. Blondell (conductor), 7; T. Maynard, 8. On Sunday evening, October 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 47 mins. C. Willshire, 1; W. Lightfoot, 2; R. Wood, 3; G. Gunner, 4; B. Chorley, 5; A. Pulling, 6; F. Blondell (conductor), 7; E. Pulling, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service and on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 280 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Parsons, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; J. Warren, 3; A. Lee, 4; L. Hollingworth, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Earle, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 48 mins. F. Parsons, 1; J. Warren, 2; G. Tomlin, 3; L. Hollingworth, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; H. Hollingworth, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; F. Hollingworth, 8.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Scoble, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; F. Murphy, 5; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Lowton, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal in the same method in 53 mins. W. Scoble, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; J. R. Sandover, 6; W. Mogridge, 7; F. Murphy, 8. Also on Sunday evening, October 7th, another quarter-peal in 51 mins. F. Shepherd, 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; W. C. Burrough, 4; W. Miflin, 5; U. Murphy, 6; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 7; W. Lowton, 8. Also an 168. J. Ford, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. R. Sandover, 3; W. C. Burrough, 4; W. Miflin, 5; W. Shepherd (conductor), 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Lowton, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, September 30th, on handbells retained in hand, in the tower of All Saints, Boyn Hill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. A. Wiggins, 1; H. Gomm, 2; G. Martin, 3; A. Martin, 5; F. Gomm, 6; S. Jordan, 7; V. G. Blay, 8. Conducted by F. Gomm. The above was the first quarter on handbells by all, and first quarter-peal by A. Wiggins, A. Martin, and V. G. Blay, and first with a bob bell by H. Gomm and S. Jordan. On Monday, October 1st, another quarter in 42 mins. V. G. Blay, 1; F. Gomm, 2; H. Gomm, 3; A. Martin, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. Eldridge, 7; A. Wiggins (conductor), 8. Conducted by J. Eldridge. This was J. Eldridge's first quarter peal as conductor, and V. G. Blay's first away from tenor. On Thursday, October 4, for the Harvest Festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Martin, 1; F. Dentry, 2; G. Martin, 3; S. Jordan, 4; T. Goodchild, junr., 5; H. Gomm, 6; J. Eldridge, 7; H. J. Jones, 8. Conducted by J. Eldridge. This was A. Martin's first quarter-peal on tower bells, and T. Goodchild, junr.'s first quarter-peal.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Friday evening, 5th October, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, 18 bobs and two singles, in 28 mins. R. Brett, 1; *T. Booker, sen., 2; *T. Booker, jun., 3; F. Head, 4; T. Collier, 5; *R. Baldwin, 6. Conducted by R. Baldwin. *First 720 with a bob bell. *First as conductor. First on the bells since rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1897. A company of change-ringers from Swanscombe visited this tower on Sunday morning, October 7th, and rang a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. Brett, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. In the evening after service, a 720 Plain Bob by the local band in 26 mins. T. Collier, 1; T. Brooker, sen., 2; T. Brooker, jun., 3; R. Brett, 4; F. Head, 5; R. Baldwin (conductor), 6. The 720 Treble Bob is the first in the method on the bells since they were rehung.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, October 7th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Sepulchre, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Howard, 1; F. Causby, 2; R. Howard, 3; R. Leader, 4; H. Jepps, 5; W. Ashby, 6; F. Wilford (conductor), 7; G. Arnold, 8.

STAINES.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire in 45 mins. J. Phillips, 1; A. Wicks, 2; E. Butler, H. Cotton, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; J. Durrant, 6; F. Richardson (conductor), 7; G. Harrison, 8. Also a 504. H. Day, 1; A. Wicks, 2; E. Butler, 3; H. Cotton, 4; J. Durrant, 5; W. E. Judd (conductor), 6; F. Richardson, 7; W. Frangely, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of it being Harvest Festival. W. E. Judd and H. Cotton hail from London.

FOR WINTER OVERCOATINGS of Black and Blue Beavers and Vicunas, send to T. HAIGH, 14, George St., Huddersfield,

Compositions.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR

By T. T. GOSTON, *Whitley, Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

5024.					
23456	I	4	5	6	
34256					-
52436	-				-
24536					-
45236					-
32645	-	S			-
26345					-
63245					-
42365	-				-
23465					-
34265					-
24563	-				-
45263					-
53264	-	-			-
32564					-
25364					-
52463	-				-
62354	-				-
23654					-
32456	-				-
24356					-
43256					-
52346	-				-
23546					-

Repeated.

Has the 6th her extent in 5-6, without the 2nd.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By F. DENCH, *London.*

6400.			
23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	
24536		-	
52436		-	
63425	-	-	
46325		-	
23564	-	-	
56234	-	-	
25634		-	
62534		-	
53624	-	-	
65324		-	
36524		-	
45623	-	-	
64523		-	
56423		-	
34625	-	-	
62345	-	-	
36245		-	
23645		-	
64235	-	-	
26435		-	
42635		-	
42356	B	-	
35426	-	-	

Continued—

	M	W	H
43526			-
54326			-
25346	-		
34256	-	-	
23456			-

This is the longest one-part peal yet published in this method; reduced to 5056 by omitting the bracketed bobs at home.

5056.

23456	M	W	H
42356			-
35426	-	-	
43526			-
62534	-	-	
45236	-		
24536			-
52436			-
23564	B		
56234		-	
25634		-	
63254		-	
26354		-	
32654		-	
65324	-	-	
36524		-	
53624		-	
46325	-	-	
34625		-	
63425		-	
54326	-	-	
25346	-		
34256	-	-	
23456			-

Has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

By E. TIMBRELL, *Chipping, Lancs.*

5056.

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				-
34256				-
25346			-	
32546			-	
53246			-	
64235	-	-	-	
26435			-	
42635			-	
62534	-		-	
45236	-		-	
24536			-	
52436			-	
63425	-	-	-	
54326	-		-	
35426			-	
43526			-	
53624	-		-	
46325	-		-	
34625			-	
62345		-	-	
36245		-	-	
23645		-	-	
23456	-		-	

Has the 6th her extent.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART.

5010.

123456	S					
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263154						16
264351						16
564123	4	5				16
563421						16
561324						16
164253	4					16
163452						16
162354						16
562413	4	5				16
563214						16
364152	4					16
362451						16
361254						16
561432	4	5				16
562134						16
564231						16
461352	4					16
462153						16
463251						16
563142	4	5				16
562341						16
561243						16

Repeated; calling the first course 48 16, produces 563412; when bobs at 3 8 bring rounds.

The foregoing are the figures of the Silent Peal rung at Leicester.

BOB MAJOR.

By F. BENNETT, *Brighton.*

5056.

23456	W	5th	4ths	B	M	H
23564				I		-
52364						-
35264						-
54263	-	-	-			-
25463						-
53462	-	-	-			-
24536	-			-	-	-
52436						-
45236						-
53246	-	-		-	-	-
25346						-
32546						-

Three times repeated, with singles half-way and end.

Has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

LATE NOTICE. — THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, November 3rd.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

** Greater care must be taken in future in the forwarding of figures for publication. Nothing can be inserted but what is carefully and plainly written.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

6720.

23546 M I 5 W R

34256	X			
54326	X	-		
43526	X			
36524	-	X		
26354	X	-		
63254	X			
32654	X			
52364	X	-		
23564	X			
35264	X			
65324	X			
53624	X			

62345	-	X	-	-
42635	X	-		

25634	-	X		
56234	X			
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Notices.

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The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting of members will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, October 20th next. The bells will be raised at 3 o'clock. Tea will take place at 6 o'clock at the Mission Room, Wood Street. Will the local representatives kindly obtain all subscriptions which may be in arrear, so that same can be paid at this meeting.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Autumn meeting at Drayton, Berks., to-day, Saturday, October 20th. Trains to Steventon (1½ miles) 1.40, to Abingdon (2½ miles) 2.12. Ringing at Drayton 2.30 to 4. Service at 4, preacher, Rev. Canon Houlton. Tea at 4.45. Ringing at 5.30 at Drayton, Abingdon, Sutton Courtney and Steventon. Trains back Steven-ton, 8.28, Abingdon, 8.47.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Blaenavon, to-day, Saturday, October 20th, at 5.30 sharp at the church.

REV. MINOR CANON PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch of this Guild will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, to-day, Saturday, October 20th, at 6 p.m.

B. G. MACANDREW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 27th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. There will be a short service in the Church at 6 o'clock. The business meeting will be held at The Cherry Tree hotel, after tea at 6.45 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will notify their intention to the Hon. Sec. in order that proper arrangements may be made in connection with the tea.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Eccles parish church, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock, free to members sending in their names to Mr. James Barrett, 7, College Croft, Eccles, not later than Wednesday, October 24th. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, October 27th. Tower open at 2.0 p.m. Committee Meeting at 3.15. Tea at 4.0 in the Victoria Schools. Will all those who intend being present at tea kindly send a post card to Mr. A. Knights, Brunswick Street, Chesterfield, not later than Thursday, October 25th?

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Mytholmroyd, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready from dinner. Business in school at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.***The Lancashire Association.**—Rochdale

Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

48, Church Street, Middleton.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James's Church, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } Hon. Secs.
J. W. BENTHAM, }

Kent County Association.—LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—The annual district meeting will be held at Bromley, on Saturday, October 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 o'clock. Tea in St. Mark's schoolroom at 5.30. Business meeting following. Half fares up to two shillings will be allowed.

P. E. BEX, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, October 27th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting at The Bell Inn 6 prompt. Clay Cross Station, close to church.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The 23rd Annual Festival will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 29th. Headquarters at the Cathedral. The bells for members' use are at Cathedral (10); All Saints (8); St. George's (8); and St. Stephen's, in the evening (8). St. John's tower is now closed. Committee meeting in Cathedral vestry at 11 a.m. Service in the lady chapel at 11.45. Preacher, Rev. C. F. Ayerst, of Hexham. Dinner at Metropole hotel, West Clayton Street, 12.45., 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary before the 24th inst. Will they also note change of time in the arrangements?

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held in the evening of Tuesday, October 30th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. Chair will be taken at 8.30.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, November 3rd. Meeting house, The Cardigan Arms. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are welcome.

HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in St. Nicholas belfry, Liverpool, on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

C. A. CLEMENTS, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, November 3rd. Further particulars later.

HY. W. TOMKINS,

Williton, Somerset. Hon. Sec. and Treas.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 263rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be

open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.

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

The Lanncashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W.C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. E. JONES.—See the advertisements of the late Jasper Snowden's works published on another page.

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CREWE.—On Sunday, September 30th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triplee, in 45½ mins. J. Simon, 1; J. Kettle, 2; R. T. Holding, jun., 3; G. Crawley, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Davies, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; Albert Crawley, 8.

A memorial to the late Mr. H. W. Cripps, Q.C., Chancellor of the diocese of Oxford and Recorder of Lichfield, has just been completed at Lane End, near Marlow, Buckinghamshire, where the tower of the parish church has been considerably raised and a peal of bells provided. Mr. Cripps, who was for many years chairman of the Buckinghamshire County Council and Quarter Sessions, frequently attended and took part in the services at Lane End church, and was a liberal supporter of the leading institutions in the district.—*Guardian*.

Leeds parish church was on Tuesday night in last week entered by burglars, and on Wednesday morning the police cleverly captured two of the men. On a table, just beneath a broken window, ready for removal, were found three silver-mounted flacons, two wooden collection boxes, a number of keys, three service books, six alms bags, two funeral vestments, and a small sum of money. The men were brought before the stipendiary magistrate on a charge of sacrilege, and remanded.

Mr. Alfred Fox, of 10, Woodstock Road, Oxford, writes:—"In your report of the visit of the College Youths to Oxford on September 23rd, you state that the visitors were shewn round the city by Mr. A. Fox. This is an error, and should be Mr. H. R. Cox. Please publish this correction, so that Mr. Cox may have the credit to which he is justly entitled."

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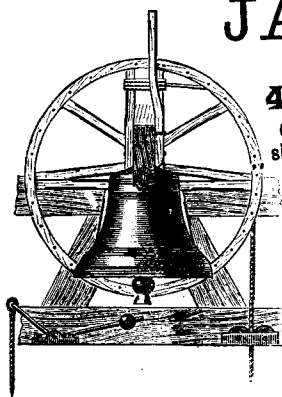
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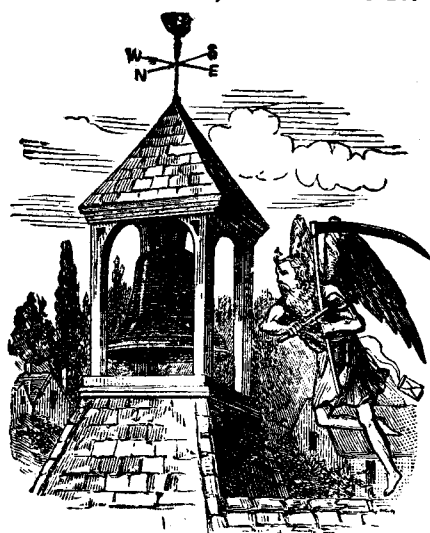
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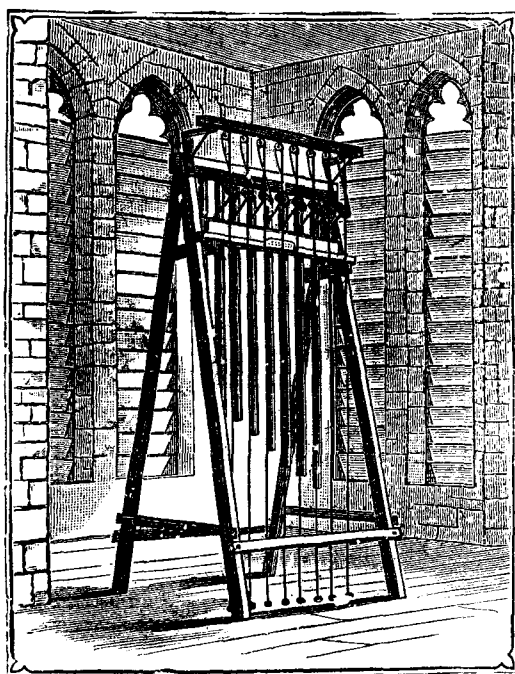
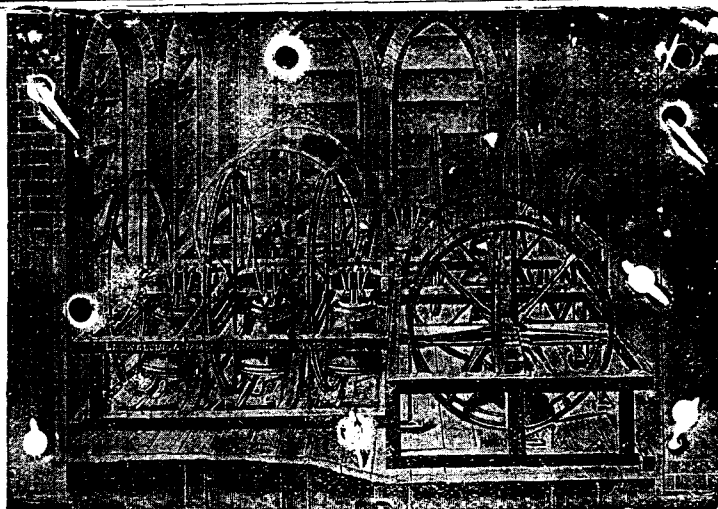
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OPENING OF THE BELLS OF THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BOSTON, U.S.A.

Sunday morning, October 7th, 1900, was made memorable in the annals of the Advent Church, by the formal opening of the new ring of bells, eight in number, the gift of one of its generous parishioners, Robert Codman, as a memorial of a beloved relative.

After an impressive service of solemn blessing and dedication, conducted by Father Frisby, and the rendering by the vested choir of Havergal's familiar hymn, "Raised between the earth and heaven," the bells, which had previously been set, were permitted to burst forth in exultant peal. By a novel feature embodied in the design of the tower, provision is made for direct communication between the bell-chamber and nave, which permits the wave-sounds from the steeple to penetrate the interior of the edifice with force sufficiently muffled to form an effective and pleasing addition to the ordinary service.

The ringing on this occasion was entrusted to the Old Colony Guild, who rang the restored Rudhall bells of Christ Church, at the semi-centennial celebration held in 1894: and if at the onset the nervousness of one or two of the beginners made the performance (like Greek verbs) largely irregular or defective, as the novices recovered their equilibrium the striking steadily improved until ultimately the intervals between the blows became fairly even. The ringers stood as follows: Frank R. P. Staples, 1; James Mallion, 2; William Shipp, 3; Henry Aston, 4; Margaret H. Nichols, 5; Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, 6; Samuel F. Batchelder, 7; Frank J. Skinner, 8. Of the above, Mr. Staples, who acted as conductor, formerly rang at Basingstoke, Hants; the name of Mr. Aston ornaments a peal-board at Coventry; Dr. Nichols is one of two foreign members of the College Youths; Mr. Skinner belonged to a band at Tavistock, Lancashire; while Mr. Shipp conducted a Guild at Fen Ditton, Cambridge, and comes from a family every member of which inherits the bell temperament. A brother, for instance, Daniel Shipp, leads the ringing at Staindrop, Durham.

At the close of the services, the band, reinforced by John Wilkinson, an old ringer of Burnley, Lancashire, who had been attracted to the bell-chamber by the music, executed a touch of Grandsire Doubles, which was fairly successful, barring a few involuntary dodges and one triumphant synchronous crash of the tenors, which gave rise to grinning on the part of some hypercritical listeners, whose standard was perhaps gauged by the matchless execution of the veterans heard on Sundays at St. Paul's. But if, as must be conceded, the delinquencies of the ringers were numerous, their errors were more than counterbalanced, in the estimate of the sympathetic throng

who lingered within and without the church, by the superior quality of the bells. By musical experts best qualified to judge, these were pronounced to be of remarkable richness, dignity and mellowness of tone, being accurately attuned to the diatonic scale of E, with tenor of 20 cwt. It was noted that not one of the bells emitted that harsh, panny sound which so often results from a want of due proportion between the calibre of the instrument and the quality of metal employed in the casting. The ringing-chamber, which is capacious, easily accessible, and lighted by electricity, was found to answer all reasonable requirements. The musical effect of the spreading tone-waves was heard to best advantage from the borders of Charles River, near which the church is located.

It seemed a pity that no representative of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, was on hand to hear the encomiums bestowed upon this the last product of their foundry. The settled conviction in this vicinity is, that if campanalogical achievements like this can be repeated, it will serve to demolish the theory so long prevalent that modern skill and improved machinery are inadequate to the casting of bells equal to vaunted works of Rudhall, Graye, and other old artisans.

Although scientific change-ringing has not yet secured a firm foothold in America, but one peal having been rung on the continent, the hope may now be entertained that, with the organization of a new Ringing Guild attached to the tower, an efficient impetus may be imparted to this noble art, especially among students of neighbouring colleges: and the exercise thus popularized at one metropolis cannot fail to extend to other cities, gradually supplanting the inartistic, mechanical makeshift of "chiming" which so imperfectly brings out the harmonic overtones and carrying power of church bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Autumn meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, October 20th, at Drayton. This meeting had been looked forward to for some months past both because there was a pretty general feeling that it would be a good ringing meeting, and also because it would be an opportunity of seeing the Master in his own stronghold. Great was the disappointment then of each member as he heard on his arrival that Mr. Robinson was suffering from a most painful malady brought on by overstrain, and was confined to his bed by the doctor's strict orders. The cause of this may be looked for in the account of the Winchester Guild "ringing week," when it will doubtless be seen that the Rev. F. E. Robinson took part in no less than three peals in one day—a hard test of endurance even for

a young man. He followed this up by ringing another peal on the following day, and shortly afterwards had to conduct a school inspection, necessitating a six mile-walk. However, the absence of its head is perhaps the greatest test of the efficiency of any organization, and certainly Mrs. Robinson and the Misses Robinson with their friends, were quite equal to the occasion. There was luncheon ready for those who came early, and breakfast (or shall we call it "bruncheon") for those who came extra early for the peal, which was to have been Stedman Triples (and Stedman all the time too), but the programme had to be changed, and accordingly Mr. C. R. Lilley started to call Holt's ten-part of Grandsire, which was successfully brought round in 2 hours 44 minutes; strange to say the bells did not seem at all awkward at being sent along in the Grandsire method, and the verdict pronounced by an able critic in a bedroom at the Vicarage was, "a very good peal indeed."

Then came luncheon at the Vicarage, after which, touches were rung of Stedman and Treble Bob until service time, 4.30 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Curate of Witney, the preacher being the Rev. T. H. Archer Houlton, Vicar of Wantage, who took for his text Colossians iii. 24: "Ye serve the Lord Christ." After reminding his hearers of the varieties of service in the Church of Christ, he dwelt most earnestly on the valued importance and the account that must one day be given of all such service, whether it was the service of a bishop or of a bell-ringer. At the conclusion, a movement was made towards the splendid building hard by, which serves the purpose of a church room, where a sumptuous tea was prepared, to which some forty members sat down. The Rev. Archer Houlton presided, and at the close, after apologising for his position as chairman, read a letter from the Master to the company, expressing his great regret that he could not be with them. Mr. Jenkyn then proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Robinson and the other ladies for all that they had done to make the meeting so enjoyable, in reply to which Mrs. Robinson said she was very glad indeed to see such a gathering, and hoped very much all had enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Thomas then spoke with reference to the six-bell towers of that district, expressing his great disappointment at not seeing a better muster of six-bell ringers.

After tea, some members went to visit the towers of Steventon and Sutton, but Drayton was still the chief centre of attraction, and the bells were kept going in Stedman, Grandsire, and Double Norwich until a late hour.

One feature of the meeting was certainly the unavoidable absence of officers, for neither Master, Treasurer, nor either of the Secretaries could be present. However, the Rev. J. E. Philipps, Chairman of the Chipping Norton branch, paid a flying visit, bicycling all the way from Eustone, and there were also present of branch Secretaries and members of Committee, Revs. H. C. Bell and C. Jenkyn, Messrs. J. E. Hern, C. Hounslow, W. Newell, A. E. Reeves, J. Barlow. Of non-resident members, Messrs. J. J. Jones, and C. R. Lilley, and ringers from Drayton, Oxford, Abingdon, Reading, Witney, Wantage, Kidlington, Chipping Norton, Boyne Hill.

The Bishop of Gloucester consecrated a new church in the parish of St. Luke's, Gloucester, on Thursday. When completed the church will cost over £12,000, of which £5,000 is still required. The church will seat 930 persons. The style of the building is Late Perpendicular.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

The belfry at this church has not only been swept and garnished, but it has undergone a complete transformation, under the guidance of Mr. W. Foreman, at the hands of the ringers, who have themselves completed the work of restoration with a zeal which does them infinite credit. There are probably few belfries which can boast of such a varied array of peal-boards, dating from 1731 to the present time. They are records of achievements more dear to past and present generations of ringers than any gallery of paintings by the oldest masters. The old peal-boards have been taken down, cleaned, repaired and varnished, and re-arranged with a view to reserving space for recording the achievements of generations of ringers yet to come. It is truly strange how our old ringers, or their patrons who immortalized them, went to work as if bent upon monopolizing all the space in a belfry with their own massive records. There were giants in those days in the art of ringing without a doubt, but they need not have ordered their peal-boards at Brobdignag. Beyond the fact that peals were rarer in those days than now, there was nothing to warrant anything so tremendous and exceptional as the size of some of the records we occasionally meet with. From the huge memorials of ringing achievements at Christ Church, Spitalfields, to the manifold space economisers at St. Peter's, Brighton, is a jump from the infinitely large to the infinitely small. And yet the last-named are quite large enough. They are orderly and concise, and have the merit of being arranged upon a comprehensive plan, quite irrespective of the almost unique character of the peals they record. We congratulate the Greenwich ringers upon the happy results which are manifest from the enlightened labours of their hanging committee. The re-arrangement of the old peal-boards is admirable. Even those on the sky-line can be distinctly read, and space has been found, under the new arrangements for (let us hope) many another record in the near and distant future. On Friday, the 19th instant, there was an informal re-opening of this glorious old belfry by the local ringers, assisted by brother ringers from Lewisham, St. John's Deptford, Erith, Crayford, Romford, Rotherhithe and Woolwich. About twenty-four ringers in all were present, celebrating the occasion by ringing touches of Stedman Triples, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. At the conclusion of the ringing, Mr. Frederick H. Gooch, an old Poplar ringer, was formally thanked by the Hon. Sec. of the Middlesex County Association for his gift of a noble peal-board in commemoration of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung by members of that body in May last at All Saints, Poplar. Mr. King, in the course of his remarks, paid a fitting tribute to the generosity of the donor, and congratulated him on the excellence of the workmanship and the beauty of the design. It was a memorial of which the Greenwich ringers, many of whom took part in the peal, might well be proud, and on their behalf, no less than on behalf of the greater body of ringers he represented, he thanked Mr. Gooch most heartily for his kindness. Mr. Gooch, in the course of his reply, remarked that it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to be allowed to provide the peal-board, and to be present on so interesting an occasion.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the assembled company adjourned to The Globe, Royal-hill, for a few hours' social enjoyment, in celebration of Mr. Gooch's birthday. Mr. King was invited to take the chair, being supported by Messrs. Gooch and Masters. Some songs were capitally rendered by Mr. H. Matthews, of Poplar, and Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich, the intervals being occupied with touches of Stedman Triples and Stedman Caters on handbells, in which Messrs. W. Pye, E. Pye, E. Wightman, E. Barnett and F. W. Thornton took part. There were also congratulatory speeches by Messrs. Thornton, Gooch and King, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

The October meeting of the above Association was held at Bedale on October 13th, the gathering having had to be postponed a week on account of the general election. It is one of the duties of a national church to avoid any appearance of seeming to be mixed up in party politics unless she herself is the avowed object of attack, when (if she believes herself to be

a bulwark in the country against the introduction of a purely secular and non-religious life) she may justifiably interfere to prevent the overthrow of the *national* recognition of God in life. May that day be far distant! It is one of the glories of our Church that she embraces in her ranks men of all political parties, and the ringing of bells on an election day might justifiably wound the feelings of the defeated party; hence our meeting was postponed, and we were afterwards informed that had we rung on the day first intended our motive would have been mistaken and considerable indignation aroused. However, when the day came we found that our meeting had not in any way suffered by the adjournment. A goodly array of members put in an appearance from the following places:—Darlington, East Witton, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Ripon, Sharow, Stockton, Stokesley, Thirsk and Thornaby. Many of the ringers availed themselves of the opportunity kindly granted to use the bells at Northallerton in the morning on the way to Bedale. Ringing at the latter place began in earnest about 2.15 and was carried on till 7.30, with an interval for tea and social intercourse. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Megson in the Assembly Rooms. We were honoured by the presence of the Rector, the Rev. W. Beresford Peirse, who kindly took the chair, supported by his two curates, Revs. — Benham and Murray, who were greatly interested in the matter, and expressed their desire to become change-ringers, which we hope will be the case before long. After tea the President, Mr. Clarkson, proposed "The Queen and Royal Family" and "The Bishops and Clergy."

The Rector responded for the cloth, and in the course of a most kindly speech welcoming the Association, said they would do all they could to form a band of change-ringers. They were in possession of plenty of ready and willing material, if only they could be provided with a capable instructor. (N.B.—There is an opening here, with a splendid ring of eight bells, for an enthusiastic instructor to take up his permanent abode, and he would receive a warm welcome.)

After tea the members returned to the tower and brought round touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative Surprise, and a 720 of Kent Major.

We might add that the bells were overhauled and the tenor especially attended to, which was going very badly indeed, by Mr. Metcalf, of Middlesbrough, and the way in which he has carried out several improvements in the tower reflects very great credit upon his workmanship, the Rector remarking how extremely satisfied he was with the work done. Thus another encouraging meeting was added to the credit of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

Before the meeting was broken up it was unanimously decided to hold an extraordinary or informal meeting of the Association at Whorlton-in-Cleveland, at a date to be afterwards settled by the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary, and which will be duly announced in "THE BELL NEWS," as a sort of re-opening of the bells (six), when certain work of overhauling and repairs has been done by Mr. Metcalf at no distant date.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the above Association, was held at Blaenavon, on Saturday, October 20th, at 6 p.m., at which the Rev. A. A. Matthews, the Vicar of Blaenavon, kindly presided. There was a good attendance, there being at least 27 members present.

Previous to the meeting, a shortened service was held in the schools, as the parish church was in the hands of the painters, and the Vicar gave the members a most earnest and interesting address on their branch of service as workers in the Church of God, and the responsibilities connected with their office.

In accordance with the usual custom, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and duly signed by the Chairman.

The following notice of motion for the next meeting was given by Mr. Atwell: "That the Master of the Association have his expenses paid to him in order that he might visit the several towers attached to the Association during his year of office."

It was proposed by Mr. Atwell, and seconded by Mr. Daniel Perry, and carried unanimously, "That the next quarterly meeting be held at Bridgend, on Easter Monday."

The following new members were unanimously elected: Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Abergavenny, proposed by Mr. Evan Davies, and seconded by Mr. Atwell; and Mr. Farrington Jones, of Newport, proposed by Mr. Atwell, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Jones.

It was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr. Russell, and carried unanimously, "That the band of Blaenavon Parish Church be enrolled as new members of the Association."

Mr. Wilson, of Abergavenny, then explained to the meeting that he was starting a new band at the Parish Church of Abergavenny, and he felt confident that ere long he would have at least five members in the band, and he was anxious that an instructor be sent there by the Association.

Whereupon it was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Jones, and carried unanimously, "That the future members of the Abergavenny band be enrolled as new members of the Association."

Mr. Evan Davies was unanimously chosen to be their instructor, proposed by Mr. Atwell, seconded by Mr. Wilson.

The instructor chosen for the Blaenavon band was Mr. Rogers, proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Russell.

There being no further business to transact, it became the pleasant duty of the Secretary to extend to the Vicar a most hearty vote of thanks for the kind and cordial welcome he had given the members of the Association, and for presiding at their meeting; this was suitably responded to by the Vicar.

The members then adjourned to the classroom, where an excellent tea was kindly given them by Mrs. Matthews and her sister. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded her for her kind thought and hospitality. During the evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung, and several touches successfully brought home.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH).

The monthly meeting of the above was held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, October 20th, when a little over forty ringers put in an appearance, this being a record number for monthly meetings. A good substantial tea was provided, to which ample justice was done. The Rev. W. Stanley, on behalf of the Vicar, gave the members a very hearty welcome. The churchwardens (Messrs. Edwards and Clark) also extended a most cordial reception. The Rev. Dr. Sandys, from St. Saviour's, Oxtou, also addressed the ringers in his usual humorous manner, remarking in the course of his speech that one of his happiest hours was spent when in company with the men.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and also suggested Liscard for the next place of meeting, both of which were unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks was passed by the ringers to the donors of the tea, and for the kind manner in which they had been received. Ringing was indulged in both before and after tea. The two back bells sadly need overhauling. However the following touches were successfully brought round. A 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Mann, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; E. Breeze, 3; J. Hughes, 4; W. Battle, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Battle, 1; G. R. Newton, 2; S. Breeze, 3; H. E. Hough, 4; J. Hughes, 5; E. Breeze (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Rogers, 1; J. Johnson, 2; G. Rogers, 3; A. Bennett, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; E. Breeze, 6.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex). — On Tuesday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Miller, 1; S. Jones, 2; F. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6. On Saturday, September 29th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Bob Minor. A. Glasscock, 1; W. Tegg, 2; F. Ford, 3; S. Jones, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6.

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RINGING TOUR IN HAMPSHIRE BY MEMBERS OF THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

This almost annual gathering of several members of the above guild took place again on October 13th, the meeting place as usual being at the residence of Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham (who is one of the district secretaries of the guild), a peal being contemplated in the evening at the parish church. Those arriving to take part in the same were: Messrs. G. Williams, F. S. Bayley, H. White, F. Hopgood, C. Giles and C. R. Lilley, the band being made up by Messrs. Whiting and Grafham, of Fareham. Owing to a pressing invitation from the Vicar of Curdridge (the Rev. — Hills) to visit his tower on the Saturday, likewise offering to provide tea previous to starting, the peal at Fareham was postponed, and the eight above mentioned proceeded on to Botley station (the nearest to Curdridge), and on arrival at the Vicarage were welcomed by the Vicar and Mrs. Hills, with whom (besides several local ringers) a most bountiful meat tea was partaken of. After the repast, Mr. Whiting, on behalf of the band, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the Vicar for his hospitality. The tower was then visited, and after a few preliminary rounds, etc., "go" was called for Double Norwich at 6.43, and in 3 hrs. 23 mins. the first peal on the programme was a thing accomplished. This left us comfortable time to catch the tram back to Fareham for the night, when, after supper at Mr. Whiting's, some of the party were discussing various election and political questions until the small hours of Sunday. I may say here that this formed a very pleasant and interesting discussion at all available times during the tour, having as we had amongst us a variety of political opinions, in fact, all those mentioned by "Jingle" the other week.

On Sunday a peal was to have been attempted at Netley, but owing to illness close to the church it had to be abandoned, many of us spending the day at Fareham, where we were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Whiting. Touches of Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung for morning, afternoon and evening services.

Monday morning it was hoped to attempt a peal at Fareham, but owing to business, Mr. Grafham could not take part, therefore the rest of the band (Mr. Bayley excepted) journeyed by train to Romsey, where the next and, as turned out, the only peal that day could be attempted. A break in the journey was made at Eastleigh, to look up the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. C. M. Harvey) for a peal at the Cathedral on the Wednesday. On arriving back on the platform we were very pleased to find the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. I. G. Shade, which made up our party for that and the following day. On arrival at Romsey dinner was the first order, and after finding out Mr. J. Elcombe, the captain of the Romsey band, and dispensing with anything in the shape of luggage, we were soon discussing a fine sirloin of beef at The White Horse hotel. Tracks were then made for the tower, to get at the ringing-chamber of which is no light matter, as was described by our correspondent last year. Stedman Triples "silent" was down on the programme for here, but owing to one or two members who were expected not turning up, "Superlative" was substituted, and went on for over an hour in not what could be called anything like peal fashion, when it collapsed. What best to do was the next question. The verdict, "Come up again after tea and ring the peal." This was accordingly done, with the band slightly re-arranged, a capital peal being brought round at 7.50 p.m. in 3 hrs. 24 mins., the fine tone of these bells being brought out to perfection in this beautiful method, which well repays a little extra work at the heavy end—one member remarking several times, "I thoroughly enjoyed it from beginning to end." The local band, who were all on the stairs, and waiting to come in as soon as the bells ran round, warmly congratulated us on the striking, and afterwards lowered the bells in peal; then came a real "social" evening. Touches on the handbells at intervals, then someone proposed more politics, and started with, "I consider Mr. Kruger a gentleman;" 11 o'clock coming all too soon, when we had to bid most of our Romsey friends "good night," and soon turn into bed as—

Tuesday was to be a busy day—three peals at East Tytherley being on the programme, therefore we left Romsey at 7.30 a.m. in break and pair, Mr. Elcombe accompanying us as advance guard on his bicycle. On arrival at East Tytherley Church at 8.30 we were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. S. F. Bourdillon,

who again made us his guests for the day, and right well did he look after our requirements. The fine ring of eight were soon raised, and Stedman Triples was in full swing before 9 o'clock, and in 2 hrs. 53 mins. the first peal in that method on these bells was accomplished. Dinner followed at the Vicarage at 12.30, and after a rest, smoke and chat, peal number two was in progress, and by 5.15 was a thing of the past.

Then to the Vicarage to tea, when what to ring after was discussed, the unanimous opinion being in favour of Double Norwich, and for which method the bells again went off into changes at 6.53, and at 9.45 p.m. the third peal of the day ran round. The Vicar immediately entered the belfry and congratulated us on our success, remarking, "Double Norwich is a very pretty method. I have ordered your carriage for 10.30, and you must just come up and have a night-cap," therefore we were again seated at the Vicarage with full glasses before us. Before leaving, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. White, on behalf of the band, to the Vicar for allowing us the use of his bells for a whole day, and for his most generous hospitality. No better place for a whole day's ringing can be possible, as was also described by our correspondent last year. The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to have us there to ring, and to entertain us, if we did not mind "putting up with" his fare. About 10.50 we bid the good Vicar of Tytherley good night, with many thanks. The journey to Romsey, although rather slow, owing to the darkness of the night, was completed by midnight, and albeit we were minus of some of our vocal talent, the journey was enlivened at intervals by the schoolmaster, also the song, "The Barrel of Pork," coming from the same quarter as last year.

Wednesday morning 8.33 train to Winchester, arriving 9.25, and were met at the station by Messrs. Elkins and Andrews, of the Cathedral band, who had kindly provided lunch for us at the residence of the former. This being over, a move was made for the Cathedral. Here we were augmented by Mr. Hern, of Reading, and the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, of Eastleigh. Stedman Caters was started for, but the bells had evidently forgotten their lesson of last year, so Grandsire was at once substituted, and by 3.15 p.m. a peal in that method was brought round, then for dinner, after which we bid good-bye to several of the party. The rest, with Mr. Elcombe, who had come over from Romsey with us (in case of meeting short), and Mr. Ashford, of Twyford, made tracks for Great Western Railway station for Twyford, where the last attempt on the programme was to be made. On arrival we were told a service was to be held at 7.15, therefore this, the last attempt, had to be abandoned, the company taking it very kindly, as every one seemed on pretty good terms with himself over the success that had attended us, viz., six peals in six attempts. A short touch of Stedman was rung, and then we were invited by Mr. Brown, the sexton here, to partake of refreshments at The Dolphin inn before separating; four of us then leaving by the 6.46 train down, the remainder going up by trains later. Thus ended another of the many enjoyable outings in Hants.

The band, one and all, most heartily thank all those who made the outing so pleasant and successful, and for the very kind and generous hospitality shown them by Mr. and Mrs. Whiting of Fareham; the Rev. — Hills, Curdridge; Rev. S. F. Bourdillon, East Tytherley; Messrs. Elkins and Andrews, Winchester; and Mr. G. Brown, Twyford, also to the various ringers who met them during the tour. G.W.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CHELTENHAM.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Musty, the old gentleman himself manipulating the 4th bell with his usual vigour. Another peal was attempted at Prestbury on the following Saturday, but it unfortunately came to grief after two-and-a-half hours' excellent ringing. Mr. Musty is the same "old Musty" who was referred to in "THE BELL NEWS" some time since as having rung in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Helen's, Worcester, many years ago with the celebrated Painswick Youths, of which Society he was a member. His brother-ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

J. H. BLAKISTON'S FIFTY PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 5, conducted 2; Stedman Triples 2, conducted 1; Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 23, conducted 16; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 6, conducted 5; Superlative Surprise Major 9, conducted 9. Total rung 50; conducted 34.

Correspondence.

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

FROM AN ARCHDEACON.

SIR,—I now have the pleasure of sending you for insertion, with Archdeacon Crosse's permission, a copy of his letter to me to which I referred last week. He writes as follows:—

[COPY.]

"Cathedral Precincts,
Norwich.

October 16.

"DEAR SIR,

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and the copy of 'THE BELL NEWS.' I have not seen the report of my speech, but your quotation is correct. I said 'No class required reformation more than the ringers of the "good old times." The inference you draw from my remarks seems to me unnatural and irrelevant, e.g.

"1. I did not say we did not owe them much. I think we do.

"2. I did not say other classes did not require reform as much as they. I think Churches, Services, Clergy (and some laymen ?) required as much reform in 'the good old times' as Ringers, but none more.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "ARTHUR B. CROSSE."

Now while on the one hand I am sorry to have misunderstood the meaning of the Archdeacon's remarks so as to have drawn inferences in your columns which he does not think justified; there can on the other hand be no doubt that my mistake has led to the publication of a most valuable statement. I have, I think, paid as much attention as most ringers to reports of what is said about the old ringers which have appeared in your paper and elsewhere, but I do not remember ever to have seen anything approaching to the fairness of the Archdeacon's letter. Of course none of us has asserted that ringers never needed reform in any respect; but we have, many of us, objected very strongly to their being singled out, as they too often are, for the pillory, and made to appear as if they were worse than people at large, and that, moreover, without any acknowledgment of their permanent benefits to our age. Hence the great value of the Archdeacon's letter, which is enhanced by the fact that it is a deliberate pronouncement after his attention has been called to the subject with which it deals. I have, therefore, no hesitation in thanking the Archdeacon for his letter in the name of the whole Exercise, and I hope that every one of your readers will carefully preserve his copy of this issue; and that whenever he hears the old ringers unjustly spoken of, especially by any member of the Clerical order, he will confront the evil speaker with Archdeacon Crosse's deliberate opinion.

To turn to another matter, I wish to say I have received an interesting letter from Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen. He tells me there were only two Henry Symondsons, father and son, so I suppose they must each have shifted their societies more than once. Mr. Taylor also sends me some remarks about the passages I quoted from Stedman, but I am not able at present to further illustrate these passages.

R. A. DANIELL.

"OTHER TIMES, OTHER MANNERS."

SIR,—Apart from the merits of Mr. Daniell's complaint about Archdeacon Crosse's remarks, I think that there is something to be said on the general question.

While agreeing with Mr. Daniell that he certainly made good his case so far as that the former ringers "were no worse than anyone else of their own time and manners," we must, I am afraid, admit that they were as bad. I had myself always gone further than Mr. Daniell, and said I didn't believe there was any evidence that change-ringers, as distinguished from round-ringers, ever were given to drinking, or had drink in the belfry. But this summer, one who is now an old and respected ringer in the Black Country gave me a most circumstantial account of its being the universal custom in his younger days to have drink in the belfry during ringing time.

Now while admitting that no doubt the same custom pre-

valled among the ringers during their practices, we must, I fear, admit that it was kept up much longer among the ringers, who were out of sight, than among other classes; and therefore that it is not altogether without cause that ringers have formerly received a bad name. And I must sorrowfully add that all our belfries are not even now in that immaculate condition one might gather from the panegyrics one sometimes hears about change-ringing. I can give Mr. Daniell the name of one belfry at least, where I have seen myself that the regular change-ringers consider a festive occasion a sufficient excuse for getting into such a condition that they none of them knew what they were ringing. And if so, I fear others who are more out of sight will be even worse.

Of course, no one who knows me, will imagine that in saying this I mean to detract in any way from the splendid work that has been done by ringers themselves in the way of reform, in spite of the indifference and opposition of those who ought to have given a helping hand; but my point is simply that the work is not quite done even yet.

So far as to change-ringers. With regard to round-ringers, or ringers of call-changes, I am afraid there must be something deteriorating in the mechanical character of their work, as my experience is that it is the exception to find any good tone among such ringers. Especially to be condemned, is the practice of not ringing changes on Sunday, but for the change-ringers to depute their work then to a body of "chimers," who are usually a set of ne'er-do-wells, who do the work perfunctorily for a few shillings a year.

At the very time Mr. Daniell's articles were appearing I was with difficulty getting rid of the "vested interests" of such a body of chimers from St. Mark's, Leicester, of whom perhaps I had better say no more than that the condition of their attire was such that the churchwardens considered it a disgrace for them to be seen near the church. A short time ago the same conditions prevailed in all the Leicester towers, but improvements have taken place lately, e.g. at St. Saviour's, the ringers themselves have ousted the "chimers," the probationers for change-ringing taking their place and getting their pay. But there is room for improvement in many places still.

Now while such is the case, and while few can appreciate the difference between change-ringing and round-ringing, one cannot be surprised at ringers still being under a cloud. The only way to alter popular opinion is by taking every opportunity of doing as Mr. Daniell has done, and drawing public attention to the advantages of change-ringing.

H. DRAKE.

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, has just informed me that the peal of Treble Bob Maximus I called at Norwich on October 11th is false. I therefore withdraw all claim as to its being a peal, and also apologise to the remainder of the band who were unfortunate enough to ring it; but as the peal was published in Snowdon's *Treble Bob*, and by such an expert as the late W. Harrison, I did not examine it, but took it for granted that it was true. Mr. Knight also informs me that there are several false peals of Treble Bob by Harrison in Snowdon's book, so it will be advisable for conductors to examine Harrison's peals before attempting to call them.

W. PYE.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—With regard to the composition of Mr. Bennett's published last week, a peal of Bob Major (5056), containing short courses, there should be no bob before in the seventh course of the part, as will be seen if the figures are looked into. The course should read W M H and not W B H as published. I should be glad if you could make a note of this next Saturday, or some person may unwittingly fall into the trap.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

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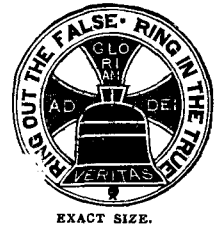
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1906

OUR readers will this week peruse with satisfaction the interesting account from Dr. ARTHUR H. NICHOLS, of Boston, United States of America, of the opening of a new ring of bells at a church in that city. Ringers all over the world heartily join with Dr. NICHOLS in the hope that the erection of these bells may give an efficient impetus to the Art of Change-Ringing in America. The opinion has been hazarded that the American people would never become enthusiasts in the science of ringing owing to their predilection for pursuits which yield grist to the mill in the shape of dollars or their equivalent. Such an impression seems to us ridiculous on the face of it. Our American cousins are not one whit behind any other nation under the sun in exercising their recreative faculties; they may be said, in fact, to take their pleasure with greater vigour than most people; and therefore when they set to understand and see the infatuation which the Art of Change-Ringing gives to its followers, and the delights of such

movements as quick and slow, dodging, and place-making, we shall expect to hear of them becoming greatly interested in the progress and extension of such an Art in their country. The 30,000 or 40,000 ringers all over the globe, confidently assure their friends in America that all the efforts which they may make to become practical bell-ringers, will be amply repaid them.

It will be noticed that a relative of Dr. NICHOLS—a lady—is among the company of ringers at this opening. From the ardent and unflinching manner in which he has strived to introduce the Art into the land of Stars and Stripes, we should not have been surprised had not only every member, but all his intimate connections been so employed.

Dr. NICHOLS, our readers should know, is a man of very large sympathies where ringing is concerned. As a highly honoured member of one of the principal London Societies, he has just given practical proof of his interest in the progress of that Society by presenting at no small cost, the members with a new peal-book, worthy to accompany past kindred volumes. We shall certainly be looking shortly for the report of a 5000 from Boston, U.S.A.

We are sorry to hear that the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON is suffering from indisposition and obliged to keep his bed. In the report of a meeting of the Oxford Guild, on another page, full particulars will be found. We would have the worthy Master less prodigal of his physical resources. The prowess shewn in three peals a day may be too dearly bought; and we have no hesitation in saying that his forced withdrawal, or any lessening of his usual activity would at the present time be regarded by the Exercise as approaching a national loss. We hope to be able to give in our next number, intelligence that the rev. gentleman is speedily recovering, and in a fit condition to score more peals towards his one thousand.

Next Thursday is the day on which the donations from ringers towards the proposed peal at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, should be received. The subject has been put before our readers more than once by our contributor "P.S.," and very little more need be said. We in common with the majority of our readers, will greatly rejoice if a good measure of success attends the proposal. And it is really possible to carry out the idea in full, so far as the number of ringers is concerned. We shall give full particulars of the result in our number for November 10th next.

In addition to the usual number of advertisements of ringers wanting situations, this week will be found some fresh ones of situations which are vacant. We merely call attention to this because it has been intimated that ringers out of employment apparently fail to see where the labour market is open to them.

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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW.. ..Treble.	ARTHUR G. ELLIS 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ..Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5002 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINSTreble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE 5.	ARTHUR T. KINGTenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and the 4th and 5th each twenty-two courses behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ..Treble.	ALFRED H. PULLING 5.
BENJAMIN CHORLEY 2.	FRANK BLONDELL 6.
GEORGE FOSTER 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 7.
GEORGE GUNNER* 4.	*RALPH WOODTenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. *First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WAKLEYTreble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
JOHN BENSTEAD 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 4.	GEORGE ROBINSONTenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

G. MORRISTreble.	C. LEDDON 5.
A. WALLWORK 2.	J. WILSON 6.
T. LINGARD 3.	J. BRISCOE 7.
F. WALLWORK 4.	J. HINDLEYTenor.

Conducted by T. LINGARD.

First peal by F. Wallwork. Rung as a compliment to G. Morris on the occasion of his twenty-first birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1900, in Two Hours Forty-five and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	FRANCIS POWELL 6.
THOMAS BULL 3.	JOHN MONK 7.
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Thursday, October 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

F. W. WADE Treble.	F. TOWNSEND 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	W. TOWNSEND 7.
A. W. HUMPHRIS 3.	W. T. PATES 8.
F. MUSTY 4.	T. PENDRY 9.
W. BRINKWORTH 5.	J. BALLINGER Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN FOX Treble.	RICHARD HOATHER 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	JOHN JAY, JUN. 6.
R. C. MAYO 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
FREDERICK M. BACON .. 4.	RICHARD FENTIMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

It was intended to ring Caters, but meeting short the above was rung. It was also the silver wedding of Messrs. Fox and Palmer. R. C. Mayo hails from Eastbourne.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	JOSEPH POTTER 5.
ALFRED POTTER 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
JOHN DENNER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY HOLIFIELD .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. Tenor.

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On Saturday, October 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES BROAD Treble.	†JOS. JOHNSON 5.
E. MAPP* 2.	GEORGE HAYWARD 6.
E. GILBERT† 3.	*CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
A. JACKSON 4.	†THOMAS ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late CHARLES RAVENSCROFT, of Bromsgrove. and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

This is the first peal on the bells. *First peal of Triples. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal. Messrs. Broad, Jackson, Roberts and Gilbert hail from Chaddesley Corbett; Beaman, Johnson, and Mapp from Areley Kings; Hayward from Bromsgrove.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	PERCY E. BEX 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	WALTER J. SMITH 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 4.	EDWIN BARNETT SEN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

This peal was rung to commemorate the consecration of the new church of St. Augustine at Slades Green in the parish of Crayford. E. H. Nixon hails from Lewisham; J. Hunt from Guildford.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WALTER CHARMAN 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	JOHN COOK Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This peal was rung in celebration of Trafalgar Day. The composition, which was published in "THE BELL NEWS" on the previous day has the 6th twenty-four times in each way, and is now rung for the first time.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

FRANK SMITH* Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 5.
PHILIP JACKSON* 2.	JOHN JACKSON 6.
JOHN SMITH* 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. 7.
ARTHUR L. MAY* 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

*First peal of Bob Major. Rang to commemorate the second anniversary of the wedding of Philip Jackson.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, October 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 5.
THOMAS MILLER 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. TITCHENER .. Treble.	JAMES A. CARTER .. 5.
THOMAS METCALFE .. 2.	WILLIAM RUDD .. 6.
ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 3.	JOHN BLAKISTON .. 7.
JOHN H. JONES .. 4.	FRED. P. HOWCROFT .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Rudd. This is also the conductor's fiftieth peal, reference to which will be found on another page.

The following six peals are the result of a ringing tour in Hants:—

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE GRAHAM .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. 2.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	JOHN W. WHITING .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lbs. in D.

JOHN W. WHITING .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

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

This is the first peal in a Surprise method on these bells. It was also the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 650th peal, and the nineteenth anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. in F.

HENRY WHITE .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. 2.	CHARLES GILES .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 4.	JOHN W. WHITING .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. in F.

JOHN W. WHITING .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3.	CHARLES GILES .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. in F.

JOHN W. WHITING .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
HENRY WHITE .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

WINCHESTER.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

HENRY WHITE .. Treble.	JOHNSON E. HERN .. 6.
CHARLES GILES .. 2.	JOHN W. WHITING .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3.	REV. R. C. M. HARVEY .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 9.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Handbell Peals.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART, 19, MOLINEUX STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES E. HART .. 1-2.	ALBERT H. WARD .. 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE .. 3-4.	CHARLES DRAPER .. 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referee—Mr. S. Maskrey, who had a copy of the peal, and ticked off each lead as it was rung.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 21st (Trafalgar Day), for evening service, at St. Alfege Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. B. Hoskins, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), first quarter peal, 8. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will know that the name of Admiral Lord Nelson was and is very closely associated with Greenwich.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Williamson, 1; M. A. Wood (conductor), 2; W. Truss, 3; J. Bonney, 4; A. Hughes, 5; C. Lee, 6; J. Scholes, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. And on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 44 mins. J. Bonney, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3; E. Hall, 4; J. Scholes, 5; A. Pye (Basingstoke), 6; S. Parmenter, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F. Composed by J. Bradley of West Ham.

KENSINGTON.—At the church of St. Mary Abbots, on Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes, in 54 mins. C. F. Winney, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; H. P. Harman, 3; C. George, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; T. Faulkner, 7; S. Hayes, 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; A. F. Harris, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley and conducted by W. T. Cockerill.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM, (Kent).—On Saturday, October 6th, an attempt for a peal was arranged, but after ringing a 720 each of the following methods, Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob

Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob, the fourth rope broke in the last lead from home, being ringing 2 hours 57 minutes, being the anniversary of A. J. Day's wedding day. W. E. Pitman, 1; A. J. Day, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; J. E. Grensted, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS FULHAM SOCIETY.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 1264 Bob Major, in 47 mins. *J. Herbert, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; *J. Hinton, 3; W. T. Elson, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; *W. Charge, 7; C. Charge (conductor), 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. On October 10th, at St. Mary's church, Putney, on back six, 720 Bob Minor. H. Farman, 1; J. Herbert, 2; J. Aldridge, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; W. Charge, 5; J. W. Driver (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Stedman Doubles. J. W. Driver (conductor), 1; J. Herbert, 2; J. Aldridge, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; W. Charge, 5; H. Farnan, 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—August 4th, 720 of Kent. T. Hollocks, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. August 12th, 720 of Woodbine. T. Levitt, 1; A. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; W. Stiff (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Violet. T. Hollocks, 1; A. Hollocks, 2; T. Levitt, 3; J. Fayers, 4; W. Stiff (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. September 2nd, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Newman, 1; C. Levitt, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. September 19th, 720 of Kent. E. Newman, 1; H. Poulson, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6. September 23rd, 720 Kent. T. Hollocks, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. This was rung for the Harvest Festival. September 29th, 720 of Woodbine. E. Newman, 1; J. Fayers, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Levitt, 4; H. Gladwell, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. George's Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; J. W. Bayley, 4; J. Hankinson, 5; T. Marshall, 6; E. Reader (conductor), 7; G. Marshall, 8. For the children's flower service in the afternoon, 336 Stedman Triples. T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; J. Mottershead, 4; J. Hankinson, 5; E. Reader, 6; J. W. Bayley (conductor), 7; C. Barber, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by G. Astbury of Heaton Chapel, conducted by E. Reader, the ringers standing as in the morning, the longest length by the tenor man. Also 306 Grandsire Caters. G. Astbury, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. Mottershead, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. W. Bayley, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall (conductor), 8; E. Reader, 9; C. Barber, 10. Also for practice on Monday, October 9th, 324 Stedman Caters. J. Booth, 1; G. D. Warburton, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. W. Bayley, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Barlow, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; E. Reader, 8; T. Marshall (conductor), 9; G. Marshall, 10. Also two 504's of Stedman Triples, and two courses of Treble Bob Major, in which C. Barber, G. D. Warburton, T. Smithson, (Reddish), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston of New Mills, took part.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, October 6th, for Divine Service, 543 Stedman Caters. E. Shepherd (conductor), 1; W. Drake, 2; Rev. M. Kelly, 3; C. Carter, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; F. Davey, 6; W. Richardson, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; W. Ackerman, 10. Also 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. Searle, 1; W. Drake, 2; F. Davey, 3; C. Carter, 4; W. Richardson, 5; A. W. Searle, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; E. Sargent, 10.

ALDRINGTON (Kent).—On September 23rd, at St. Martin's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; W. Sharwood, 2; A. Hinds, 3; C. Tribe, 4; F. Sharp (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Called with 14 singles 4 bobs. Also 720 in the same method, with 9 bobs 6 singles, in 26 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; G. Hooker, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. Hinds, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—Sunday, October 7th, being the Harvest Festival at St. Leonard's Parish Church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: M. Cherryman, 1; F. Trussler, 2; M. Broomfield, 3; A. Cherryman, 4; F. Tindall, 5; F. Steele (conductor), 6.

BETHERSDENE (Kent).—On September 1st, at Margaret's church,

720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with 9 bobs, in 27 mins. W. Pitman, 1; A. Hinds, 2; C. Tribe, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; W. Spice, 5; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA (Kent).—On May 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Austin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; J. Shorter, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Called with 9 bobs 6 singles. Tenor 14 cwt.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, October 21st, at St. Nicholas Church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Rann, 1; R. Hoather, 2; F. M. Bacon, 3; R. Stredwick, 4; G. Bleach, 5; J. Jay, 6; W. Palmer, 7; R. Fentiman, 8.

BRISTOL.—At the church of St. Nicholas, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal, 1259 changes, of Grandsire Caters. C. Downing, 1; F. G. May (conductor), 2; A. Stowell, 3; W. Landsdowne, 4; W. Somerville, 5; *J. Thomas, 6; J. Richmond, 7; R. J. Wilkins, 8; H. Howell, 9; C. Wareham, 10. Weight of tenor 36 cwt. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 10th. *First quarter-peal of Grandsire with bob bell. Most of the above band are being assisted by Mr. May, who has since January got them through three minor methods and three quarter-peals, viz. Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Minor.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On October 1st, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Bird, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; A. Williams, 8.

HEADCORN (Kent).—On August 23rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob on back six bells with 9 bobs. W. E. Pitman, M.B., 1; A. Hinds, 2; C. Tribe, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; P. Hodgkin, 5; W. Spice (conductor), 6. Tenor 24 cwt. E.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. E. Lish, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; H. Stringer, 3; H. Markwell, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Hensman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Markwell, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; T. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Hensman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. And for the Harvest Festival, on September 27th, 1008 Stedman Triples. A. E. Lish, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; T. Burt, 3; G. Payne (conductor), 4; H. Markwell, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. Hensman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. After service, 504. G. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; T. Burt, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; H. Markwell, 6; A. Hensman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. Sunday evening, September 30th, 1008 Stedman Triples. H. Markwell, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; T. Burt, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. Hensman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. Also 504 after service. H. Markwell, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; T. Burt, 3; L. Payne, 4; G. Payne, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; A. Hensman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

LINTON (Kent).—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Nicholas Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob with 9 bobs. W. Mannering, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; S. Jeffery, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; T. Mannering, 5; A. Palmer, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. Conducted by A. Palmer.

SEDBERGH (Yorks.).—On Wednesday, October 10th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. E. Brown, 1; E. Pennington, 2; J. E. Senogles, 3; W. Pennington, 4; F. S. J. Pile, 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. E. Brown hails from Giggleswick.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Saturday, October 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing one hour and nine minutes. F. Still, 1; G. Fuggle, 2; H. Martin, 3; J. Baker, 4; J. Maynard, 5; G. Turley (conductor), 6; O. J. Baker, 7; A. T. Godley, 8. This is G. Fuggle's longest length with a bob bell.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I am bound to keep my promise this week in communicating with you for several reasons. But my commands are to be brief, because I suppose there is a great call on the space. If it will be any satisfaction to these composers who have flooded the office with their figures since last Saturday, I may tell them that they are to have a supplement of compositions all to themselves, in the course of shortly.

I have very little to say this week. This is owing to the fact that I hate to be "cribbed, cabined, or confined" in my observations. "My pen is the tongue of a ready speaker" (I am afraid this quotation is hardly correct), and when its fluency is circumscribed, I am not pleased. But we poor human beings have a deal to put up with at one time or another. You won't forget that next Thursday is the first day of November (All Saints' Day), when the Vicar or churchwardens of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, will receive from every member of the Exercise at least one shilling, in stamps, postal orders, cheques, or notes on the Bank of England. You know all about it by this time; and every one of you are counting the days, I dare say. In addressing your envelopes, be sure write "St. Mary Magdalen," else your letter will be delayed, and you may lose one or all of the presents.

One final word upon this. Every one feels that the idea is a novel one, and susceptible perhaps of failure. But let me ask you to suppose a success; even if one-half of the Exercise donated only a single "bob." In such case we should all be of opinion that nothing like it ever happened since the world was made. If such a movement as this can have a successful termination, what can the Exercise not do? Brethren, on this topic I have done. Be worthy of yourselves and Exercise, next week.

The address of the President of the Lancashire Association the other day was excellent. I should like to see oftener the chairmen at Association meetings "take stock" in the way which the Rev. H. J. Elsee surveyed the position, work, prospects, and future aims of the Association. We are told that when we don't advance, we are sure to go backward. The report says that "the Lancashire" is about stationary both in membership and in finance. If so, according to the dictum I have just mentioned, the Association is going backward! This must be attended to.

I have taken the liberty to enquire the name of the writer of the report of the recent meeting at Bawtry, of the North Notts. Association. This report is made interesting though it is short. I recommend to Hon. Secretaries and others who are in the habit of sending these reports, to make some attempts at originality, and throw in a little wit and humour now and then for the benefit of readers. Read again this North Notts. Association report, and inwardly thank the Rev. B. Darley, the Hon. Sec. of that Association.

The unfortunate collapse of a peal attempt at Chichester Cathedral when in "the last division of the last part" was a most untoward event, and the company who were so disappointed has my entire sympathy. The phrase in inverted commas I have had to enquire the meaning of. I am told that Vicars's peal is in six parts of 840 changes; and each part has four divisions of 210 changes each. This information is given for the benefit of those who may not, like myself, have understood the quotation,

The "information wanted" by Mr. Pauli, of Luton, I suppose will be readily given. My own opinion upon the draught of rope would be that 70 feet is too much, and our Luton friends would soon find it out. Between 50 and 60 feet is quite enough for pleasant ringing. Where a draught of 70 feet is existent, it would very likely necessitate rope-guides of some sort, but these are not always a blessing. Neither is it advisable, from a ringer's point of view, to ring from the church floor. In fact from more points of view than one this is objectionable.

The papers are now full of information concerning our soldiers' return from Africa. Next week London will be well astir to welcome a contingent. We shall have plenty of ringing, and music, and cheering, etc. Talking about cheering reminds me of an anecdote. When the news of Pretoria's capture arrived there was a great crowd opposite the Mansion House, among whom was a respectably-dressed black man. He shouted out "God save the Queen!" "What have you to do with it?" said an astonished Cockney; "you haven't a drop of English blood in your body." "What! Why, my grandfather helped to eat Captain Cook!" said the black, who was a South Sea islander.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Obituary.

CAPTAIN HERBERT WILTSHIRE.

Special services to the memory of the late Captain Wiltshire (who was killed in action on October 4th), were held at the parish church of Coombe Bissett, near Salisbury, on Sunday, October 14th. The "Dead March" in *Saul* was played, and the Vicar (Rev. C. Woods) in the course of his sermons, made feeling allusion to the great loss which the district had sustained. The sad news of Captain Wiltshire's death was conveyed in a telegram from Lord Roberts on October 9th, and caused a deep gloom throughout the parish. Muffled peals were rung on the bells by the band of ringers Captain Wiltshire had worked so hard to organise, and throughout the village the deepest regret was expressed at his loss. Captain Wiltshire was in the reserve of officers, and from the commencement of the war was very eager to join the forces in South Africa. He sailed from Southampton on March 24th, having been appointed to special service with the Mounted Infantry under Lord Roberts. During his residence in the parish Captain Wiltshire interested himself greatly in all its affairs. He was an active member of the Parish Council. He concerned himself in the welfare of the young men, especially in connection with the reading-room. He was a keen church bell-ringer. Mainly through his exertions the bells in the church tower were rehung, and a new bell added to their number; and he was General Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The deceased officer was promoted to a lieutenancy from the 4th Dragoon Guards to the 20th Hussars on September 11th, 1886, and obtained his captain's commission on September 9th, 1896. His Egyptian service in 1882 included, according to the official army list, the action of Mahsarah, both actions at Kassassin on August 29th and September 9th; the battle of Tel-el-Kebir and subsequent pursuit to Balbels, and march to and occupation of Cairo; medal with clasp, and bronze star, Soudan 1889; battle of Toski clasp. On Monday, October 15th, at the church of St. Thomas, Salisbury, the bells were rung muffled by the St. Martin's and St. Thomas' ringers, after which a meeting was held and a letter of condolence was written to Mrs. Wiltshire on behalf of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, expressing their great regret at the loss of Captain Wiltshire, whose place the Guild will find hard to fill, Captain Wiltshire having been a most kind, energetic, helpful ringer and Secretary.

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The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held to-day, Saturday, October 27, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. There will be a short service in the Church at 6 o'clock. The business meeting will be held at The Cherry Tree hotel, after tea at 6.45 p.m. It is requested that members will do their utmost to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Eccles parish church, to-day, Saturday, October 27. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield, to-day, Saturday, October 27th. Tower open at 2.0 p.m. Committee Meeting at 3.15. Tea at 4.0 in the Victoria Schools, price 1s. 3d. per head.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Mytholmroyd, to-day, Saturday, October 27. Bells ready from dinner. Business in school at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, October 27. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James's Church, Poolstock, Wigan, to-day, Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. BENTHAM, }

Kent County Association.—LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—The annual district meeting will be held at Bromley, to-day Saturday, October 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 o'clock. Tea in St. Mark's schoolroom at 5.30. Business meeting following. Half fares up to two shillings will be allowed.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, to-day, Saturday, October 27th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting at The Bell Inn 6 prompt. Clay Cross Station, close to church.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The 23rd Annual Festival will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 29th. Headquarters at the Cathedral. The bells for members' use are at Cathedral (10); All Saints (8); St. George's (8); and St. Stephen's, in the evening (8). St. John's tower is now closed. Committee meeting in Cathedral vestry at 11 a.m. Service in the lady chapel at 11.45. Preacher, Rev. C. F. Ayerst, of

Hexham. Dinner at Metropole hotel, West Clayton Street, 12.45, 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must notify the Secretary before the 24th inst. Will they also note change of time in the arrangements?

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held in the evening of Tuesday, October 30th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. Chair will be taken at 8.30.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, November 3rd. Meeting house, The Cardigan Arms. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are welcome.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in St. Nicholas belfry, Liverpool, on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, November 3rd. Short service in the parish church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting at the Borough Restaurant, High Street. Will members who intend to be present kindly inform the Hon. Sec. by Wednesday next?

HY. W. TOMKINS,

Williton, Somerset. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, November 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough, on Saturday, November 3rd.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 263rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Bourne-mouth, on Saturday, November 10th. St. Peter's belfry (8) open during afternoon and evening at intervals.

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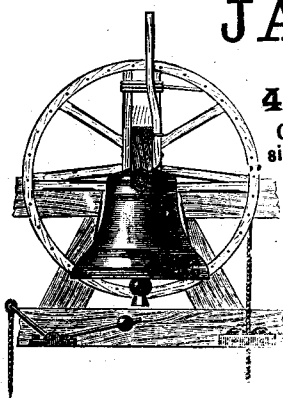
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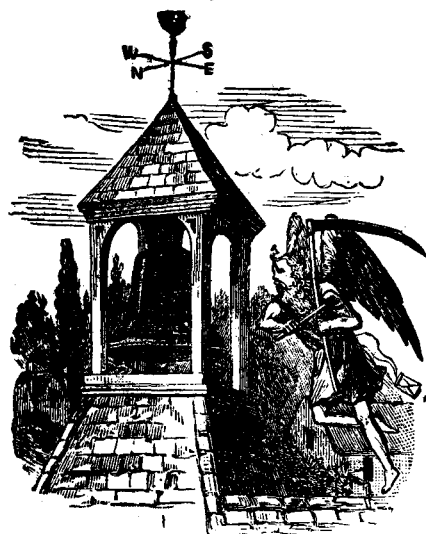
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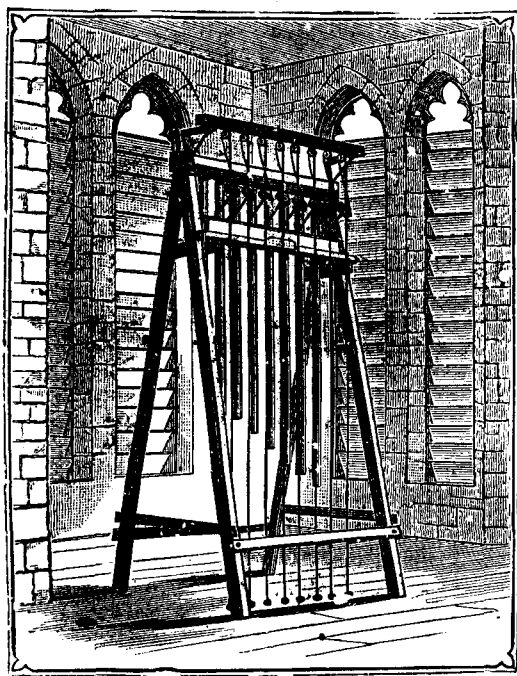
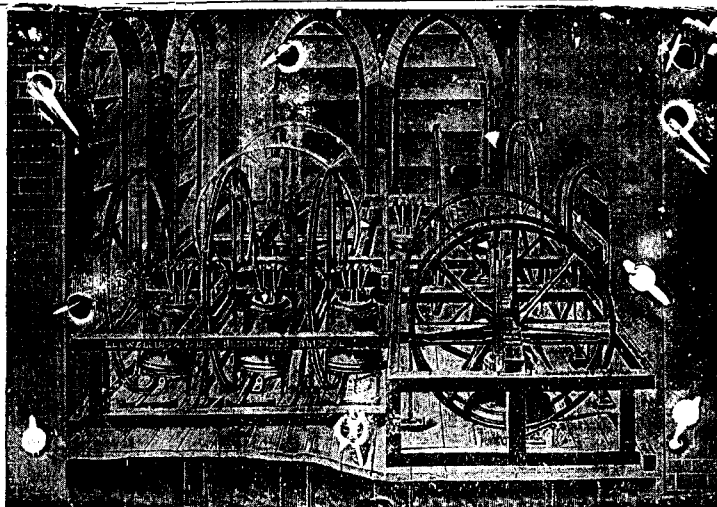
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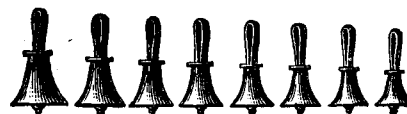
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The twenty-third Annual Meeting was held in Newcastle on Monday, October 29th, and was well attended. The bells of the Cathedral and All Saints were kept going throughout the day in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Stedman Caters. A number also visited St. Stephen's in the evening and rang touches there. Divine Service took place in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral by kind permission of the Vicar, Canon Gough, D.D., and his churchwardens. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Stokesley, Hon. Secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorks. Association: and the lesson read and address given by the Rev. C. F. Ayerst, assistant-priest of Hexham Abbey. The rev. gentleman, in the course of his sermon, said:—

"They were an association of bellringers, and the annual meeting formed the central point of the Association, and that service was the central point of their day's work and pleasure. One was very glad to see such a number of men spending their time in ringing. There were many organisations formed nowadays for men—clubs, debating societies, institutes, billiard-rooms, and others, which no doubt contributed largely to the pleasures of men's lives, and which, in popular language, kept them out of mischief. But their method of spending a considerable part of their spare time was one which was not solely selfish. It was a muscular exertion, and as such was invaluable to men who lead inactive, sedentary lives. It was healthy, and health was a great step towards happiness: it was an intellectual exertion, and of a nature quite separate from the intellectual exercises of a business or professional life. But they who pulled the ropes could scarcely estimate the pleasure which was given to others. No one was interested in their billiards or chess; but thousands listened with extreme pleasure to the music of the changing bells. The great evils of to-day were inconsistency and hypocrisy. He spoke as one who was intimate with the inside of more than one belfry, and he spoke from experience when he said that he knew of more than one case where great harm had been done by men who were double-faced. . . . There were three points from which the bells might teach them lessons. The first was fearlessness. There was no hesitation about a bell. It never altered its note, and if it was in good order it gave one clear stroke and no uncertain sound. There were times in our lives when we would do well to imitate this. How much harm was done by incautious speech. There was a time to keep silence and a time to speak. Fearless speaking must not be done without sympathy and tact. The bells, he thought, taught them sympathy. They seemed to fit every condition of life sympathetically. We waited till our friends were dead and then gave our handsome wreaths and said how much we loved them and how great were their virtues. But, he asked, would it not be more timely to speak while they could hear, and give them flowers when they could enjoy them; and to tell them themselves how much we loved them and valued their good influence upon us? Lastly, he believed he was right in stating that if a peal was to be rung, some method had to be selected, and every man must know the method; if he did not know it he must break down sooner or later. If they were believers, they must take their part in the work of the Church. Ringing was a part, and they were right in helping it as energetically as possible."

Afterwards the members dined at The Metropole hotel. The President, R. S. Story, Esq., took the chair, and

was supported by the Revs. C. F. Ayerst, W. P. Wright, W. S. Lloyd (Wylam), O. C. Carr (Vicar of All Saints, Newcastle), Dr. Nowell (Vicar of Newburn), H. H. Barff (assistant parish priest at the Cathedral); Messrs. C. L. Routledge and W. Holmes (Secretaries); A. Balknill, E. E. Ferry, W. Story, A. Thompson, etc. In all about fifty-five members sat down. The President proposed "The Health of the Queen," which was loyally received. This was followed by the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses," and in coupling the names of the Revs. O. C. Carr and W. S. Lloyd, the President said that the Association was receiving more assistance from the clergy than ever it had done before. The clergy now sought the advice of the officers and members of the Association when bells were to be hung, and this had beneficial results. Bells in the past had gone out of order by reason of faulty hanging and over-weight of metal, but now a different tale was being told. He also read a letter from Canon Gough, Vicar of Newcastle, regretting his absence. The toast was heartily received, and the Rev. O. C. Carr responded, observing that the Association had a very important work to do. He acknowledged the valuable services they had rendered in connection with the re-hanging of All Saints' bells in 1892.

The Annual Report was next read. It stated that the Association had at present 390 members, consisting of five patrons, forty-eight honorary members, sixty life members, and 277 active members, as against 298 last year. This was due to Rule iv. having been put into force in several instances. There were thirty-five towers in union with the Association. Sixty-six entries had been made in the peal-book in a most efficient manner by Mr. Ainsley, of Darlington. This had somewhat reduced the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £3 10s. as against £8 last year, but as it was now up-to-date it could easily be kept up with very little expense. The committee were glad to announce that the efforts of the Rector and his ringers at Sunderland parish church had been crowned with success, and their bells rehung and the belfry put in perfect order. This was a case in which the advice of the President had been sought, and the work done under his supervision. Two special events of the last year had been a presentation to the late Secretary, Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, and the visit of the Edinburgh ringers to these parts. There had been fifteen peals of over 5000 changes rung during the year in six methods, in nine towers by forty-nine men; this showed an increase of seven on last year. Most of these were rung by a scratch band conducted by Mr. T. Gofton, of Whitley. He had conducted eight peals, Mr. W. Robson (Sunderland), 2; and one each by Messrs. Porter, Teesdale, Ferry, Holmes, and Baxter. Unfortunately now the famous old tower of St. John's, Newcastle, is closed, being in a state of bad repair. Chester-le-Street and Whitley took the premier position among the six-bell bands for the year; Darlington (St. John's), and Bishopwearmouth had the best records among the eight-bell towers.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report, said the Association had fluctuated very little. They were continually getting new members whilst they were losing others, and the Association had a good sound backbone which was loyal to its principles and did not hesitate to go out of the way when necessary to assist. Although the figures showed a decline in the number of members, he did not think they ought to be disappointed or feel in the least that the Association was going back. On the contrary he was quite convinced that it was making considerable strides forward. The Rev. O. C. Carr seconded the adoption, and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. Thompson (Chester-le-Street), moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, Messrs. R. S. Story, T. Hudson, F. J. Harrison, C. L. Routledge, and W. Holmes, which was carried with acclamation. The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Mr. R. S. Story; Vice-Presidents—Messrs. Hudson (Sunderland), and S. O. Ferry (Newcastle); Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. C. L. Routledge (Wylam-on-Tyne); Hon. Assistant-Secretary—Mr. W. Holmes (Newcastle).

The Rev. Arthur Albright, Rector of Whickham, and A. Balknill, Esq. (Corbridge), were elected honorary members of the Association. Several active members were also elected.

The Secretary, in thanking the members for again "returning him unopposed," impressed upon them the desirability of paying their subscriptions over to their Secretary and by him paid to the Treasurer of the Association *en bloc*, rather than to dribbling in man by man; it was unsystematic and inconvenient. He also asked a prompt reply to letters, postcards, circulars, etc. It was also advisable where possible to make their committee-men, also their local secretary.

As Mr. Holmes took charge of the peal department, he would be glad to receive all compositions *directly* they are rung. It was decided to hold the February meeting at Jarrow, and the Whitsun meeting at Alnwick.

Mr. Ernest Ferry proposed that the heartiest thanks of the meeting be given to the Rev. C. F. Ayerst for his excellent and instructive sermon. This was seconded by Mr. Holmes, and carried with acclamation. The Rev. C. F. Ayerst suitably responded.

Mr. W. Story (Hexham), asked that a vote of thanks be also given to the Rev. Canon Gough and the churchwardens of St. Nicholas' Cathedral for the use of the Lady Chapel in which service was held, and also to the organist, Mr. Davidson, for presiding at the organ. In putting this to the meeting, the president asked the Secretary to convey the grateful feelings of the meeting by letter to the Vicar of Newcastle, which was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. W. P. Wright, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of the four churches whose bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers during the day, referred to there being no notice taken of the work of bell-ringers at the recent Church Congress held in Newcastle.

The Chairman endorsed Mr. Wright's remarks. The bell-ringers had not been taken much notice of by those in authority, and until late years their claims as churchworkers had not been admitted.

A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the North and East district of this Association was held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, October 27th, and in spite of the counter attraction of the expected return to London of the Civil Imperial Volunteers, was very well attended. Representatives came from most of the towers in the district, and altogether upwards of fifty members were in attendance. After ringing touches in various methods for some two hours, the ringers attended the daily service at six o'clock, and were addressed by the Vicar (Rev. J. Beardall), in earnest and impressive language on the duties of their calling, and how best to become workmen in the sight of God, who have no need to be ashamed. Service over, an adjournment was made to The Cherry Tree hotel for tea and for the usual business meeting. The balance-sheet was presented and passed, and eight new members were elected. The officers for the district were re-elected, viz.: Master—Mr. C. H. Martin; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. A. Milne; Hon. Secretary—Mr. Arthur T. King; and the following members were also re-elected to serve on the Central Committee, viz.: Messrs. G. B. Lucas, J. Parker, and J. Waghorn, sen. The Hon. Secretary was empowered to take such number of the "Glossary of Technical Terms" as he deemed expedient, provided the cost thereof did not exceed three-pence for each copy; and he was further authorised to proceed with a preparation of a suitable design for a certificate, to be submitted hereafter to the members for their approval.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be given to the Vicar for his address, and for the use of the bells, and this brought the business proceedings to a close. More ringing was subsequently indulged in, and continued till ten o'clock.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, October 29th, on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of S. Robinson, jun., 768 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung after the service. F. Hancock, 1; W. Rhodes, 2; W. Price, 3; G. Daffen, 4; A. Worthington (conductor), 5; S. Robinson, sen., 6; W. Collier, 7; S. Robinson, 8. Afterwards by the kind invitation of S. Robinson, jun., a very pleasant evening was spent with several more friends at his residence. After an ample supper, to which full justice was done, a very enjoyable evening was spent, consisting of tunes and changes on the handbells by S. Robinson, sen., S. Robinson, jun., W. Rhodes, and W. Collier, and songs by S. Robinson, sen. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess was proposed by Mr. W. Collier, seconded by Mr. Robinson, for the kind way in which they had entertained them, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It may be interesting to ringers residing in the district to know that the 4th, 5th, and 6th bells have been rehung, and that the bells are in splendid order for peal-ringing, and any one desirous of attempting one will receive a hearty welcome upon communicating with one of the ringers.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. George's Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; J. W. Bayley, 4; J. Hankinson, 5; T. Marshall, 6; E. Reader (conductor), 7; G. Marshall, 8. For the children's flower service in the afternoon, 336 Stedman Triples. T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; J. Mottershead, 4; J. Hankinson, 5; E. Reader, 6; J. W. Bayley (conductor), 7; C. Barber, 8.

WANTED a Set of Handbells 12 to 15, in good condition.—Rev. C. Birch, Fooks Cray, Kent.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The members of this association held their fourth quarterly meeting of the current year at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, the 20th October. The bells at the parish church of All-Saints, kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, who is also Treasurer of the Association, were raised at four o'clock, and answered to various eight and ten-bell methods at intervals from that time until nearly nine o'clock. The performers in this tower are placed somewhat at a disadvantage, seeing that the bells are hung the "reverse way," and some of them strike falsely; and then the old complaint of light—or, rather, the lack of it—still obtains. It would surely cost the churchwardens but a very small sum to fix a gas-pendant, or even a wall-bracket, with an incandescent burner upon it in the belfry, and it would as surely be of great assistance to the ringers in their efforts to "strike." A gas service pipe already passes through the belfry, but it is urged that if this were tapped a separate meter would have to be supplied; but even this should be but a small expense to the churchwardens, in view of the fact that gas companies are usually willing to fix a meter free of charge, if there is any possibility of a further supply of their special commodity being required. Even electric light would be better than that issuing from the nine or ten "sixes" at present in vogue.

From candle-light to light refreshments the members very readily turned—the usual tea taking place at the Mission Room, Wood-street, also lent by the Vicar. Fifty-three members and friends sat down to tea, which was provided by Mr. Jupp.

The business meeting followed, and was opened by the Secretary proposing the Rev. Charles Sutton, Curate at All Saints, as chairman. This was unanimously agreed to, the rev. gentleman cordially welcoming the ringers to Kingston once again. The Secretary, having read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed, reported that since the last meeting peals were rung as follows:—

Ewell,	6th Aug.	Kent Tb.	Bob Mjr.	C. R. Lilley.
Dorking,	"	"	"	"
Reigate,	25th Aug.	"	"	"
Kingswood,	26th "	5040 of Minor	"	"
Ashtead,	1st Sept.	Grandsire Triples.	W. Marks.	
Croydon St. Peter's,	8th "	"	H. Brooker.	
Mitcham,	15th "	Oxford Tb, Bob Maj.	J. Fayers	
Carshalton,	26th "	Grandsire Triples.	A. Clayton.	
Ashtead	26th "	"	J. Beams.	
"	6th Oct.	Stedman Triples.	W. S. Smith,	
Mitcham,	10th "	"	"	
Ashtead,	13th "	"	"	

It was resolved that the same be recorded as performances of the Association.

The next business being the election of a place for the following meeting, the Secretary drew the members' attention to the fact that the next meeting would be the annual one, which was usually held at Croydon as being the more central, and it was for them to decide at which tower the meeting should be held—St. John's or St. Peter's, at which latter the last annual meeting was held. It was resolved and carried with one dissent that the annual meeting should be held at St. Peter's, Croydon; and it was further resolved that the date be left to the Secretary to arrange, in order that he might previously issue the usual printed report.

The following new members were elected:—The Rev. F. O. Sutton, as an honorary member; Messrs. Harry Price (Ashtead), Joseph Apps (East Molesey), John Harding (Leatherhead), and Godfrey Morton (St. Peter's, Croydon).

A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. O. Sutton for presiding, and to the Secretary, concluded the meeting. The members afterwards proceeded to the belfry, where during an interval in the ringing, they unanimously elected Mr. William H. Beaumont, of Feltham, a member.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Eastern Counties' Guild was held at Pinchbeck, on Saturday, October 27th, and was attended by some forty-seven members from all parts of the district. A special service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Wayett, and an address was also given by the Rev. W. Disney, Rector of Skegness, who during his residence in Spalding, took an active interest in the welfare of the Guild, holding the offices of Treasurer and Clerical Secretary. After the service the members sat down to dinner at The Bull inn, the President, the Rev. E. T. Hudson, Vicar of Gosberton, being in the chair. Subsequently a meeting of the Guild took place, and the Lay-Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, of King's Lynn, called upon the Chairman to make a presentation to the Rev. W. Disney. This testimonial, which had been subscribed for by the members in recognition of Mr. Disney's valued services to the Guild, took the form of a very handsome electro silver soup tureen and breakfast dish, with revolving cover. In making the presentation, a reference was made to Mr. Disney's association with the Guild for eleven years as Secretary and Treasurer, to the energy he had displayed in promoting the success of the institution, and that its present flourishing condition was largely due to his zealous efforts on its behalf. The testimonial, which Mr. Disney was asked to accept as a token of their good will, had been subscribed for by honorary and ringing members from Lynn, Terrington, Walpole St. Peter's, Donington, Gosberton, Pinchbeck, Dawesmere, Peterboro' (St. John's) and Spalding. The Rev. W. Disney suitably acknowledged the gift, and expressed his heartfelt thanks to the members of the Guild for this token of appreciation on their part. Mr. G. W. Hensman, of Pinchbeck, shewed his great interest in the Guild by again hospitably entertaining the members at tea. The belfries at the Parish Churches of Spalding, Pinchbeck, and Surfleet, were occupied by ringers during the day.

ST. MARY'S, READING.

On March, 26th, 1900, a meeting was held in the Vicarage, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Neville, to form a band of ringers to advance in the Art of change-ringing, the ate band being call-change ringers. In all, ten men were chosen, eight as ringers and two as probationers. It was then proposed by one of the ringers, that the ringing-room should be thoroughly cleansed and repaired, it having fallen into a very dirty, dilapidated condition. The ringers undertook to do the work gratis, among themselves, in their spare time, which has been mostly evenings. The cost of the work was £12, which sum has been successfully collected by one of the ringers. The ringing-room has, during the summer months, undergone a complete change. The walls have been matchboarded to a height of six feet all round. The remainder of the walls have been whitened, the ceiling plastered in places where holes had been broken in, and then whitened again. The floor has been covered with cork lino, and sundry other improvements have been carried out, which has made a very comfortable ringing-room, compared with the old barn-like appearance it had before. The tower, inside ringing-room, is 18 feet square. Satisfactory progress is also being made in method-ringing. Any intending visitors to Reading are cordially invited to come, and have a ring on this grand ring of eight bells, tenor 28 cwt. Mr. A. Osborne, 38, Prince of Wales Avenue, Reading, will be pleased to make any arrangements with any brother-string who may desire it.

A. O.

On Thursday, October 25th, on the invitation of Mr. Jones, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, late of Milton, Kent, who now lives at Thorpe, near Weybridge, Surrey, paid a visit to Guildford St. Nicolas. It being the usual practice night, touches in the following methods were brought round: Grandsire Major, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters. The rev. gentleman seemed very pleased with the ringing. The ringers taking part were: E. Radden, R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, E. Heather, G. Reading, E. Allen, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, and J. Hunt. The conducting was shared between the two Radfords and J. Hunt.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

I am once more going to say a few words; and it don't matter much to me if "Jingle" takes me up with his calabash, or someone else puts me down as a grumbler. I am not much used to jaw-breaking words. Remember, I went to school—or rather, ought to have gone—at a time when there was no officer to rap at the door and ask, "Why is your lad not at school?" I remember once the parson coming with a horsewhip, when I had played the wag for a whole week; but I dodged the old man out of the hunt, and the whip never got home (it was what Mr. Knight calls a false peal). Well, that was in Herefordshire, at a place called Orleton, not far from Leominster. There were only three bells there, and as they could not afford ropes, pieces of string were tied round the clappers, and the sound was something like that of the tin drums at Sheffield fair. Perhaps some of my Hereford friends may now be able to write and say the old place can boast of a peal of six. While I lived in Hereford I never heard the bells rung in peal; but things have altered in 26 years, and they have now an Association, also "THE BELL NEWS." It is 42 years to-day since I first saw the light in that old Herefordshire village, noted at that time for its large cattle fair, only—but these are not Derbyshire notes, and the other note man having been cut short this week, and no wonder (three peals a day)! so I had best say what I at first intended to say.

I went to Wingfield on Saturday, together with my old friend T. G. Sarel, prepared for what some call a poor meeting. I was much disappointed when I found that our meeting clashed with that of Chesterfield, as ten bells are more attractive than six. Anyhow, we spent a very pleasant evening. The Rev. C. J. Boden and Mrs. Boden sat down to tea with the members; and after tea the meeting was held, at which Mr. Boden presided. The minutes were confirmed as read, and it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Eckington on Saturday, January 12, 1901. Mr. Flint and Mr. Wagstaff, of Bolsover, were elected members. Mr. Tarlton proposed and Mr. Allibone seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Boden for entertaining the members. Mr. Boden, in reply, said he was sorry that more had not attended. It had afforded Mrs. Boden and himself much pleasure to meet the ringers. A friendly chat was then indulged in, as to what could be done to raise two trebles. There is no doubt this addition would make a fine peal of eight. Mr. Boden takes great interest in bells and ringers, and hopes they may some day raise the necessary funds to commence the work. A 720 and 360 were rung after tea.

If I am not going too far, I would like to say a few words about the church and bells. North Wingfield Church is a very ancient building, dating from Saxon times. The old Saxon font inside the church is in very good preservation. The old Norman windows at the east end of the north aisle are also very interesting. St. Helen's and St. Mary's chapels (the former now used as a vestry and the latter as an organ chamber) contain some very interesting old sculptures, illustrating the annunciation, also St. Mary's visit to Elisabeth. The church was very conservatively restored through the exertions of the late Rev. G. W. Darby, Rector, in 1880. Prior to that date the church was in a very dilapidated condition. The bells were re-hung and tuned and the 4th re-cast in 1878 by Messrs. Taylor & Co., and are now a very musical ring of six, waiting for two more sisters to complete the octave. They bear the following inscriptions: treble: "Given by the parishioners of Staveley, to commemorate the coming of age of the Marquis of Hartington, 1811. T. Mears fecit." (How this bell got into Wingfield tower with this inscription is a mystery which no one seems able to solve.) The 2nd is a George Oldfield bell, dated 1617, with "God save His Church" round the crown. 3rd, no inscription, but a very poor bell, casting full of bubbles. 4th, dated 1878, by Taylor & Co. (I also understand the 4th which this one replaced was dated 1617.) 5th, a pre-Reformation bell, which bears a Latin inscription: "In multis resonans campana Johannis." Tenor, dated 1661, is a George Oldfield bell, and was brought to Wingfield from Chesterfield in 1820, when there was a new tenor put in the latter tower. This bell is about 18 cwt. The old tenor was dated 1740, according to an entry in the parish register, and was, no doubt, cracked similar to the old 4th in the crown, probably in consequence of the stays being too rigid.

E. J.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The autumn meeting in connection with this Guild, took place at Exeter, on Saturday, October 14th, and was attended by members from the city, Heavitree, Woodbury, Totnes, Tiverton, Withycombe Raleigh, and other places, to the number of about sixty. The bells at different towers in Exeter and the neighbourhood were placed at the disposal of the visitors during the day, and some excellent ringing was accomplished, the methods comprising Stedman Doubles and Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Triples, and Caters, and Bob Minor Kent, Treble, and Plain. Tea was provided as usual at the St. Sidwell's Institute. The President of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly), occupied the chair, and among those also present were the Bishop of Crediton, and the Rev. G. F. Molineux, of Harpford, former and present Hon. Secretary respectively of the Guild. Mrs. Molineux and Miss Barclay, of Harpford, were elected lady associates. The question of containing or altering the present method of appointing individual members instead of bands as a whole to attend openings of bells was ordered to be placed in the agenda for the next Committee meeting, when it is hoped it will be thoroughly discussed by representatives of all bands in union, and a decision arrived at which will be loyally accepted by all interested in the welfare of the Guild. Bideford was mentioned as a suitable place for holding the annual meeting, and was favourably received. Thanks were voted to Mr. C. Pearson, of Whitstone, for gift copies of the "Supplement to the Ringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Devon," of which he is the author; to incumbents for granting the use of the bells; to the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, for permission to use the Institute; and to Mrs. F. Shepherd, Mrs. F. Davey, and others, for services in connection with the tea.

HORSELL, SURREY.

On Saturday, October 20th, six members of the Oxford and Winchester Diocesan Guilds visited the above village, for the purpose of ringing a peal in seven Minor methods at the parish church. On arriving at Woking, a walk of about a mile brought us to the church, which stands on an eminence. The bells are a nice-toned ring of six, tenor 10 cwt., in good going order, and the church clock sending forth the Westminster chimes every quarter strikes one as particularly sweet. Everything being in readiness, the bells were at once raised and a start made. Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, all went well till the last treble lead of College Single, when a change-course occurred after 1 hr. and 40 mins. good ringing. Time not allowing another start, the bells were lowered in peal, and the party were conducted by the local ringers to the Parish Institute, where, through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Norman Pares, a capital tea had been provided, the reverend gentleman himself and also Mrs. Pares being present. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the handbells were produced, and some excellent tunes and selections rendered by Messrs. A. Wicks and F. Richardson, who came from Staines. A course of Grandsire Caters was also rung by W. Horne, 1-2; A. E. Reeves, 3-4; C. Giles, 5-6; P. Hopgood, 7-8; F. Richardson, 9-10; and also a course of Stedman Triples. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent with the local ringers, but train time coming all too soon, we separated, regret having been expressed that the peal was not completed. It is hoped, however, to be able to meet again at no distant date for another attempt.

LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Monthly Meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, November 17th, at Lindley, near Huddersfield. It was intended to hold the meeting and attempt to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday, November 10th, but owing to the death of the Vicar of Lindley they have both been postponed to the 17th. Meeting to commence at 6.30. Peal at 3 o'clock.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

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.

MEN AND MANNERS.

It's one of the signs of the times,
I'll sing it in jingular rhymes,
Who goes a week's ringing
More "copy" is bringing,
It's one of the signs of the times.

It's a sign of the times, I should say,
When you ring three peals in a day,
Superlative, Norwich, and Stedman's a dish
Fit for all; but I guess that the neighbours now wish
That the bells had been hung far away.

I regret to hear that our friend and brother-string, yclept the "ringing parson," is ill, and my sincere wish is that he may soon be up and about again. I think this wish will be echoed by all who have rung in the company of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who has done much for ringing. I have also a somewhat hazy idea that those who live underneath East Tytherley bells are also ill or not far from it. I do not know the place nor how it is situated. It may be that it is an ideal tower for a day's ringing—far removed from the haunts of men—but if not! well I guess my opinion is stated above and somewhat coincides with the neighbours.

It is a big performance to ring three peals in one day in any method or methods, and in this case the said performance is greatly enhanced by the quality. What I want to see is the chief Surprise methods rung off the reel. Many have tried for London, Cambridge and Superlative on the same day, but up to the present the feat remains to be accomplished. Whatever band achieves it, the triple-crowned heroes will deserve a place in "THE BELL NEWS" portrait gallery, and I think will also get it. Looking through the names of the band at Tytherley one cannot fail to notice that the *ever-green-wich* hardy annual, Isaac G. Shade, is still to the fore, in fact, for years now hardly a week goes by without his name appearing among the peals. There is also another who calls for honourable mention, I mean C. R. Lilley, known as "the Tiger-Lily." This enthusiastic gentleman is a perfect gourmand at peal-ringing, in fact, he is "game" for anything up to a 40,000. I have no wish to discourage anyone, but as our friend has called Holt's ten-part and nothing else for about four years, it must really want "soleing and heeling" badly; and while it is being repaired he might learn another composition.

This brings me to the false peal rung at Norwich. Here is a peal rung on a ring of 43 cwt., tenor turned in, and composition found false. Not the figures of a novice without any education in the composer's art, but of a recognised master, and published in a world-wide Treatise. I entirely sympathise with the conductor and the band, and I make bold to say, without the slightest reservation, that it is nothing less than a scandal that these false compositions should encumber our standard works. I incline to the suggestion that it is the duty of the Central Council to deal with the subject at the earliest possible moment.

In the ringing firmament the stars are shooting. There are also several planets burning brightly about the country and which will come under notice in the course of their ascendancy. One at present is over Birmingham. Ringers of a critical turn of mind, who scan the peal records from week to week, will not have failed to observe how the young blood of "Brummagem" has been shewing itself by its deeds. Chief among them at present is that enthusiastic and talented bob-caller W. H. Barber, who I rejoice to see has just called Thurstans's one-part peal of Stedman Triples. A few weeks ago it was Stedman

Cinques, and I shall be greatly mistaken if our young friend does not take a very high place among the conductors of the next decade. I think I recollect his first peal rung with the celebrated Kidderminster band—and by the way, the "Kidder." men will take some beating just now—only a few years ago, and since then he has called about everything up to Cambridge. Deeds! not words!!

I was outside a tower some time ago when Cambridge was being rung, and—would you believe it—they were ringing it non-conducted! I don't think a silent peal of Surprise Major has ever been accomplished as yet, but just as a secret, mind you, a certain band has it in hand, or rather I should say, has it in view, and I believe will succeed. It is enough to make the old stoney-men climb out of their graves.

And now I must answer a few correspondents who take me for an encyclopædia.

CONSTANT READER: The date touch Editor is busily engaged grinding his weapons. Home-made touches will in future be received on February 30th and 31st.

PAUL PRY: "I escaped by the skin of my teeth" is not Yankee slang, but a bible quotation (JOB.)

BULLY BOY: Your poem, entitled "Why do I Live?" I can answer in once. You live because you sent your poem by post instead of bringing it.

ERIN: I cannot tell you the "Seven Wonders of the World," but I can the eighth. It is Plain Speaker's yellow pants.

And now my masters, I think "I have earned my little bit of corn," to quote an old song, so beg to subscribe myself, your ruefully and screwfully

JINGLE.

Obituary.

JOHN HOPWOOD.

It is with extreme regret that an Ashton correspondent writes to chronicle "the death of Mr. John Hopwood, one of our most esteemed ringers. He had been connected with ringing in Ashton upwards of twenty-seven years, twenty-five of which he had been the secretary to the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, and fulfilled the duties to the satisfaction of everybody concerned. He had taken part in upwards of fifty peals, ranging from 5000 to 10,000 changes, comprising Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman, on eight, ten and twelve bells, and was always a very good service ringer, scarcely ever being absent except through sickness, so that his death at the comparatively early age of forty-four years will be keenly felt by all. He was also a very prominent trade unionist in the district, having represented his trade as a painter on the Trades Council for eleven years, and was for two years president, and at the time of his death was treasurer. The funeral took place at the Parish Cemetery on the 24th October, his brother ringers carrying him to his last resting place amid the deepest manifestations of sorrow. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss. On Monday, October 29th, the following of his brother ringers rang 1512 Stedman Caters with the bells muffled as a token of respect: Fred Jakeman, 1; Walter Jakeman, 2; A. Barnes, 3; James Adams, 4; James Booth, 5; William Jakeman, 6; Samuel Booth, 7; B. Thorpe, 8; Samuel Wood (conductor), 9; Albert Adams, 10."

ST. NEOTS (Huntingdon).—Recently, 720 Plain Bob Minor, on the back six, in 27 mins. G. D. Coleman, 1; S. W. Hawksford, 2; W. Goss (Ramsey), 3; E. C. Chasty, 4; C. Chasty (Bedford), 5; G. Irons 6. Conducted by C. Chasty. First time on the bells. Also 240 Plain Bob Triples. J. Jones, 1; S. W. Hawksford, 2; W. Goss (Ramsey), 3; C. D. Coleman, 4; C. Chasty (Bedford), 5; E. C. Chasty, 6; G. Irons (conductor), 7; L. J. Flint, 8. First time by Jones, Hawksford, and Goss, and the first time Triples in this method has been rung on the bells. Tenor 30½ cwt.

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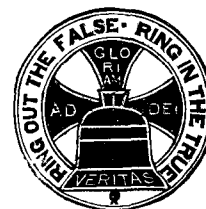
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1900.

CHANGE-RINGERS, both young and old, of every generation since bells were first rung, will always, when their character is inconsistently and unnecessarily assailed, have a worthy champion in MR. R. A. DANIELL. Recent correspondence has effected the genuine expression of an opinion, which coming from the source it does can be accepted as authoritative, that in a period which for the present purpose may be denominated "the dark ages," ringers did not need reform any more than "Churches, Services, Clergy, and some laymen." Such a dictum may appear at first sight to be less valuable than it is. We cannot in the future acknowledge the authority of any one, from the pulpit or elsewhere, who may deem it the correct thing to make comparisons between old ringers and the general public, to the disparagement of the former. This is the determined opinion of MR. DANIELL and others, and we agree with them.

It may reasonably be asked why the old ringers should

be marked out for obloquy before any other church officers. The conduct even of churchwardens, organists, choir, parish clerks, and others could no more bear hostile investigation than that of ringers. We honestly believe that ringers of the present day would stand much higher as a body in point of character and conduct than either class we have named. MR. BORRETT makes in this number a very pertinent allusion to church choirs. It is well-known, generally speaking, that these gentlemen are not always the immaculate beings they seem, even at the present revival. Yet we never hear from the pulpit at a Choir Association Festival any reference to the old singers who used regularly during sermon-time to withdraw one by one for refectation (?)

The fashion of showing up ringers is getting out of date somewhat. We may expect to hear less and less of it. MR. DANIELL has succeeded in giving it its death-blow, and not before the time.

We have very much satisfaction in inserting the following note from the REV. F. E. ROBINSON:—"I take the earliest opportunity of thanking you for your kind interest in my welfare and your good advice. I am thankful to say that I am now quite well again, and able to resume my duties in the belfry. Hoping that your wise counsel may not be quite fruitless,—I remain, yours very faithfully—F. E. ROBINSON."

Just as we are going to press the following telegram was received from Harlow: "Contributions sixteen pounds nine shillings. Winners—Blake, Chichester; Snow, Sleaford; Fitch, Thetford; Moore, Bocking. Best thanks to all, from Vicar and Churchwardens."

The Metropolis.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.
On Friday, October 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 9.
HARRY HOSKINS 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, October 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 3.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and rung in honour of the return of the C.I.V.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM KERBLE Treble.	JOSEPH BARRY 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above was rung to celebrate the C.I.V.'s return to London.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

The Provinces.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble.	*ALBERT STRANGWARD 5.
WILLIAM BIRKS* 2.	FRANK BIRKS 6.
WILSON BATEMAN* 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
TOM LATIMER 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BIRKS.

*First peal. G. Bolland hails from Tong; the rest are of the local company.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FREDERICK NORRIS Treble.	CHARLES GOLDING 4.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	WILLIAM H. NEWELL 5.
JAMES FLOYD 3.	HENRY GOLDING Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

First peal on the bells, which run the reverse way. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of W. Charge, sen., who was present, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble.	*JOHN BARBER 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS* 2.	THOMAS MILLER 8.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 4.	*HENRY MIDDLETON 10.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

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

*First peal of Maximus. This is H. Middleton's fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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On Tuesday, October 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL J. CULLIP Treble.	BERNARD JEALOUS 6.
WILLIAM J. BARKER 2.	ISAAC HILLS 7.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 8.
JOSEPH CHURCH 4.	GEORGE VALENTINE 9.
JAMES A. SMITH 5.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Composed by B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal by B. Jealous; also first peal on ten bells by Messrs. Valentine and Webb. Great credit is due to F. Webb, who is only fifteen years of age, for the able way in which he rung the tenor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, October 23, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES SMART Treble.	HERBERT MARKWELL .. 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	LAZARUS PAYNE 6.
EDWIN RAPLEY 3.	GEORGE GATLAND 7.
CHARLES TYLER 4.	*GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

*First peal. Messrs. Markwell, Payne, and Tyler hail from Henfield.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE VALENTINE .. Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY 4.
FRANK WEBB 2.	WILLIAM J. BARKER .. 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	ALBERT ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM**

On Thursday, October 25, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES MACKENZIE .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	HARRY WITHERS 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBEE.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Thursday, October 25, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN FORD* Treble.	JOHN R. SANDOVER .. 5.
FRANK DAVEY 2.	*FRANK MURPHY 6.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3.	*WILLIAM MOGRIDGE .. 7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 4.	*JAMES D. MANLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK DAVEY.

*First peal. J. D. Manley hails from Totnes.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WATTS Treble.	GEORGE JORDAN 4.
HERBERT LITTLE 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
PERCY WEBB* 3.	†THOMAS J. WATTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. WATTS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. P. Webb, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Ickleton, and it is his first 720 of Oxford Delight and Oxford Bob.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY JORDAN* .. Treble.	FREDERICK GOMM 5.
GEORGE MARTIN 2.	*THOMAS GOODCHILD, JUN. 6.
WILLIAM WALKER* .. 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 4.	GEORGE ALLDER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by G. MARTIN.

*First peal of Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6.
BERTRAM PREWITT .. 3.	ERNEST HOLLOWAY .. 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and rung by an entirely resident band.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This peal was rung to commemorate the sixty-first anniversary of the opening of the bells, and as a welcome to the new Rector (Rev. D. Lee Elliott); to celebrate the home-coming of the C.I.V., and a birthday compliment to A. S. Langridge.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH PATTISON .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
WILLIAM C. BENNETT .. 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 6.
GEORGE R. HOLMES* .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	OLIVER JAMES 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 2.	*JOHN NEAL 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 8.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.* .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 5.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Royal. Messrs. Houghton and James hail from Irthlingborough and Bromsgrove respectively. The St. Martin's Guild have in five days rang three peals of Treble Bob, viz., Maximus, Royal, and Major.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM LANDSDOWN .. 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	*FRANK ISAAC 6.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE* .. 3.	HENRY HOWELL 7.
ALFRED KNIGHT* 4.	FRED. G. MAY Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

First peal of Major by all except Messrs. Wilkins and May. *First peal.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F#.

R. ALCOCK Treble.	†J. W. NEWTON 5.
REV. W. P. WRIGHT 2.	*A. W. BARRETT 6.
W. NEWTON 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
N. KIDD 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and conducted by T. METCALFE.

† First 5000. *First 5000 of Treble Bob. Messrs. Alcock and Metcalfe hail from Middlesbrough; Rev. W. P. Wright from Stokesley; N. Kidd from Thornaby; and the rest from Stockton.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	HARRY W. FUSSELL 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 6.
HENRY MITCHELL 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
OWEN C. LEHANE 4.	WILLIAM STAIT Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above peal is in ten equal parts, each part being called alike, with common singles only, and is now rung for the first time.

NORTH SHIELDS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3.	THOMAS NAISBY 7.
REV. W. P. WRIGHT 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by J. COX, Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

This is the conductor's first attempt to call a peal. The Rev. W. P. Wright hails from Stokesley, Yorks., for whom this peal was arranged.

Handbell Peals.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Sunday, October 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE GILLINGHAM, NORTH HILL
VILLAS, NORTH HILL ROAD, IPSWICH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN* 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
ALBERT E. DURRANT* .. 3-4.	*WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. 7-8.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by WILLIAM ROUGHTON.

Umpire—S. Cornish, who had a copy of the peal and ticked off each course-end as it was rung. *First peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The number of changes in the peal rung at Cheltenham last week should have been 5187 and not 5087 as stated.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancs).—On Sunday, October 21st, at Holy Trinity Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. and 9 min. J. K. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Rung in commemoration of Trafalgar Day.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service at the Parish Church, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; G. Room, 2; G. Martin, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 7; T. Bull, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; G. Martin, 3; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 4; T. Bull, 5; F. Powell, 6; J. Monk, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; G. Room, 2; G. Martin, 3; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 4; T. Bull, 5; H. Brooks, 6; J. Monk, 7; J. Brooks, 8. All conducted by J. Monk. G. Martin is a member of the Waltham St. Lawrence tower (Berks). On Thursday, October 4th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; T. Bull, 5; F. Powell, 6; Rev. C. Jenkyn (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; D. Harris, 2; H. Herbert, 3; M. Matthew, 4; S. Avis, 5; J. Willshe, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; W. Smith, 8. On Saturday, October 6th, on the occasion of a wedding, 1008 Bob Major. W. Janes, 1; D. Harris, 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6; E. Herbert, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. Also a quarter-peal, 1280 changes, of Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; D. Harris, 2; C. Herbert, 2; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; E. Herbert, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; W. Lane, 8. On Monday, October 8th, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Herbert, 1; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 2; C. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; M. Lane, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; D. Harris, 8. On Tuesday, October 16th, for a wedding, 720 Bob Minor. W. Janes, 1; C. Herbert, 2; S. Avis, 3; D. Harris, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; E. Herbert, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 21st for Divine Service in the morning at St. Mary's Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; F. Warren, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 23rd, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. F. Webb, 1; S. Sargent, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 360 Double Court Bob. F. Webb, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Sargent, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 28, 720 Kent Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; W. Moore, 2; A. Shufflebotham, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Webb, 1; A. Shufflebotham, 2; W. Farrow, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—Recently, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles. H. H. Lambert, 1; S. W. Hawksford, 2; G. Irons, 3; G. D. Coleman, 4; C. Chasty (Bedford), (conductor), 5; E. C. Chasty, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, 32 bobs and 2 singles. Composed by J. F. Penning. G. D. Coleman, 1; J. Jones, 2; E. C. Chasty, 3; S. W. Hawksford, 4; H. J. Sutton (Petworth), 5; G. Irons, 6. Conducted by H. J. Sutton. Arranged to enable James Jones, who is in his 68th year to accomplish his first 720 on an inside bell. A previous attempt failed only one lead from home. Jones made his first 720 on the Treble on ly a month before. He has been a ringer over 50 years. All the above are members of the recently formed St. Neots and Eynesbury Society.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 21st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. H. Oxenham, 1; W. J. Laxton, 2; W. Crockford, 3; F. G. Perrin (conductor), 4; A. Hardy, 5; *E. Brett, 6; H. N. Davis, 7; W. Longley, 8. *First quarter-peal of Grandsire.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, October 14th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. D. Manley (Totnes), 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; W. Miflin, 5; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Lowton, 8. Also for evening service, 1120 of the same method, in 47 mins. J. Ford, 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; F. Shepherd (conductor), 4; J. R. Sandover, 5; F. Murphy, 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Lowton, 8. Also on Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. F. Shepherd, 1; F. J. Shepherd, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; W. C. Burrough, 4; W. Miflin, 5; F. Murphy, 6; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 7; W. Lowton, 8. Mr. F. J. Shepherd hails from London, but was formerly of this Society. On Sunday evening, October 28th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Scoble, 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd (conductor), 3; J. Ford, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; W. Mogridge, 6; J. R. Sandover, 7; F. Murphy, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church, 1280 Bob Major in 48 minutes. A. Savage, 1; C. W. Nuttall, 2; G. Davies, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; A. Craven, 5; J. Hunt, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; G. Farr, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, October 20th, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 38 mins. J. Hunt (Guildford), 1-2; E. Wrightman, 3-4; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 5-6; W. J. Smith, 7-8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Chester).—On Thursday, October 11th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Leonard King Wilkinson, of Chatburn, to Miss Elizabeth Pigot, of Grappenhall, 336, 477, and 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, 1; S. Jenkins, 2; S. Spence, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6; H. T. Moston, 7; J. E. Ashcroft, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," was rung in 44 mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. T. Moston, 2; S. Jenkins, 3; S. Spence, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. T. Spence (conductor), 7; J. E. Ashcroft, 8. This is the longest length in the method with a bob bell by Messrs Jenkins and Booth.

EDINBURGH.—On Wednesday, October 10th, for special service for Representative Church Council, at 8 p.m., 504 Grandsire Triples. W. R. Fyfe, 1; D. McKillop, 2; E. F. Price, 3; C. C. Ellis (conductor), 4; J. Honeyman, 5; R. Whitson, 6; W. C. S. Heathcote, 7; J. R. Robertson, 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On Thursday, October 25th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the institution of the new Vicar, the Hon. and Rev. Francis Godolphin Pelham, M.A., late of Buckhurst Hill, London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wright, 1; R. Christian, 2; W. Blyth, 3; W. Secrett, 4; D. Hayward (conductor), 5; G. Read, 6; J. Matthews, 7; F. Pestell, 8. Taken from Holt's Original. After service, 720 of Bob Major with 8-10 covering. H. Wright, 1; G. Read, 2; R. Christian, 5; W. Blyth, 4; W. Secrett, 5; R. Tooley, 6; D. Hayward (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8; F. Pestell, 9; C. Harding, 10.

HARROLD (Beds.).—On September 9th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob. F. Skevington, 1; F. G. Crouch (first 720), 2; W. Freeman, 3; J. Church, 4; W. J. Barker (conductor), 5; F. J. Bird, 6. Also a 720

of Minor. C. Orpin, 1; J. Church, 2; L. Chapman, 3; F. Skevington, 4; H. Munday, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. J. Bird, 1; L. Chapman, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Freeman (1st 720), 5; W. J. Barker, 6. Also a 360 and 216 of Minor. On September 27th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving, a 720 of Bob Minor. F. G. Crouch, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. Skevington, 3; G. Thew, 4; H. Munday, 5; F. J. Bird (conductor), 6. On Sunday, another was rung standing as before. On October 2nd, 720. C. Orpin, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. J. Bird (conductor), 3; G. Thew, 4; H. Munday, 5; F. Skevington, 6. On October 6th, 720 of Bob Minor. C. Orpin, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. Skevington, 3; L. Chapman, 4; H. Munday, 5; F. J. Bird (conductor), 6. Also a few 120s of Bob Doubles in which A. Chapman took part.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts).—On Sunday, September 30th being the Harvest Festival at the Parish Church, St. Mary's, for Matins, 480 Bob Doubles, 7-8 covering. W. Shepherd, 1; G. Harding, 2; J. Floyd, 3; C. Golding, 4; H. Golding, 5; G. Sells, 6; W. Charge, sen., 7; G. Thoroughgood, 8. Conducted by H. Golding. Also for Divine Evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Golding, 1; G. Harding, 2; J. Floyd, 3; C. Golding, 4; W. Shepherd, 5; W. H. Newell, 6; G. Sells, 7; W. Charge, sen., 8. After Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, with 42 singles and 180 Bob Minor. W. Charge, sen., 7; G. Thoroughgood, 8, the others as before. Conducted by W. H. Newell. On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Evensong, 720 Bob Minor. R. A. Daniell, 1; J. Floyd, 3; G. Harding, 4; W. Shepherd, 5; H. Golding, 6; W. H. Newell (conductor), 7; W. Charge, 8. It was intended to try for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but owing to one not meeting, the above was rung.

LYTHAM (Kent).—On October 9th, at St. John's Church, 720 Plain Bob (34 singles). R. Seddon, 1; G. Maries, 2; J. Moore, 3; E. J. Gale, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. Also on handbells, another 720 Plain Bob. W. Bamber, 1; G. Maries (conductor), 2; E. Tipping, 3; E. J. Gale, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell, 6. Also 723 College Single. W. Bamber, 1; G. Maries, 2; J. Moore, 3; *E. J. Gale, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On October 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Maries (conductor), 1; C. Pendlebury, 2; *E. J. Gale, 3; W. Gillett, 4; E. Forshaw, 5; J. Moore, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Maries (conductor), 1; E. Forshaw, 2; *E. J. Gale, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. Also on October 14th, at St. Peter's, 720 Oxford Bob. G. Maries (conductor), 1; C. Pendlebury, 2; *E. J. Gale, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. *First 720 in the method. The above touches were arranged for E. J. Gale of Melton Mowbray, and he desires to heartily thank everyone who assisted to make his holiday an enjoyable one at Lytham.

PENGE (Surrey).—On September 28th, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Bathon, 1; G. Wickens, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; W. Polger, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Also after service, 260 Canterbury Surprise Minor. E. Edwards, 1; G. Wickens, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. J. Bathon (conductor), 6. On September 30th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Edwards, 1; G. Wickens, 2; W. J. Bathon, 3; J. Town, 4; W. Polger, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday, October 18th, at St. Peter's Parish Church, before evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; A. J. Bartlett, 3; T. Cole, 4; A. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8.

* * Several reports of touches are unavoidably left over. They will all appear in due course.

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Correspondence.

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

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

ROUND RINGERS AND REFORM.

SIR,—I have not experience enough of round-ringers, or ringers of call changes, to dispute Mr. Drake's conclusion that "it is the exception to find any good tone among such ringers." If true, it is much to be regretted; and it is, I think, somewhat of a reflection upon the efforts of our ringing associations to secure belfry reform that, if Mr. Drake is right, they have left one class of church bell ringers untouched and unimproved. Change-ringing is, of course, the "counsel of perfection" to which we should endeavour to lead all ringers; but in this matter of "belfry reform" (which includes, I take it, reform of ringers as well as of ringing), might we not do more for them before they become, or even if they never become, change-ringers? This thought has recently occurred to me during a stay in the West of England. In Devonshire I found whole-pull ringing still the rule, and half-pull ringing the exception; but attention is paid to good striking, and to raising and lowering the bells "in peal," and there are many keen and respectable ringers who honestly think that their own way is the best. The Devonshire Guild—in my judgment, wisely—seems to recognise facts and do its best to influence round and call change-ringers as such. Last week, at the place where I was staying, there was a meeting of ringers from the different parishes of one rural deanery, mostly six-bell ringers, the only band of change-ringers being from an eight-bell tower. Each band took its turn on the bells, the favourite method, apparently, being Grandsire Doubles, rung from cards showing the work of each man's bell, with each change struck for two or three whole pulls in succession. There was a tea at 4.30, and service in the church at 5.30, well attended by the ringers, with an excellent practical discourse from the vicar of one of the parishes represented, who has, I believe, succeeded the Rev. M. Kelly as Secretary of the Devonshire Guild. After service there was more ringing, and the change-ringing band (who had come two men short) were enabled to have a touch of Triples, with the Secretary and myself standing in. I do not know what need, if any, there has been in this district for belfry reform. What I saw was a gathering of very respectable looking men, most of them round and call change-ringers, and probably not intending to be anything else, but recognised as church bell ringers, and brought under the good influences of the County Guild. It set me thinking whether some of us do not perhaps associate belfry reform a little too exclusively with change-ringing—though it is true that they generally go together.

T. L. PAPILLON.

Writtle, Chelmsford, Oct. 29.

"OTHER TIMES, OTHER MANNERS."

SIR,—I was much amused at the early part of Mr. Drake's letter under the above heading, in your issue of last Saturday. Mr. Daniell did not set himself to prove that former ringers were not worse than other people, but that they *were* as good as other people—a great difference, to my mind. In course of his papers, Mr. Daniell plainly proved that drinking was common in the vestries of our churches; and one can therefore hardly take Mr. Drake seriously when he tells us of his amazement at finding out such things also took place in the belfry. What would he think of a clergyman, who was also a change-ringer, assisting the men to consume their liquid refreshment in the belfry? I know of this occurring more than once. In our own belfry at St. Peter Mancroft, ringing the old year out was always a festive occasion. Leading citizens, from the mayor downwards, met in the tower, and men whose churchmanship was considered beyond reproach counted it a privilege and an honour to subscribe towards the filling of the great stone jug with hot spiced ale, and which was partaken of by everyone present. This practice continued uninterrupted until the year 1878. I have never yet heard a ringer wish for these days to return, but many times well-educated visitors to our tower have expressed their astonishment at discovering the ringers sometimes performed there for three or four hours *without refreshment*. What is required now is for the clergy, who have practically

denounced us for so long, to use their endeavours towards bringing up the ideas of their communities to our level. After this they might turn their attention to the reformation of their choirs, which, to my mind (I have been a member of a choir for sixteen years), are just as much in need of some leavening influence as the ringers of days gone by. In conclusion, may I express our thanks, which the Exercise must feel are due, to Mr. Daniell for his able articles on our behalf, and more recently for the trouble he has taken to obtain so important a pronouncement from Archdeacon Crosse.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

10, Chester-street, Norwich.

SIR,—I am afraid that (owing, probably, to my bad writing) the word "singers" appears as "ringers" in line 1 column 2 of p. 305. This, unfortunately, quite destroys the point of my argument, which was that the ringers were no worse than the "singers."

H. DRAKE.

Verwood, Oct. 29.

CUSTOMS AT ROMNEY AND ROSS.

SIR,—Would Mr. P. Hodgkin tell me the date of the document giving "the Rule and the custome of using the bells of ye Chirches of Saynt Martin & Saynt Nicholas of Romenei," as quoted on p. 196 of your issue for August 25 last, and also where I could examine the original? Might I also ask the Bradford ringer, to whose pen we owed "A Cycling Jaunt," in your issue of September 29, how it was he heard a touch of Stedman Triples at Ross (date not given) at 6 a.m.? It seems a very early hour to wake people by ringing changes—unless there is an ancient custom to ring then: is this the case? I shall be glad of information from these gentlemen, or others, on these two points.

H. DRAKE.

LENGTH OF BELL-ROPE.

SIR,—In answer to a question in your issue of October 20, I think 70-ft. of rope much too long for a light peal of bells—the spring of the ropes would be very great. The present length, 29-ft., cannot be improved upon, unless the ringing-chamber is too noisy.

C. D. SMITH.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, CARSHALTON.

On Tuesday, October 30th, during the usual practice, a very pleasing ceremony was performed in the belfry of the Parish Church, in which the Rector presented, on behalf of the Society, to the Secretary, Mr. Frank Holder, a handsome writing-desk as a token of gratitude for his past services.

A brass plate attached has the following inscription engraved upon it:—

"Presented to Frank Holder, by the All Saints' Society of Change-ringers, in appreciation of his self-denying labours in connection with the Society.

"Carshalton, October, 1900."

The presentation was a pleasant surprise to the recipient, and in returning thanks for the gift, he said that he could not at the moment find words to sufficiently express his heartfelt thanks for the handsome present he had received. Whatever he had done for the Society he had always done with the greatest pleasure, and he trusted that the brotherly love which existed in the Society, and which had been responsible to a great extent for their present successful state, would continue to thrive, and so assure their progress. He took this opportunity of thanking the various members of the neighbouring towers of Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, and Mitcham, who frequently came over to assist, and continue to have their kind and welcome support.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On October 22, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, after evening service, on the occasion of the 24th Dedication Festival, in 46 mins. H. Griffith, 1; A. Bassett, 2; *A. Todd, 3; T. Miles, 4; J. Crawford, 5; T. Tutte, 6; A. Gower, 7; *F. Page, 8. Conducted by A. Gower. *First quarter-peal.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Bramley, to-day, Saturday, November 3rd. Meeting house, The Cardigan Arms. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided. All ringers are welcome.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in St. Nicholas belfry, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, November 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yeovil to-day, Saturday, November 3rd. Short service in the parish church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting at the Borough Restaurant, High Street.

HY. W. TOMKINS,
Williton, Somerset. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, to-day, Saturday, November 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough, to-day, Saturday, November 3rd.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 263rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary.*
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Bournemouth, on Saturday, November 10th. St. Peter's belfry (8) open during afternoon and evening at intervals.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

Lincoln Diocesan Association.—EASTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrangle, on Saturday, November 10th. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting after.

J. M. RYLATT, *Hon. Sec.*
20, Sidney Street, Boston.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—BRISTOL BRANCH.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham, on Saturday, November 10th. Service 5.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hatfield, on Saturday, November 17th. Further particulars next week.

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

The Middlesex County Association.—SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, on Saturday, November 10th, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lane End, on Saturday, November 10th, beginning at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided.

H. C. BELL, *Branch Secretary.*
51, Crown Street, Reading.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held on November 10th, at Helmsshore. Bells ready at 3 p.m.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W.C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

KIRTON-IN-LINDSEY.

A large clock with chimes is to be placed in the tower of the Parish Church. It will have all the latest improvements, and generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The work is being carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS AT BIRMINGHAM.—H. MIDDLETON'S FIFTY PEALS.—Stedman Triples 9, Caters 7, Cinques, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Royal, 2, Maximus 1; Plain Bob Major 5, Royal 1; Grandsire Triples 5, Caters 1; Double Norwich Major 5; Double Oxford Major 1; Superlative Surprise 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Seven Minor Methods 3; total 50.

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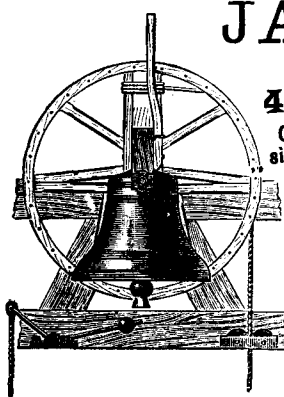
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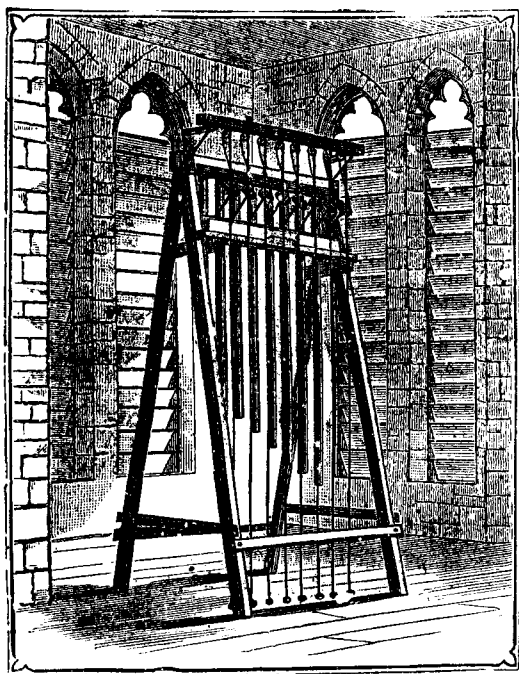
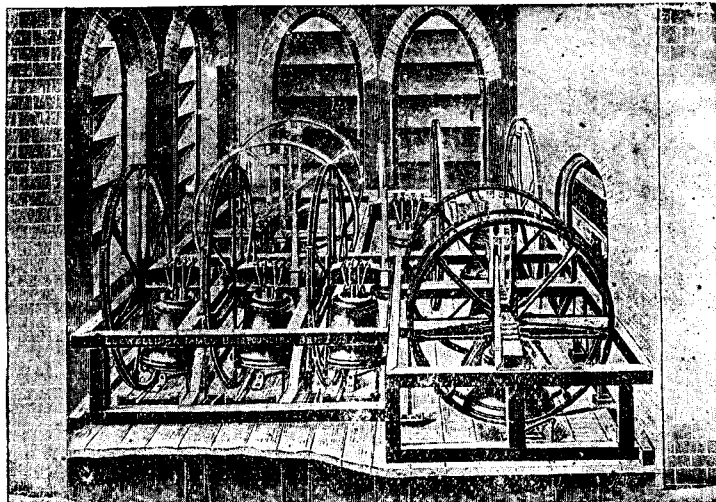
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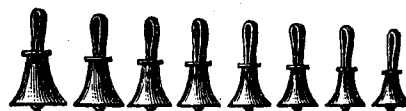
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DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT CANNINGTON, BRIDGWATER.

Tuesday, October 30th, was an important and interesting day in the village life of Cannington. It marked the completion of the work of the restoration of the bells and bell-frame of St. Mary the Virgin, and it was a pleasure to the parishioners to receive a visit from the Lord Bishop of the diocese (Dr. Kennion), to re-dedicate the bells. The work of restoration was promoted and carried out by a committee consisting of the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. E. Malet), Messrs. H. P. Bouverie and J. Shepherd (churchwardens), E. J. Bere, J. Bucknell, J. Farthing, Horace Lovibond, T. H. Martin, E. Poole, A. Rood, and Geoffrey Leigh (Hon. Treasurer), and it is to the efforts of the last-named gentleman, who had so much to do with bringing about the restoration of St. Mary's church bells at Bridgwater, that the similar work at Cannington has ended so successfully.

Tuesday's proceedings began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., at which the Bishop, who was the guest of Mr. H. H. P. Bouverie, of Brymore, was the celebrant.

The service of re-dedication was held at 11.30 in the morning, and the beautiful church of St. Mary the Virgin was crowded with a large congregation, which included many clergy from various parishes in the deanery. The service was the special one usual for such an occasion, and it was in every way admirably rendered.

The service began with a hymn, and prayers by the Bishop having followed, the interesting ceremony of re-dedication was proceeded with. The Bishop said:

"Good people, we are met together at this time to re-dedicate to the glory of God, and to the use of this church, the bells which have now been rehung; for which solemn purpose let us repair to the belfry."

During the recitation of the 122nd Psalm the Bishop, clergy (each of whom wore cassock and surplice), churchwardens and choir, followed the ringers to the belfry, and having there assembled, the churchwardens (Messrs. H. H. P. Bouverie and J. Shepherd) taking the ropes of the bells, addressed the Bishop thus:

"We, the churchwardens of this parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, hereby request you to re-dedicate to the glory of God, and to the use of this church, the bells now re-hung."

The Bishop, receiving the ropes, said:—

"By virtue of my office, I desire to solemnly dedicate these bells to the glory of God and to the use of this church, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses."

Having recited a prayer asking Almighty God to "be pleased to accept the bells which we re-dedicate to Thy service this day," and to "Bless, hallow, and sanctify them with Thy heavenly benediction," the Bishop, delivering the ropes to the Vicar, said: "Receive again 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."

To the churchwardens and others the Bishop said:

"You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of this parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese."

A short peal, which showed the bells were most sweetly tuned, was rung, and the procession returned to the chancel, and the usual appropriate prayers having been recited, the Lord Bishop ascended the pulpit and delivered an excellent address, which was listened to with rapt attention. An offertory was afterwards taken in aid of the bell and tower fund.

At one o'clock a public luncheon was held in the schoolroom, and was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The result was that a considerable amount was realised towards wiping off the deficit on the restoration of the bells and tower, as through the generosity of the leading parishioners of Cannington and their friends everything necessary for the luncheon, which was an excellent one, was gratuitously provided. Mr. H. H. P. Bouverie, J.P., of Brymore, presided, and among those present were the Rev. C. D. E. Malet (Vicar), and many other clergy. The repast having ended, the loyal toasts, on the proposition of the chairman, were loyally honoured.

The chairman proposed "The health of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese." He asked the company to join in heartily drinking the toast, and cordially thanking the Bishop for coming amongst them and re-dedicating the bells. The restoration of the tower and bells was a work that was wanted, as all would have acknowledged if they had gone up in the tower and seen the old cage. The new cage was a great improvement, and he hoped many would inspect it. The work had been well, executed by Mr. Sully, who assured him that it would last as long as the tower, and he (the chairman) believed it would, for even to his unprofessional eye the work looked neat and thoroughly efficient. He thanked the Bishop for the charming address he delivered in the church, and he was glad to see at the service not only so many of the parishioners, but many from other parishes to welcome and do honour to the Bishop.

A most flattering reception was given the toast, the company singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," and sending up cheers for his Lordship and Mrs. Kennion.

The Lord Bishop, in reply, said he was rather overwhelmed by the reception that had been given to the toast, and the glowing words used by the chairman. He remembered once not so many years ago, in another part of that diocese, he was taking part with a number of clergy and a choir in surplices in some public function, when a very enthusiastic friend of his burst out into the same melody as they had just heard. He might say that it had rather an incongruous effect when they were in their robes and surplices, but he knew the kindness with which it was meant. He had always felt that spirit very much, and the same spirit had been shown that afternoon perhaps at a more appropriate time. He saw what excellent work was going on in that parish. He did not know that they would think he was much to blame for

having sent the present Vicar to be among them. At any rate, it did not look or sound as if they thought he was very much to blame, and what he was bound to say cheered him more than anything when he was going about in the diocese was when he found, as he was thankful to find in almost every case, that the clergy and the people of the parishes were pulling so heartily together. That was what was being done in the parish of Cannington. They had had there a great difficulty, and they had met it in a very determined way. They met it because they had somebody who put heart into them, and who gave them such a lead that they felt they must follow. That excellent lead was given them by their friend, Mr. Bouverie. When Mr. Bouverie with such generosity came forward and helped them in a critical time, then they stood by him well, and under the guiding hand of the Vicar, who had won their confidence and deservedly won it, they had been able to have their tower put into such a state of repair that it carried splendidly those bells that had been fitted and tuned so well, and rung so exceedingly well. That was a very pleasant occasion, and he congratulated them upon it.

Mr. J. Bucknell proposed "The Health of the Chairman," observing that Mr. Bouverie was always ready to come forward in a handsome way to further anything that was necessary for the benefit of the parish, and there was not a more worthy gentleman in the county. The toast was accorded musical honours, and

The Chairman, in acknowledgment, said it was always a pleasure to him to do what he could for the village. On the present occasion, though he might have been the first to put his hand in his pocket, his example was followed in a most generous way, and without their chancellor of the exchequer (Mr. G. Leigh), who had worked so hard in the matter, he did not know where they would have been. The work just carried out was very necessary, though it seemed a pity that it was so, because only seven or eight years ago similar work had to be done, but bad advice ended in the work not being done in such a lasting manner as it should have been. The present work, however, had been done in first-rate style by Mr. Sully, and he did not think it could have been done better—whilst the tuning of the bells and re-casting of one or two of them had produced a first-rate peal. They had a good band of ringers, and under the tuition of Mr. Leigh he believed they would get on very well indeed.

The Rev. C. D. E. Malet gave "The Health of the Subscribers." Without, he said, the help of the subscribers, they could not have got on at all, as great difficulty was experienced at the onset. When he came there about a year ago, the chairman and Mr. White (the late churchwarden, who was so active in all matters connected with the church), spoke to him about the state of the bells and the cage, and he was told the matter must be taken in hand, otherwise the ringing must stop. There had, however, been a lot of subscribing lately, and it was felt that the answer to an appeal would be that the parishioners had given once before to the restoration of the bells. Then Mr. Bouverie kindly came forward and said, "We can't ask the people to pay again; I will pay for the lot." That stirred them up, but they considered it would not be fair that Mr. Bouverie should pay for all the work and the parishioners do nothing. The parish, therefore, set to work to supplement the kind gift made by Mr. Bouverie, and that was how they had accomplished the work. They were deeply obliged to all who had subscribed, and people from near and far had

assisted. He also tendered thanks to those who had so kindly provided that luncheon, the proceeds of which would be devoted to the bell fund.

Mr. Geoffery Leigh, in response to the toast, said the Cannington folk had always given him a hearty welcome, but on this occasion they had far exceeded themselves. Mr. Malet had spoken of the trouble and labour he (Mr. Leigh) had taken in the matter, but he must emphatically say that that was not the case, as in consequence of the very nice circular which emanated from Mr. Malet's pen and signed by the members of the bell committee, his (Mr. Leigh's) labours were practically cut away. Over 250 of the circulars were sent out, and after the people had digested the contents he set to work. Bridgwater was looking to have electric light; it had not got it yet, but the electric current of good nature had flown from Bridgwater to Cannington, and he maintained that it was in consequence of the kindly way in which Cannington treated Bridgwater when Bridgwater wanted the bells restored, and the button which had passed that electric current of good nature emanated from the Vicar's circular. He (Mr. Leigh) had bothered nobody and asked nobody twice, and he had only had three abrupt refusals. The bells had been magnificently retuned by Messrs. Taylor.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary's Guild at Taunton were engaged to re-open the bells, and some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were first rung, and afterwards a 720 Grandsire Minor. After a short touch with the curate of Bridgwater, who has just commenced to learn change-ringing, the bells were lowered in peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting was held on the 3rd ult., at St. Nicholas, Liverpool. A large number of members attended from the various towers in the district, a source of no small gratification to the executive at the increased interest taken by ringers in the monthly meetings. Touches of various methods were rung on the front eight of the fine peal of twelve, the four back bells being absolutely unringable. It is more than a crying shame that such neglect should be allowed to continue in one of the parish churches of such a rich city as Liverpool. But doubtless the people will wake up to their responsibility in this matter in the future, and the sooner the better.

The Rev. A. C. Brown, Curate of St. Nicholas, took the chair at the business meeting. He cordially welcomed the ringers to the tower and only regretted that the bells were not in a more satisfactory condition. He hoped the day would not belong distant when the bells would be no more chimed by mechanical means, but that as heretofore their noble melody would ring out across the river under the manipulation of a vigorous band of change-ringers. He regretted that he himself was not a change-ringer, but he sadly missed the sound of the bells, as for a fact did also many more people in the city. He entreated the members to always regard their art not as simply a matter of athletic exercise, or even solely as an intellectual pursuit, but that they had a far higher and nobler work incumbent upon them, namely that of doing all to the Glory and service of Almighty God.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bootle on Saturday, December 1st. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman for so kindly presiding, and to the steeple-keeper, Mr. Davies, for having all things in readiness.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On October 18th, at the Harvest Festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. LeClercq, 1; A. E. Smith, 2; F. A. Barnett, 3; J. Hawker, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; W. White, 6; F. Clapshaw, 7; T. Upshall, 8.

HARPFORD AND VENN OTTERY CHURCHES, DEVON.

The harvest thanksgiving at Harpford parish church took place on a recent Tuesday, and was rendered more than ordinarily interesting by reason of the dedication of a new treble bell and a visit by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Crediton. As usual, the church was very prettily decorated, and Mrs. Molineux (the wife of the respected and esteemed Vicar), Miss Barclay, Mrs. White, the Misses Burgoyne, Miss Peppin, and Miss L. Rutter were deservedly congratulated on the skill and taste displayed in arranging the flowers, fruit, &c., which everywhere met the eye and filled the church with fragrance. The new treble bell was given by Mr. W. P. Branson, of Southerton, Harpford, to commemorate the marriage in January last, of his daughter, and bears an inscription to that effect, and seals typical of the event. It was cast by Messrs. Warner, of London, and makes, in conjunction with the five bells put in by the same firm in 1885, a light but very pleasing peal of six. The new bell was hung by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, with his accustomed success, and the whole peal is in excellent ringing condition.

A crowded congregation attended the thanksgiving and dedication service at half-past 3 o'clock. The Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Molineux), conducted the service, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, (of Kelly, and President of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), read the lesson, the Bishop of Crediton performed the dedication and preached an appropriate sermon.

In connection with the dedication of the new treble, a representative band of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers visited Harpford, and did some excellent work on the original peal of five bells, and subsequently on the peal of six bells. The band consisted of the Rev. Maitland Kelly, Messrs. J. Moss, W. Richardson, A. W. Searle, F. and W. Shepherd, and the methods included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. They were joined by Messrs. A. Pike, J. Baker, and H. Channon, from Ottery St. Mary, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, and Treble Bob, were rung on handbells. The opening peal after dedication of the new treble, was rung by the local band, and some good work was done by them and ringers from Sidmouth, Otterton, and elsewhere during the day.

After the afternoon service, parishioners and visitors were entertained at tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Molineux, in the Vicarage grounds. About 150 were present. Among those assisting at the tables were Miss Tucker, Mrs. Winder, Mrs. Lowe, and Miss Barclay. The Vicar and Mrs. Molineux also entertained the Bishop and Guild band at luncheon and tea.

In the evening there was a special service at the parish church of Venn Ottery, of which Mr. Molineux is also Vicar. There the interior of the tower has been completely restored, and the bells, three in number, hung in a new frame, the latter work being carried out by Mr. Stokes. All the timbers in the tower were of very ancient date, and completely rotten. They probably dated back to the time of the oldest bell, which is mediæval. The Hon. Mark Rolle gave the oak for the cage; the Vicar the timber for large beams to carry floors. The cost of workmanship here and at Harpford amounts to about £50, and is being provided by subscription. The Bishop attended the service, which was of a bright and hearty character, and formed a fitting conclusion to an eventful day.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the members of this association in the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon was held at St. Neot's on the 27th October, when twenty-two members were present. The Rev. R. C. Meade presided at the business meeting and gave the members a very hearty welcome to St. Neot's for the first time. An excellent tea was provided, and as soon as justice had been done, the members sorted themselves out and set the bells going at St. Neot's, Eynesbury, and Great Baxton, which had been kindly placed at their disposal. Some excellent work was done; details of the most important will be found in the usual place.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On September 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. C. Peare, 1; G. Hawkins, 2; S. Riddle, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; M. Steer, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6.

A VISIT TO PLESHY, ESSEX.

On Tuesday evening, October 23rd, five members of the Writtle company paid a visit to Pleshy, to ring on the five bells there. Starting from Writtle at a quarter past six, on bicycles, W. Wellington and W. Dines, of Widford, joined us at Chelmsford, driving and picking up E. Davis at Great Waltham. We arrived about quarter-past seven, and raised the bells and rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Edwards, 1; Rev. E. G. Norris, 2; G. W. Sorrell, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; and then six 6-scores, each called differently, were rung by others of the company. By the aid of a candle we examined the bells, and found they had been only oiled. They require overhauling, but if they had been well greased the go of them would certainly have been much easier, the bearings being quite bright. They are of various dates, one has Miles Graye's name on it, the tenor being cast about forty years ago at the Cripplegate Foundry. We afterwards adjourned to The White Horse, with the local men, for refreshment kindly provided by the Rev. E. G. Norris, who arranged the expedition.

The local men were very pleased to see us, and hoped we should come again soon. Mr. Norris called on the Vicar, who was unable to meet us, being ill in bed. He had his window open to listen to the bells, and invited us to go again soon. The local ringers can only ring 10 changes themselves, but they seemed very much interested and would like to learn. The village is eighteen miles N.W. of Chelmsford, 7 S.E. from Dunmow, and is encircled by a Roman entrenchment nearly a mile in circumference.

There are extensive earthworks upon which formerly stood a castle built by Geoffrey de Mandeville, Earl of Essex and High Constable of England soon after the Conquest. The ingenious inventor of Darby's Digger, Mr. H. Darby, resides at Pleshy Lodge.

We arrived home at a quarter to eleven (21 miles ride on a pitch dark night to ring five bells). But we hope the object of the visit was attained, not to ring anything special for ourselves, but to stir up local interest where change-ringing is but little known in an out of the way place, the idea of which originated from a visit to the place in the summer by Mr. Norris and the writer.

Church Lane, Writtle.

W. LINCOLN.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Bromley, on October 27th. Touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman, and other methods, rung by an attendance of about forty, kept the bells going from 3 to 9 p.m., with an interval for tea, which was served in the Parish Room at 5.30.

The business meeting followed, D. Grinsted, Churchwarden, in the chair, when the minutes of the last annual district meeting were read and confirmed.

The District Secretary then read his annual report, which showed that the members compared favourably with that of last year. Ten towers were still affiliated, but Dartford had rejoined, and Lee left the Association. 29 peals had been rung by members of the district proper, and 5 others in which members of the district took part.

Greenwich was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting.

The following were then elected: Messrs. J. Hunt (Guildford), S. Wightman, jun., H. S. Humphery (Woolwich), and F. Lock (Hastings).

The retiring District Secretary and representative having been unanimously re-elected, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. E. O. Masters (Woolwich), to the Vicar, for the use of the bells, to the chairman, for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. G. Durling, the local Secretary, for having everything in readiness. This was replied to by the chairman, in a few very complimentary remarks to the Association in general, and the members present in particular, after which more ringing brought a most pleasant and well-attended meeting to a close.

P. E. B.

WANTED a Set of Handbells 12 to 15, in good condition.—Rev. C. Birch, Foots Cray, Kent.

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."

BELFRY REFORM.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Drake's letter in your number of the 27th ult., I quite agree that reform among ringers who needed it has not yet been universally accomplished; and, indeed, until Mr. Drake or someone else succeeds in disestablishing the devil, I do not see how any class of men is to get into such a state that none of its members will give the enemy occasion to blaspheme. But the evils immediately aimed at by what is called Belfry Reform, are not so much those of wickedness as of thoughtlessness or indifference, and as to these it appears to me that change-ringers as a class stand on quite as exalted a level as any other class. Mr. Borrett has some very relevant observations on this point in his letter in your last issue, and, shocked as Mr. Drake may be, I can tell him, as a fact within my own knowledge, that within the last half-year a band went to a certain tower to attempt a peal, and the Vicar offered to send them refreshments into the belfry on its conclusion. The member of the band to whom this offer was made said that he and his friends would be very glad to partake of the refreshments, but he suggested they should be provided somewhere else, which was accordingly done. This took place at a parish where the church was well and reverently cared for, and the belfry was clean and the bells in thorough good order, so that it could not be said the church authorities were indifferent about the building. In cases where belfries are left filthy and uncared for—all of us know cases of this kind—the clergy and churchwardens still need as much belfry reform as any ringer who ever lived.

Mr. Drake's experience of round or call-change ringers does not seem to have been a happy one, and his remarks on that subject have called forth in your last number a very interesting letter from Mr. Papillon, who seems to doubt, after what he saw in Devonshire, whether ringing associations could not do more for such ringers. But I beg to point out that the ringers he saw in Devonshire on the occasion to which he refers were change-ringers. Let us listen to the voice of Stedman on this point. In his *Tintinnalogia* (page 39 in "THE BELL NEWS" reprint) he says:—"In this place I will add a word or two to those that practice to ring the changes," and amongst his observations appear the following:—

"All changes are to be rang either by walking them (as the term is) or else whole-pulls or half-pulls. By walking them is meant that the bells go round four, six, or eight times or more in one change, which is commonly used by young practisers; it may be sometimes on five bells, ringing the twenty-four changes on the treble, second, third and fourth, the fifth bell striking behind every change; and ringing other changes of the like nature may be practised this way by young ringers. Whole-pulls is to ring two rounds in one change, that is fore-stroke and back-stroke, and in a change; so that every time you pull down the bells at sally, you make a new change differing from that at the back-stroke next before."

He goes on to tell us that half-pulls had then of late been practised, and come into general use. So that Stedman recognizes three several ways of change-ringing, and what Mr. Papillon saw in Devonshire was the first of these. We are so accustomed to ringing changes in half-pulls only, that in common parlance we use "change-ringing" and "half-pull ringing" as synonymous terms. But that they were not so originally is evident from the above extract from the father of writers on ringing. In his classification, the men Mr. Papillon saw are change-ringers—not half-pull change-ringers, nor whole-pull change-ringers, but walking change-ringers.

There can, I think, be little, if any doubt that walking was the earliest form of change-ringing, and it is very remarkable that it should have survived so long in the West Country. In most parts of England either change-ringing died out altogether, or had long been confined to half-pull ringing. But there, in the West, change-ringing can still be heard practised in the same way as in the earlier half of the seventeenth century, and the raising and falling and walking Mr. Papillon heard is probably the very

same kind of performance that Bunyan indulged in. Mr. Papillon says the favourite method on that occasion was Grand-sire Doubles. Can he tell us what else was practised? And will the Hon. Sec. of the Devon Guild be so good as to tell us what methods are walked in Devonshire, and particularly whether any bands are still walking the old plain changes, which Stedman tells us so much about?

If, then, we bear in mind the history of this West Country ringing, it is plain that those who ring it cannot be classed with the unsatisfactory persons Mr. Drake speaks of, and for whom Mr. Papillon is concerned. These persons take no pride in their ringing, whereas the West Country ringer takes the keenest pride in his unrivalled raising and falling in peal, and in his walking changes. They are part of his life, part of his inheritance, bound up with the memory of his ancestors and the traditions of his home. He did not need the establishment of the Devon Guild to accustom him to attend meetings. Prize-ringing was an established institution with him, probably almost ever since change-ringing first began, and an old local song in Mr. Baring-Gould's collection is about prize-ringing. The bands according to this rang against one another for a prize; the bands described by Mr. Papillon rang in turn and not for a prize; that is the difference.

No one nowadays starting a change-ringing band would dream of practising anything but half-pulls, but the west-country walkers are an institution of so venerable an age and, in their particular line, of such excellence, that one cannot see how the Devon Guild could fail to recognize them. But the fact that it does recognize them does not seem to me to throw any light on the problem of how best to deal with the round or call-change-ringer ordinarily so called.

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—Mr. Papillon's mention of the men having rung from cards calls to mind the tradition that Stedman taught the company at St. Benet's, Cambridge, with printed slips.

"ROUND RINGERS AND REFORM."

SIR,—I was much surprised on reading the Rev. T. L. Papillon's letter last week, as I can give him an instance in the county of Essex where reform is urgently needed among whole-pull ringers. The tower in question contains a splendid peal of eight bells by Warner, in capital going order, but I am sorry to say the bells are almost monopolised by a stoney band. I once managed to get the tower for a peal, but unfortunately could not get a band together for the day. But the first question I was asked was, "Who is coming to ring?" (I may state that four members of the Association live in the parish.) I replied that I should bring outsiders to ring; or I should not have got the tower. They told me that the local men made such a noise for two or three hours, then very likely break down, and that did them (the stoney men) a deal of harm at Christmas-time. Now Sir, any one reading this will see at once that the stoney men must be paid men by some means or other, consequently they think that if they allow much half-pull ringing to be done they might be turned out of the belfry altogether, and a good job too, if it could be done. But the question remains, how? as the Vicar does not care so long as the bells are rung, nor who rings them (I never heard the stoney men strike the bells in rounds even), and it is not because these men attend service after ringing, for I don't suppose that they attend Divine Service once a year. Now I ask, Sir, "Cannot the Association try to alter this state of things?" If not, what are Associations and Societies for? It will be seen by my letter that I do not belong to the tower in question, but I have the opportunity of ringing there when we can get enough together. I am glad to say that I belong to a tower where stoney is almost unknown. We have in our tower eleven ringers, all of them half-pull men, and I can honestly say they need no such reform as the stoney men do. But in our own church it is in the choir where reform is wanted, not in the belfry. To conclude, I say that whole-pull ringers need more reform than half-pull ringers.

AN ESSEX RINGER.

P.S.—If Mr. Papillon would like to have my address, and the name of the tower, he can do so by applying to the Editor.

"CUSTOMS AT ROMNEY AND ROSS."

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Drake in the number for November 3rd, I beg to inform him that my account of New Romney bells,

was taken from a newspaper nearly twenty years old, so I am not in possession of the date of the document referred to, but the said document belongs to the Corporation of New Romney, which is very rich in historical records commencing at a very early period, and if Mr. Drake will kindly take the trouble to write to Mr. J. Bannon, Town Clerk, New Romney, Kent, he may be able, I should think, to gather more information on the above, and perhaps be able to inspect these interesting old records. The one I mentioned I suppose is previous to 1549, as Saynt Martin's Church was taken down in that year. There is a very good ring of eight bells at St. Nicholas Church, tenor 1748, weight 18 cwt. 14 lbs., but not in first-class ringing order now.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

In reply to the enquiry from the Rev. H. Drake as regards the latter place, the date of my visit was September 8th, and the day following being "Feast Sunday," extra services were held in the church. It was for an early service at 7.0 a.m. that the touch of Stedman Triples was rung. Your correspondent did not stay to taste the customary dish of "pork and beans" for dinner on this occasion, but sped onwards to enjoy a tasty (not hasty) luncheon at The Angel hotel, Coleford. Permit me to add that subsequent to my visit to this locality, "Kukloss," who writes cycling notes for the *Bradford Observer*, has been over a portion of the same route, and gives a more graphic description than myself. To quote his own words (with apologies) he says: "Now, Symond's Yat is one of England's greatest natural beauties, and all the world should go by train, boat, or on foot, but not on cycles. I dare not trust myself to tell of what we slipped, and jolted, and stumbled, and pushed over and through, nor could it be done efficiently without the use of coloured inks, yet the Yat was worth it all. The Wye, here flowing deep and swift, describes a lordly letter S, and the loops thereof, although one of them is less than half-a-mile across, are filled up with high steep hills, all smothered in foliage, and falling precipitately to the winding water. I would further add, to any one contemplating a visit to this neighbourhood, don't miss seeing Raglan Castle, eight miles away from Monmouth."

T. M.

P.S.—At Stratford-on-Avon the conductor of the ringers is Mr. Haynes, not Hayes.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR," ETC.

SIR,—It is always gratifying to note the progress of young ringers, and also to appreciate genuine records. But referring to the peal of Caters at Bedford, given in the current issue, this surely must denote a "threefold record" for a boy of fifteen, viz.: number of bells; length of time; and above all, the weight of metal. I am sure such a performance deserves a word of praise, and encouragement to the boy, to be specially mentioned in our journal.

JESSE KING.

COLCHESTER NEW TOWN HALL BELLS. INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS AT WARNERS' BELL FOUNDRY.

On Friday afternoon, October 26th, the five bells for the tower of the new Town Hall, Colchester, presented by the late Mrs. Chas. Hawkins, in memory of her husband, with the clock, of which they will form the chimes, were cast at the foundry of Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, who also have works at Walton-on-the-Naze, and are otherwise connected with the county of Essex. A small party of Colcestrians travelled to town to witness the operation. These included the Deputy-Mayor (Alderman Sanders), Mr. Edgar A. Hunt (representing the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins), Mr. Wilson Marriage (Chairman of the New Town Hall Committee), Mr. Gurney Benham (Deputy-Chairman), the Town Clerk (Mr. H. Wanklyn), Alderman Laver, Mr. Asher Prior, and Mr. Claude E. Egerton-Green. The architect of the Town Hall (Mr. Belcher, A.R.A.) had intended to be present, but had been unexpectedly called away on urgent professional business. Mrs. Belcher was however present, as were Mr. J. J. Joass, (Mr. Belcher's chief assistant), Mr. C. C. Thompson, and several others. The party were received by Mr. Andrew Marriage, managing director of Messrs. Warner and Sons, and found all in readiness. The

molten metal, a mixture of copper and tin, was all aglow in the "burning fiery furnace," and was soon streaming forth in an angry vermilion stream into the enormous cauldron which was upheld by a powerful crane in the centre of the foundry. The five moulds for the bells—all of different sizes—were in readiness, the mould for the large hour bell being buried almost entirely out of sight, whilst the others stood in a row like so many huge beehives. Into each of these the molten metal was dexterously poured, the great cauldron being manipulated with extraordinary precision by Messrs. Warners' experienced workmen.

When the large bell was cast, Mr. Wilson Marriage remarked that it had been represented to him, on behalf of the family of the donor, that the bell should receive a name, and that that name should commemorate that former Mayor of Colchester in whose memory the bells were given. He therefore asked Mrs. Belcher to "christen the bell."

Mrs. Belcher thereupon said:—"I name this bell 'Charlie,' and I trust that it will ever ring true in the tower of Colchester Town Hall."

Mr. Claude E. Egerton-Green sealed this ceremony by placing in the metal of the bell a new half-crown (dated 1900) this being in accordance with a time-honoured practice to introduce silver into the bell-metal.

The party were afterwards entertained at dinner at the Liverpool Street Hotel by Mr. Wilson Marriage.

The tenor is 25 cwt. in D. Each bell has upon it the Borough Arms of Colchester, and the large bell has this inscription:—
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| I. | Placed here on high,
We serve the town,
Beneath the crown,
Beneath the sky. | III. | With measured speech,
Well-timed and true,
Our message due
We tell to each. |
| II. | Differing in size,
In note and weight,
Yet small or great,
We harmonise. | IV. | Brief, clear, and bold,
We say our say.
And then straightway
Our peace we hold. |
| V. | | | |
| O mortal race,
Our lesson learn!
Each has his turn,
And time, and place. | | | |

During the operation of casting the bells several flash-light photographs were taken.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday, October 27th, this branch held a most successful meeting at Eccles, the following towers being represented: Worsley, Walkden, Stockport, Ashton, Reddish, Manchester, Gorton, Pendlebury, Pendleton, and the local company. The bells were set going at three o'clock, touches in the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Duffield, Double Norwich, and Superlative. At five o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a good substantial tea had been provided by the local company. After ample justice had been done to the repast, a meeting was held, Mr. James Barrett, of the local company (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar through illness), taking the chair. Mr. Barrett in a few well-chosen remarks gave the ringers a hearty welcome. A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and school, also the local company, and lady friends for their kind services at tea, brought one of the most successful meetings of the branch to a close.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1900

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5085 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and the 4th twenty and the 5th twenty two courses behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. W. WRIGLEY, JUN. * .. Treble.	A. HUGHES 5.
W. B. MANNING 2.	W. MASTERS 6.
F. PERRIN 3.	F. HULL 7.
ALBERT COLES 4.	*R. D. SWIFT Tenor.

Conducted by W. B. MANNING.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT Treble.	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 5.
CALEB FENN 2.	JAMES PARKER 6.
ROWLAND FENN 3.	*WILLIAM WARD 7.
RICHARD GOODCHILD .. 4.	WILLIAM ANDERSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

*First attempt to call a peal of Stedman.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND
THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD Treble.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 5.
HENRY G. MILES 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARTHUR E. BRADLEY .. 4.	JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

First peal of Stedman by all except ringers of the treble and 7th. Also first peal ever rang in that method by the local Society.

The Provinces.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS PIGGOTT* Treble.	ERNEST BROWN 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	ALFRED JOYNER 6.
JAMES HALL 3.	HARRY MILLS 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	JOSEPH HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent;
also 360 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure,
College Exercise, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, and
Violet.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

EAST RETFORD.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat,

ARTHUR T. WINTER .. Treble.	THOMAS SPURR 5.
GEORGE W. D. METCALFE .. 2.	HARRY WARBURTON .. 6.
T. HERCY DENMAN 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. 7.
ROBERT MILES 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE R. WINTER and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

First peal of Major by all the band, the first on the bells, and the first by the Association.

FARNWORTH, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	WILLIAM LEVER 5.
ALFRED CROSS 2.	WILLIAM DENNER 6.
SAMUEL OAKES 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

First peal in the method by W. Lever.

FULMER, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWARD ELDERFIELD .. Treble.	EDWARD HARDING 4.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	ALFRED JORDAN 5.
WILLIAM CLARKE 3.	CHARLES HARTLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

This is the first peal on the bells, and rung on the Festival of All Saints.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN BURFORD* Treble.	CHARLES TOMPKINS 5.
HERBERT TUCKER 2.	*CHARLES GORDON 6.
RICHARD CLARK 3.	WILLIAM CAVE 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Tenor.

Composed by HERBERT TUCKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE THOMAS DALTRY.

*First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BURNLEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT LEACH Treble.	HARRY WALLS 5.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 2.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 6.
GEORGE LORD 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 4.	JOHN W. ORMEROD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES B. TAYLOR.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. 2.	HENRY BOWELL 8.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 3.	*WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 9.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 10.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 5.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS 6.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Maximus. W. V. Newman hails from Irthlingborough, W. E. Tyde-
man from Stowmarket, and James George from Rugby, Warwickshire, for whom the
peal was arranged.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(THREE TOWNS AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. CHAMMING* Treble	J. STEED 5.
W. FORD 2.	W. H. MARSH 6.
H. MYERS 3.	*G. STEPHENS 7.
E. HENDY 4.	*J. JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. MARSH.

*First peal. This is the first peal ever rung on these bells; also the third anniversary of their opening.

BRISTOL.

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

On Saturday, November 3, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE T. DALTRY Treble	CHARLES H. TOMKINS 5.
FREDERICK W. ELLES 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON 6.
HENRY PRING 3.	RICHARD CLARK 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ALBERT CAVE.

First peal of Cambridge in the city, and by all the band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND THE KENT COUNTY
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, November 5, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

WALTER W. SMITH Treble	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S ONE-PART.

CHARLES MACKENZIE .. Treble	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WALTER BRYANT 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 7.
ALF. PADDON SMITH 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the conductor on the occasion of his twenty-fourth birthday, which occurred the day previous. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the tower-keeper, Mr. Ernest Brown, for having everything in readiness.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5.
EDWARD E. DIAPER 2.	GEORGE PERRY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

E. Diaper, for whom this peal was arranged, haile from Stowmarket; the rest belong to the local company.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN H. GRUNDY Treble	HERBERT P. HARMAN 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	†FRANK BLONDELL 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. A reference to this peal elsewhere.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

RICHARD BENNETT Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 5.
FRANK TUBB 2.	RICHARD WHITE 6.
HENRY WOODWARD 3.	FREDERICK WHITE, SEN. .. 7.
HENRY TUBB 4.	FREDERICK WHITE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK TUBB.

First peal by F. White, jun., who was elected a member of the Oxford Guild previous to starting.

Handbell Peals.

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

On Thursday, November 1, 1900, in Two Hours Twenty-one and ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. PASMORE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire—Challis F. Winney.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH).

BURNLEY (Lancs.)—On Sunday, August 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, 672 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; R. Hartley, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; D. Campbell, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 720 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; R. Hartley, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; R. Harley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 640 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 9th, 576 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 672 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On September 25th, a course of Treble Bob Royal. F. Webb, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. J. Barker, 8; T. R. Hensher, 9; C. W. Clarke, 10. Also 449 Grandsire Caters. A. N. Wood, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; T. R. Hensher, 8; G. Valentine, 9; F. Webb, 10. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6; G. Valentine, 7; W. J. Barker, 8. Also 216 Sted-

man Triples. F. Webb, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. J. Barker (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6; G. Valentine, 7; J. Sear, 8. And three courses of Stedman Caters. F. Webb, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Church, 4; C. Chasty, 5; B. Jealous, 6; T. R. Hensher, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; G. Valentine, 9; A. N. Wood, 10. On October 4th, 408 Stedman Triples, C. W. Clarke, 1; J. Church, 2; W. J. Barker (conductor), 3; B. Jealous, 4; I. Hills, 5; G. Valentine, 6; C. Chasty, 7; A. N. Wood, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Thursday, September 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Sunday evening, September 30th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Minor. M. Miller, 1; F. Mustow, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins, 6. On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 480 Grandsire Minor. M. Miller, 1; F. Mustow, 2; C. Pearce, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; M. Steer, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6; H. Rouse, 7; D. Leary, 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 13, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. G. Brockhurst, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; A. J. Bartlett, 4; A. Ashdown, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, 360 Bob Minor. G. Luff, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; the rest as before. On Saturday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Luff, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; A. E. Bartlett, 3; A. J. Bartlett, 4; T. Attwell, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Luff, 1; A. J. Bartlett (conductor), 2; W. G. Brockhurst, 3; J. C. Russell, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; T. Attwell, 7; H. Remnant, 8. Also 168, conducted by T. Attwell. On Sunday, September 30th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Luff, 1; A. J. Bartlett, 2; G. Burdock, 3; T. Attwell, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; W. G. Brockhurst, 6; A. Ashdown, 7; C. Remnant, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW MILLS (Derbyshire).—On May 18th, 720 Plain Bob. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; Wm. Fox, 2; W. Lowery, 3; F. Holt, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; S. Rutter (conductor), 6. W. Fox, was on a visit from Wirksworth, May 21st, 720 Kent. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; W. Lowery, 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter (conductor), 6. Also on June 1st, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; F. Holt, 2; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; J. H. Jackson, 4; the rest as before. Also 720 College Single; T. Ramsey, 1; W. Lowery, 2; S. Rutter, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all save S. Rutter, on the bells, and as conductor. A 720 Oxford. W. Lowery, 1; S. Rutter (conductor), 2; S. Ramsey, 3; the rest as before. On June 4th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; W. Lowery, 3; J. H. Jackson, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; F. Holt, 6. On June 9th, the band went for its Summer Outing, and were joined by Messrs. G. D. Warburton, A. Fernley, and S. Fernley, from Norbury. Burbage was the first tower visited, where a 720 College Single was tapped off in good style. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; W. Lowery, 2; S. Rutter, 3; F. Holt, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. A touch of 432 Oxford (8 bobs), was next rung, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The party then took train for Tissington, and visited the tower at Bradbourne, where hangs a light, musical ring of six. Here an attempt was made for a peal in four methods, which unfortunately failed. After ringing a 720 College Single, two 720s Plain Bob, and a few changes of Oxford. W. Lowery, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; S. Rutter, 3; F. Holt, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. A well-struck 720 Oxford was subsequently rung. S. Rutter, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; S. Fernley, 3; F. Holt, 4; G. D. Warburton, 5; A. Fernley, 6. Also a 720 Plain Bob. W. Lowery, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; J. H. Jackson, 4; A. Fernley, 5; Rev. A. T. Gamble (Vicar of Bradbourne), 6. The Vicar afterwards entertained the party to tea, which kindness was much appreciated. On June 17th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; F. Holt, 3; J. H. Jackson, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 6. On June 18th, 720 College Single. *J. Robinson, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; W. Lowery, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; T. Ramsey, 6. *First 720 in the method.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENWELL (Durham).—On May 11th, at St. James' Church, 720 of Bob Minor. R. S. Story, 1; J. W. Robinson, 2; G. Holmes, 3; T. Henderson (first 720), 4; W. Sinclair, 5; E. Ferry (conductor), 6. 18 bobs and 2 singles. On June 8th, 720 of Bob Minor, 14 singles and 4 bobs. J. W. Robinson, 1; J. Patterson, 2; D. C. Dickson (first 720), 3; T. Henderson, 4; W. Sinclair, 5; E. Ferry (conductor), 6. On June 23rd, 360 Bob Minor. J. H. Parker (longest touch), 1; E. Ferry (conductor), 2; D. C. Dickson, 3; T. Henderson, 4; J. W. Robinson, 5; W. Sinclair, 6. On September 20th, for Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Parker (first 720), 1; E. Ferry (conductor), 2; D. C. Dickson, 3; J. Leighton, 4; J. W. Robinson, 5; J. Foreman, 6. On

October 19th, 720 Bob Minor, 2 bobs and 6 singles. W. E. Baskill (first 720), 1; J. H. Parker (first 720 inside), 2; D. C. Dickson, 3; T. Henderson, 4; E. Ferry (conductor), 5; W. Sinclair, 6. This is the first 720 by the local band without outside assistance. Patterson, Robinson, and Leighton, hail from Blaydon.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KINGSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer (conductor), 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. On Sunday evening, September 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 16th, for practice, 720 College Pleasure. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; T. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; H. Dean, 4; F. Dean, 5; G. Siddons, 6.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DERVIZES (Wilts.).—On September 20th, for practice at St. John's Church, 840 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Bassett, 1; C. D. Higinbotham, 2; T. Raddon, 3; A. Brown, 4; C. H. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Philips, 8. On September 27th, 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Bassett, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. D. Higinbotham, 4; A. Drayer, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; F. Merritt, 7; R. Philips, 8. This is the longest length by F. Merritt with a bob bell. On Saturday, October 13th, several touches of Grandsire Triples was rung, half-muffled, as a token of respect to Captain Wiltshire, who was killed in action in South Africa, he being the Secretary to the Salisbury Guild.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks.).—On September 25th, at the church of St. James, 720 Kitchener's Transport. W. Platts, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (composer and conductor), 6. This is believed to have been rung for the first time, and was rung on the sixty-sixth birthday of J. Foulds, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. On Saturday, October 6th, 720 Oxford (fifteen bobs), standing as before. Rung on the return of G. Broomhead, Esq., a volunteer from South Africa, who has arrived home safe without injury, with the exception of having the feathers shot out of his cap. On Wednesday, October 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Woodbine (twenty-one bobs), standing as before. On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Roberts' Return. Composed by C. Fowler, and conducted by S. Smith. This is believed to have been rung for the first time.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks.).—On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 180 Bob Minor. Jos. Thackray (conductor), 1; W. Walker, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; J. Peacock, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And 360 Woodbine with J. Heckingbottom, 3; J. Guy, 6; the rest as before. First in the method by W. Walker. On Sunday morning, October 21st, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford. C. Taylor, 1; J. Peacock (longest length in the method), 2; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And 192 Duke of York. W. Walker (first in the method), 2; the rest as before. For evening service 240 Oxford. C. Salloway (Tong), 1; S. Oddy (Tong), 2; G. Lambert (Tong), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; H. Oddy (Tong), 6. Followed by 240 each of Violet and Oxford, conducted by H. Oddy.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 11th, 720 Double Oxford. T. Wright, 1; E. J. Hyland, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. Baker, 4; G. Dennis (first 720 in the method), 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Tuesday, October 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. Baker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Tuesday, October 9th, 720 Double Oxford. E. J. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp (first 720 in the method), 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. Baker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker, 6. On Tuesday, October 16th, 720 Double Oxford, standing as above. On Thursday, October 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Baker, 1; H. Shipp, 2; E. J. Hyland, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. J. Walker (conductor), 6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, November 4th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. W. Berry,

1; H. Hoskins, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 4; H. Flanders, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hoskins.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 26th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Worcester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Durham Surprise. W. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, September 30th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (5 the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Walter Hutley, church clerk. On Wednesday, October 3rd, for practice, with the bells fully muffled, 720 Richmond Court Bob (10 bobs 2 singles). J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This 720 is the first in the method on the bells, and first by all the band, and is believed to be rung for the first time. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Bob (18 singles 3 bobs). J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts's 1900th 720. Also for afternoon service, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Luckey, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 10th, for practice, 720 Imperial Treble Bob Reversed. G. Jordan, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Lincoln Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; T. J. Watts, 5; G. Jordan, 6.

BRIDGEND (South Wales).—On Sunday, September 22nd, at the church of St. Illtyd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Evans, 1; R. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Cox, 6. On Sunday, October 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Evans, 3; D. Bunston, 4; D. J. Hurford, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 10th, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Law, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; S. Baker, 3; W. Mullett, 4; J. Roberts, 5; W. Fisher, 6; B. Gough, 7; A. Law, 8. On Tuesday, July 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, 1; B. Gough, 2; S. Baker, 3; G. Hughes, 4; J. Roberts, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds, 7; A. Law, 8. On Sunday evening, August 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Roberts, 3; W. Mullett, 4; J. Small, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Fisher, 7; A. Law, 8. On Thursday, August 21st, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. A. Fletcher, 1; J. Roberts, 2; S. Baker, 3; W. Fisher, 4; G. Hughes, 5; E. Goodreds, 6. All conducted by E. Goodreds.

IGHTHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, September 3rd, at St. Peter's church, 360 Bob Minor. A. C. West, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; T. Groombridge (conductor), 3; C. Hazelden, 4; R. Goodbourn, 5; J. Stevens, 6. Also 180 in the same method. C. Hazelden, 1; G. Barham, 2; M. J. Exeter, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; J. Ford, 5; R. Goodbourn (conductor), 6. And 233 Kent Treble Bob. J. Stevens, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; T. Groombridge (conductor), 3; C. Hazelden, 4; R. Goodbourn, 5; A. C. West, 6. Two 6-scores of Stedman were also rung. Tenor 8½ cwt. The visitors were very kindly received by the Rev. Douglas Barry, Rector of the parish.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Recently for morning service the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Catterwell (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Nash, 2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3; H. F. Dawkins, 4; G. R. Roughton, 5; W. Watson, 6; L. W. Copsey, 7; H. Vyse, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Prince Christian. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (open bells). L. W. Copsey, 1; H. Bottrill (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; H. F. Dawkins, 5; W. Watson, 6; E. Pye (conductor), 7; A. Sorrel, 8. Rung in honour of the return of the C.I.V., for which there was a special service by the Vicar.

SEVENOAKS (Kent).—On Monday, September 17th, for practice, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; M. J. Exeter (Seal Chart, first 504), 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Stevens, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. Also 168. J. Ford (Seal Chart), 1; T. Groombridge 2; M. J. Exeter, 3; H. Jarvis, 4; J. Stevens (conductor), 5; C. Hazelden, 6; H. J. Ford, 7; E. Seymour, 8. On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 360 of Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. E. Seymour, 1; H. Jarvis, 2; W. Paskin, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; H. J. Ford, 5;

J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. On Monday, September 24th, for practice, 210 of Grandsire Triples. W. Paskin, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; M. J. Exeter, 3; H. Jarvis, 4; D. J. Goldsmith (Seal Chart, first touch of Triples), 5; J. Stevens, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. On Tuesday, September 25th, on the occasion of the wedding at St. John's Church, of the Rev. J. P. David, Vicar, to Miss E. B. Hooper, of St. John's, a 720 of Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering, was attempted. W. Paskin, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; J. Stevens, 3; H. Jarvis, 4; H. J. Ford, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; J. Chatfield, 6; A. Young, 8; but after ringing 560 changes, it came to grief owing to the tenor clapper breaking. On Monday, October 1st 447 of Grandsire Triples. E. Seymour, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; M. J. Exeter, 3; H. Jarvis, 4; H. J. Ford, 5; J. Stevens, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. Also 168. W. Paskin, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; T. Groombridge, 3; J. Ford, 4; M. J. Exeter, 5; J. Stevens (conductor), 6; H. J. Ford, 7; E. Seymour, 8. On Sunday, October 7th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, 360 of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. W. Paskin, 1; T. Groombridge (conductor), 2; J. Steven, 3; H. J. Ford, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; B. Hussey, 6; J. Chatfield, 7; E. Seymour, 8. Also 360 of Grandsire Minor (6-8 covering). E. Seymour, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; W. Paskin, 3; J. Stevens, 4; H. J. Ford, 5; J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8.

WARWICK.—On Sunday, October 28th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. W. G. Dickinson, 1; F. Salt, 2; W. Collett, 3; E. Brassington, 4; E. H. Adams, 5; T. Rose, 6; J. Castle, 7; Dr. Tibbitts, 8. On October 31st, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples, being the first touch of Triples by the majority of the band. W. G. Dickinson, 1; F. Salt, 2; H. Letts, 3; W. Collett, 4; E. Brassington, 5; J. Jones, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; T. Rose, 8. Also several plain courses with J. Pinfold on the treble.

WEDNESBURY (Staffs.).—On July 5th, at St. Paul's Church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. A. Cooper, 1; C. Tyler, 2; E. W. Turner, 3; W. Fisher, 4; H. Tinsley, 5; J. Malpass (conductor), 6; E. J. Tyler, 7; T. Cooper, 8. On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 672 changes, in 27 minutes. A. Cooper, 1; O. Brown, 2; C. Tyler, 3; E. W. Turner, 4; H. Tinsley, 5; E. J. Tyler, 6; J. Malpass (conductor), 7; S. Cooper, 8. On Sunday, September 9th, for Divine Service, 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. A. Cooper, 1; O. Brown, 2; C. Tyler, 3; S. Atkins, 4; H. Tinsley, 5; W. Johnson, 6; J. Malpass (conductor), 7; T. Cooper, 8. On Thursday, September 27th, for practice, 532 Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. A. Cooper, 1; O. Brown, 2; C. Tyler, 3; E. J. Tyler, 4; W. Johnson (conductor), 5; J. Lawson, 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 24 mins. W. Johnson (conductor), 1; O. Brown, 2; C. Tyler, 3; E. J. Tyler, 4; H. Tinsley, 5; J. Lawson, 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. On Sunday, October 7th, for the Harvest Festival, 1060 Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. W. Johnson (conductor), 1; O. Brown, 2; H. Tinsley, 3; E. J. Tyler, 4; J. Malpass, 5; T. Foster, 6; J. Lawson, 7; J. Taylor, 8. Also 392, standing as before.

WELLINGTON (Salop).—On Saturday, September 15th, 414 Stedman Triples. W. R. Small, 1; G. Byolin, 2; T. Horton, 3; G. Woodhall, 4; H. Knight, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; W. Meredith, 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Salop Guild.

* * Several reports of touches are unavoidably left over. They will all appear in due course.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 263rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, to-day, Saturday, November 10, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, will be open for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary.*
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Bourne-mouth, to-day Saturday, November 10th. St. Peter's belfry (8) open during afternoon and evening at intervals.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

Lincoln Diocesan Association.—EASTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrangle, to-day, Saturday, November 10. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting after.

J. M. RYLATT, *Hon. Sec.*
20, Sidney Street, Boston.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—BRISTOL BRANCH.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham, to-day, Saturday, November 10, Service 5.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, to-day, Saturday, November 10, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lane End, to-day, Saturday, November 10th, beginning at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided.

H. C. BELL, *Branch Secretary.*
51, Crown Street, Reading.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, November 10th, at Helmshore. Bells ready at 3 p.m.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hatfield, on Saturday, November 17th. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30, followed by business meeting. The question as to the division of the county into districts will come on for discussion, and it is hoped that representatives from the various towers in union with the Association will make a point of attending the meeting. Those intending to be present are particularly requested to inform me not later than Thursday, the 15th inst.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are earnestly requested to attend

at headquarters on Tuesday, November 13th, at 9 p.m. for the election of officers. Meetings for ringing will be held at St. Paul's cathedral at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20th; at St. Magnus on Thursday, November 22nd; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, November 27th, both at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Wednesday, November 14th, the usual practice will be held at the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, and every alternate week. Meeting time 8 p.m.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district (for ringing only) will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, November 24th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Unveiling of peal tablet (recording the long peal, 9312 of Superlative) by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at Northgate Coffee Rooms at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing the local secretary, Mr. J. Rice, New Town, Crawley, not later than Friday, the 23rd.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—Members owing contributions for 1900 will oblige by forwarding same as early as possible.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck (R.C.) on Saturday, November 24th. Meeting house The Foundry inn. Business meeting 6.30. Handbells provided.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A Smoking Concert will be held on the evening of December 1st next at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, and full particulars will be announced in our next. Any friends desirous of attempting a peal (from Triples to Royal) on that afternoon, are requested to communicate with the ringing master, W. SHORT.

64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W.C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

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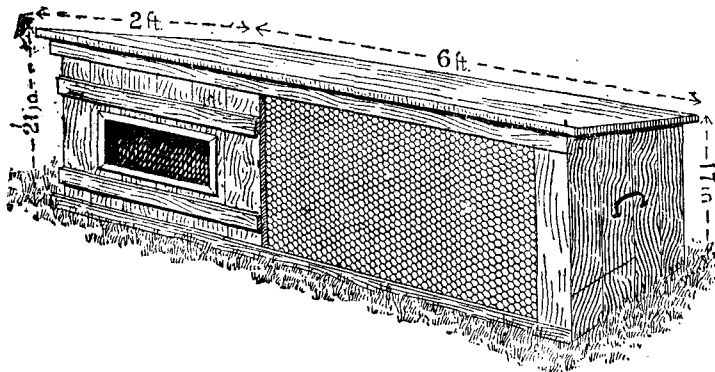
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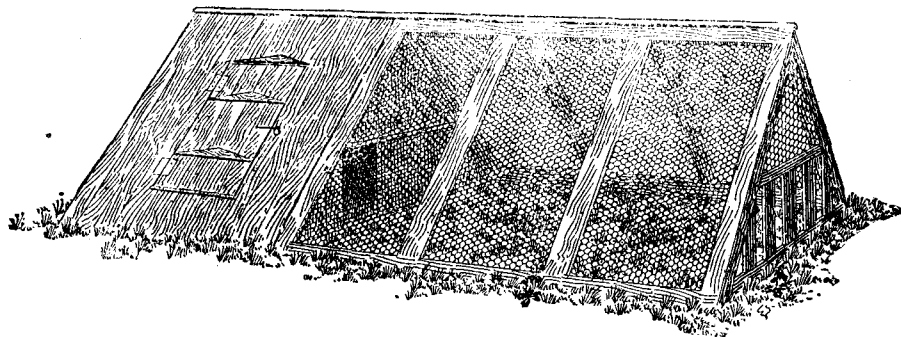
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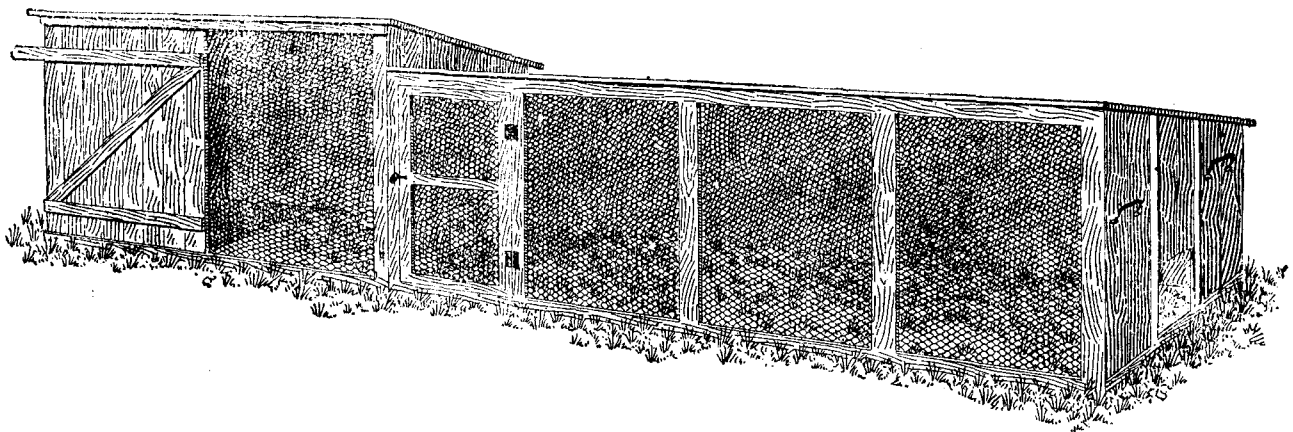
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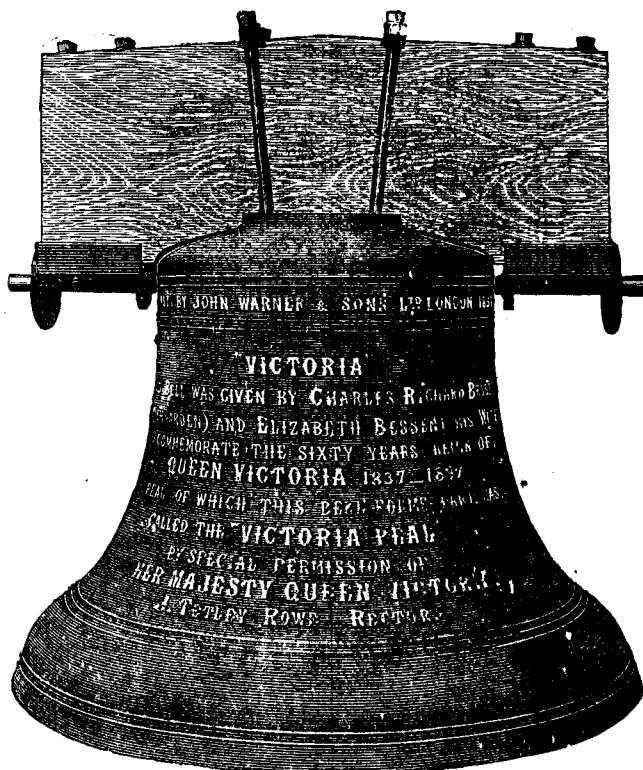
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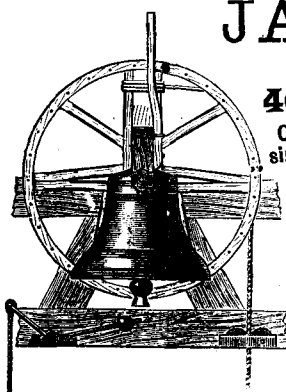
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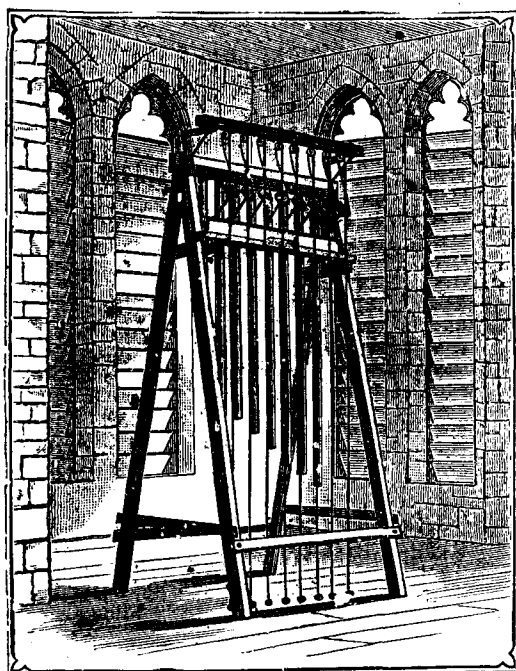
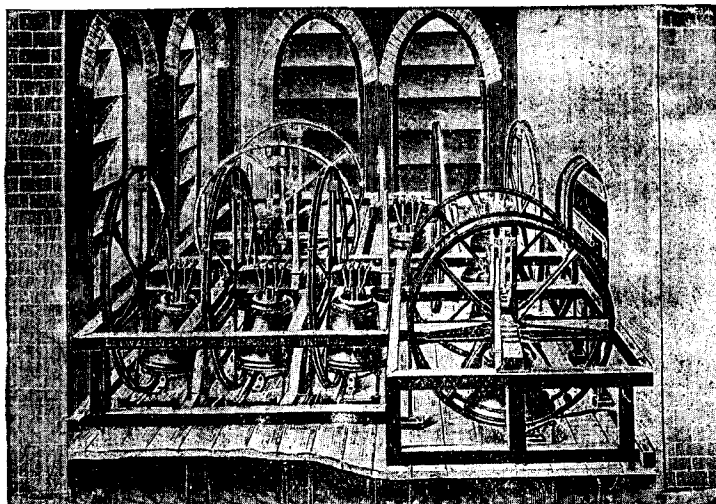
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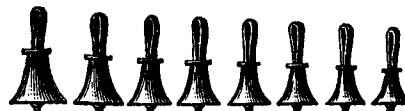
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The monthly meeting of this branch was arranged to take place at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on October 20th, to be able to take part in the Jubilee Service which was being held there. There was a good muster of ringers from all different parts of the branch. The Jubilee of St. Paul's church, which attained the fiftieth anniversary of its consecration on October 23rd, was celebrated during the week by special services. As a permanent commemoration of the event, a new clock is being placed in the church tower at an estimated cost of £160, the order having been entrusted to Messrs. Smith and Son, of Derby. The peal of bells has also been recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The peal was originally placed in the tower in 1881, prior to which time there had only been one bell in use.

The Jubilee services commenced on Saturday afternoon, the same day as the meeting, with the re-dedication of the bells. A special service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. J. Lewis), and the Rev. T. E. Peel (curate), and a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association. There was a good congregation. In the course of the service special dedicatory prayers were offered, and then a short touch was rung on the bells, followed by the hymn commencing "Lift them gently to the steeple." Preaching from Psalm civ. 33, "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being," the Rev. H. J. Elsee said it was no new service they were met together to perform. For more than twelve hundred years bells had been used in the service of the English church. The first bells that they read of was mentioned by the old historian Bede [as being used in the year 680 at Whitby Abbey. Bells came into general use in Saxon times. It was in the old abbey of Crowland, near Peterborough, that there was first rung a complete peal—as far as it could be called a peal—of seven bells in tune, in the year 984. From that time bells had been associated all throughout the length and breadth of the land with the service of God. And it was always the custom to dedicate them with solemn service. They were to be instruments for the glory of God, set apart as things which were to fling abroad from the church tower the message of God to man. How better could they set out the message of the bells than in the words of the text, portions of which were found inscribed on a number of bells in the country. At Christmas would not their bells fling forth from that church tower music more tuneful than in the old days, the message that God had looked down on the earth and sent His Son to be born for their salvation; or on Easter morning did not the bells ring out their summons to the highest of services bidding men rejoice on that gladdest of Christian festivals, for "The Lord is risen"; or it might be some matter not strictly connected with the church, some national occasion, as when a few months ago the tidings came of the relief of

one of the beleaguered towns in South Africa, when from tower after tower there went out the notes of rejoicing—ringing bells that gave voice to the popular feeling of gladness. It was specially for rejoicing, and especially for rejoicing before God, that the bells first of all spoke. Before long there would be placed in the tower of that church the new clock with its chimes. They would hear those chimes ringing out their message day by day, hour after hour, in the summer and the sunshine, amid the storm cloud and winter tempest, and it would be the message, reminding them of St. Paul's saying that whatever betide, whether wealth or poverty, sickness or health, the motto of his life should be "always rejoicing." And this was the message that the bells rang on Sundays and week-days, as the motto for their inner life—always rejoicing before God. That new clock that would chime out hour after hour, would tell that life was transitory and passing quickly. But it would also ring out day by day a message of hope. They were going to have fixed in their new clock those quarter-chimes which were, he thought, the most beautiful of all chimes—the Cambridge or Westminster chimes. The foundation of that chime was the strain of Handel's anthem—"I know that my Redeemer liveth." That spoke to them of hope, and bid them realise that this life when passed, led to another fuller and grander life, where men could praise God in a song far nobler and more worthy than they could possibly do upon earth.

A collection was made in aid of the fund for recasting the bells. After tea the business meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Rev. J. J. Lewis presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and passed without comment. The next meeting was arranged to take place at Helmshore, and the annual dinner was fixed to take place at Newchurch. P. Stanley Pickup, and S. Kay, of Bacup, were admitted as new members of the Association. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till a late hour. When train time arrived, the comment of the majority of ringers as they wended their way to the station was, that Messrs. Taylor had made an excellent job of the re-casting, and that, considering the light weight of the bells and their situation, it could not have been improved upon.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27th, a meeting of this Guild was held at St. James's church, Wigan, when between fifty and sixty members attended from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Hindley, Southport, Tue Brook, Upholland, Wigan parish church, and the local company. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the splendid peal of bells during the course of the afternoon, every one being delighted at their splendid tone. After several touches on the bells, a move was made to the schoolroom, where a most substantial tea was (on the invitation of the Vicar), partaken of, and to which ample justice was done. At the business meeting afterwards, at which the Vicar, the

Rev. H. C. Bull, presided, being supported by the Revs. W. T. Bulpit, L. Bull, and Councillors Bannister (churchwarden), Paxton, Wilson, and Messrs. J. Ascroft, J.P., J. Martin, T. Taylor (Vestry Clerk), J. C. Eckersley, E. Bentham, etc., and in a most able speech heartily welcomed the Guild to St. James's church, and was glad to see so good a muster of members present, and gave very good advice on the question of unity.

On the motion of Mr. J. Watts (Upholland), seconded by Mr. J. W. Rimmer (Southport), a vote of condolence was passed to the Rev. Canon Blundell, of Halsall, who has recently lost his wife; the Rev. W. T. Bulpit being deputed to carry out the resolution.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit then addressed the meeting, and pointed out the objects of the Guild, and gave the members some good advice (as one member declared he could have listened to him all night).

Mr. J. Martin then addressed the meeting, and thoroughly explained the objects of the Benevolent Fund, and to what good use it had been formed, and what good it had done.

On the motion of W. Bentham (Aughton), seconded by E. Bentham (Wigan), the ringers of St. James's church, Wigan, were elected performing members of the Guild, and on the motion of Councillor Bannister, seconded by Councillor Wilson, the following were elected honorary members of the Guild: Revs. H. C. Bull, L. Bull, and Councillors K. Bannister, Paxton, and T. Taylor (vestry clerk). After the usual vote of thanks, a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WHILTON CHURCH, NORTHANTS.

The whole of the bells at Whilton church have recently been rehung in a new iron frame, and the fourth re-cast, while the clock is being thoroughly renovated and improved, and its mechanism brought up to date. The cost of this work totals some £140 or £150, of which some £100 has been raised. The contract is being carried out by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington. The bells being completed, they were re-dedicated on Friday afternoon, when a hearty and successful meeting was held. In addition to the Rector (Rev. W. H. Logan), there were many other clergy present. The congregation was large, and included many well-known residents of the district. The Rector conducted the first part of the service, and read the dedicatory prayer; the Rev. R. A. Parsons took the second part, and the Revs. A. O. James and W. Martin read the lessons. The Rev. A. Baillie preached an eloquent sermon from St. John x. 21, referring to the part which village churches played in village life, and the important responsibility of the villages in training men for town life, in view of the great exodus to the towns.

The special Psalms were xxiv. and xlvii., and the hymns, "All people that on earth do dwell," "O praise ye the Lord," "When morning gilds the skies," "Angel voices ever singing," and as a recessional the Doxology. Canon Collins pronounced the Benediction. Miss Dyer was the organist, and the collection for the improvements realised £11 15s. Subsequent to the service the bells were lustily pealed. According to North's "Church Bells of Northants," Whilton bells are a ring of six, all cast by Pack and Chapman, of London, 1777, the gift of John Rose, Esq., of Daventry. The tenor weighs 10 cwt.

PRESENTATION TO MR. HENRY A. HOPKINS OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening, November 7th, a very interesting gathering of a few personal friends was held at the house of Mr. Henry S. Thomas, 34, Altenburg Gardens, Clapham Common, S.W., the occasion being a presentation to Mr. Henry A. Hopkins. After a most substantial repast, which was much enjoyed by all present, Mr. Thomas on rising said he had a very pleasant duty to perform before they parted that evening. He then spoke in very high terms of his twenty-eight years' acquaintance with Mr. Hopkins, also of the true friendship which had existed during that long period, and which he trusted would ever remain the same. He said he was greatly indebted to Mr. Hopkins for the interest he had taken in St. Mary's belfry, Battersea, in keeping the bells rung for Divine Service on Sundays for which he gave his services gratuitously, so he thought the best way to show his appreciation would be to make him a suitable present, which he trusted would serve to remind him of the many happy hours they had spent together in the interest of change-ringing. He then handed to Mr. Hopkins a beautiful gold watch (inscribed as follows: H.A.H. from H.S.T., November, 1900), as a personal present, trusting he might long be spared to use it.

Replying, Mr. Hopkins thanked Mr. Thomas very kindly for the handsome and useful present. He did not think he had done so very much to merit such a one as lay before him, but Mr. Thomas's liberality was well-known throughout the Exercise, and therefore needed no comment from him. This was not the first presentation by many that had been received at his hands by other members of the Exercise. It was truly gratifying to be spoken of in such terms, as Mr. Thomas had been pleased to speak of him, he could only echo the chairman's wish that he might be spared for very many years to enjoy the genial company of Mr. Thomas, also to use this useful present.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

The following notes in connection with the re-hanging of three of our bells (4, 5 and 6 in a peal of eight) may be of interest.

The work of re-hanging, the expense of which was met by public subscription, was entrusted to Messrs. F. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don, Doncaster, and they have given complete satisfaction.

They have introduced their mild steel bracket gudgeons; the brasses are fitted into a special kind of pedestal covered by an improved grease-box, the top of which is raised an inch or two above the level of the beam and has a hinged lid lined with leather, thus preventing all dirt and grit from finding an inlet to the wearing parts.

We can strongly recommend this style of fitting especially in towers where there is much dust caused by detrition or otherwise: if a little more expensive at the outset, it should prove more economical in the end from the saving of wear on the brasses, and from the ease with which these can when worn out be removed and new ones replaced. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Yeovil, on Saturday, November 3rd, when about thirty members were present from Taunton, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Yeovil, &c. The fine ring of ten bells were rung muffled as a tribute to the late Mrs. Mayo, a generous benefactress to the parish church, and who passed away the previous Thursday. A short service was held in the parish church, when an admirable address was given by the Rev. H. Hawkins. A capital tea was partaken of at Maynard's restaurant, after which the usual business meeting was held. It was decided to leave the fixing of the next meeting in the hands of the Hon. Sec. Further ringing during the evening concluded a successful meeting.

THE HARLOW BELLS.—The proposals made with respect to this subject did not turn out so favorably as was expected; but to use the old adage: "It is no use crying over spilt milk." The handbells for the prize winners are put in hand, and they will be sent on to those entitled to them as soon as possible.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-TABLET AT WITNEY.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Mary's church, Witney, on the evening of Thursday, October 6th, when a peal-tablet, recording two peals rung by the Witney ringers on the occasion of the relief of Ladysmith and of Mafeking, were unveiled by Mrs. Jenkyn, wife of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, curate of Witney, and the ringer of the 7th in both peals. Several friends and prominent parishioners found their way up to the belfry to witness the unveiling. Dr. Batt, after a few remarks expressing the thanks of the parishioners to the ringers for the excellent work they did in the belfry, and the delight taken by all Englishmen in the sound of church bells, especially on the two occasions referred to, called upon Mrs. Jenkyn to unveil the tablet. After the unveiling, Mr. Swingburn, one of the churchwardens, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Jenkyn, and expressed a hope that those present would in future appreciate the work of the ringers better, and that next Christmas they would meet with substantial support. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn in responding, after mentioning the pleasure he felt at the presence of so many parishioners, gave a brief account of the four peal-boards already in the belfry, and paid a justly owed tribute to the enthusiasm and energy of John Monk, the conductor, who had kept change-ringing alive in Witney in the face of great difficulties. Short touches were then rung which will be found recorded in another column. The tablet is a large and handsome one of marbette, and both its design and execution reflect great credit on the makers; its inscription reads as follows: "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals." The parish church, Witney. Oxford Diocesan Guild. On May 1st, 1900, for the relief of Ladysmith, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Taylor's six-part. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; G. Room, 3; T. Bull, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8. In 2 hours 55 minutes. On May 21st, 1900, for the relief of Mafeking, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Vicars's six-part. F. Pounds, 1; G. Room, 2; T. Bull, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8. In 3 hours 2 minutes. Conducted by J. Monk. Canon Foxley Norris, Rector. W. S. Miller and J. Swingburn, Churchwardens." F. P. P.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEWETT MEMORIAL.

At a quarterly meeting of the above Guild, held at Weybridge on November 18th, 1899, it was proposed by Mr. J. W. Whiting (Fareham), seconded by Mr. J. Harper (Portsea), and carried unanimously, "That a fund be raised for providing a suitable memorial to the late Mr. James Hewett."

At the annual meeting held on July 16th, 1900, it was proposed by Mr. C. Pearce (Yorktown), seconded by Mr. F. Hill (Fareham), "That estimates of the cost of brass tablets be obtained and sent round to the captains of bands."—Carried.

An estimate of a brass mural tablet, twenty-four inches long and ten inches deep, has been obtained from Mr. T. J. Gawthorpe, art metal worker, of 16, Long Acre, London, W.C. It is proposed to erect this tablet in the church of Holy Trinity, Gosport, where Mr. Hewett was a ringer for some years. Mr. Gawthorpe can supply the brass tablet with a border and the following inscription for the sum of £7 10s.:-

"To the glory of God and in memory of James Hewett, for many years one of the ringers of this church and a member of the Diocesan Guild of ringers from its foundation. He died September 6th, 1899, aged 80. Erected by members of the above Guild."

The St. Ann's Hill cemetery at Gosport is nearly two miles distant from Holy Trinity Church. It is therefore considered desirable to place the memorial where ringers may easily see it. If funds permit, however, a simple memorial (if only a coping stone) will mark the grave.

Subscriptions towards this memorial will be gladly received by captains of bands affiliated to the Guild, by the district Secretaries, or by the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The list of subscribers will be kept open until December 31st, 1900, after which date a full statement will be published in "THE BELL NEWS."

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Bramley, on Saturday, November 3rd, the following places being represented: Armley, Bradford, Calverley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Holbeck (S.C.), Leeds, Rothwell, Tong, and local company, also Mr. T. B. Dicken, of Mossley. A peal was to have been attempted during the afternoon, but owing to two of the company arriving late (having been delayed at business), it had to be abandoned. The business meeting was held at The Cardigan Arms, the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two new members were then elected, viz., Mr. E. Newton, of Bramley, and T. Moran, of Holbeck (S.C.).

After one or two small items of business had been got through, Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. M. Broadbent seconded, the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, which was carried unanimously. The President, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, briefly responded.

Several touches were then rung on the tower bells, including Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine. The rest of the evening was then spent in enjoyment. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Peacock, Newton, and Whittaker, the latter being ably accompanied on the piano by Mr. J. Thackray. Touches of Grandsire Major, Grandsire Triples, and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung on the handbells during the evening. The ringing of the "Bellringer Overture" brought a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a close.

A RINGERS' BIRTHDAY.

On Tuesday, October 30th, at the kind invitation of their leader (Mr. Twigg), the ringers of St. Mary's, Bucknall, and a few friends sat down to an excellent supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Twigg. After full justice had been done and the cloth removed, the company enjoyed a comfortable smoke and chat. During the evening Mr. C. Preston said he thought he had a pleasant surprise for Mr. Twigg, and spoke of how for some time past the ringers had been waiting for this opportunity of recognising the work Mr. Twigg had done in the belfry during the time he had been leader (about twelve years). When Mr. Twigg became leader only Doubles were rung. Now fifty-two methods can be rung, fourteen peals all in seven methods have been rung on the bells, among which was a silent peal of Surprise Minor. He thought such a record spoke for itself, and he had great pleasure in calling upon Mr. Hobbs to present Mr. Twigg with a smoker's cabinet.

Mr. Hobbs said it gave him great pleasure to respond to the call, and after describing the uses of the cabinet, handed it to Mr. Twigg.

In returning thanks Mr. Twigg said it was a surprise to him, and he should value it for the good wishes that came with it.

The company broke up with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess. Previous to the above a 720 Lichfield Surprise was rung on the tower bells.

Obituary.

WILLIAM LANDER.

"The mortal remains of the late William Lander, who for twenty-eight years was associated with the Hurstpierpoint bell-ringers, and leader of the same for many years, were laid to rest in the Aldbourne churchyard, on Saturday, November 3rd. He was carried to the grave by some of his oldest bellringing friends, including W. B. Davey, A. Davey, D. Davey, H. Sayers, and H. Kingsland. The deceased, who had been ailing for several years, was 51 years of age."—*Sussex Daily News*.

He had taken part in one 5040 of Grandsire Doubles, at Hurstpierpoint. This was on February 23rd, 1890. An unsuccessful attempt for a peal of London Surprise was made in the evening with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of the Sussex County Association: J. N. Frossell, W. Burkin, H. Davis, A. A. Fuller, G. A. King, K. Hart, J. S. Goldsmith, G. Williams (conductor). The bells were also rung by the local band, half-muffled for the morning and evening services on the following Sunday.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Two Hundred and Sixty-Third Anniversary Dinner of this society took place on Saturday last, November 10th, at The Bridge House hotel, Southwark. The Master of the Society—Mr. Edward P. O'Meara—presided, Mr. W. D. Smith being in the vice-chair. There was a large gathering of members and friends, the company numbering 128. Among those present were the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Dr. Wace (Rector of St. Michael, Cornhill), Rev. P. M. Wathen (Rector of Barking, Essex), Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny, Colonel Mackinnon (Commandant of the C.I.V.), Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. (President of the Central Council of Change-Ringers), and R. A. Daniell, Esq. (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Hon. Secretary of the London St. James's Society), who was accompanied by the Rev. H. G. Daniell-Bainbridge, Precentor of Westminster Abbey. Many provincial brethren were also present, and among others the following London veterans: J. R. Haworth, M. Wood, T. Powell, J. Pettit, etc. The banqueting hall was very artistically decorated with National emblems and the colours of the C.I.V., three members of the battalion, in addition to the gallant colonel, being present.

"The Church, Queen, and Royal Family" was proposed by the Chairman. Those present, as loyal sons of the Church, would, he was sure, justly honour the first portion of the toast. As to Her Majesty, she was beloved by all. It was to be hoped that she might live another seven years so that ringers could ring for another jubilee.

The Archdeacon of London, in replying to the first portion of the toast, said he desired to thank the Master for his kind remarks respecting the Church. During the past twelvemonth there had been occasions on which the bells had to ring for the nation's joy and for its sorrow. He could assure Colonel Mackinnon that never did the bells of St. Paul's ring out with greater enthusiasm than they did on Monday week, when those who had so gallantly served under him returned to their homes. He was pleased to see Colonel Mackinnon among them again that evening, more especially after the events which had taken place during the last twelve months in which he had taken a share. It was also a pleasure to him to see present that evening among other C.I.V. one whom he had the pleasure in his old parish to recommend for a school, who had also after doing his duty in South Africa returned home safe, looking if anything better than before he went out. He concluded with a reference to the ringing of the state bell at St. Paul's, which originally came from Westminster, and said if one went into the history of bells there was much which was interesting. He had pleasure in taking an interest in the society, which was one that followed a pursuit exclusively British. He trusted the society would continue to grow in numbers and influence.

Mr. Dawe gave "The Imperial Forces."

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. considered it an honour to be invited on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths to present to Colonel Mackinnon a small present from the society which was more than two and a half centuries old. Reference had been made to the presence of the Colonel at the last anniversary: it was little thought what Imperial events would take place by the time that the next anniversary was held. Not only was there great rejoicing when Colonel Mackinnon returned home with his fine body of men, but there was little doubt that the colonel's time was much taxed, and would be for some time to come, therefore they all the more appreciated his presence that evening. It was not the first occasion that the society had the pleasure of meeting one who had been engaged in South Africa, for Sir Bartle Frere was one who took a deep interest in the Ancient Society of College Youths. The presentation they all knew was to one who had made for himself a great name in this country and in South Africa. It was that of a bell, fitted on an oak stand as a table gong, the stand being made by Mr. Edwin Horrex, the wellknown change-ringer. The inscription was: "Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. This bell was presented to Colonel W. H. Mackinnon, by the above Society, at the 263rd Anniversary Dinner, 10th November, 1900, as a memento of the splendid services rendered by the

City Imperial Volunteers under his command in South Africa." He trusted that the colonel would ever look on the bell as a token of the society's respect and esteem in its corporate capacity. While they rejoiced at the return of the C.I.V. and others from South Africa, they could not but think of those who had sacrificed their lives for their country, while they as citizens remained in peace at home. He sometimes thought of the great anxiety endured by those who had relatives in South Africa. He knew something of this anxiety, having himself a son there who had been wounded. There were many who believed that we were fighting for justice and freedom; above all let them thank God that the British nation could turn out such men to fight its battles.

Colonel Mackinnon, who on rising was greeted with outbursts of applause, said he could not express in words his thankfulness for the hearty manner in which his name had been received. He had much pleasure in accepting the beautiful bell, and appreciated the kind words which had been used in making the presentation. He could assure those present that the bell would go down to his family as an heirloom. Referring to the work of the army and navy, the gallant colonel paid a tribute to those who had fallen in battle, or, stricken by fever, had sacrificed their lives for their country, and spoke in terms of gratitude of the colonial forces. With regard to the C.I.V. it was a matter of regret to him that as an institution in a few weeks' time it would no longer exist.

The Chairman then gave "Success to the Ancient Society of College Youths." During the past year the society had to mourn the loss of two prominent members—Robert Jameson and John Murray Hayes: two able ringers well-known and respected. As an heavy bell ringer Murray Hayes had no superior. He would couple with the toast the name of their energetic Secretary, to whom the Society was very much indebted for its present position. They all knew that Mr. Cockerill had rung St. Paul's tenor—the heaviest bell; and he believed that his ambition was now to ring the lightest bell, which he thought was about 14cwt. He should not be surprised if Mr. Cockerill accomplished this before long.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, in replying, said that letters of regret at their inability to be present had been received from the Rectors of St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Magnus-the-Martyr, G. H. Phillott, esq., Mr. Davies (Barking), and several others. He was pleased, however, that they had that evening two of the twelve-bell towers of London represented in the presence of the Archdeacon of London and the Rev. Dr. Wace. As this was the first opportunity he had of thanking many of his friends for the handsome present they made him last April, he desired to do so now. The Master had referred to the loss of two old members of the society by death: there was another name which should be mentioned—Henry Langdon. J. M. Hayes had been a ringer at St. Paul's since the opening of the bells. Through the generous offer of an anonymous donor and the kindness of the cathedral authorities, a tablet has been erected to his memory in St. Paul's belfry. The society had maintained its high position during the past year, for although there had been a falling-off in the number of new members made, peals to the number of fifty had been rung. These included two of Minor, two of Grandsire Triples, two of Grandsire Caters (one of which was on handbells), three of Treble Bob Major, two of Treble Bob Royal, two of Double Norwich Major, one of Double Norwich Royal, four of Bob Major (one of which was on handbells), thirteen of Stedman Triples (four of which were on handbells), four of Stedman Caters (one of which was on handbells), two of Grandsire Cinques, one of Westminster Surprise Major, one of St. Stephen's Surprise Major, three of Superlative Surprise Major, one of London Surprise Royal, and seven of London Surprise Major. There were two peals in the current number of "THE BELL NEWS" worthy of special mention. He referred to Stedman Triples on handbells by a local band at Kensington, conducted by H. R. Pasmore. Mr. W. E. Garrard was to be congratulated on the good work he has done in croating a band at St. Mary Abbots, and so also was the youthful Harry Pasmore for his progress as a conductor on handbells. The best thanks of the Society were due to Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., who though being so far away takes such a deep interest in the welfare of the society, and had recently presented it with a new peal-book which will form vol. 5 of the

society's collection. On behalf of the society he desired to thank one and all for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

The Vice-chairman humorously gave "London and Provincial Ringing Societies."

Mr. R. A. Daniell, who replied to the first portion, referred in an interesting manner to the history and progress of the science and the work of the two great Metropolitan Societies in the early part of the present century.

Sir A. Percival Heywood, who replied to the latter portion of the toast, referred to the Society as one of the old London Guilds which had stimulated and sent forth ringers who had spread a knowledge of the science, and congratulated the Society upon the young blood which it possessed.

This concluded the toast list.

A course of Stedman Caters was rung during the evening by the following: H. P. Harman, T. Powell, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, A. W. Barkus. A selection of songs was rendered, as also was a violin solo and quartettes with recitations.

[The bell presented to Colonel Mackinnon, alluded to in the above report, was cast by Mears and Stainbank, of the White-chapel Foundry.]

COMMEMORATION DINNER.

In honour of the silent peal of Stedman Caters rung on handbells, a dinner was given on Thursday evening, November 1st, at the house of host Cooper. "King and Crown," Townhall Lane, Leicester, when a capital bill of fare was served up by the President of the Leicester Branch of the M.C.A.

All the umpires were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the repast, the usual loyal toasts were given by Mr. John Buttery, and the company then proceeded with the following programme:—

Song: "Johnny used to grind," Mr. Josiah Morris; Handbells: Stedman Caters, the silent peal band; Song: "Old folks at home," Mr. J. W. Moorhouse (Wakefield); Toast: Bishop and Clergy, Mr. S. Cooper; Song: "Holy Friar," Mr. A. Martin; Recitation: "Sal Grogan's Face," (Sims), Mr. W. Willson; Toast: "The men of the silent peal," Mr. S. Cooper; Song: "Her bright smile," Mr. J. Buttery. Handbells: Stedman Cinques, Messrs. Lancashire, 1-2; Cleal, 3-4; Cotton, 5-6; Willson, 7-8; Buttery, 9-10; Millis, 11-12; Song: "Fine old English gentleman," Mr. J. S. Needham; Song: "Old rustic bridge," Mr. J. Morris; Toast: "Host and Hostess" (including the waiter), Mr. G. Cleal; Finale.

In connection with the toast of the evening, Mr. Chairman Cooper explained the object of the gathering, and referred eulogistically to the performance which had taken place in that room. He coupled with the toast the name of

Mr. W. Willson: who responded, and expressed on behalf of the band, their thanks for the appreciation of their efforts. He said it was ten years ago since handbell-ringing in Leicester received such an impetus by the advent of those champions, Messrs. Cotton and Cleal. Since that time not a year had passed without either a peal had been rung or was "on the stocks"; and he hoped the ventures of the future would be as successful as the past.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" wound up the proceedings.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The record in this journal of a peal by the above society at the church of St. Mary, Staines, some months ago, may be in the recollection of many readers. In connection with this event an interesting ceremony took place at the same tower on Saturday, November 3rd, when a very neat tablet placing on record the peal referred to, was unveiled by Mrs. Wood, the wife of the Rector of the parish, who has studied the Art.

The peal in question was not an ordinary performance in change-ringing, particularly from a parochial point of view, as it was rang as a welcome to his new incumbency of the Rev. S. T. Wood, M.A., B.C.L., six out of the eight ringers taking part being residents in the parish.

The unveiling took place in the presence of the Rector and curate (Mr. Collard), several ladies and gentleman interested in Art, the Staines ringers and the whole of the band who took part in the peal. After dedicating the tablet to the service of the Church, the Rector gave an impressive address to the

company present, dilating upon the skill and constant practice required in order to accomplish a peal of 5000 changes, and remarking that after all nothing was too good or too difficult but which should be placed to the service of the Almighty, and further that it was a duty of ringers after calling the people to the services of the Church, to set them an example by attending.

The conductor of the peal (Mr. W. H. Fussell), in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked the Rector for attending on this occasion, and observed that as a consequence of such attendance it certainly was the duty of the ringers of this parish to attend the services to which they had summoned the parishioners, but on the other hand in the course of his career he thought it was only the third time that he had seen a parish priest in his official capacity amongst his ringers taking part in a ceremony of the kind, and that circumstance perhaps accounted for the irregularities that existed in some parishes in the respect to which the Rector had alluded.

During the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing a short time. A pleasant hour was however spent by the Staines ringers and friends, including A. Goddard (Twickenham), and — Hollis (London) in tune-playing and handbell ringing until the time came for separation.

THE LEYTONSTONE (ESSEX) SOCIETY.

The usual quarterly meeting of this society held in the belfry on October 17th, was of more than passing interest, even to those not immediately connected by membership. The Vicar of Leytonstone (Rev. W. J. Bettison), presided over a good company, including the Rev. J. E. D. Pratt (curate), W. G. Hammock (churchwarden), and Messrs. Ashbridge, Hollings, Morris, and Parker (honorary members), in addition to a full complement of ringing members, amongst whom were noticed H. Gowers, now of Manor Park, and E. Wightman, of Erith.

The formal business having been disposed of, the Vicar was requested by ringing-master Miller to unveil and receive as church property the records of five peals rang by the members. Each record has been printed in two colours on separate cards, framed in oak and glazed. The first peal consisted of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. The second of—Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Court, and Plain Bob. The third of—Chichester, Worcester, Coventry and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The fourth of—London, York, Durham, Chichester, Worcester, Coventry and Cambridge Surprise. The fifth of—Ely, Bristol, Lichfield, York, Durham and Wells Surprise.

The Vicar having performed this interesting item, accepted the same as church property, and congratulated the band on their past performances, for, as he said, reading the peals in their order they spelt, as it were, the grand word "Progress."

The next item, though perhaps at present not quite so interesting, was if anything more important. For months past friendly chats have taken place amongst the ringers as to whether it was possible to start a fund for two trebles to complete the octave. At this meeting the matter was more fully discussed, and ultimately the following unanimously passed—"That the Leytonstone Ringers' Society form themselves into a committee to be called the "Bell Committee," for the purpose of raising funds for (a) the adding of two trebles to the present ring of six; and (b) if necessary re-hanging the existing peal. Each member of the committee becomes an authorised collector for the funds, so that in the near future we ought to have a satisfactory sequel.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1900.

THE College Youths' Two Hundred and Sixty-Third Anniversary, an account of the proceedings at which will be found on another page, must be considered as the most successful of such gatherings ever held by this Society. Not only on account of the great number present, but also for the number of the influential guests who accepted the invitation of the dinner committee. Any of our provincial readers may well imagine the kind of reception COLONEL MACKINNON must have met with by the goodly company of ringers and their friends; while the reference made by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD to the anxiety borne by fond relatives on account of those of their kin who served in Africa, in which anxiety he himself had been concerned, must have roused a direct and profound sympathy towards the speaker. It will also be imagined that the company present were interested in seeing and hearing Mr. R. A. DANIELL—though he is no stranger to this annual banquet, but his personality would interest many by reason of his prolific pen, which has been so freely wielded in our pages to the great satisfaction and edification of readers.

The quaint and somewhat antique certificate of the

Ancient Society of College Youths indicates that the Anniversary Festival should be held always in the month of November. But in later days it was thought wise to hold it during the summer. Some few years ago, however, a return was made to ancient usage, and recent anniversaries have amply proved the value of such reversal. Whether we shall ever see a revival of some of the ancient ceremonies which once adorned the proceedings at the anniversaries of this Society we cannot tell. But they may be held, even in the present day, to be not altogether an incongruity.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	Treble.	*WILLIAM KEEBLE	6.
FREDERICK RUMENS	2.	*JOHN H. WILKINS	7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN	3.	WILLIAM B. MANNING	8.
ERNEST PYE	4.	HARRY FLANDERS	9.
BERTRAM PREWETT	5.	ARTHUR T. KING	Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung to celebrate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's birthday.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH HERBERT*	Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	5.
ARTHUR HARDY	2.	REUBEN CHARGE {	6.
JOHN HINTON†	3.	†WILLIAM CHARGE	7.
GEORGE THRUSSELL*	4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the return of General Sir Redvers Buller from South Africa. The ringers were congratulated by Mr. J. W. Driver for their good striking throughout the peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT	Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE	5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN	2.	†JOHN MOULE	6.
WILLIAM PYE	3.	ERNEST PYE	7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN	4.	ARTHUR T. KING	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 10th, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD*	Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER	5.
JAMES HANNINGTON	2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN	6.
GEORGE HOLLIS*	3.	*RICHARD BEVAN	7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

*First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Alfred Tanner, and also as a birthday compliment to George Hollis, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

On Monday, November 12, 1900 in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES T. HOPKINS	Treble.	JOHN MOULE	5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN	2.	JOHN MARDELL	6.
HARRY BOTTRILL†	3.	*WILLIAM KEEBLE	7.
WILLIAM MILLER	4.	†GEORGE HAYDEN	Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, of Norwich, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

†First peal of Major. *First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

The Provinces.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 6, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER BENNETT*	Treble.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	2.	WILLIAM HEWETT	6.
WILLIAM J. S. THORN	3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	7.
BENJAMIN BASSETT	4.	*HENRY R. JONES	Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Bennett, this being his first attempt for a peal.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR ARNELL*	Treble.	JOHN PAICE	5.
HARRY EVANS	2.	CHARLES HILLS	6.
ALFRED W. EVANS	3.	EDMUND LINDUP	7.
GEORGE NORRIS	4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. An attempt for this peal was made on September 25th to celebrate the birthday of Mr. H. Evans, but was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. owing to the breaking of the 5th rope.

NAZING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 960 of Canterbury, 480 Plain, 720 Antelope, 720 St. Dunstons, 2160 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES CRABB†	Treble.	EDWARD J. WEBB	3.
WILLIAM MARRABLE	2.	ISAAC CAVILL	4.

ALFRED PEARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

†First peal. This is the first peal on the bells which have just been re-hung, and the go of them is all that can be desired.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK BIRD	Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	4.
GEORGE VALENTINE	2.	WILLIAM J. BARKER	5.
CHARLES CMASTY	3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal in seven methods by Messrs. Bird and Freeman; also first peal in seven methods with a bob bell by G. Valentine. F. Bird hails from Harrold, Beds. Freeman from Olney; the rest from Bedford.

**NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday afternoon, November 11, 1900, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Bob Minor, and three 720s of College Single, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. MILNERTreble.	T. CLOUGH 4.
W. BUTLER 2.	W. HOPKINSON 5.
J. T. BUTLER 3.	J. TARTLTONTenor.

Conducted by W. BUTLER.

Rung in honour of G. Barrow Darby, Esq., who has returned home from active service in South Africa.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN WYATTTreble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	JOHN J. JONES 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR DEAN 4.	EDWARD E. DODDTenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and A. Dean's fiftieth peal. Rung on the Feast of St. Martin, the Patron Saint of the church. A reference elsewhere.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR WHATMORE ..Treble.	FREDERICK BRACE 5.
WILLIAM POTTER 2.	NOAH HOLYOAKE 6.
FREDERICK PLANT 3.	JOHN PIPER 7.
WILLIAM FRYER 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTSTenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First peal by Messrs. Whatmore, Potter, Plant, and Piper. First peal on eight bells by F. Brace. First peal of Major by N. Holyoake, and first peal as conductor on eight bells by A. Roberts.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLENTreble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. S. THORN 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT 7.
ERNEST HOLLOWAY 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEYTenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH ..Treble.	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN 2.	*WALTER C. HUNT 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 7.
FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	ALFRED CROSSTenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Barratt and Chapman, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

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**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.**

On Monday, November 12, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE HINGLEYTreble.	THOMAS DRAPER 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
SYDNEY DAWSON 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	WILLIAM DONNELLYTenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by T. DRAPER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late G. C. Greenwell.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 13, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOLETreble.	THOMAS A. ELLIOTT 5.
GEORGE STACEY 2.	HENRY MOORE 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
ARTHUR LONG 4.	JAMES R. JONESTenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER H. WOODTreble.	JOHN W. WOOD 4.
THOMAS B. WOOD 2.	JOHN R. GREEN 5.
EDWARD HOULDEN 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSONTenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM DICKINSON.

†First peal. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 7, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

RALPH RAVENSCROFT ..Treble.	ROBERT DAVIES 6.
JOE MORGAN 2.	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7.
WILLIAM PYLE 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 8.
THOMAS SMITHSON* 4.	JOHN EACHUS 9.
WILLIAM CARR* 5.	HARRY CHAPMANTenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

*First peal. The above was rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Charles Fairley, a member of the Cathedral company. The peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS," September 25th, 1897.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY*Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
EDWARD RADDON† 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7.
GEORGE READING† 4.	JAMES HUNTTenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by THOMAS W. RADFORD.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal in the method by the conductor, and his first peal of Major as conductor.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 9, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE F. CLARKE† .. Treble.	ROBERT MILES 6.
ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. 2.	THOMAS SPURR 7.
GEORGE W. D. METCALFE .. 3.	HARRY WARBURTON .. 8.
ARTHUR T. WINTER* .. 4.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. 9.
GEORGE SWANNACK 5.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE R. WINTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal by all the band, the first by the Association, and the first in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON* Treble.	*JOHN J. LEIGHTON 5.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	†THOMAS T. GOFTON 7.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 4.	*JOSEPH PATTISON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 2.	FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	HARRY G. JUDGE 7.
CHARLES GILES 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BARZILLIA HAWKINS .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
G. L. BODDINGTON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ERNEST BRUCE 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5152 CHANGES.

ALFRED POTTER* Treble.	*JOSEPH POTTER 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	*W. HENRY SHUKER .. 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	ALFRED CROSS 7.
JOHN POTTER* 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

*First peal in the method. This peal is in full courses throughout, and has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th place, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. James Barrett, of Eccles, who listened to the peal.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Warnham Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. WILDE Treble.	A. FERNLEY 4.
J. FERNLEY 2.	S. FERNLEY 5.
J. DEAN 3.	G. D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by S. FERNLEY.

First peal in seven methods by the band. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal in seven methods by any company in connection with the Stockport and Bowden branches of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

G. H. MORRIS Treble.	C. SEDDON 5.
T. LINGARD 2.	J. WILSON 6.
A. WALLWORK 3.	J. BRISCOE 7.
F. WALLWORK 4.	J. HOWARD Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WALLWORK.

First peal conducted by Albert Wallwork. Also first peal rang by Thomas Howard. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH

On Tuesday, November 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. R. PRITCHARD'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs in A.

ROBERT LEACH Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 2.	ARNOLD S. ROSTRON .. 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7.
ABRAHAM CLEGG 4.	†MILTON HARTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

†First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, which reflects great credit to them, as the go of them all and the tone is all that is required.

DEFECTIVE REPORT—Mr. J. Pugsley, from somewhere in Somerset, sends a report of peal requiring date, time of performance, and name of town where it was rung, and church.

Date Touches.

THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.

WEDNESBURY (Staffs.)—On Saturday, October 20th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. and 6 mins. W. Johnson, 1; O. Brown, 2; H. Tinsley, 3; E. T. Tyler, 4; J. Malpass, 5; S. Forster, 6; J. Lawton, 7; E. Taylor, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Composed and conducted by W. Johnson.

BINGLEY (Yorks.)—On Wednesday, October 17th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Hirst to Miss M. E. Platts, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Green, 1; J. Foster, 2; H. Gill, 3; G. Whitaker, 4; H. Butterfield, 5; T. Lawson, 6; W. Foster (conductor), 7; J. Perfect, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. Composed by W. Gill, of Bingley.

SURFLEET (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, October 23rd, at the parish church of St. Lawrence, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. and 3 min., being five 6-scores, containing 6 bobs and 2 singles (3rd, 4th, and 5th places made), the ten usual Grandsire 6-scores and 100 changes. J. Curry, 1; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 2; R. Richardson, 3; G. Tomlinson, 4; A. Patchett, 5. Tenor 12 cwt. This is the

longest length by all except the Rev. H. Law James, and the longest length on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancs.)—On Sunday, September 16th, 640 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Hartley, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 23rd, 576 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 704 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; R. Hartley, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 7th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 768 Kent. W. Walton, 1; N. Townend, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Burrows, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW MILLS (Derbyshire)—On June 25th, 720. J. Robinson, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; F. Holt, 3; W. Lowery, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter, 6. 720 Kent. S. Rutter, 1; W. Lowery, 2; F. Holt, 3; T. Ramsey, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 6. On June 29th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; S. Rutter, 3; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 4; F. Holt, 5; T. Ramsey, 6. On July 2nd, 720 College Single. Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; the rest as before. On July 13th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; W. Lowery, 4; F. Holt, 5; S. Rutter, 6. Also 720 Violet. W. Marshall, 1; W. Lowery, 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 5; S. Rutter, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by Nos. 1, 3, 4. On July 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; T. Ramsey, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 6. On July 27th, 720 College Single. Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; F. Holt, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; S. Rutter, 6; the rest as before. Also 720 Oxford. F. Holt, 1; W. Lowery, 2; S. Rutter (conductor), 3; T. Ramsey, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 6. On July 29th, another 720. W. Lowery, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter (conductor), 6. On August 10th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; F. Holt, 6. Also 720 College Single. F. Holt, 2; W. Lowery, 3; W. Marshall, 5; T. Ramsey, 6; the rest as before. On August 12th, on the occasion of the school anniversary sermons, 720 Kent. W. Lowery, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter, 6. Also 720 Oxford. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; W. Lowery, 2; the rest as before. On August 20th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 4; W. Marshall, 5; F. Holt, 6. Also 720 College Single. Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; F. Holt, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; the rest as before.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent)—On Sunday evening, October 14th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. Marshall, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Hollier, 3; A. Osborne, 4; E. Mexter, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Bate, 7; E. Phillips, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks.)—On Saturday, October 20th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Chown, 1; G. Lewis, 2; A. Gledstone, 3; F. Eurgar (conductor), 4; J. Rowley, 5; T. Sarel, 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; J. Vernon, 8. Rung after meeting for a peal for Mr. F. Bugar's birthday, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

INWORTH (Essex)—On Sunday evening, October 7th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 720 each of Grandsire, Old Doubles, and Oxford. H. T. Pye, 1; H. Elliott, 2; D. Elliott, 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; W. Elliott, 5. Also 480 each of Oxford and Grandsire. G. Hum, 1; D. Elliott, 2; W. Elliott, 3; W. E. Hunwick, 4; J. Newman, 5. After service 240 Grandsire and 120 Cambridge. H. T. Pye, 1; D. Elliott, 2; G. Hum, 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; J. Newman, 5. All conducted by D. Elliott.

FEERING (Essex)—On Tuesday, October 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. John Newman, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; E.

W. Beckwith, 3; E. Hayward, 4; W. Elliott, 5; S. Clark, 6; W. E. Hunwick, 7; J. Newman (conductor), 8. And 1120 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Elliott (conductor), 8; H. T. Pye, 2; W. E. Hunwick, 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; W. Elliott, 5; S. Clark, 6; C. Rogers, 7; J. Newman, 8. On Friday, October 12th, to celebrate the eighty-first birthday of Mr. R. Harvey, one of the old ringers, two touches of Bob Major, and 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major in which the following took part: J. C. Newman, W. E. Hunwick, E. W. Beckwith, E. Hayward, W. Hunwick, S. Clark, C. Rogers, D. H. Elliott, W. Elliott, G. Hum, J. T. Cranfield, and J. Newman.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.)—On Tuesday, October 30th, at St. Woolos parish church, a quarter peal Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. Jones (late of Wolverhampton), 1; *F. S. Wilson, 2; H. Millard, 3; C. L. Sadler (late of Ross), 4; *E. Davis, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; F. Atwell, 8. *Mr. Wilson hails from Abergavenny, this being his longest touch on an inside bell. *Mr. E. Davies hails from Caerleon. Also a 360. F. Jones, 1; T. Butler, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; E. Davies, 4; H. Millard, 5; J. Butler (conductor), 6; J. Trowbridge, 7; F. Atwell, 8. Also several shorter touches, with G. F. Jones, 1; Mr. Brown, 8; the rest as before. This meeting for practice was a most encouraging one, seeing that ringing in the vicinity has been quite dormant for a considerable time, there being a muster of no less than eighteen ringers present, who all had a pull during the evening, which is saying a lot, and promises well for the future in this neighbourhood.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon)—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service 1036 Grandsire Triples. T. Tolley, 1; Frank Webb, 2; H. G. Judge (conductor), 3; W. Thorpe, 4; J. Matthews, 5; F. Webb, 6; J. Franklin, 7; W. Franklin, 8. On October 21st, for morning service, 868 Grandsire Triples. T. Tolley, 1; W. Bennett, 2; J. Franklin, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; J. Matthews, 5; F. Webb, 6; H. G. Judge, 7; W. Franklin, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Bennett, 1; J. Matthews, 2; F. Webb, 3; W. Thorpe, 4; H. G. Judge, 5; J. Franklin, 6; N. Spindlow (conductor), 7; T. Tolley, 8. Composed by W. Shipway. This is N. Spindlow's first attempt at calling Triples.

WANTAGE (Berks.)—On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. T. Gregory, 1; F. Bunce, 2; A. Gregory, 3; H. Gregory, 5; F. May, 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; C. Lay, 8. Composed and conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON—On Sunday, November 11th at St. Paul's Cathedral, for morning service, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; T. Neill (York), 2; W. Cooter, 3; R. French, 4; P. Davies (Lichfield), 5; T. H. Taffender, 6; H. Langdon, 7; W. J. Hinton (Bristol), 8; H. P. Harman, 9; J. Golding, 10; G. Breed (York), 11; G. Staddon (Bristol), and E. P. O'Meara, 12. And for evening service, at the church of St. Augustine, Kilburn, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Staddon (Bristol), 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; J. Rowbotham, 3; W. J. Hinton (Bristol), (conductor), 4; T. Neill (York), 5; H. Langdon, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8.

BANGOR (North Wales)—On Monday, October 8th, at St. David's church, Glanadda, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Crane, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; E. Taylor, 3; S. Taylor, 4; R. Hughes, 5; J. Midwinter, 6; G. Gayton, 7; V. Sear, 8. V. Sear hails from Bletchley, Bucks.

BATTLE (Sussex)—On Sunday, October 7th, at the parish church, for morning service, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinden, 1; C. Hyland, 2; F. Mather, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. H. Eldridge, 5; C. Caston, 6; W. Franks, 7; A. Eldridge, 8. Also 360 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinden, 1; C. Hyland, 2; F. Mather, 3; W. H. Eldridge, 4; A. Saunders, 5; C. Caston, 6; W. Thomas, 7; A. Eldridge, 8.

FAVERSHAM (Kent)—On Sunday morning, October 14th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Wallis, 1; A. Charlton, 2; A. Biggs, sen. 3; S. R. Garner, 4; A. Biggs, jun. 5; F. Hunt, 6; H. Baker (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8.

SURFLEET (Lincolnshire)—On Tuesday October 16th, at the parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten and a half 6-scores, in 46 mins. Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 1; F. Tomlinson, 2; R. Richardson, 3; G. Tomlinson, 4; R. Marshall, 5. Tenor 12 cwt. This is the longest length by the local band.

* * Several reports of touches are unavoidably left over. They will all appear in due course.

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."

"BELFRY REFORM."

SIR,—I am grateful, and so I am sure are many of your readers, to Mr. Daniell for his information about West country change-ringing. I cannot tell him in return whether any other method than Grandsire Doubles was practised upon the occasion to which I referred; the only cards which I saw were in that method. After the tower bells were lowered, five or six of the ringers stood round a table to ring handbells, double-handed. At each change each man put one of his bells on the table, exchanging it with one that his neighbour put down; and in this way the bells kept travelling round the table, some going up, and some down. Had this, I wonder, anything to do with the term "walking"? I am also obliged to my correspondent "An Essex Ringer," and hope to communicate with him. He is not, perhaps, aware how careful we have to be of the least suspicion of interference with the parochial clergy in the management of their belfries and ringers; and as, in the case of which he justly complains, "the Vicar does not care so long as the bells are rung, nor who rings them," I fear that any advice we might offer would be resented. I know an equally important tower in which our Association has tried its best for twelve years, but in vain. It is in the hands of a body of call-change ringers, paid for their ringing, and allowed to style themselves a "Guild of Church Bell-ringers." They have got the tower, and mean to keep it; and they have stifled change-ringing. Some years ago, when I spoke to one of the clergy about it, I was politely but unmistakably snubbed; and I now keep advice till I am asked for it—which, it is only fair to say, has frequently happened. It is the indifference and timidity of church authorities, quite as much as the conservatism of old-fashioned ringers, that bars the way to reform.

T. L. PAPILLON,

Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association.

SIR,—I am not at all surprised at the instance Mr. Daniell gives of a Vicar offering refreshment in his belfry, for I think that the Vicars have been entirely to blame in this matter. They many of them still look on the belfry as on the same level as the stove-chamber, from which the church is heated; and I daresay the Vicar in question thought that the ringers were somewhat above having their meals in their workroom, when it was suggested that the refreshments should be provided elsewhere.

Mr. Borrett seems to me to be making a distinction with a difference. But if he likes I am quite willing to alter the statement that former ringers were not worse than other people, into the form that they were as good, provided that one adds "and mostly a good deal better!"

In most parts of the country rounds or call changes are rung because the ringers are too lazy to attempt to learn anything more; and the result is naturally not edifying. But I believe, in the South West, and in this neighbourhood to which I have just come, that call-change ringing is practised as an art by itself. I hope, therefore shortly to find the existence of some such bands, and that they are a credit to the Exercise.

I am much obliged to Mr. P. Hodgkin and to "T.M." for their answers to my queries. It would appear that the ringing at Ross on the "Feast Sunday" is not an old custom. Can any "Man of Ross" tell us definitely?

H. DRAKE.

Verwood, Dorset.

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—Ought ringers to attend the church services after ringing for the services? is a weighty question just now to be discussed amongst us. Ringers as a rule ring in a satisfactory manner to call people to attend the services, and for so doing are called "church officers;" yet it appears strange—I think inconsistent—to see them, after their ringing is over, leave the church in a body for a ramble or other self pleatings on the Sabbath, with the exception of one or two who attend regularly. Is it a fair thing, I ask, to expect to ring, to practise, and to en-

joy the use of the bells dedicated to the service of God, and yet not to be willing to sit an hour in the day with the people called together by their ringing to worship and praise God, and listen to His word? Surely if ringers are so indifferent to holy things as to absent themselves altogether from church, they cannot well complain if they are prohibited from ringing altogether by the Vicar. Otherwise bellringing must sink into a mere pastime or recreation only. Most of the ringers I know are intelligent and courteous men, able to comprehend good sound logical reasons for doing the right thing; and some Vicars I know have been able to influence them much in this matter simply by loving tact and personal dealing with each. I trust I may be pardoned if I put this as a suggestion to Vicars generally, as I have been a church bellringer for nearly fifty years, also a regular attendant at church, so hope this letter may at least be read with consideration.

W. NEWELL.

AN AUSTRALIAN LETTER.

SIR,—Just a line from "Sunny New South Wales," in the hope that you will be good enough to insert it in your valued columns.

Change-ringing in this Colony does not make the progress we would like to see. This is mainly owing to the fact that the Art is rather too difficult, and requires too much thinking for our Australian boys to tackle. Another factor is the apathy of our clergy regarding change-ringing. St. Philip's (Anglican) with a peal of eight in splendid tower, have their bells chimed, as likewise Christchurch (Anglican). Oh for a few such "Parsons" as our old friend "F.E.R." I venture to think ringing would progress then.

Our own Society—St. Mark's, Darling Point, is at present the only tower in this Colony where Minor methods are rung. Last year we rang close on 2600 changes, which although not quite as good a record (ahem) as say Surrey County Association, is very creditable when you bear in mind the numerous other attractions afforded young men in a city with a climate like ours, also added to the fact that we are only a young band.

We give assistance to St. Jude's, Randwick (peal of eight), St. Paul's, West Maitland (peal of six), All Saints, Parramatta (peal of six), and St. Mary's (R.C.) cathedral, Sydney (a splendid peal of eight, Mears and Stainbank, tenor 25 cwt., in a tower well over 100-ft. high, and ringing chamber 40-ft. square.)

No local band has yet succeeded in ringing a 5040, and we are in hopes of recording one on January 1st next, the inauguration of Australian Commonwealth.

I shall be pleased to send you a copy of our annual report, published in February next, if you should care for it.

Trusting that ere many years have passed I may have the pleasure of ringing on English soil, and wishing you the best of Christmases, accept this note from a brother-ringer.

JOHN A. WHITE.

"Trelauney," Gurner Street, Paddington, Sydney, N.S.W., Oct. 9, 1900.

P.S.—I might mention that our Captain is Mr. Charles H. Porter, a College Youth, who is doing as much as he possibly can to further the Art.

"WALKING CHANGES."

SIR,—I read with interest the letter from Mr. Daniell in last week's "BELL NEWS" re walking changes, and wondered if this was the same thing as "hunting the treble," which used to be done at Romsey Abbey, near Southampton, about ten years ago. The bells were first rung in rounds and then the conductor would call out "Treble over two," which would mean the treble to go behind the 2nd—21345678. This would be rung about two whole pulls, and then "Treble over three" would be called—23145678. This would go on till the treble got in 7th place, and then they would begin to call second over third, and so on in turn until they were brought into rounds again, and this well struck, as it used to be struck on those grand old bells, was well worth listening to.

C. TRIBE.

Tenterden, Kent.

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.

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.

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hatfield, to-day, Saturday, November 17th. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30, followed by business meeting. The question as to the division of the county into districts will come on for discussion, and it is hoped that representatives from the various towers in union with the Association will make a point of attending the meeting.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of this district (for ringing only) will be held at Littlebourne to-day, Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.
E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, November 24th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Unveiling of peal tablet (recording the long peal, 9312 of Superlative) by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at Northgate Coffee Rooms at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing the local secretary, Mr. J. Rice, New Town, Crawley, not later than Friday, the 23rd.
GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—Members owing contributions for 1900 will oblige by forwarding same as early as possible.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.
JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

Leeds & District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck (R.C.) on Saturday, November 24th. Meeting house The Foundry inn. Business meeting 6.30. Handbells provided.
H. V. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A Smoking Concert will be held on the evening of Saturday, December 1st next, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Admission by ticket, members 6d., non-members 1s. each, obtainable from either of the officers or full-ringing members of the Guild. Chair will be taken at 7.30 by one of the Guild's vice-presidents. Any friends desirous of attempting a peal (from Triples to Royal) on that afternoon, are requested to communicate with the ringing master.
W. SHORT.

64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lydney, on Saturday, November 24th.
J. AUSTIN, *Local Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association. The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, November 17th, at Lindley, near Huddersfield. It was intended to hold the meeting and attempt to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday November 10th, but owing to the death of the

Vicar of Lindley they have both been postponed till to-day. Meeting to commence at 6.30. Peal at 3 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch, will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells ready at 4 p.m., business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome. New reports ready.
JAS. JACQUES.

48, Church Street, Middleton.

Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be at the parish church, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 1st. Tower open 4 p.m., meeting house, White Hart inn.
R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Peter's Society, Leeds.—Change of Headquarters.—The headquarters of the St. Peter's Society, parish church, Leeds, will be held at The Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate.
F. WOODHEAD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W.C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DORKING.—Mr. Arthur Dean's fifty peals.—Grandsire Triples 25, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters 10; Oxford Bob Triples 2; Bob Major 4; Bob Royal 1; Treble Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples 5; Stedman Caters 1; total 50.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At a meeting held on Tuesday, November 13th, at the Society's headquarters, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. Edward P. O'Meara; Treasurer, Mr. James Pettit; Senior Steward, Mr. William H. Pasmore; Junior Steward, Mr. Herbert Langdon; Trustees, Mr. Challis F. Winney, and Mr. Walter Prime; Hon. Secretary, Mr. William T. Cockerill. The peal-book presented to the Society by Dr. Nichols is now finished, and at this meeting Mr. A. Hughes formally presented it to the Society on Dr. Nichols's behalf. It is an exceedingly fine specimen of work, and everyone was greatly pleased with it.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

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Cost estimated at £600. The parish is small and poor. The tower is admirably constructed for a peal. There are several parishioners who have formed themselves into a handbell ringing society, and are now, after considerable practice, desirous of developing the Art in the Church Tower.

CHARLES SMITH, }
E. F. GARLAND, } *Churchwardens.*

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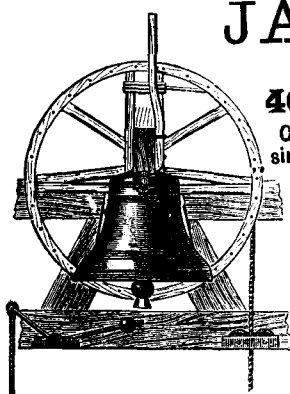
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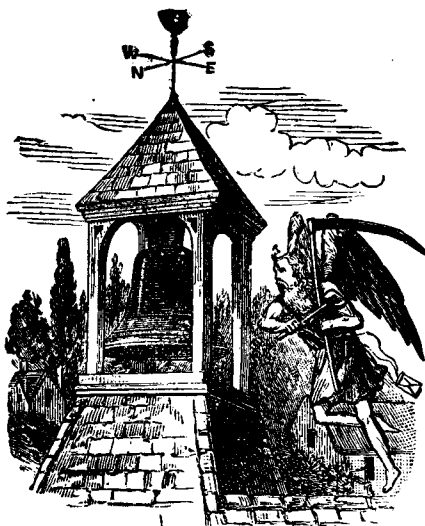
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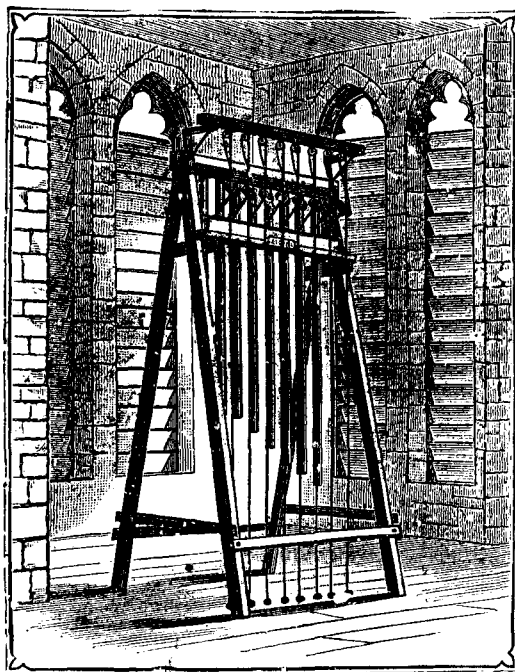
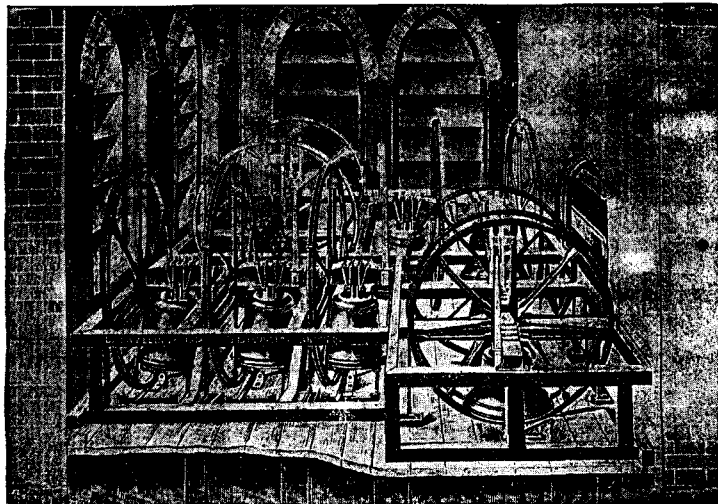
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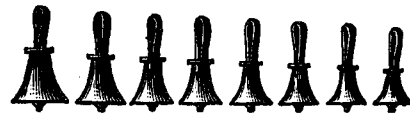
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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S MEETING AT DESBOROUGH.

The autumn quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Desborough on Saturday, November 3rd. By kind permission of the Rev. P. J. Boyer, the bells of St. Giles's church were at liberty for ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. The inscriptions and diameters of the bells are as follows: 1. "J. Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough, 1868" (diam. 29 in.); 2, 3, "Celorum Chrste Platiat Tibi Rex Sonvs Iste, 1616" (diam. 31, 32 in.); 4. "Principio (?) sine dulces hic honor Caterine" (diam. 35 in.); 5. "God Save the Quenne, 1585" (diam. 38 in.) The first bell was previously inscribed: "Thomas Norris made me 1662, W. Robinson." With the exception of the treble, these bells were no doubt cast at different periods by the ancient Leicestershire founders, Newcombe and Watts. The bells were rehung in oak frames by Gillett of Croydon in 1891. A new clock was placed in the tower in 1889. The spire was repaired in 1892. The last meeting of the Association held at Desborough was August 1893. The Vicar, churchwardens, and sidesmen made the visitors most welcome, and sat down with the visitors to tea in the schoolroom. The tea was arranged entirely by the local ringers, the tables being decorated with a profusion of flowers. The Revs. R. H. B. Crosthwaite (Rothwell), R. Copeman (Stoke Albany), and E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), and ringers from each of those places, also from Desborough, Earls Barton, and Wellingborough, were present at the meeting. H. Lay and E. Kendall, of Rothwell, and G. Waters, of Whiston, were elected ringing members of the Association. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Dennes), referred to the recent death of a well-known Finedon ringer, Mr. Manning, and spoke of the illness of that much respected clerical ringer, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton. An invitation from the Vicar of Earls Barton to visit that old Saxon tower, was unanimously accepted for Saturday, February 16th, 1901.

Desborough belfry and bells are in good order, and of late years a reliable band of ringers has been formed from a nucleus of the old ones with a sprinkling of intelligent "young blood." The men are punctual and regular in their Sunday duties, and have mastered the Art of ringing by "method." The addition of one more bell would be a great encouragement to the ringers, and very much increase the enjoyment the parishioners might derive from the music of their bells. Could this improvement be made, opportunity might at the same time be taken to correct the false striking of one or two of the bells.

The thanks of all members present at the meeting on November 30th, are due to the Desborough ringers for their very hearty reception, and to Mr. Burditt for kindly providing them with a musical set of handbells for their enjoyment in the evening.

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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. (BRISTOL BRANCH.)

A meeting was held at Chippenham on Saturday, November 10th, when between twenty and thirty members were present. Service was held at St. Paul's church at 5 p.m., at which the Rector (Rev. J. F. Griffith) in his address gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Service over the Rector kindly invited the ringers to the rectory to partake of tea. After tea a business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed by Mr. Gordon, seconded by the Rev. H. C. Courtney, and resolved, that the next meeting be held at Bristol on Saturday, December 8th. It was proposed by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and resolved, that Messrs. H. E. Chilcott, R. Leaker, C. Wareham (Bristol), T. F. King (Tiverton), and T. Hathaway (Chippenham), be elected performing members of the Association.

Mr. Boutflower moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for arranging the service for the meeting, and also for providing the tea, to which the Rector responded. At the request of the Rector all the members present signed a visitors' book before leaving the rectory. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung at St. Paul's and the parish church during the afternoon and evening, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's church in 43 mins. *A. Miller, F. May (conductor), A. Knight, G. W. Stokes, L. A. Wilson, T. F. King, W. Sommerville, *G. Chandler. *First quarter-peal.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

For the past five or six years the ring of six bells in the tower of the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, Appledore, have been hanging silent so far as ringing is concerned, owing to one or them being cracked, and the tower being considered unsafe for ringing. A few months ago a new Vicar—the Rev. C. B. Hall—was appointed to the benefice, and there being already some funds in hand, he at once set to work to try and obtain the remainder so as to make a thoroughly satisfactory completion of the work of bell-chamber reformation. A committee was formed, subscriptions invited and promised, and an estimate obtained from Messrs. Warner and Son, who advised the recasting of the old peal (with the exception of the 3rd, which is dated 1460, and which has been reserved and hung for the clock to strike on), and metal added to make a ring of eight; four iron girders to carry the frame, which was to be an iron one, with all the latest improvements, fittings, etc., the whole to cost £371. This estimate was considered by the committee, and accepted, and the order at once given to the above firm to carry out. Soon after the firm's representative, Mr. Dunn, arrived with the bells and his band of "good men and true," and the work was soon an accomplished fact, Friday, November 2nd, being fixed for the Dedication Festival. The special preacher for the occasion was the Rev. —. Crockett, senior curate of Leyton, Essex, and

formerly curate of Appledore. The service was held at 3 o'clock and was well attended. After the special dedicatory prayer it was arranged for the local ringers (by their special request), to ring a few rounds, and then the remainder of the service to be continued, but unfortunately this proved a failure, as there was not anything approaching to rounds struck once during the time, but as one remarked outside, "It was very good firing for novices."

Immediately after the service a band of change-ringers took the ropes, and a 336 Grandsire Triples was tapped off in good style. Then an adjournment was made for tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, and which was heartily appreciated, and at 5.30 a start was made for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's five-part of Grandsire Triples, all going as well as the proverbial marriage-bell for nearly two hours, when the ringer of the 5th got his rope entangled round his wrist and so brought the peal to an abrupt termination. Then a 504 was rung, and a short touch of Stedman Triples concluded the ringing.

After the unsuccessful attempt for the peal, the founders' representatives entered the belfry and warmly complimented the band on their excellent striking, expressing their sympathy at the failure of the peal. They asked for the opinion of the ringers as to the bells, which was soon summed up by one and all in one word—"perfection." The tenor is 12½ cwt in F., and they are a very musical peal.

The following were the ringers: W. E. Pitman, Faversham; S. Saker and F. Lock from Hastings; F. E. Burden, Rolvenden; C. Tribe, G. Cramp, and A. Hinds from Tenterden; and G. Johnson, Appledore; all of whom hope to meet again shortly to bring the peal to a successful issue.

All wish to express their hearty thanks to Mr. G. Johnson for his kind invitation to assist on such an important occasion, and also for the great interest he has taken in the augmentation scheme from the beginning, and which reflects the greatest credit on all concerned. It is earnestly to be hoped that unity and perseverance will be the motto of those who will have the privilege and honour to ring these bells for Sunday services and all other occasions, and that change-ringing may flourish. Mr. Saker conducted the whole of the ringing.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (EASTERN DIVISION.)

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Wrangle on Saturday, November 10th, when ringers attended from Boston, Skirbeck, Frieston, Butterwick, and Friskney, who received a hearty welcome from the Vicar. The bells were soon set going, when several well-struck 720s of Bob Minor and Grandsire were rang by mixed companies. The bells are a nice light ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt., and the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

The church is a very ancient one, dating from the time of the Normans, portions of whose work still remain; and was formerly served by the monks from Waltham Abbey.

Evensong was said at 4 p.m. by the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Barker, M.A.), assisted by the Rev. J. P. Cheales, Vicar of Friskney, and President of the society.

The visitors afterwards adjourned to The Angel hotel, where a first-class tea was provided by host Lilley, to which full justice was done. The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. H. Barker, and the vice-chair by the Rev. J. P. Cheales. The business meeting, which was of the usual routine character, was held immediately afterwards.

One pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a testimonial to the late Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Clayton, of Freiston, as a small token of esteem of his services in the interests of the society. The testimonial, which took the form of a silver watch, was presented by the President, who in a few well-chosen remarks hoped that Mr. Clayton might long live to wear the watch, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to E. Clayton by the members of the E.L.A.C.R., as a small token of esteem."

Mr. Clayton briefly returned thanks to the company for their good wishes and handsome present, and said he should always be reminded of this, one of the happiest days of his life, every time he looked upon the watch, which he hoped to hand on to his children as one of his choicest possessions.

The proceedings were brought to a close by thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and sending a sympathetic message to the late President, the Rev. J. P. Cheales, who was one of the first promoters of the society, and himself a skilled ringer, who had the best interests of the society at heart.

The members then dispersed to their various homes, well pleased with one of the pleasantest days of this branch.

MAIDSTONE.—KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry at All Saints' church, on Saturday, November 10th, when a peal-tablet recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung by members of the above Association, was unveiled by the Vicar, Canon Joy, accompanied by a few ringers. The tablet was dedicated by prayer, and then unveiled, the Vicar congratulating those who took part in the peal, a grand thing for men to be able to carry out such a fine art as change-ringing. The tablet would be an everlasting memento for those who took part in the peal, also those who were left behind, shewing what splendid things had been done on the bells. Although not a ringer himself, he was pleased to hear the bells at all times, and hoped those who took part in the peal might be spared to ring more, feeling sure it required a great deal of skill to master such an art.

The tablet is a handsome one of marblette, and reflects great credit on the makers, the British Plate Glass Company, it being the best ever seen in this neighbourhood. Its inscription reads as follows:—

"On Saturday, February 17th, 1900, was rung in this tower, a peal of Treble Bob Royal, Kent variation, 5000 changes, in 3 hours 27 minutes, the first on the bells since being re-hung by Messrs. Warner and Son, and the first in the method since 1784. George Pawley, 1; Walter Mannering, 2; Arthur C. West, 3; Wm. Haigh, 4; Alfred W. Tawney, 5; Walter H. Smith, 6; Ed. Barnett, 7; Thos. Groombridge, 8; Thos. Mannering, 9; Alfred Palmer, 10. Composed by Henry Haley, Conducted by Alfred Palmer."

Afterwards a peal of Treble Bob Royal was attempted, but lost after an hour's ringing, but touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, and Oxford Royal were rung.

A gentleman, who is about to travel through Yorkshire, will be glad to receive a few names of addresses of ringers from a few of its towers, in order to meet them on their practice nights, or to arrange for a peal. Apply W.C.H., office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

* * Several reports of touches are unavoidably left over. They will all appear in due course.

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."

"BELFRY REFORM," ETC., ETC.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Papillon's question in your last issue, I doubt whether the handbell performance to which he alludes was a "walking" one, for he tells us that one bell was given away and another taken at each change. He does not say whether the changes so rung were walking changes or half-pulls. If they were half-pulls, the performance would not be included under Stedman's definition of "walking," which I gave in yours of the 10th instant. A performance of the kind Mr. Papillon describes, when the performers were seated, I have generally heard called "lapping."

As to the practice of walking changes, it occurs to me that in a letter in your columns towards the end of last year (I am writing away from my back numbers of your paper or I would give the date), Mr. Drake mentioned some ringing he had come across in Sussex, which, I think, might possibly be of this description. Can he give us a fuller account of what he then saw?

The performance at Romsey, described by Mr. Tribe, is undoubtedly one of walking changes, and, which adds to its interest, it is one of walking plain changes. Plain changes are the earliest form of pricking, whereby the bells were hunted up and down singly in turn, so that only one pair exchanged position at each walking, whole-pull or half-pull change. The earlier part of Stedman's books is about these plain changes, and the latter about cross peals, as he calls them—that is, peals in which bells are hunting both up and down at the same time; in other words, such methods as most of us are now accustomed to practise exclusively. It was in search of information about the practice of such methods as Mr. Tribe describes, that I applied to the Hon. Sec. of the Devon Guild, through your columns in your issue of the 10th instant.

Mr. Newell raises a question which may give rise to some correspondence. If so, would it not be as well that we should be favoured at the outset with some definite statement of the reasons why people at large should attend church services?

R. A. DANIELL.

"WALKING CHANGES."

SIR,—I have been much interested in the letter of Mr. Daniell which appeared last week, and those of the Rev. T. L. Papillon and Mr. C. Tribe on the above subject. Once in my native village of Ripple, Worcestershire, I saw handbells being rung in another form, viz.: four performers would sit in a row, with two bells each, and upon "go" being called the leading man would cross his pair in his own lap, the second man would retain the 3rd bell in its place and put the 4th in the next man's lap; the 3rd man would put the 5th into the second man's lap, and the 6th into the 4th man's lap; the fourth man would put the 7th into the third man's lap and retain the 8th himself, thus bringing up the first change in the plain course of Grandsire Triples. This performance would be repeated at each change until the course was rung; each pair of hands would move up and down in the same regular order, but pick up different bells each time: this at the time was called lapping. I have often wondered if it was done anywhere else.

61, McIntyre Road, Worcester.

W. PAGE.

HANDBELLS.

SIR,—Recently during a professional visit to a church in Herefordshire, I came across a peal of six handbells marked inside "W.R." Can any of your readers tell me the founder's name that these initials probably represent. The bells are sound castings, but no attempt appears to have been made to tune them, they are just as they left the moulds, and very badly out of tune. They are fitted with wrought iron clappers and steel springs reaching to the ball of clapper. I shall be glad of information that will lead to the discovery of the foundry.

J. E. GROVES.

P.S.—For the information of E. J. no attempt at bell restoration has been made at Orleton.

THANK THOSE TO WHOM THANKS ARE DUE.

SIR,—I notice in your last issue a report of a peal of Double Norwich rang at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on November 6th, and the Holy Trinity Society wished to thank four gentlemen for assistance given, but Mr. Hunt, a member of the St. Nicholas' Society, Guildford, was asked to stand in at a day's notice. Now I think that gentleman's name should have been included with the others, as I consider he acted very gentlemanly and courteous by obliging after the Holy Trinity Society had failed to get men from outside. This is not written for annoyance or to hurt anybody's feelings, but I say thank the most deserving.

FAIR PLAY.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.

On Saturday afternoon, November 17th, six members of the Bedfordshire Association (St. Paul's Company, Bedford), met at the tower of St. Andrew's Church, the occasion being the opening of a peal board recording two peals recently rang upon this musical ring of six. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in G. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. McNeil Rushforth, M.A. (curate), in the absence of the Rector through illness. The bells were raised in peal, and a well struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rang by the following: H. Toll, J. Church, I. Hills, C. W. Clarke, G. Valentine, W. Barker (conductor). Also a 720 of Double Court, 120 Stedman Doubles, and 240 Oxford Bob Minor.

It is a matter of much regret that these bells have not been rang for sometime months owing to a difference between the Rector and the local ringers, who are not allowed to enter the belfry. It is hoped that a band of young men will soon be formed to be taught the Art of change-ringing.

LEISTON, LUFFOLK.

On Thursday, November 15th, eight members of the St. Margaret's Society rang a touch of 1120 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 3; C. Samson, 4; C. Bailey, 5; E. Bailey, 6; J. Button, 7; H. J. Button, 8. The touch was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late lamented Hon. Lady Rose, whose remains were removed from the old Abbey, Leiston, to Christchurch for interment, on that day. Her ladyship was of a most charitable and benevolent disposition, and in whom the poor and afflicted have lost a truly sincere and sympathising friend.

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To welcome a General just fresh from the fray!
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Why gallant old Buller, the hero, 'tis he.

Then clang ye bells, and roll ye drums!
The people shout "See here comes!"
And thousands throng the busy street
The bravest of the brave to greet.

We hear the bells on every side
To welcome home all England's pride,
From noble church, and village tower,
We hear them ring for many an hour.

For a loyal crew are the ringing band,
Just see them stand with rope in hand;
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They do their share upon the bells.

Abingdon, November 24th.

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RINGERS' DINNER AT LEWES, SURREY.

A NEW RINGING RECTOR.

It has long been the custom of the ringers at Southover Church, Lewes, to commemorate the anniversary of the opening of the bells with a dinner, and since the formation of the new Guild the celebration of the two events have been made to coincide. The dinner took place this year on October 31st and was a pronounced success. The chair was taken by the Rector (Rev. D. Lee Elliott), who has recently been appointed to the parish and has become President of the Guild, and under his genial direction the evening passed off in most enjoyable fashion. The large company included Mr. J. R. Lusted and Mr. W. A. Hillman, sidesmen of the church and vice-Presidents of the Guild, Mr. A. J. Turner (captain), Mr. A. S. Langridge (deputy-captain), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. G. Williams (hon. secretary of the Central Division of the Sussex Association), Mr. K. Hart and Mr. F. Bennett (Brighton), etc. Mrs. Goldsmith, hostess of The King's Head hotel, provided an excellent repast, at the conclusion of which the loyal and patriotic toasts were submitted from the chair and duly honoured.

Mr. Hillman next proposed the toast of "The Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild." In the course of his speech he remarked that in their church they had a fine peal of bells and, he believed, they also had, what was quite as important, an efficient band of ringers. Nothing however, was perfect, and there was always room for improvement. The ringers now seemed strongly banded together, and, backed up with the support and sympathy of the Rector they would, he felt sure, continue in their endeavours to go on improving. He wished them every success.

Mr. Turner, whose name was coupled with the toast, thanked Mr. Hillman for speaking so kindly of the members of the Guild, and remarked that what he had said regarding the Rector was true. They were pleased to think they had such a gentleman come amongst them. Mr. Elliott had been good enough to present all the ringers with books of instruction in change-ringing, and he (the speaker) sincerely hoped that the Guild would be able to do more in that line than they had done in the past. A peal with an entirely local band had never yet been rung at Southover, but he hoped in a few months that they would accomplish that feat. The Rector had promised them each a medal if they could succeed before Christmas, but that would be a big undertaking, and if they managed it by Easter it would, perhaps, be nearer the mark.

Mr. Goldsmith, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Presidents and vice-Presidents of the Guild." The toast having been drunk with musical honours,

The Rector, in acknowledgment, remarked that on a previous occasion he had said how pleased he was to come to the parish and find such a beautiful peal of bells at the church. Amongst the other attractions of the dear old church the bells were, in his opinion, one of the greatest. For a long time he had wanted to come to the belfry, pull off his coat, take hold of a bell, and ring with the others, and prove that he was keeping up the traditions of his ancestors, who were strong in the arm, for that was the meaning of the word Elliott. Ringing a bell was, he considered, one way of doing this. It was, he thought, quite as important to have a good company of ringers as a good peal of bells, because bells without ringers would be useless. He was once in a parish where the church had but one bell, but they could not even get one ringer, and one occasion he had to act as clerk and open the church, as sexton and ring the bell, as parson and conduct the service, and as organist and play the hymn at the close. He had been trying ever since he came to Southover to find an opportunity of coming to the belfry, but there were so many threads to gather up that time had not yet allowed him to start ringing. It was a great thing that so many should take an interest in the ringing, and he believed, instead of having only eight ringers, they had double that number. He was pleased, also, to see such a number taking so much interest in the Guild, because ringing was not only a good physical and mental exercise, but it was also a good moral exercise, inasmuch as it kept them in touch with the Church. He heartily wished the ringers' Guild success, and, with regard to his promise of the medals, he would be only too glad to extend it to Christmas next year if necessary. They would probably be very

glad to hear that they proposed to make an improvement in the belfry. They were going to raise the bellringers to another floor, literally, and in their estimation as well. With regard to the literal raising, they intended to put the ringing floor, up 20 feet, so that those who had to pass into church by the belfry entrance would not any more be scared at passing through the ropes. He thanked them all very heartily for the way in which the toast had been received, and assured those present that he would endeavour to show practical sympathy with everything that went on in the parish.

Mr. Lusted also responded, and Mr. W. H. Paris then submitted "The Sussex Association of Change-ringers."

Mr. Williams, in responding, regretted that the association, which had always been in the forefront of the associations of England had not made such progress this year as previously, and he hoped the branches would do their best to bring it up to last year's high standard. It could be done if the various bands throughout the county would exert themselves, and with such support as it was evident the Southover Guild were going to receive they would look to them to do something more for the association in the future.

The remaining toasts were those of "The Visitors" and "The Hostess."

The speeches were interspersed with a capital selection of songs and handbell music, and, at the close, Mr. Paris, who arranged the programme, was heartily thanked for his services.

True to his promise the Rector of Southover has commenced practice.

ST. THOMAS'S HONORARY SOCIETY, BELFAST.

On the evening of the 5th instant the members of this society met in the vestry of St. Thomas's church to hold their 29th annual meeting. The President—Rev. W. Dowse, M.A.—occupied the chair, and the reports submitted by the outgoing office-bearers showed the society to be in a flourishing condition. The leading feature of the secretary's report was that the ringing of changes on scientific principles had been successfully accomplished during the past season, and that several visits had been paid to the neighbouring belfries of Bangor, Holywood, and Hillsborough. The election of officers was then proceeded with as follows: Patron, Mr. R. Atkinson; President, Rev. W. Dowse, M.A.; vice-presidents, Revs. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Dundas, and the churchwardens; hon. conductor, Mr. N. Jackson; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. F. Ward; hon. secretary, Mr. A. G. Ward.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, it was decided that the name of the society should be changed from "bell-ringers" to "change-ringers." And it was also resolved, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Ward, that a vote of thanks to the late conductor, Mr. P. A. Jackson, for his services in introducing change-ringing, be entered on the minutes, and a copy forwarded to Mr. Jackson in his new home in Waterford.

At the conclusion of the business, the chairman, on behalf of the members, presented Mr. J. T. W. Filson (who sails for India on the 7th to take up an important position on the Indian police) with a handsome gold watch, as a memento of his membership of the society. Mr. Filson having replied, the proceedings terminated with the benediction, and the members adjourned to the tower, where the new conductor successfully called round a 720 of Bob Minor, the particulars of which will be found on another page.

LATE NOTICES.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—No meeting will be held at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, on November 30th next. Practice will be held on Friday, December 14th. A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.
10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowden, Stockport, and Mottram Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Stockport parish church, on Saturday, December 21st. Evensong 4.30. H. LEIGH MALLORY, Hon. Branch Sec.

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Obituary.

H. T. MOSTON.

It is with deep regret that I record the death of Mr. H. T. Moston, which took place at the Warrington Infirmary on Saturday, November 10th. Deceased had been connected with the Grappenhall ringers for many years, but had for the last few years been subject to fits, and this prevented him from following the Art he loved so well with the enthusiasm with which he would have liked. His death came as a great blow and shock to his brother-ringers, as it was so entirely unexpected. He was in his accustomed place in the belfry as late as Friday evening, and Saturday morning brought the appalling news that he had three fits in quick succession, the last of which caused him to fall and cut himself so badly, that he lost a great quantity of blood, which resulted in his death. He was interred at Grappenhall church on Tuesday, November 13th, and was carried to his last resting-place by his brother-ringers. Afterwards a 336 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled, by Jas. Mainwaring, G. R. Newton, Thos. Burrows, W. Hughes, J. Hughes, J. Booth, F. Spence, and J. E. Ashcroft. Some four months since he was elected Master of the tower, a position he carried out with that straightforward, manly way, which so characterised his life. His presence and ever ready help is very sorely missed and regretted by all his brother-ringers. He had taken part in twenty-six peals, made up of Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; seven Surprise Minor methods, 1; (this the only Surprise peal ever rung by the Guild), 7200 Treble Bob Minor in ten methods; (this the longest length ever rung by the Guild), and seventeen 5040s of Treble Bob Minor. F.

HENRY SAYER.

By the death of Henry Sayer, of Witham, the town is deprived of one of its oldest and most respected tradesmen. The deceased expired very sudden, falling dead on Monday, the 12th instant, on his way to see a customer. For many years he was a cooper by trade, becoming some few years ago the landlord of The Beehive. Deceased was a native of Witham, and it is said that he had only slept out of the town two nights the whole of his life. He was born March 11th, 1826, and was therefore gradually approaching at the time of his death the good old age of 75. His ringing career at St. Nicholas must have commenced early in life, for he claimed to have been in his place in the belfry and taken part in the ringing upon fifty-six anniversaries of Her Majesty's birthday. "Father's" place, as he was familiarly called by "his boys" thirty-five years ago, was at the tenor of St. Nicholas, which although it only has six bells they are a good ring. Although "Father" generally practised Plain Bob, or occasionally Oxford Treble Bob, there are few men who practise ringing that could strike better. It was the custom in the days referred to to meet in the tower twice a week; no one was more punctual than our old friend. The late Rev. John Bramston, who afterwards became Dean of Winchester, while Vicar of Witham would not permit the bells to be rung during either Lent or Advent, yet the company met and devoted one evening a week to handbell practice, the younger section taking advantage during advent to pick up a few tunes ready for the Christmas round, in which they always had the company of the deceased, but who never attempted tune-playing. Mr. Sayer kept his boys together remarkably well for a tower where so little of the science could be practised. A small weekly contribution was occasionally added to by a few fines, which generally made sufficient to have during November a leg of mutton supper. Many a tale of these gatherings and the old Christmas rounds, when so much genuine fun was enjoyed, could be unfolded, not forgetting the old ditty in which came the names of the whole of the company, and which was sung to the tune of the old song "Pull, pull together, boys, like brothers everyone." Mr. Sayer was one of the early founders of the Essex Association, and was generally seen at the annual meetings. Having seldom if ever rung upon eight bells beyond a course of Bob Major, it was with intense interest that our old friend stood and listened to the latter portion of the peal of Grandsire Caters rang at Chelmsford after the restoration of the two

trebles. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, M.U., and some thirty years ago there was sufficient members of the same lodge to ring a 720 upon the occasion of a gathering of the Order. He was a true friend to all with whom he had anything to do, let it be whatever it might. In or out of the belfry it was always a pleasure for him to meet old friends. He has now gone to the bourne from which no traveller returns. May his soul rest in peace. B. K.

RICHARD EDWARD SUTTON.

We regret very much to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Pretoria on Saturday, November 3rd. He was 25 years of age, and had been a member of the Basingstoke band of the Winchester Diocesan Guild for about six years, being secretary during the latter part of the time up to his departure for South Africa. He was a member of the K company 1st Hants. Volunteers until just previous to the outbreak of war, when he resigned. When there appeared a probability of the services of some of the Volunteers being accepted, he at once rejoined his old company and volunteered for active service, and although only seven from the company were to be chosen, he was one of those selected, and shortly afterwards left Basingstoke (for a term in barracks) with the good wishes of all who knew him. From time to time letters were received from him shewing that he was in the best of spirits, but unfortunately during the early part of the month of August he met with an accident, fracturing one of his legs. While in hospital he wrote to several friends, and in the last letters received from him he wrote that he was in the best of health, getting on remarkably well, and surrounded with kindness. His friends and relatives were expecting him home, when on November 3rd the daily papers told the news that he was suffering from enteric fever in Pretoria, and that he was dangerously ill on the previous Monday. Eagerly the papers were scanned every morning, and on Saturday, November 10th, to the great regret of all the townspeople, his name was on the list of deaths, he having succumbed on the 3rd, the same day the news of his illness was first announced. During the day the bells were rung muffled, as also on Sunday for all services, and the flag on the tower hung at half-mast. At the evening service on Sunday the Vicar, referring to his death, paid a high tribute to his character, remarking "that he was always a steady well-principled industrious lad, upright and firm in the temptations which attend the change from youth into manhood, doing well and thoroughly what he undertook, regular in that department of church work—for it is most important church work—which he discharged, the duty of bellringer; the valuable and highly-valued Secretary of the band." A memorial service was held afterwards, the whole of the congregation remaining. The ringers intend, as a token of respect for their deceased comrade, to present his parents with an enlarged photo of him, framed and glazed.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, at the church of St George, Stonehouse, Devon, the Three Towns and District branch met short handed, so practised Treble Bob Minor on the back six. At 8.20 two more ringers came and we agreed to start half-peal fashion, and go on until we broke down. This we did not do, but completed the half-peal of Grandsire Triples in fine style just before ten o'clock. E. Taylor, W. Ford, M. Hopley, E. Hendy, J. Steed, W. H. Marsh (conductor), G. Stephens, J. Jordan. We then agreed for the same band to meet at 5.30 on November 3rd, the third anniversary of the opening of the bells, and start for a peal. Accordingly we met, and found the young hands had broken the slider of the 2nd; this had to be remedied. Then friend Taylor sent to say that work prevented his coming, which we were sorry for. Then friend Hopley never came or sent, so we hurried about and beat up two more, finally starting an hour late. All our troubles were swallowed up, for we rang a splendid peal without a clanging or discordant note the whole of the time; recorded last week in "B.N." M.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1900.

It will be news to many to read that at the church of St. Thomas, in Belfast, there has existed a bell-ringers' society for the space of twenty-nine years. According to a report, however, this society has just held its twenty-ninth annual meeting. We venture to assert that very few ringers have, till now, heard of the existence of such a body. Yet apparently they are an influential body of residents of the important Irish city. The term "honorary" is an appanage of the title of the society, indicating, we suppose, that whatever ringing was done by the members was gratuitous.

Now we shall be likely to hear more of our Belfast brethren. Hitherto they have been known as "bell-ringers" merely; but in future they are to be called "change-ringers." The alteration is warranted, for they have become practical half-pull men. And we wish them a good measure of solid and lasting success under their new title.

The Metropolis.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON <i>Treble</i> ..	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE ..	5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB ..	WILLIAM BERRY ..	6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS ..	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ..	7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN ..	HARRY FLANDERS ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Berry and Thornton, upon completing their forty-second and thirty-eight years respectively. The conductor hails from Brighton.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES PARKER ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM BENNETT ..	5.
I. GEORGE SHADE ..	2.	WILLIAM WARD ..	6.
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON ..	3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN ..	7.
BERTRAM PREWETT ..	4.	SIDNEY WADE ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

The Provinces.**ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, November 14, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SAYER ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM MARKS ..	5.
JOHN WYATT ..	2.	JOHN HOYLE ..	6.
WILLIAM COOK ..	3.	ARTHUR DEAN ..	7.
HENRY CORBETT ..	4.	HARRY SAYER ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

†First peal. The peal was rung deeply muffled in token of respect to the late Edward Adams, Esq., a note to which will be found elsewhere. Before ringing Mr. G. Sayer was re-elected a member of the Surrey Association.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	FRANCIS P. POWELL ..	5.
FRANK TUBB ..	2.	*HARRY BROOKS ..	6.
JOHN MONK ..	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ..	4.	JESSE BROOKS ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, November 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES REED ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	JOHN PUGSLEY ..	5.
THOS. T. HAYWARD† ..	2.	*CHAS. H. SHEARN ..	6.
GEORGE ATKINS ..	3.	HENRY MOORE ..	7.
SYDNEY MASON ..	4.	SAMUEL MASON ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JOHN PUGSLEY.

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

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

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN SMITH ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	ALBERT E. PARSONS ..	5.
NOAH DAVIES ..	2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ..	6.
THOMAS J. SALTER ..	3.	JOHN CRANE ..	7.
RICHARD E. GROVE ..	4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by A. E. PARSONS.

This is the conductor's 100th peal. A reference elsewhere.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. PIKE ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	ALFRED E. REEVES ..	5.
ALBERT E. REEVES ..	2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	6.
ARTHUR EVANS ..	3.	WILLIAM HORNE ..	7.
CHARLES GILES ..	4.	FRANK HOPGOOD ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM KITCHINGHAM* ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	ALBERT J. DAY ..	4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED ..	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER ..	5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ..	3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal, and rung at the first attempt. W. Kitchingham hails from Hart lip; Hyland and Walker from Upchurch; the rest from Tunstall.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM T. PRIOR ..	5.
THOMAS JORDAN ..	2.	WILLIAM WATTS ..	6.
WALTER PRIOR ..	3.	†WALTER TARLING ..	7.
GEORGE JORDAN* ..	4.	HENRY J. TUCKER ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

†First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

ALBERT D. STONE ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	FRANK BENNETT ..	5.
ROBERT J. DAWE ..	2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ..	6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER ..	3.	GEORGE A. KING ..	7.
EDWARD C. MERRETT ..	4.	KEITH HART ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM B. KEMPTON† .. Treble.	†JOHN TAYLOR 5.
E. LEONARD TAYLOR* .. 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 6.
PERCY WEBB* 3.	FREDERICK PITSTOW 7.
JOHN F. PENNING 4.	WALTER PARISH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. E. L. Taylor and Percy Webb were elected members of the Association. The ringers of treble, 5th and 6th were from Cambridge, the 3rd from Ickleton, and 4th, 7th and tenor from Saffron Walden.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

CHARLES MACKENZIE .. Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
HARRY WITHERS 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	JOHN NEAL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE NORTON FITZWARREN GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

This is the first peal ever rung on the bells.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK GOMM† .. Treble.	HARRY BARTON 5.
WILLIAM WALKER† 2.	†JESSE ELDRIDGE 6.
GEORGE MARTIN† 3.	†GEORGE ALLDER 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

†First peal in the method.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD THE LESS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE PHILLIPSON* .. Treble.	MATTHEW KEARNEY 5.
DANIEL SANDERSON* .. 2.	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6.
JOHN WATSON 3.	JAMES SCHOLEY 7.
ROBERT SANDERSON .. 4.	JOHN BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WATSON.

This is the first peal on the bells. *First peal. J. Scholey was made a member of the Association previous to starting. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. —. Scholes, for the use of the bells; also Mr. Cottam for having everything in readiness. The two Sandersons hail from Preston; G. Phillipson from Hoghton; the rest belong to Blackburn.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HENRY COLLINS Treble.	GEORGE KEMP 4.
JAMES ROSE 2.	FREDERICK POTTER 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Three Hours and nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

S. C. CLARK Treble.	J. MAWSON 5.
J. F. HARVEY† 2.	W. BOLTON 6.
J. W. CUNDALL 3.	J. WOTTON 7.
J. HARDCASTLE 4.	C. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by J. WOTTON.

†Made a member of the above Association before ringing in the peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. First peal by Messrs. Bolton and Barker. First peal of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Cundall, Hardcastle and Mawson. First peal away from the tenor in this method by S. C. Clark.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY FLANDERS .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 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.

The above is the conductor's 200th peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 19, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	ALAN H. TABER 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD* .. 3.	GEORGE R. FARDON 7.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

*First peal of Stedman.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 19, 1900 in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD* .. Treble.	JOHN POTTER 5.
ALFRED POTTER 2.	JOSEPH POTTER 6.
ALFRED CROSS 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

*First peal in the method. Also the first peal in the method on the bells.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 30 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	R. HAMMOND 5.
A. HALLETT 2.	*G. WRIGHT 6.
H. PARKINS 3.	E. WHITBREAD 7.
J. EARWICKER 4.	†H. ARNOLD Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

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

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 19, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN PERRY* Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 6.
JAMES SMALL 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	FREDERICK HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. John Perry was proposed a member before starting for the peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES FORD* Treble.	†DENIS J. GOLDSMITH 4.
CHARLES HAZELDEN* 2.	†HERBERT J. FORD 5.
MICHAEL J. EXETER* 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. ‡First peal of Minor with a bob bell. It is also the first peal of Minor on the bells.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. 11. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble.	†HENRY WAIT 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 6.
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN† 3.	WILLIAM HONOR 7.
HENRY H. CHANDLER 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

†First peal.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOLE Treble.	THOMAS A. ELLIOTT 5.
GEORGE STACEY 2.	JAMES R. JONES 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
ARTHUR LONG 4.	HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

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Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW MILLS (Derbyshire).—On August 24th, 720 in four methods, viz., 120 College Single, 120 Plain Bob, 240 Oxford, and 240 Kent. W. Lowery, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter, 6. On August 26th, 720 Oxford. Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 1; W. Lowery, 2; the rest as before. On August 27th 720 Plain Bob. F. Holt, 1; W. Lowery, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; T. Ramsey, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. Rev. A. Beeston (conductor), 1; T. Ramsey, 3; J. H. Jackson, 4; F. Holt, 6; the rest as before. First in the method by J. H. Jackson. On September 7th 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; F. Holt, 4; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 5; S. Rutter, 6. Also 720 College Single. Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; W. Lowery, 3; W. Marshall, 5; the rest as before. On September 9th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Robinson, 1; W. Lowery, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. Rev. A. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 3; S. Rutter, 6; the rest as before. This is the conductor's 100th 720, and was rung shortly before the first anniversary of his ringing his first. On September 15th, an attempt was made for a peal in four methods which failed through a change-course in the third 720. W. Lowery, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor), 2; T. Ramsey, 3; F. Holt, 4; W. Marshall, 5; S. Rutter, 6. On September 17th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Holt, 1; W. Lowery (conductor), 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; T. Ramsey, 4; W. Marshall, 5; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 6. First 720 as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DUNMOW (Essex).—On Saturday, October 20th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor was rung by five members of the Stebbing company, assisted by F. Suckling, of Great Bardfield. This is the first 720 that has been rung on this heavy and fine-toned ring of six since their undergoing thorough repair by Mears and Stainbank. A. Barker, 1; H. Emery, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; E. Hynds, 4; F. Suckling, 5; E. Clayton (conductor), 6. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CANNING TOWN (Essex).—On Thursday, October 4th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bottrell, 1; E. Lucas, 2; W. Dallimore, 3; J. Moule, 4; A. Hardy, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. After service 720 Plain Bob. F. Withers, 1; J. Moule, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; W. Dallimore, 4; W. Doran, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Recently for evening service at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. L. W. Copsey, 1; W. Wellington, 2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3; G. Piper, 4; H. F. Dawkins, 5; E. Pye, 6; W. Pye, 7; W. Watson, 8. After service 504 in the same method with H. Vyse, 8. Messrs. Wellington and Piper hail from Widford. For practice on handbells 503 Grand-eire Triples. L. W. Copsey, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Watson, 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 1st, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 560 Double Norwich. H. Bottrell, 1; T. Beams, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. And 336 Stedman Triples. E. Bacon (conductor), 3; J. Rann, 5; W. Keeble, 6; J. Mardell, 7; W. Clark, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

STRATFORD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, September 21st, at 192, Chobham Road, four courses of Grandsire Caters. G. Hayden, 1-2; J. Moule, 3-4; W. Keeble, 5-6; W. Doran, 7-8; W. Miller, 9-10. On Saturday, October 20th, at Allhallows church, Tower Hill, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major which came to grief after ringing ten courses in 50 mins., owing to the ropes getting entangled in each other. C. T. Hopkins, 1; A. Hardy, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6; W. Doran, 7; G. Hayden, 8. Also 462 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, 1; G. Hayden, 7; F. Withers, 8. And 532 Grandsire Triples. W. Keeble (conductor), 1; W. Doran, 6; J. Joyce, 8.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at St. Saviour's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 494 changes in 3 hrs. 2 mins. owing to a change-course. W. Keeble (conductor), 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Moule, 5; J. Mardell, 6; W. Doran, 7; G. Hayden, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday morning, November 11th, for Divine Service with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the

memory of Richard E. Sutton, 1st Hants. Regiment (Volunteers), 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Ward, 1; Dora White, 2; Alice White, 3; F. Mills, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; F. Redgate, 6; J. E. Ballard, 7; H. Knight, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Ward, 1; Alice White, 2; Dora White, 3; C. Holdaway, 4; H. White, 5; J. E. Ballard, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; F. Redgate (composer), 8. C. Willshire hails from Guildford.

OKLEY, NEAR BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 18th, before Divine Service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Hunt, 1; Rev. F. G. Hume, 2; W. Pither, 3; F. Titcomb, 4; E. Lodge (conductor), 5; W. Moore, 6. First recorded 120 by the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. Tenor 8½ cwt. W. Warner, 1; F. Keech, 2; H. Brown, 3; H. Reader, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; G. Harwood, 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Mason, 1; T. T. Hayward, 2; G. Atkins, 3; J. Parkman, 4; S. Mason, 5; C. H. Shearn (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; H. Moore, 7; J. Reed, 8.

THE ST. THOMAS'S HONORARY SOCIETY, BELFAST.

On Monday, November 5th, 720 Bob Minor, in 57 mins., 7th and tenor covering. A. C. Crossley, 1; De V. Crossley, 2; A. C. McNeice, 3; F. S. McNeice, 4; J. H. B. Hesse, 5; N. Jackson (conductor), 6; A. G. Ward, 7; J. T. Filson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt 2 lbs in Eb. The first by Messrs. Crossley in any method.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Thursday, November 1st, for practice at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. R. Park, 1; J. Marsh, 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor (conductor), 4; W. Fairclough, 5; T. Jenkinson, 6; W. Benthams, 7; H. J. Morley, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. H. J. Morley, 1; J. Marsh, 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; T. Jenkinson, 6; W. Benthams, 7; J. R. Park, 8.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, evening, November 18th, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 Oxford and 164 Kent. B. T. Copley, 1; A. Gill, 2; A. Benson, 3; H. Good, 4; J. Palfreman, 5; B. E. Howe (conductor), 6.

CHARLTON KINGS (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church, owing to the band meeting short for Major, 720 Grandsire was rung in 29 mins. W. Bush, 1; G. Hamblett, 2; W. Townsend (conductor), 3; W. Dyer, 4; J. F. Ballinger, 5; F. Townsend, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

HEZNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. H. Evans, 1; J. Paice, 2; C. Hills, 3; E. Lindup, 4; W. H. Elson, 5; G. Norris, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Lindup, 8. W. H. Elson hails from Fulham. An attempt was made for a peal, but came to grief after ringing 700 changes, this quarter-peal being rung after.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 23rd, 336 Bob Major. C. Slingsby, 1; A. R. Manning, 2; F. Baker, 3; T. Richards, 4; P. W. Crunden, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6; F. Sharp, 7; S. Gower (conductor), 8. On Monday, September 24th, 240 Bob Major. A. R. Manning, 1; T. Richards, 2; F. Baker, 3; E. Potter, 4; S. Barker, 5; P. W. Crunden, 6; S. Binfield, 7; S. Gower, 8. On Sunday, October 7th, 167 and 168 Grandsire Triples. P. Dray, 1; W. Seeley, 2; A. R. Manning (conductor), 3; W. Fright, jun., 4; T. Richards, 5; P. W. Crunden, 6; F. Lambert, 7; B. Baker, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. A. R. Manning, 1; S. Gower, 2; P. W. Crunden, 3; F. Lambert, 4; S. Binfield, 5; W. Fright, sen., 6. On Saturday, October 13th, after the funeral of Ethelbert Gower, a member of the local band, and brother of the Captain, who died on October 7th, aged twenty-two years, the usual whole pull and stand with the bells deeply muffled; and with the bells half-muffled 168 Grandsire Triples and 356 Bob Major. A. R. Manning, T. Richards, W. Fright, sen., P. W. Crunden, G. Rouse, B. B. Baker, W. J. Booth, F. C. Lambert, H. Petts, S. Binfield, G. Finn, S. Finn, E. Cheesman, and A. E. Hoskins. Also a plain course of Stedman Triples with the bells open. A. R. Manning, 1; E. Cheesman, 2; P. W. Crunden, 3; A. E. Hoskins, 4; H. A. Petts, 5; S. Binfield, 6; F. Lambert, 7; B. B. Baker, 8. Messrs. Hodgkin and Sharp hail from Headcorn; Slingsby from Aldington; Cheesman and Finn from Stowting; Lambert from Halesworth; Hoskins from Maidenhead; the rest from Hythe and Folkestone.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 20th, for practice at St.

Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Button, 1; S. Bailey (first 720), 2; A. Lincoln (conductor), 3; J. Button, 4; C. Bailey, 5; E. Bailey, 6.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 28th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Lewis, W. Hammond, A. Gledstone, J. Rowley, H. Haigh, W. Smithson, F. Willey (conductor), T. Chown. H. Haigh hails from Retford. *Longest length in the method.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 15th, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 50 mins. F. Allard, 1; C. Souter, 2; W. Souter, 3; G. Melbourne, 4; E. E. Diaper, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; J. Wade, 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. *Longest touch in the method. On Tuesday, October 16th, 1008 Bob Major in 40 mins. W. Welham, 1; F. Allard, 2; W. Souter (conductor), 3; G. Melbourne, 4; E. Diaper, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; J. Wade, 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. C. Algar, son of Mr. Algar, of Diss, to Miss Cole, only daughter of Mr. H. Cole, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, November 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 48 mins. A. R. Sandiford, 1; J. E. Sykes, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; H. G. Hill, 4; A. Phillips, 5; R. G. Carter (conductor), 6; W. J. Aldridge, 7; H. Beckford, 8.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ASHTEAD.—This peal was rung deeply muffled in token of respect to the late Edward Adams, Esq., of Ashted, on the day of his funeral. The late Mr. Adams was connected with the parish for the past 28 years, part of which time he acted as churchwarden at the parish church. He was greatly interested in bell-ringing, and when in office as churchwarden, was partly instrumental in getting the present peal of eight in place of the old six. His many acts of kindness endeared him to the parishioners, and his decease will be greatly felt by many. After several years of absence from the belfry, Mr. George Sayer consented, at the last moment, to stand in the peal in memory of the deceased gentleman. He took part with Mr. John Wyatt in the first peal on the new bells in 1874.

THE PEAL AT ERITH.—W. Pye's 200 peals.—7 Minor methods 2; Grandsire Triples 11, conducted 3; Grandsire Caters 4, conducted 2; Grandsire Cinques 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 32, conducted 23; Stedman Caters 16, conducted 12; Bob Major 3; Double Oxford Bob 1; Duffield Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 18, conducted 15; Kent Treble Bob Royal 7, conducted 4; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3, conducted 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major 7, conducted 6; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 36, conducted 28; Superlative Surprise Major 28, conducted 18; Cambridge Surprise Major 6, conducted 4; London Surprise Major 2, conducted 2.—On handbells: Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 10, conducted 6 (1 non-conducted); Stedman Caters 2, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 5, conducted 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 3, conducted 1. Total rang 200—conducted 133.—In addition to these he has taken part in a false peal of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Maximus, and rung in 75 different towers in nine different counties.

THE PEAL AT KIDDERMINSTER.—Mr. A. E. Parsons's 100 peals.—London Surprise 5; Cambridge Surprise 10, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise 19, conducted 5; Stedman Caters 1; Stedman Triples 8; Duffield Major 1, conducted 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 13, conducted 4; Double Oxford Bob Major 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2; Grandsire Caters 6; Grandsire Major 1; Grandsire Triples 12, conducted 9; Union Triples 2; Canterbury Pleasure Royal 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, conducted 1; Bob Major 4; Bob Triples 4; 7 Minor methods 3, conducted 1. Total rang 100—conducted 22.

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Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley to-day, Saturday, November 24th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Unveiling of peal tablet (recording the long peal, 9312 of Superlative) by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at Northgate Coffee Rooms at 6 p.m.

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N.B.—Members owing contributions for 1900 will oblige by forwarding same as early as possible.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, to-day, Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

Leeds & District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Holbeck (R.C.) to-day, Saturday, November 24th. Meeting house The Foundry inn. Business meeting 6.30. Handbells provided.

HY. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lydney, to-day, Saturday, November 24th.

J. AUSTIN, *Local Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A Smoking Concert will be held on the evening of Saturday, December 1st next, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Admission by ticket, members 6d., non-members 1s. each, obtainable from either of the officers or full-ringing members of the Guild. Chair will be taken at 7.30 by one of the Guild's vice-presidents. Any friends desirous of attempting a peal (from Triples to Royal) on that afternoon, are requested to communicate with the ringing master.

W. SHORT.

64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, December 1st. Unveiling of peal-board. Bells ready at 3 p.m., service in church 6 p.m. Any ringer desiring tea, can have same arranged by sending their names to Mr. Samuel Brierley, 189, Firgrove, Rochdale, by Thursday, November 29th. A good muster requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be at the parish church, Rotherham, on Saturday, December 1st. Tower open 4 p.m., meeting house, White Hart inn.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, December 1st, at St. Mary's church, Deane, Bolton. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business at 7.30. All ringers earnestly invited to attend.

HENRY MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

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The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at

Stoke, on Saturday, December 1st. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. S. Churton, 18, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Tuesday, November 27th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bootle, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 6.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, December 1st. Tower open at 4.30. Committee meeting 6.15.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, on Saturday, December 8th, 1900. Tea at 5 p.m. in the school. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle, on Saturday, December 8th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Tea by invitation, at The George hotel, at 5.45. Members intending to be present will greatly oblige by sending post card to the undersigned by Friday morning, December 7th.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

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The St. Peter's Society, Leeds.—Change of Headquarters.—The headquarters of the St. Peter's Society, parish church, Leeds, will be held at The Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate.

F. WOODHEAD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W.C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

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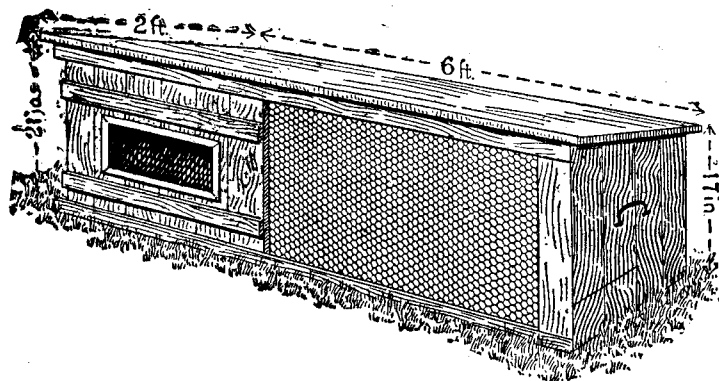
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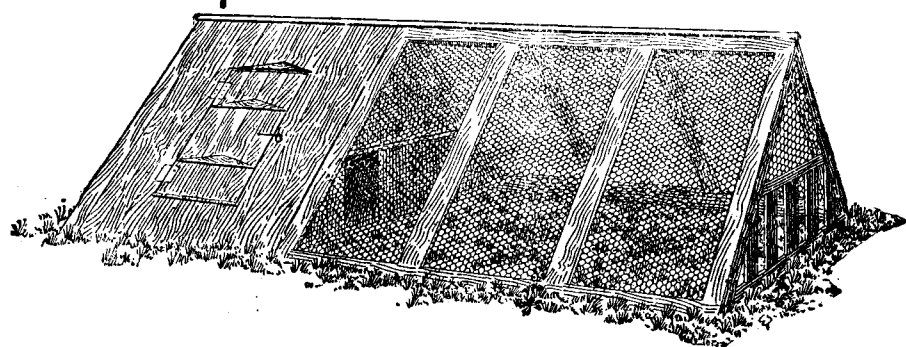
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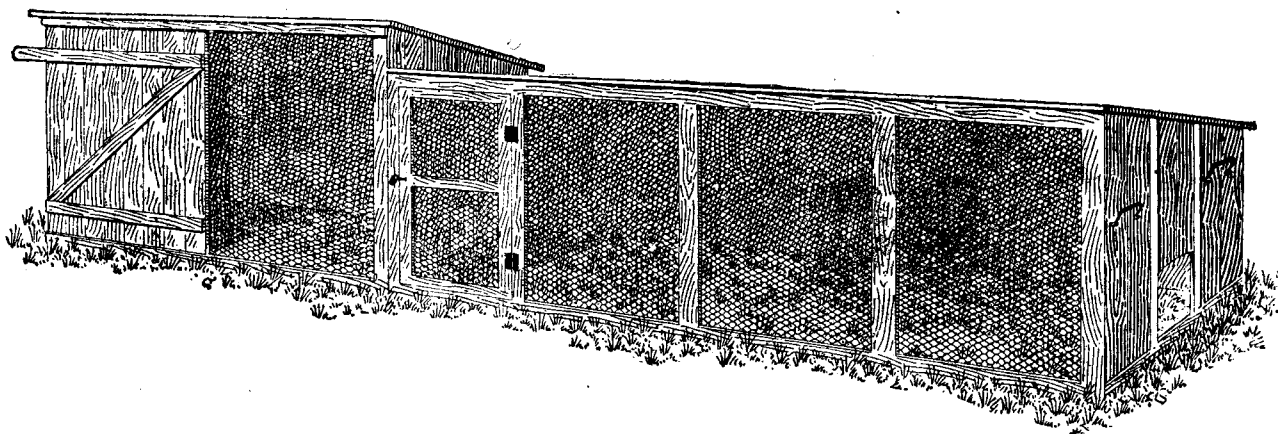
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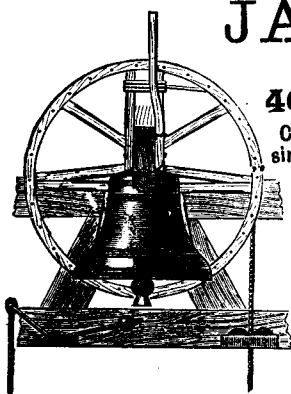
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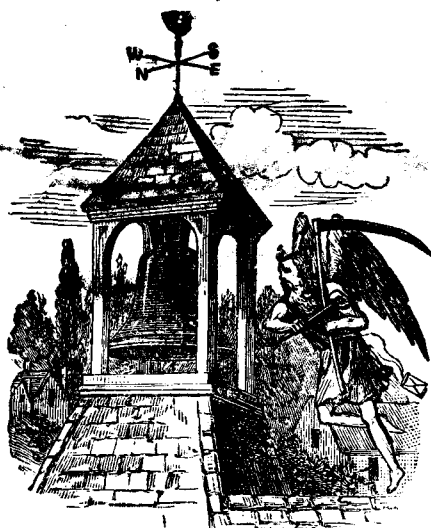
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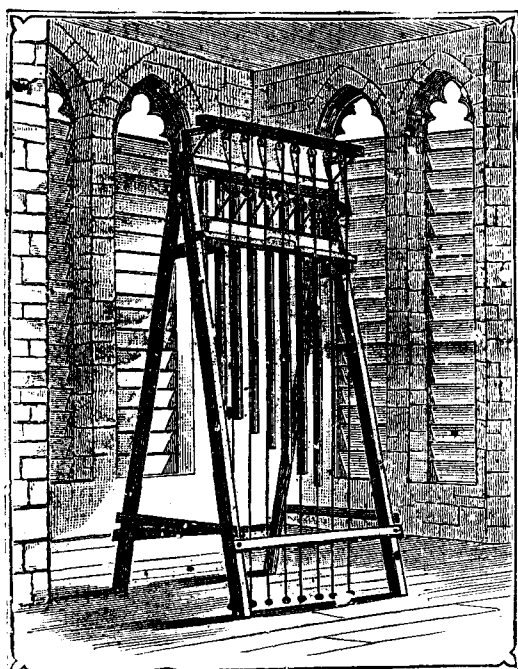
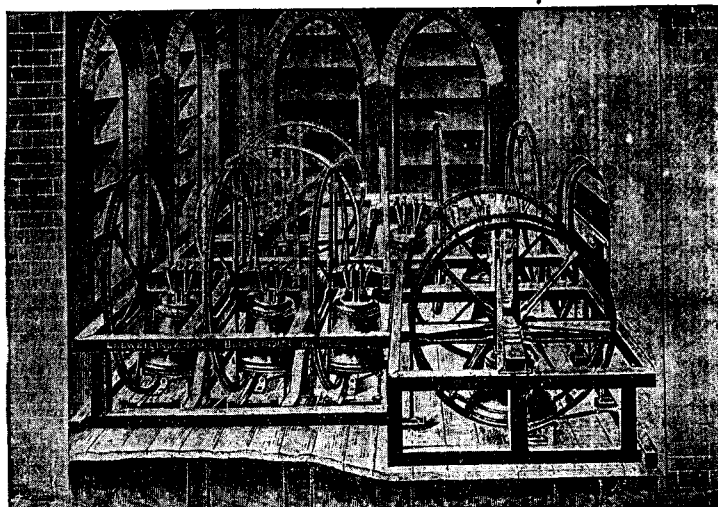
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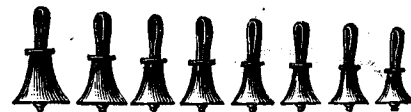
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BELLS IN MANY LANDS.

We have recently been publishing some communications about musical handbells, and we have also received the current quarter's number of *The Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist*, to which Mr. Richard Quick has contributed a very interesting article "On Bells." The subject of Bells, Mr. Quick considers, admits of two main divisions (1) Small Bells (2) Large Bells. It is of small bells that he treats in the article above referred to, reserving the topic of large bells, under which description he explains that he includes "temple, church and clock bells," for a future article.

Mr. Quick thinks it probable that the earliest mention of any bell is that in Exodus xxviii. 34, where we read that Moses ordered that bells should be attached to the robes of the High Priest. The reason for this order was probably that the sound of the bells might give an intimation to the people that the High Priest was entering the sanctuary. The garments of the ancient Kings of Persia, and of ladies of rank in Arabia are said to have been similarly decorated, and even now bells may be found forming part of the attire of some savage tribes in New Guinea, in North Burma, and on the West Coast of Africa.

Mr. Quick next refers to Zechariah xiv. 20, where "the bells of the horses" are mentioned. He tells us that in eastern countries it has been the custom to attach bells to pack-horses and camels as well as to war-horses, chiefly with the object of enabling those who had fallen behind whilst traversing districts where no regular roadway existed, to rejoin the caravan by following the sound of the bells. In our own country also, the collars of pack-horses were formerly furnished with bells, the purpose of which is thus explained by Mr. Quick:—

"When the country roads and lanes were narrow, only one horse and cart could pass at a time, so these jingling collar-bells were heard for some distance, and so caused a carrier coming in the opposite direction to halt in one of the wide spots provided in the country roads."

After observing that bells of a similar character have been discovered among the antiquities of Babylon, Assyria, Greece and Rome, Mr. Quick passes to the consideration of handbells. More than fifty Celtic handbells, he tells us, have been found in Ireland, besides a few in Scotland, Wales, England, and France. They were used for religious purposes, and some of them are said to have belonged to certain Saints. Particularly noticeable among these is the bell of St. Patrick, which is preserved in the National Museum, Dublin, and which dates from the sixth century, and is enclosed in a case constructed for it some five hundred years later. The height of the bell of St. Patrick

is $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches; it is made of hammered iron, roughly coated with bronze. Mr. Quick then describes a quadrangular iron handbell, which was discovered in 1888, at Bosbury, in Herefordshire, and is probably one of those which were brought to England by the Celtic missionaries from Ireland. This bell is $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, exclusive of the handle, and the weight of the bell and clapper together is 5 lb. 6 oz.

The mediæval handbells do not greatly differ from the Celtic handbells. Their average height is from 6 to 10 inches, and the bottom of the bell is as wide as, or wider than, the top. Modern sheep and cattle bells on the contrary are often wider at the top than at the bottom. The mediæval handbells appear to have been used as alarm bells to give warning of outbreaks of fire and attacks by robbers, and also for domestic purposes generally.

Cattle-bells, though common enough abroad, are but rarely to be heard in England, but the music of the sheep-bells is a common sound on English downs and mountain pastures. Mr. Quick has noticed that on the Wiltshire downs "a shepherd likes to have a good variety, so that his bell-wether may 'ring changes.'"

From the sheep-bells of England Mr. Quick proceeds to the handbells of Africa. Some of these appear to have been used for summoning the people to a human sacrifice; others to announce the approach of the sovereign of the tribe. Among some of the tribes of Central Africa, the sceptre of royalty is, or was, an iron bell 6 inches long, having a handle 10 inches long. This royal bell was called the "Kindo." Another instance of the use of the handbell is thus cited by Mr. Quick.

"Captain Burton relates a curious custom he saw in Dahomy, in which the handbell plays an important part. He says that when the King's women-slaves go to fetch water they are headed by one of their number carrying a rude bell suspended to the neck. When the leading woman sees any man in the distance, she shakes the bell vigorously and calls out 'Ganju,' viz. 'the bell comes'; as soon as the tinkle of the bell reaches the ears of the man he immediately runs into the woods and turns his back on the women, and waits patiently until the line of them has passed. All men are obliged to escape as fast as they can, for if even one of the water-pots should happen to be broken the nearest man would be accused of having frightened the woman who carried it, and would be certainly sold into slavery."

Bells from Ceylon, Smyrna, India, Java, and Fiji are briefly commented on by Mr. Quick, and he remarks on the beautiful character of the design and ornamentation of the Italian handbells of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries which may be seen in the South Kensington Museum. He then turns his attention to the Sanctus Bell, which it is the custom of the Roman Catholic Church

to ring at the elevation of the Host. The Sanctus Bell is generally fixed outside on the eastern gable of the nave, but where there is no bell so fixed, small bells are carried and rung by acolytes. When a bell used for this religious purpose is made up of "a carillon of three or four small bells, hidden within one large bell, thus blending their sound . . . it is called a sacring bell."

Mr. Quick's article is most lucid and instructive, and is accompanied by fifteen excellent illustrations of various bells. We trust that ere long we shall derive equal pleasure from the perusal of the article which he has promised us on large bells.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Holbeck (R.C.) on Saturday, November 24th, the following places being represented: Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Brighouse, Burley, Calverley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Leeds, Pudsey, Tong, Wakefield and the local company. A peal was attempted in the afternoon, but came to grief, a few touches being then rung by the members. The business meeting was held at The Foundry inn, the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two new members were elected—Mr. G. Whitaker, of Brighouse, and Mr. G. Brothwell, of Burley. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Armley, on Saturday, January 6th, instead of December 29th, owing to the Christmas holidays. It was also agreed for the Secretary to arrange a special meeting at Burley, after the bells (which are being rehung by Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don), are completed. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Father McAuliffe for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having all in readiness was carried unanimously, Mr. R. Binns responding. Several touches were rung on the handbells including Grandsire Caters, Major and Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The members then dispersed to their various homes, having spent another sociable and pleasant evening.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE DIOCESES OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

A very successful meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Lydney, on Saturday, Nov. 24, when the following towers were represented: St. Stephen's Bristol, Chepstow, St. Michael's Gloucester, Lydney, Micheldean, Newnham-on-Severn, Ruardean and Tidenham. Messrs. C. Wall, of Ross, and J. W. Jones, of Newport, out members, were also present. All those attending the meeting were most hospitably entertained at tea in the parish room by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. E. Besant, who was very heartily thanked for his kindness. Eighteen new members and probationers were elected, amongst whom were the Vicar and his curate, the Rev. J. L. Parker, who took part in the subsequent ringing, and are anxious to become proficient in the Art. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. In addition much real practical help and encouragement was given to the young ringers present. It was unanimously resolved, subject to the approval of the Vicar, to hold the next meeting at Newnham-on-Severn on Saturday, December 15th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—The Committee appointed to obtain and publish a return of the condition, etc., of all rings of 8, and upwards, in the country, are placed in a position which bids fair to render wholly useless the very considerable labour already expended on this most important object. During the year 1899 circulars were sent out to, so far as was known, all Secretaries of Associations, enclosing forms to be filled in with the name and address of the representative ringer of each tower within their district. The number of Secretaries thus communicated with was 44. The following gentlemen have not, as yet, made the required return:—

Leeds and District...	Mr. R. Binns.
Gloucester and Bristol...	C. E. Boutflower, Esq.
Salisbury...	Mr. Thos. Blackburn.
Winchester...	Rev. C. E. Matthews.

Upon the 40 returns which have come to hand, 923 forms have been issued to as many representative ringers, but of these only 669 have been filled in and returned. Seeing that during the past six months hardly any of the forms still remaining out have been sent in, it would appear that there is in these cases no intention of complying with the request of the Committee.

As the person who has been responsible for the whole of the work up to the present time, I now wish to say publicly that, if the interest of the Exercise in the proposed objects of the Committee is only sufficient to give three-fourths of the required information, the compilation, which will involve much arduous labour, would be so incomplete as to be almost worthless. Under these circumstances I beg to give notice that, at the end of this year, I shall lay the matter before the Committee, who will then judge, according to the number of returns by them received, whether they can advise the Council to proceed, in view of the further fact that, if longer delayed, many of the earlier returns will be out of date.

In conclusion I may say that, while the Committee have to thank the very many gentlemen who have made prompt and careful returns, it is most disappointing to find so large a proportion taking little or no interest in a work, which the Council had hoped would have drawn general attention to the wide-spread need of a more liberal expenditure on bells and their surroundings, if these are to be brought up to the standard of excellence which is now the rule in regard to the other appurtenances of our churches.

ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Duffield, Derby, November 26th.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

SAD DEATH.—James Hawkins, of Great Doddington, who was employed as a baker at Wollaston Co-operative Stores, went to Northampton Infirmary on October 27th, to undergo an operation for varicose veins, and died on November 4th. The funeral took place at Great Doddington, on November 7th, the Rev. E. J. W. Symons officiating. Deceased was highly respected. Besides members of the family in attendance, the mourners included members of the Doddington Young Men's Bible Class, and members of Earls Barton and Wollaston Co-operative Societies. Floral wreaths were sent by the parents, cousins, Mrs. Headland, Miss J. Willis, Earls Barton and Wollaston Co-operative Societies, and others. As deceased was a ringer, the church bells were half-muffled,

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins feel deeply grateful for sympathy shown them in their great trouble.

Great Doddington belfry has recently undergone considerable changes. Certain of the older members have left, and new blood has been introduced. Mr. Britt, the respected schoolmaster and churchwarden, has taken the lead in the matter, and his young pupils are making good progress in the management of their bells. Mr. Charles Chapman, one of the seniors still connected with the belfry, has been most kind in instructing the juniors. It is to be hoped that this increased interest in Doddington bells and ringers may result in the parishioners getting the bells rehung and a tenor added.

Obituary.

ALFRED GORDON.

With very deep sorrow we record the death of the above, who was one of the ringers of St. Mary's, Stockport, which sad event took place on Thursday morning, November 22nd, from pneumonia, at the age of fifty-six. Deceased had not looked well for some time, but never complained of anything except catarrh or influenza. On Thursday, November 15th, he met his colleagues at noon, as they were engaged to ring for a wedding. Not many changes however had been struck before it was noticed that he was ringing under great difficulties, and at the conclusion of the touch—one of 183 Stedman Caters—he appeared very ill, and was taken home by his brother William. Arriving there he went to bed and sent for the doctors, but medical skill and careful nursing were alike unavailing. He departed this life on Thursday morning, November 22nd, as before stated, less than one week from the attack. His loss will be keenly felt by his relations and a large circle of friends and acquaintances, by whom he was much beloved and highly respected. He was ever unassuming in his manner, always ready to oblige, and never pushing himself forward. His last touch was in his favourite method—Stedman. As a musician he was considered the finest trombone player in the district, and was specially noted for the purity and brilliancy of his tone. For years he was the first player at the Theatre Royal, Stockport, and in the City Band, Belle Vue Gardens, Manchester. He was solo trombone in the 4th Cheshire Volunteer Band, the Excelsior brass band, and Mr. Dickie's military band. He was in great request at most of the churches and chapels in the town on festival days, and at the large Stockport Sunday School whenever an orchestral band was required, and his services were always ungrudgingly given in the cause of charity, for even so lately as November 6th—his birthday—he took part in a concert for the benefit of a local singer, then very ill, and who since then has died. He was a regular and prompt attendant at church for service ringing, and at all other times when his engagements would allow him, but his time for peal-ringing until just lately was very limited, therefore his record was not a large one, some twenty odd peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters is about the number. He has made many attempts for peals of Stedman Triples and Caters, which were not successful owing to various causes, and he was expecting to make others shortly, which it was hoped would be crowned with success, but alas! for human hopes and aspirations, he is gone, and there is a void created which with some of us will never be filled.

A number of ringers from round the district met at St. Mary's, on Thursday evening, and rang with the bells deeply muffled, 576 Treble Bob Major. H. Meakin, 1; T. Sale, 2; J. Barlow, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; J. Hankinson, 5; J. W. Bayley, 6; T. Marshall, 7; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 8. And afterwards, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Darwin, 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Barlow, 3; J. Hankinson, 4; S. Mitchell, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), Alf Birch, 8.

At the graveside, on Saturday, when the interment took place, Messrs. Meakin, Sale, Marshall, and Bayley, rang a course of Grandsire Triples, which added much to the impressiveness of the scene, as the churchyard was crowded with sympathising

friends, many of whom were moved to tears. And later on a touch of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's, with the bells half-muffled, by a mixed band, as a last token of respect to one who never made an enemy.

DEATH OF THE REV. J. S. HALL.

FUNERAL AT WILBY.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of the Rev. John Slater Hall, formerly of Wilby, this having occurred in Devonshire recently. The deceased gentleman, who had reached his seventy-seventh year, was well known in this neighbourhood, having resided during the greater part of his life at Wilby, a parish with which his family had long been identified. His father, the late Mr. Richard Hall, both owned and occupied Wilby House, and, on the death of that gentleman, the Rev. J. S. Hall continued to reside there. Some years ago the Rev. gentleman married the only daughter of the then rector of Wilby (the Rev. H. Dale), and, more recently, he sold Wilby House, with a considerable acreage of land at Wilby, Earls Barton, and Great Doddington, the purchaser of the house and a large portion of the land being the Rev. Father Burnham, Wilby House now being occupied under a lease by Mr. G. Linnell. In the latter portion of his life Mr. Hall was not a beneficed clergyman, but for many years he had been in the habit of taking duty at Wilby Church, and was well known in many of the adjoining parishes, where he often rendered assistance in church work. For some years Mr. Hall was also a Guardian of the poor, representing Wilby on the Wellingborough Board of Guardians, and he took a most active interest in all questions affecting the welfare of the parishioners. On leaving Northamptonshire, Mr. Hall resided during a portion of the year at Bettws-y-Coed, North Wales, and at Budleigh Salterton, South Devon, and, until a few months ago, he enjoyed excellent health, but an affection of the heart then set in, and he passed away very peacefully at his Devonshire residence.

The mortal remains of the deceased gentleman were laid to rest in the churchyard at Wilby amid many tokens of esteem and regret. The body of the deceased had been brought by Midland Railway to Wellingborough station, being conveyed thence to Wilby by road. The cortege was met at the entrance to the churchyard by the officiating clergy, and the first portion of the funeral service took place in the church. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Charles Brookes, of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton (a life-long friend of the deceased), assisted by the Rector of Wilby (the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell), and the Rural Dean (the Rev. T. Richards, of Hardwick). The little church was crowded, and during the service the hymns, "Now the labour's task is o'er," and "On the Resurrection Morn," were feelingly sung. A large number of onlookers assembled around the graveside. The coffin was of polished oak, with massive brass fittings, and the breast-plate bore the inscription:—

JOHN SLATER HALL, M.A.,
Clerk in Holy Orders.

Born 12th July, 1823; died 2nd November, 1900.

"God showeth me His goodness plenteous."

The Rev. J. S. Hall was a great promoter and energetic worker in connection with the restoration of Wilby church some twenty years ago. He at the same time took great interest in the re-hanging of the three old bells in 1878, and the addition of a new treble (the gift of his father, Richard Hall, Esq.). A pit was at the same time left for one more bell, and that has since been filled. Wilby ringers always found good friends and supporters in Mr. and Mrs. Hall, and visiting ringers from neighbouring places all have pleasant recollections of hospitable entertainment received at "Wilby House."

It was most fitting that this fine example of the "good old English gentleman" should be laid in the pretty churchyard of Wilby, close to the sacred structure he loved so well.

"Year by year the steeple music
O'er his tended grave shall pour."

In the evening the local ringers rang a muffled peal in memory of one who loved the church and bells of St. Mary, Wilby.

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."

AN OLD FRIEND.

SIR,—A friend of mine who knows so well my keen enthusiasm for the Art of change-ringing, and for the history of bells and bell-ringers, sent me the enclosed cutting, a few days ago. It is of such an interesting glimpse of the past, that I venture to think it worthy of insertion in "THE BELL NEWS," if you can kindly spare the important space, in your next issue, for the benefit of its readers in general. I thought the Ancient Society of College Youths claims priority of foundation of all ancient Guilds, but I find we are seventeen years junior of this Ancient Bristol Society, which dates back to 1620. Perhaps some of your readers may be able to give us some further important facts about this Ancient Bristol Society, with regard to its foundation, its continuity, its records, its benefactors, and its history in general.

1, Bilton Road, Rugby.

ARTHUR COLEMAN.

[The following is the "cutting" referred to by our correspondent. He may be surprised to hear that this "Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers" are not bell-ringers at all.—ED.]

A QUIANT CUSTOM.

Last night, "The Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers," a Bristol institution which dates back to 1620, celebrated its charter day with the customary banquet, at the Clifton Down Hotel. The Master (Mr. Gerald Lysaght) was in the chair, and he was surrounded by a large company of influential citizens. The proceedings are unique in many ways.

The society possesses an ancient charter on parchment several yards long, and shortly before midnight there is a procession of "Past Masters and Brother Ringers," many disguised by masks and beards, and all bearing wands, at the conclusion of which the document is read, usually by a legal member of the company.

The master has also the privilege of calling upon his friends to sing a verse of a ditty concerning "the golden days of good Queen Bess," and the result, though not a vocal success, is hailed with general merriment. The Rector of St. Stephen's has always allotted to him a verse which states:—

Then the folk every Sunday went twice at least to Church, sir,
And never left the parson or his sermon in the lurch, sir,
For they judged that the Sabbath was for people to be in, sir,
And thought it was Sabbath breaking if they dined without a pudding, sir.

The society in its modern days has a practical side. Every year it undertakes some work in the beautifying or restoring of St. Stephen's church, and there are many evidences in the grand old edifice in Clare Street, of the munificence of the members.

"THANK THOSE TO WHOM THANKS ARE DUE."

SIR,—I noticed in your last issue, a letter respecting a peal of Double Norwich rung at Guildford, sent by a correspondent signing himself "Fair Play." I must say I cannot thank him for taking the trouble to write to you on a subject which I do not think ought to waste your valuable time and paper in publishing it. It is quite true that I was asked to stand in at a day's notice. But Mr. Chorley, the Secretary of the Holy Trinity Society, who arranged the peal, thanked me personally after the peal was over. I don't think anyone that loves ringing would want any thanks after ringing such an excellent peal as the one in question. I might say two of the gentlemen had to rush off to catch their train, so there was no real opportunity to thank them the same as I was. I might tell "Fair Play" he need not ask for thanks on my behalf, as I am quite capable of seeing to my own affairs myself, and I do not want what I have already received, and that is many thanks from the Holy Trinity Society. J. HUNT.

"WALKING CHANGES."

SIR,—I have seen all the different methods mentioned by your correspondents, in various places, viz.: walking changes, both plain and cross, and both on handbells and tower-bells as well as lapping handbells: as at that time I did not know much of the history of ringing, it never occurred to me that they were historical survivals; but I thought they were a reminiscence of early attempts at change-ringing indulged in occasionally by a band who had become more perfect in the Art. I never heard

any of these methods more than once in the same way, and am surprised to find that they are not, as I thought when I heard them, different attempts of individual instructors to convey an early idea of change-ringing.

I do not remember to what words of mine Mr. Daniell is referring, but the style of ringing at one church to which I was attached in Sussex, for some weeks, was this. Each ringer has a large card placed on the floor in front of him, on which were written large figures in vertical columns, giving the different bells he had to follow in turn. Thus for the third bell the card read as follows:—

1	4	4	2
2	5	1	4
—	4	2	5
—	1	5	—
4	2	4	—
5	5	5	1
1	—	1	2
2	—		

After rounds had been rung some time the conductor called "change": the ringer of the third bell then looked at his first figure and followed it—in this case the treble: after this had been repeated a few times, the conductor again called "change," when everyone followed the bell that came second on their card. It will be seen by the diagram, that in this way the plain course of Grandsire Doubles would be gone through. It seemed to me that it was a case of "the lazy man doing the most work"; as I thought I could have taught them to ring the plain course in half-pulls, and with more accuracy, and with much less labour than they had taken to acquire this imperfect method.

I am afraid I cannot remember where I heard any of the other methods, but I fancy the lapping of handbells was at Leigh, in Lancashire. I was in a neighbouring parish, and as usually happens in the case of a curate, could rarely leave my own parish on practice nights. Once, however, I was present when they had an excellent practice of tune-ringing on about sixty handbells; and after it was over, for my benefit, they rang, I believe, the plain course of Grandsire Triples, by lapping—on the table. I fear none of the Leigh ringers will be likely to see this and verify it, as they all swear by *Church Bells* in the place of "THE BELL NEWS," in which, I am glad to say, they are alone as a ringing band in my experience. H. DRAKE.

Verwood, Dorset, November 27th, 1900.

SIR,—The interesting letters which have appeared upon the above subject from various gentlemen of the Exercise, leads me to doubt if "walking changes" can be taken as the original name for the method of ringing referred to by Mr. Papillon. I am of opinion that the method referred to by that gentleman derives its name after the fashion it is rung. For instance, Mr. Page has known such ringing as lapping for the reason that the bells were passed to each others' lap. I have known it by the name of "cushion ringing," no doubt from the fact of the bells passing up and down a board some six feet in length, covered by a cushion some three inches in thickness. This was introduced to us by a gentleman from Yorkshire, and practised for a time in our tower. Usually Bob Major was rung in half-pulls. I am sorry I do not remember the gentleman's name. However, he might remember—if living—calling at Battle, and kindly gave some information on the doings in Yorkshire respecting the above. WALTER FRANKS.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—I should be glad to receive a copy of rules that have been found to work well for belfry guilds or companies. (a) dealing with attendance and behaviour; (b) payment and equitable division of moneys received. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Gt. Totham, Essex.

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—Mr. Newell's letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 17th on the above question, is in some ways very misleading. He says he has been a ringer and churchman for over fifty years (much to his credit), but he does not mention that he is captain at one church, rings with other men, then leaves that church to go to another for the service. Is this fair? I think

myself that if Mr. Newell set the example to his ringers by going to the services of the church he rings at, they would be more likely to go themselves. I think a captain or leader in a body of men is generally looked to, and most men follow their leader in many ways. Mr. Newell also says that the ringers after having rung the bells for service, go for a ramble or other self pleatings. Which I don't think (if true) proper that he should rush into print (where many read it) about his ringers. As in many cases it causes strife and unsettlement amongst them. That is not the way to get young men to respect him, and do as he would like them. I daresay there is no other church in England that is situated like this one where Mr. Newell is captain at. I think Mr. Newell would have been wiser to have said nothing outside the tower about the matter at all. INTERESTED.

"LAPPING."

SIR,—I remember when temporarily residing at Stratton in the north of Cornwall, in the years of 1877 and 1878, amusing myself in the long and dull evenings with the coachman, a local call-change ringer, and one or two domestics "lapping" on both eight and ten bells as described by Mr. W. Page in your current number. This was in the days before I could ring a bell, and was sufficiently ignorant of the Art and science of change-ringing to care less, but happening to come across a copy of Hubbard's *Campanologia* I became interested in its study, learnt to ring a church-bell and joined the "lappers." With the assistance of my treatise, I succeeded in calling the six courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters and other longer touches, by learning previously the number of leads at which the calls were made, and still retain many pleasant recollections of the very accurate striking attained; all this being accomplished before I was acquainted with half-pull ringing and assured of its superior attractions over other ringing in the tower. I am not aware that the custom still persists in that neighbourhood. I am rather inclined to think that it is not, as it then become almost a "lost Art." I also heard at the time that "tabling" the bells was also practised, but as lapping was more convenient and was accompanied by less extraneous noise, it was generally practised.

JOHN SYMONS.

Buriton House, Penzance.

SIR,—I have read with very much pleasure the very interesting and instructive letters which have appeared of late. They are quite a pleasure to read, and the various mannerisms of ringers, bells, belfries, etc., of past and present times must, I am sure, be much appreciated by all readers of this paper, and tend to promote an increase of subscribers to it. The form of handbell ringing which Mr. Page describes, and which Mr. Daniell as well as ourselves call "lapping," has been in vogue in this part for a great many years, as well as several other parts of the country I know. Ours differs in this respect: on "go" being called each man crosses his bells from left to right hand, strikes them as if in rounds, and directly passes them to his neighbour's left and right knee, as he sits; as his neighbours do likewise; he has a bell on each of his own knees, he picks them up as they are, and strikes them in place, crosses and strikes them, and so on. Only a little deftness is needed, and the more handbells there are the more changes. On an odd number of bells, as 7 in Triples, the one who has the tenor strikes his right hand in its place for two leads, and passes it on, bringing the tenor in as big drum, end of each lead. I remember being at Keynsham, near Bristol, once, where there is a grand peal of eight, and the same plain hunting was done by the first seven bells, commencing 21436578, and when each bell had accomplished its plain hunt, 14 changes had been rung, a very primitive way of ringing Triples, I thought. F. ESTCOURT WEBB.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Page the eastern branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild rang a 368 of Grandsire Triples on handbells at their meeting held at Wrangle the other week, only they rung them on the table instead of each other's laps. Of course when bob was called the third man laid both his bells down three times, the fourth man one bell, the second one bell each time with him, and made the 3rds place both times with his other, that is: retained one bell one extra round, then changed with the first man, and did same again.

A. O. BARBER.

A ROLLING COURSE, LAPPING, OR WALKING CHANGES.

SIR,—There was one point in the par relating to my old and esteemed friend, the late Henry Sayer, of Witham, which I omitted to mention last week that may be of interest just at the present time. When I was a member of the Witham company we used to ring a plain course of Bob Maximus standing around a table or form, as the case might be, upon which, if no other article was available, we laid our coats to put the bells on when exchanging. Upon such occasions Mr. Sayer took the front bells, and always chalked the treble, calling "go" in the usual way. He reversed his bells from right hand to left, and from left to right in the second round, laying down the bell in his left hand and picking up the bell laid down by the ringer who stood second. This was continued till the treble returned, when Mr. Sayer gave a call and retained the bell which took the treble from the lead in his left hand, the others reversing their bells while the treble was leading. I remember upon one occasion the performance was gone through at a crowded penny reading entertainment, and fairly brought down the house. This was always called a "rolling course." Shortly after coming to Romford some call-change ringers from Dagenham paid a visit to the tower, bringing with them a set of handbells. One of the party suggested some "lapping." Seating themselves upon a form they rang a course which I observed was Grandsire Triples, by the bell that the treble took from the lead making thirds and returning to lead. Some years ago I got some lads to start handbell ringing. Calling to mind to mind the "lapping" by the Dagenham men I gave some attention to the matter, and with the lads I rang at several entertainments courses of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and touches of Grandsire Triples, by the use of a table covered with blankets. My term when asked for an explanation was "rolling." A young Suffolk ringer came to Romford for a few weeks' work some years ago. He suggested a couple of round boards with bolts through them; between the boards were to be put the straps of the handbells, with the exception of the treble, which was to be mounted in the centre. My friend contended that with two sticks a course could be tapped upon bells in this way, as the operator, as I assumed he would be called, could walk round the board to each bell as it came to lead. I remember Mr. Sayer had what he called a set of cup bells, upon which he used to tap I think a lead of Maximus. I am not sure if he walked round them when stood upon a table, but the idea occurs to me that such a performance might have some connection with the term "walking changes."

B. KEEBLE.

A RUMOUR.

SIR,—A rumour is abroad that Mr. James W. Washbrook has (verbally) forfeited all claim to the achievement of a record peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. In fairness to the Exercise, and justice to the party which accomplished 15,000 at Erith, it is to be earnestly hoped that Mr. Washbrook will, through this paper, publicly acknowledge this fact.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—On and after Saturday, December 1st, the address of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, will be "Frodingham," Elm-hurst Street, Clapham, S.W.—The address of J. B. Fenton, late of Lincoln, is "The Chimes," York Street, Rugby.

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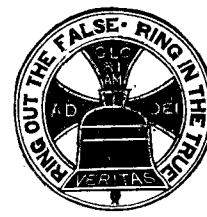
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1900.

THE correspondence now going on as to the process termed "lapping," betrays a measure of innocence on the part of some of the writers. Those who know nothing of the operation will not, we fear, gain much information about it from the correspondents who this week try to explain it. We were under the impression that "lapping" was well known, in fact too well. In the opinion of many good ringers it is a pursuit to be avoided. We should say that from its practice very little gratification was obtained; and it is open to the important objection that by its means a facility is afforded to pass off a "lapped" peal for a scientific performance.

The elders among the Exercise have not forgotten the publication of records of such displays of skill in the sporting papers. Many of them will remember those impudent persons who put the word "Professor" before their names, when sending these worthless accounts of "peal-lapping." And we have our doubts that all the peals said in these early days to have been rung in hand were so rung. The process of lapping is so simple, that imposition is easy.

In Hubbard's epitome, there is a record of a peal of Stedman Triples on bells retained in hand. In a footnote

referring to the words italicised Hubbard says: "This will be understood in future, as no unscientific mode will be recognised." "Lapping" is unscientific therefore. It has always been looked upon as derogatory to the Art; and confirmed "lappers" as the lees or residuum of ringing neighbourhoods.

VISIT TO YORK.

On Saturday, November 17th, a party of ringers from Stockton, Middlesbrough and Thornaby proceeded to York by excursion train to have a pull on the bells of the famous Minster. Arriving about 3 o'clock they were met at the station by Mr. W. H. Howard and other members of the Minster company. A move was then made to the Minster, where the visitors were soon made aware that in Mr. Howard they had a guide, philosopher and friend, who could direct their attention to and fully explain the many objects and features of interest in the grand cathedral. At the close of the beautifully rendered service, the party ascended the tower and tried their hands on this colossal peal, which is far away the heaviest in the county of York. Unfortunately the go of the 11th and tenor rendered anything more than short touches out of the question, and the principal performance was a fairly good touch of 216 of Grandsire Caters. A few rounds on the twelve enabled several of the visitors to have their first pull on this number, after which a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the front 8. For the rest of the evening the house of Mr. G. Breed was made the rendezvous, where the handbells were brought into requisition, and courses were rung of Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples and Bob Major. The visit to York was thoroughly enjoyed, and the wish was expressed that on some convenient opportunity their York friends will pay a return visit to Tees side.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, November 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This composition has the 6ths in 2nds place throughout, and has the 4th and 5th each 22 courses behind the 6th.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ringers', Cambridge and Victoria Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. WITHERS* Treble.	W. MILLER 4.
T. H. BEAMS 2.	W. KEEBLE 5.
J. MARDELL 3.	†G. HAYDEN Tenor.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor away from the treble,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT† 3.	†JAMES HUNT 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Royal. W. H. Barber hails from Birmingham; J. Hunt from Guildford. The above is J. R. Sharmar's 100th peal, and B. Prewett's 50th, lists of which will appear next week.

THE ALL SAINTS FULHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ANDREW S. OUGH Treble.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
JOHN HINTON 2.	WILLIAM T. ELSON 7.
REUBEN CHARGE 3.	GEORGE CHARGE 8.
JOSEPH HERBERT 4.	WILLIAM CHARGE 9.
GEORGE THRUSSELL† 5.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM T. ELSON.

†First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hinton. This peal has the 6th its extent each way, and is now rung for the first time.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY Treble.	HERBERT P. SHARMAN 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

This composition, which has the 6th the extent at home, is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

OKDSALL, NOTTS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Bob Minor and Three 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, each called differently,

JOHN BELK* Treble.	*DAVID BLAGG 4.
HARRY MERRILLS 2.	HENRY BLAGG 5.
JAMES GILBERT 3.	†JOSEPH WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH WHITE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE

On Saturday, November 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

FRED STYLES Treble.	WILLIAM ARKELL 4.
GORDON CHECKETTS 2.	FRED JOHNSON 5.
WALTER MALINS 3.	FRANK COOK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure,
College Exercise, College Pleasure, and 300 each of Woodbine,
Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

HENRY J. POOLE Treble.	FRANK MILLARD 5.
HENRY PEARCE 2.	EDGAR E. BURGESS 6.
ARTHUR DOBLE 3.	ALEXANDER EVANS 7.
J. MADDOCK 4.	EDMUND HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by A. EVANS.

†First peal as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

HERBERT CUER† Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
WALTER STONE 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6.
HARRY ARGYLE 3.	HENRY S. REEVES 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER 4.	JAMES F. CLARKE Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by J. F. CLARKE.

†First peal.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

DAVID ANSCOMB Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
HENRY CORBETT 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	WILLIAM FARRELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

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

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 23, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKES Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON 2.	JOSEPH POTTER 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
SAMUEL OAKES 4.	JOHN DENNER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method by H. Chapman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. Charles Heath, M.A., who was laid to rest to-day, at Neather-Stowey, in Somersetshire, where he had been Vicar for the last two years. Nearly the whole of Mr. Heath's pastoral life has been spent in Walkden, and it was mostly through his efforts that the octave was completed in the tower.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(HEAVITREE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN FORD Treble.	FRANK MURPHY 5.
THOMAS LAVER* 2.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 3.	WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 7.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4.	*WILLIAM LOWTON Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the return of General Sir Redvers H. Buller from South Africa.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Friday, November 23, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. BROWN Treble.	HENRY BELLAMY 4.
JOSEPH MURREY 2.	GEORGE H. HUDDLESTON 5.
WILLIAM H. DYKE 3.	JAMES TYSOE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. HUDDLESTON.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells. Rung in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough to consecrate the piece of ground recently added to the churchyard. Further reference to this peal next week.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH PARKER* Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON† 2.	ROBERT E. CHICHESTER 6.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON* 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 4.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS T. GOFTON, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method. After the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Robson.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 25 cwt.

FRED WILFORD Treble.	ALFRED ARNOLD 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 2.	HARRY BLUNDELL 7.
TOM HARRIS 3.	EDGAR H. HAXLEY 8.
JAMES GARRATT 4.	ARTHUR O. STEWART 9.
HERBERT RAINBOW 5.	WILLIAM FAREY Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR O. STEWART.

Messrs. Houghton and Garratt hail from Irthlingborough.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 2.	HENRY TUCKER 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
FRANK BLONDELL 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble.	SAMUEL COOMBS 5.
GEORGE BARTLETT 2.	*WALTER LARGE 6.
ALFRED THOMAS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Branch of the Guild.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE CONDUCK, JUN. .. Treble.	OWEN C. LEHANE 5.
HENRY GARDINER 2.	*JOHN T. BALLINGER .. 6.
ALFRED WAITE 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
HENRY MITCHELL 4.	GEORGE CONDUCK, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Triples away from the tenor. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 25, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	HARRY J. MEE 4.
FRANK ROLFE 2.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 3.	CHARLES MEE Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, November 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. MAJOR Treble.	CHARLES J. TOVEY 5.
WILLIAM T. COMPTON .. 2.	JOHN T. BALLINGER .. 6.
CHARLES PECKETTS 3.	THOMAS PENDRY 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	THOMAS COMPTON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by 1st, and, and 5th at first attempt, all being members of the local band except 4th and 6th. Messrs. Major and Tovey were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

NORTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK NAISBY† Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2.	†THOMAS TEASDALE .. 6.
ALAN F. DAVIDSON* .. 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 7.
GEORGE R. HOLMES† .. 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 13, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WALTER STONE 1-2.	HARRY ARGYLE 5-6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3-4.	JAMES F. CLARKE 7-8.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. F. CLARKE.

Referee—Fred. Adams.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. BURRELL, ESSEX BUILDINGS,
LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	WESLEY WATSON 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—H. F. Dawkins.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. J. MEE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WALTER BROWN 1.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 4.
HARRY J. MEE 2.	GEORGE W. MEE 5.
FRANK ROLFE 3.	EDGAR RIVERS 6.
FREDERICK MEE 7-8.	

Composed by N. J. PRYSTOW, and Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Mee, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 25, 1900, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. LAMBERT,

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.

FREDERICK LAMBERT .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PEIRCE 4.
EDWARD CHATTEN 3.	FRANK CULLUM 5-6.

Conducted by F. LAMBERT.

Umpires—Mr. E. P. Foreman and Mrs. F. Lambert.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.—On May, 18th, 720 Plain Bob (forty-two singles). J. Cliff, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Leighton, 3; J. W. Robinson, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 13th, for Divine Service, 726 Plain Bob. *R. McFarlane, 1; J. Pattison (conductor), 2; J. W. Robinson, 3; J. Leighton, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Cliff, 6. *First 720 On Tuesday, July 10th, 720 Plain Bob. R. McFarlane, 1; J. Pattison (conductor), 2; J. W. Robinson, 3; J. Leighton, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Cliff, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late W. Brunton, who was for many years sidesman at the parish church. On Tuesday, August 7th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. R. McFarlane, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. W. Robinson, 3; J. Pattison (conductor), 4; E. E. Ferry, 5; J. Cliff, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. V. Mothersill, 1; J. W. Robinson, 2; J. Leighton, 3; J. Pattison, 4; E. E. Ferry, 5;

J. Cliff, 6. First in the method by all the band. On Tuesday, August 28th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. *R. McFarlane, 1; J. Leighton, 2; J. Pattison, 3; W. Palliser, 4; V. Mothersill, 5; J. W. Robinson (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. R. McFarlane, 1; J. Cliff, 2; J. Pattison, 3; V. Mothersill, 4; W. Palliser, 5; *J. Leighton (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor. On Tuesday, September 21st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. R. McFarlane, 1; J. Cliff, 2; J. Leighton, 3; V. Mothersill, 4; J. Pattison, 5; J. W. Robinson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 27th, 720 Plain Bob. J. W. Robinson, 1; R. McFarlane, 2; J. Pattison, 3; V. Mothersill, 4; J. Cliff, 5; J. Leighton (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's twenty-first birthday. On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. V. Mothersill, 1; R. McFarlane, 2; J. Cliff, 3; J. W. Robinson, 4; W. Palliser, 5; J. Leighton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Cliff, 1; V. Mothersill, 2; J. Leighton (conductor), 3; J. W. Robinson, 4; W. Palliser, 5; R. McFarlane, 6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Bloxwich (Staffordshire).—On August 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Stafford, 1; J. C. Adams (conductor), 2; J. Birch, 3; A. Painter, 4; A. Turley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; J. Elton, 7; B. W. Frost, 8. On September 7th, 672 Bob Major. E. J. Stafford, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. C. Adams, 3; A. Painter, 4; F. Edwards, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; T. J. Elton (conductor), 8. On September 9th, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. C. Adams, 1; J. Birch, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. Painter, 4; W. Barton, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; R. W. Frost, 8. On October 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Somerville, 1; T. J. Elton (conductor), 2; E. J. Stafford, 3; J. Birch, 4; J. C. Adams, 5; A. Turley, 6; F. Edwards, 7; J. Elton, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples, with B. Meason ringing the 5th, thd rest as before. On October 24th, 504 Bob Triples. E. J. Stafford, 1; W. Barton, 2; A. Painter, 3; T. J. Elton (conductor), 4; F. Edwards, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; R. W. Frost, 8. And 704 Bob Major. A. Painter, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Birch, 3; J. C. Adams, 4; F. Edwards, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; T. J. Elton (conductor), 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday evening, August 5th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. E. Collingburn, 1; G. F. Clarke, 2; G. Swannack, 3; H. Haigh (conductor), 4; J. B. Joynes, 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. R. Winter, 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. On Sunday, October 28th, 1344 Bob Major in 52 mins. A. T. Winter, 1; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 2; T. H. Denman, 3; R. Miles, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. R. Winter, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 4th, 540 Bob Royal. A. Swannack, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. Swannack, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; H. Warburton, 8; T. Spurr, 9; J. B. Joynes, 10.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 12th, 720 College Single. E. Mapp, T. Elcox (conductor), W. Martin, J. Reynolds, C. Beaman. On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Bowen, E. Mapp, T. Elcox, T. Griffiths, J. Reynolds, W. Martin (conductor). On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 College Single. W. Bowen, W. Martin, J. Reynolds, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman (conductor). On Wednesday, September 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Bowen, J. Reynolds, T. Elcox, W. Martin, C. Beaman, T. Griffiths (conductor). On Wednesday, October 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman, E. Mapp, W. Martin (conductor). On Wednesday, October 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Griffiths, T. Elcox, J. Pagett (conductor), Rev. J. F. Hastings, J. Reynolds, C. Beaman. And 720 Plain Bob. W. Bowen, W. Martin, J. Earp, J. Johnson, T. Griffiths, J. Pagett (conductor). J. Pagett hails from Kidderminster; Rev. J. F. Hastings from Martley. On Sunday, October 24th, 720 Treble Bob. J. Earp, W. Martin, J. Reynolds, T. Griffiths, W. Pardoe, C. Beaman (conductor). First 720 of Treble Bob by J. Earp. W. Pardoe hails from Wolverhampton. On Wednesday, November 14th, 720 Kent. W. Bowen, E. Mapp, J. Reynolds, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman, J. Pagett (conductor). First 720 in the method with a bob bell by E. Mapp.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Phillips, 8. On Sunday morning, October 21st, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2;

G. Gatland, 3; C. Smart (conductor), 4; E. Rapley, 5; J. Matthews, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Phillips, 8. On Sunday morning, October 28th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; G. Gatland, 2; E. Bristow, 3; J. Matthews, 4; E. Rapley, 5; F. Bacon, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. Also another 504 in the same method. G. Searle, 1; E. Bristow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Rapley, 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; F. Bacon, 7; G. Phillips, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, September 26th, at the church of St. Nicolas on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Reading, 1; S. Radford, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; W. Thorne, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; J. Hunt (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. This was rung with the tenor covering. On October 7th, 742 Grandsire Triples. S. Radford (conductor), 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; R. Roffey, 4; G. Reading, 5; E. Raddon, 6; T. W. Radford, 7; E. Heather, 8. On October 14th, 1260 Bob Triples. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; G. Reading, 4; E. Allen, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, October 28th, for Divine Service, 1072 Bob Major. R. Roffey, 8; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Reading, 4; E. Allen, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, November 18th, at the residence of Mr. J. Judd, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. H. G. Miles, 1-2; W. E. Judd, 3-4; H. P. Harman, 5-6; T. Judd, 7-8.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Monday, August 13th, for practice, 506 Grandsire Triples. H. Warnett (conductor), 1; C. Bedwell, 2; T. Taylor, 3; J. Town, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Laws, 6; H. Barrett, 7; T. Clews, 8. On Sunday morning, September 16th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. Kettel, 8. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Keates, 1; H. Warnett, 2; C. Bedwell, 3; G. Wilson, 4; T. Taylor, 5; T. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Barrett, 7; T. Clews, 8. On Monday, September 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Taylor, 5; H. Warnett (conductor), 6; T. Chandler (composer), 7; T. Clews, 8. On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Wilson, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; R. Hims, 3; J. Town, 4; R. Brett, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. Warnett (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, September 30th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Walker, 1; H. Warnett, 2; C. Bedwell, 3; G. Wilson, 4; E. A. Bacon, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barrett (conductor), 7; F. Kettel, 8. On Monday, October 28th, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. C. Bedwell, 1; —, 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett, 7; T. Clews, 8. Rung in honour of the return of the C.I.V. from South Africa.

LOWICK (Northants).—On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Oxford Bob (thirty singles and six bobs). W. Shaw, 1; F. Nickerson, 2; D. Redhead, 3; F. Betts, 4; C. Swan, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Saturday, September 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. Shaw, 1; D. Redhead, 2; J. Guest, 3; J. Betts, 4; C. Swan, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 23rd, after Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). H. Guest, 1; G. Hewitt, 2; J. Guest, 3; C. Swan, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (thirty bobs and two singles). H. Hewitt, 1; H. Guest, 2; J. Guest, 3; C. Swan, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Saturday, October 6th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Guest, 1; C. Swan, 2; H. Guest, 3; K. Loveday, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; J. Guest (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (twenty bobs and ten singles). H. Hewitt, 1; H. Guest, 2; J. Allen, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; C. Swan, 5; S. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 21st, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). A. Hudson, 1; H. Guest, 2; J. Guest, 3; C. Swan, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Hudson, 1; R. Loveday, 2; C. Swan, 3; J. Betts, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; J. Guest (conductor), 6.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 28th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. *G. Lewis, *W. Hammond, A. Gledstone, J. Rowley, *H. Haigh, W. Smithson, F. Willey (conductor), T. Chown. H. Haigh hails from Retford. *Longest length in the method.

* Several reports of touches are unavoidably left over. They will all appear in due course.

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.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A Smoking Concert will be held on the evening of to-day, Saturday, December 1st next, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Admission by ticket, members 6d., non-members 1s. each, obtainable from either of the officers or full-ringing members of the Guild. Chair will be taken at 7.30 by one of the Guild's vice-presidents. Any friends desirous of attempting a peal (from Triples to Royal) on that afternoon, are requested to communicate with the ringing master, W. SHORT.

64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow, to-day, Saturday, December 1st. Unveiling of peal-board. Bells ready at 3 p.m., service in church 6 p.m.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

48, Church Street, Middleton.

Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be at the parish church, Rotherham, to-day, Saturday, December 1st. Tower open 4 p.m., meeting house, White Hart inn.

R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, December 1st, at St. Mary's church, Deane, Bolton. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business at 7.30. All ringers earnestly invited to attend.

HENRY MOSS, Branch Sec.

64, Beverley Road, Bolton.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stoke, to-day, Saturday, December 1st.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bootle, to-day, Saturday, December 1st. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 6.

C. A. CLEMENTS, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend, to-day, Saturday, December 1st. Tower open at 4.30. Committee meeting 6.15.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, on Saturday, December 8th, 1900. Tea at 5 p.m. in the school. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle, on Saturday, December 8th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Tea by invitation, at The George hotel, at 5.45. Members intending to be present will greatly oblige by sending post card to the undersigned by Friday morning, December 7th.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The next meetings of the society will be held at St. Magnus on December 6th, and St. Michael's on December 11th. Members who wish to pay the sum of 1s. 8d. instead of peal booking fees for the year 1900-1 are requested

to do so before February 28th next, according to Rule vii.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, December 8th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Barnsley, on Saturday, December 8th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house, The Millstone inn, Peel Street.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lyminster (six bells), on Saturday, December 8th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector at the Parish Room at 5.45. All members intending to be present are requested to inform me by Wednesday, December 5th, as the Rector requires a few days' notice.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

"Northbrook," Goring, Worthing.

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bristol, on Saturday, December 8th. There will be a short service at St John the Baptist, Broad Street, at 4.45, followed by a business meeting in the Crypt for the election of officers of the branch for the ensuing year. Most of the City bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

C. H. GORDON, Hon. Sec.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowden, Stockport, and Mottram Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Stockport parish church, on Saturday, December 21st. Evensong 4.30.

H. LEIGH MALLORY, Hon. Branch Sec.

The St. Peter's Society, Leeds.—Change of Headquarters.—The headquarters of the St. Peter's Society, parish church, Leeds, will be held at The Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate.

F. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W.C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, October 21st, at the church of St. James, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples. E. Maddock, 1; T. T. Hayward, 2; H. Pearce, 3; A. Evans, 4; F. Millard, 5; T. Doble, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; W. Hayward, 8. On Sunday, November 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. H. J. Poole, 1; E. E. Burgess, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. Millard, 4; J. Maddock, 5; A. Doble, 6; A. Evans (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. T. T. Hayward hails from Midsomer Norton.

Mr. J. Price, Hon. Sec. of the Crawley branch of the Sussex County Association, writes: "Dear Sir,—Sorry to say the meeting of the Sussex County Association which was to have been held here on Saturday, November 24th, had to be postponed on account of illness in close proximity to the church just at the last moment."

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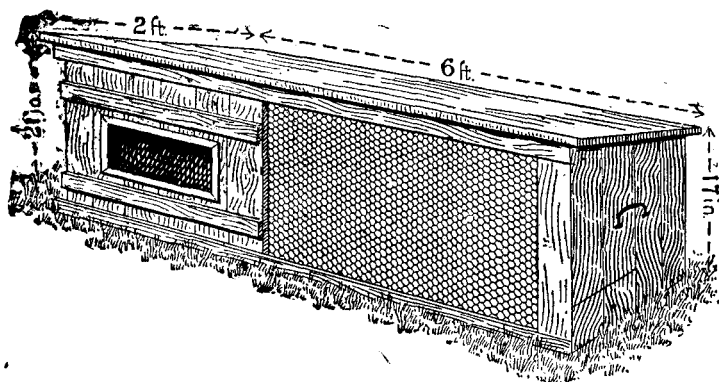
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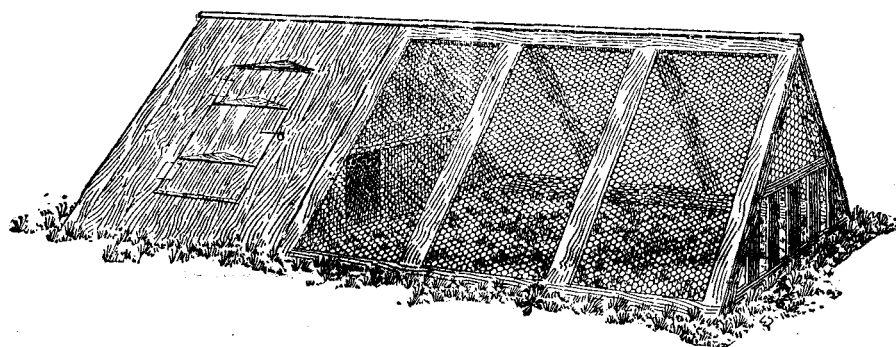
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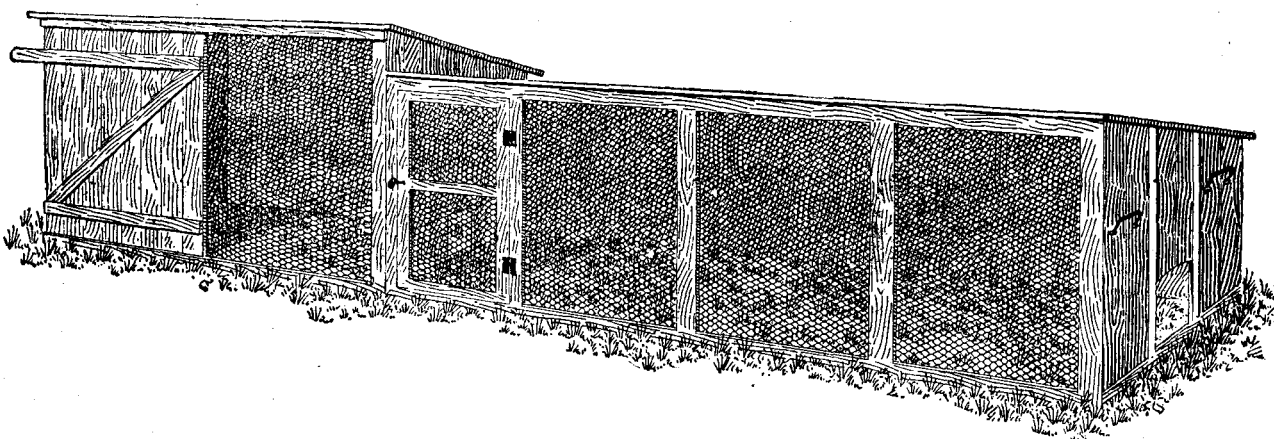
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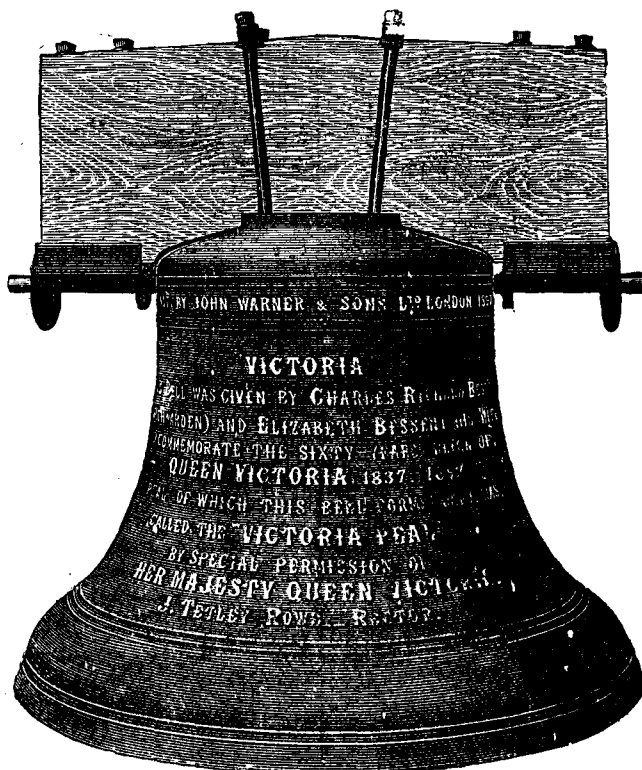
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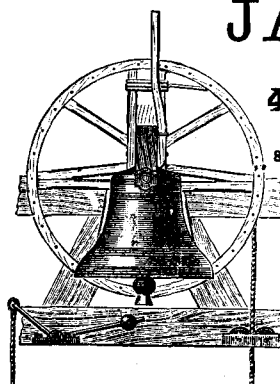
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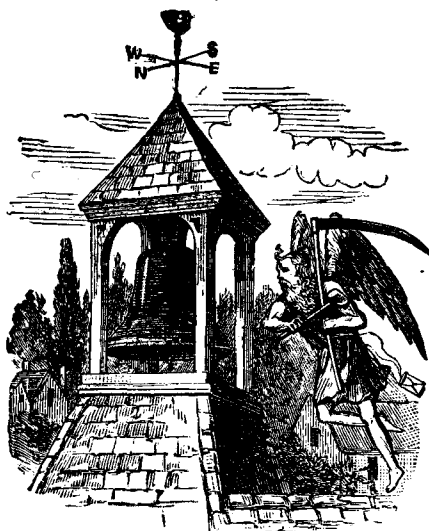
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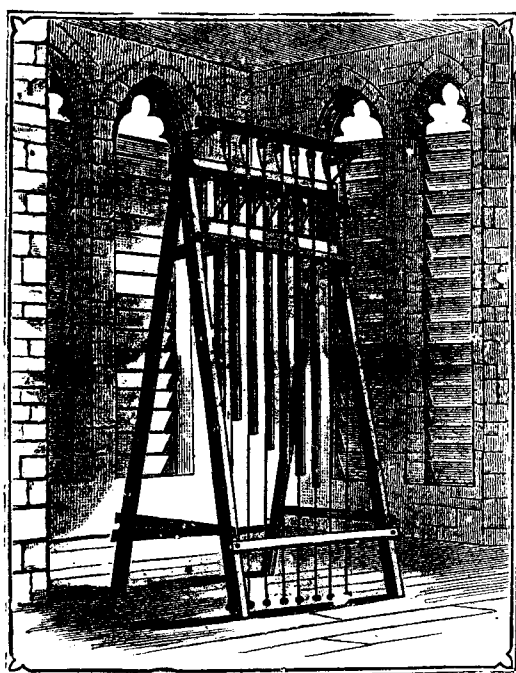
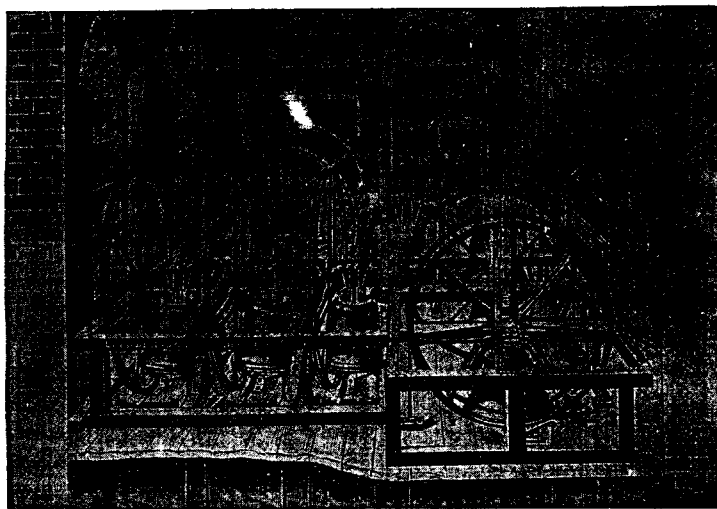
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(CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

The Annual Meeting of this Branch of the above Guild was held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, November 24th, the following towers being represented: Shipton-under-Wychwood, Hook Norton, Enstone, Great Tew and Chipping Norton. The day's proceedings commenced shortly after 10 o'clock, the Master of the Guild having brought a band to ring a peal of Stedman, which was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 56 mins., particulars of which appeared in our last issue. Those to take part in the peal arrived about 9.30, and at once proceeded to The Unicorn hotel, where a substantial breakfast awaited them, thoughtfully arranged and the expense of which was borne by the respected Master of the Guild. At 2.0 the Vicar of Chipping Norton, the Rev. G. A. Littledale, kindly entertained those who had taken part in the peal to luncheon at the vicarage.

Service was held in St. Mary's church, among the clergy present being the Revs. G. A. Littledale, F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), J. E. Philipps (President), W. Collingwood Carter, B. W. Barford, C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. P. Malleon, A. W. Russell, C. Page. Mr. Chaundry presided at the organ.

The service was taken by the Rev. B. W. Barford, the lesson being read by the Rev. J. E. Philipps. The hymns were 21 and 271. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who took his text from 2 Timothy ii. 21—"A vessel unto honour sanctified and made meet for the Master's use." In the course of his remarks the rev. gentleman said the bell was a vessel unto honour and made meet for the Master's use, the ringers being a temple of the living God, sanctified in holy baptism. Ringers should make themselves meet for the Master's service, and this could only be done through the help of God. They should have a right motive and should learn to do everything in a heavenly spirit. For this they had to depend upon the help of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the triune God—who was continually seeking to draw them unto Himself that they might rise and live in the closest communion with Him. They would thus prepare themselves for His glorious service for ever. The question they should ask themselves—the question he often asked himself—was, "What is the work He intends me to do, am I really made meet for His service?" The greatest business of life was to make themselves more and more sanctified for the Master's use. They might well consider the body as a vessel in which the Holy Spirit Himself was dwelling.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. G. A. Littledale.

Shortly after service forty-five members and friends sat down to a meat tea, provided in the schoolroom. A business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. E. Philipps. Letters of apology regretting their inability to attend were received from the Revs. H. Barter, R. H. Hart-Davis, T. W. Lee, J. W. Palmer, and J. B. Jerwood, and Mr. Thos. Harris and Mr. R. H. Burden, an old member of the Chipping Norton band. Among

those present, in addition to the clergy, were Messrs. A. C. Rawlinson, T. H. Burbridge, J. F. Barlow, honorary secretary, H. Thomas, Bennett, Large, Peirce, etc. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. F. Barlow (secretary) read the annual report as follows: "Your committee have to report that the membership has not kept up this year, two towers having left the Guild, viz., Chadlington and Great Rollright. This is to be regretted, but as a set-off against this loss they are pleased to state that Hook Norton ringers have qualified and give promise of a good band. A word of praise is due to the Hook Norton ringers for having raised by their own efforts £90 to pay off the balance of a debt of restoring and increasing the ring of bells to eight. You have for the year 1900 twenty-one hon. members, against twenty-five last year; nine life subscribers, against seven last year; forty-eight qualified ringers against forty-three last year; six probationers, against twenty-five last year. The balance-sheet shows a balance in hand of £5 9s. 1d., but from that amount the loss on the tea to-day will have to be deducted. In the spring the members met at Great Rollright, where a successful and pleasant meeting was held, the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Guest Williams, adding very much to the enjoyment by kindly throwing open his grounds."

The Chairman said he felt sure they would all join with him in regretting the loss of two towers, and hoped they would all put their shoulders to the wheel to try to keep the membership up, as they did not wish to see any tower go out of union. They wanted fresh ones to come in, and they all should do their best to rectify what he considered was a very unsatisfactory state of affairs; but on the whole he considered the report a very satisfactory one, and had much pleasure in moving its adoption.

Mr. Peirce seconded, and it was carried.

On the motion of Mr. J. F. Barlow, the Rev. J. E. Philipps was re-elected President for the ensuing year.

The President thanked them for their kindness in re-electing him to such an honourable post, and would do his best in the future as he had endeavoured to do in the past. He would do his best to serve the Guild during the coming year.

On the motion of the President, Mr. J. F. Barlow was re-elected Secretary for the coming year.

Mr. Barlow, who was heartily received, in returning thanks, said he would be very pleased to again undertake the secretarial duties, as it was a great pleasure to him to meet ringers and to assist them. He assured them it was a labour of love. He was pleased to think they were going on well and hoped they would continue to do so, and that before long they would have many peals rung in the neighbourhood.

Mr. T. H. Burbridge having been unanimously re-appointed auditor, in thanking them for his re-election, said that though he could not ring bells, it gave him very great pleasure in listening to bellringing.

The following were elected: Rev. C. W. Page, hon. member: Mr. John Allen, qualified; Messrs. W. T. Bloxham and C. Robins, probationers. Members' certifi-

cates of qualification were handed to Messrs. E. W. T. Watson, W. Fairbrothet, J. Bloxham, G. T. Clarke, G. Bloxham, J. W. Sweatman, F. Peirce, H. de Ville Tilling and J. Allen. Charlbury was the place chosen for holding the spring meeting.

On the motion of the Rev. G. A. Littledale, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his presence, and for his helpful sermon, to which the Master suitably replied. Thanks were also accorded the Vicar for the reception given to the Guild, and also to all who had in any way assisted to make the meeting so successful. On the motion of Mr. Rawlinson, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the President of the Branch for the able manner in which he had served during the year.

The Rev. J. E. Philipps briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The Rev. A. W. Russell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Barlow, without whose excellent aid the Association could not possibly get on so well.

Mr. Peirce had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks, as he was well acquainted with the work of an hon. secretary, and sometimes found that it was not all kissing.

Mr. Barlow, in responding, said he could only repeat what he had already said, that it was a pleasure to him to be associated with the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch, and he would continue to do his best in its interest. This brought a very pleasant and successful day to a close.

In addition to the peal above referred to, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and several 6-score of Doubles.

CHANGE-RINGING AT WARWICK.

Before the present year the Art of change-ringing was entirely unknown to Warwick, or, with one exception, to the neighbourhood. About a year ago, the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Mary's, which contains a fine peal of ten bells, appointed Mr. E. H. Adams, ringing master and instructor. Mr. Adams is well known in London as a ringer of experience. On January 31st, of this year, the St. Mary's Society of change-ringers was founded with seven members, two only of whom had acquired the Art of ringing changes. At the present time the Society is able to ring Grandsire Triples successfully and the membership has risen to eighteen. Such a record for a year's work may be considered very encouraging. A meeting was held on November 29th, under the auspices of the Vicar and Churchwardens, which has now placed the Society on a firm foundation. It is hoped that the Society may become a centre of ringing in a neighbourhood hitherto confined to the weary limits of call-changes. There are two fine peals of eight bells in Warwick, besides St. Mary's ring of ten, and there are many good towers of six close round. Whether St. Mary's Society can in the future extend its sphere of influence or not, change-ringers will always find a welcome at St. Mary's tower.

RULES OF THE NORWICH RINGERS BENEFIT SOCIETY.

It has been suggested by those interested in such matters that the enclosed set of rules of the Norwich Scholars' Benefit Society are well worthy of publication in "THE BELL NEWS." With your permission, Mr. Editor, they are therefore put before your readers. Mr. Walter Rye, the eminent antiquary, explains in his covering letter to "The Norfolk Chronicle" (in which

paper they were published a few weeks ago), the way this parchment roll came into his possession. He has very kindly allowed several of our ringers to inspect it, for which courtesy we are greatly indebted. The coloured drawings of the churches mentioned by Mr. Rye, are very crudely done, and would certainly never be recognised by those most familiar with them. The roll is about 5 feet by 2 feet, and the wording is perfectly legible. This benefit society—locally known as the "Purse Club"—is still in existence and holds regular meetings on the first Saturday in each month. I am afraid its continuity since the date of the subjoined rules would be very difficult to prove. In days gone by this Purse Club dominated practically all the ringing in the City, and the twelve men of St. Peter's company were always elected from its members. It is difficult in fact to separate the one from the other, and one trembles to think of the strife which might be occasioned amongst the ringers of the City, if members of the Purse Club or the company went into the question of "property." This property consists mainly of a number of pewter mugs and pots and a quantity of pewter "money." The drinking vessels are nearly all inscribed with the names of the "Headman," the two Supravisors, and the date. They were always used at the yearly feasts mentioned in Item 8, and also undoubtedly at the celebrations connected with the ringing in of the New Year. The "money" was of some recognised value, and was used for beer tickets. A number of framed records of peals, and a peal of handbells kept in a box made by William Porter of Double Norwich fame, and a framed picture of the late T. Barrell are all likewise supposed to belong to the Purse. The latter is hardly a credit to either poor old Tom or the artist—it rather suggests a member of the freak department of Messrs. Barnum and Bailey's show. Copies of "The Clavis," Shipway's and Lestranger's works, completed the list of the Society's effects. It is not compulsory nowadays for the company men to be members of the Purse Club, although as a matter of fact several of the men are connected with both bodies, neither is the first sentence of Item 3 strictly adhered to whilst these two branches work amicably together it is certainly expedient, as far as the property goes, to remember the old adage, and "let sleeping dogs lie."

The books of the Purse Club, incomplete as they are, are of great interest to the student of Norwich ringing history as they are practically as complete directory of the ringers in the City up to about 30 years ago when, as far as I can find out, the admission to the company of men who were not Pursers began. By the kindness of Mr. Frederick Knights and Mr. Samuel Smith, the present officers of the Society, I am enabled to examine the Society's books and effects.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will lay before the Exercise at an early date some of the many interesting items to be found therein.

CHAS. E. BORRETT.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

NORWICH BELLRINGERS.

The following articles relating to the Society of ringers in Norwich are engrossed on a large parchment roll in my possession, which is headed with quaint coloured drawings of our three chief Norwich churches, round which very chubby cherubs are sprawling. It was bought by me as far away from home as Exeter, and I have no idea how it strayed there. All who are familiar with the old guild certificates of Rich. II. will be struck by the curious similarity of many of the provisions in the subjoined document to those in the earlier certificates.

WALTER RYE.

St. Leonard's-priory.

ARTICLES

Made and agreed unto, December 22nd, 1716, by the Society of Ringers, in the City of Norwich, for the ordering a Stock or Purse for the relief of such persons as shall be therein concerned and shall stand in need of the same, are as followeth, viz. :—

1. Imprimis. There shall be a Headman and a Purser chosen by

a vote, and two Supravisors and two Feast Makers chosen by the course of the book, and that upon the respective quarterly meetings, which are to be holden upon the Saturdays next before the four common quarter-days. And then any person desiring to be admitted into this Society may be admitted by the consent and approbation of the major part of the Company. No person shall be admitted into this Society who is above thirty years of age.

2. Item. Every person who shall be admitted a member of this Society shall at his first entering pay two shillings. And thenceforward two shillings a quarter until he hath paid ten shillings with his entering money. And then to be owned a full Purser. And afterward to pay one shilling per quarter. But in case the company shall make any lawful objection against any such person or persons at the end of the first quarter he or they objected against shall then have his or their entering money returned and he or they shall be rejected.

3. Item. No person shall be admitted a member of this Society who cannot ring 420 triples, and so long as six of them remain this purse shall not be broken. At every quarter meeting the Supravisors must be there between the hours of six and nine; if not they forfeit sixpence to the use of the purse. The stock of money to be no less than ten pounds.

4. Item. If any member of this society shall be absent upon any of the quarter meetings and not visited with sickness he shall pay for every such default threepence. And every person that neglects to bring or send his money for two quarterly meetings shall be crossed out of the book. And any member that shall design to cheat the purse by asking or taking relief fraudulently and the same be proved upon him before the Company for such offence, he or they shall be struck out of the book.

5. Item. If any person belonging to this purse shall refuse to bear office in the same, being chosen in a regular manner thereto, the person so refusing shall be struck out of the book. And if any person doth turn himself out of the purse voluntarily he is never to be entered into this Society again.

6. Item. If the Purser who is entrusted with the stock of money belonging to this Society shall at any time dispose of or part with any of the said money without the knowledge and consent of the Headman and Supravisors then being, he shall make full restitution and satisfaction to the Company for all such money so disposed of.

7. Item. The stock of money belonging unto this Society shall be entrusted into such hands as the Company or the major part thereof shall think fit to choose for their Purser, he giving such security for the same as the Company shall approve of. The Supravisors shall not have above twenty shillings in their hands at one time, and the accounts shall be made and entered into the book every year upon Whitsun Monday.

8. Item. The Headman shall have power to appoint the quarter meetings in such place as he shall think fit and convenient, and the Feast Makers, with consent of the Headman, to appoint the place for the yearly feast, which shall be kept upon Whitsun Monday, at which feast every person belonging to this Society shall pay unto the Feast Makers one shilling and sixpence for their entertainment upon that day. If any person belonging to this Society doth privately and fraudulently dispose of any beer which doth properly belong to the whole Company in any of their public meetings, without leave and consent of the Company, he shall for his first offence pay sixpence, and for the second shall be struck out of the book.

9. Item. If at any of the respective quarter meetings any person or persons shall by quarrelling or wrangling disturb the peace and business of the said Company, then the Headman shall command him or them so disturbing to desist and be quiet, and if after that he or they shall continue their disturbance, then the Headman shall expel him or them out of the Company for that night. And if any member of this Society shall come into their room at any time before their book is shut up, which shall be at the hour of nine at night, he or they shall pay an equal part of the expense with those who were at first present at that quarter meeting.

10. Item. If any person belonging to this Society shall travel into any other parts of this kingdom or beyond sea and doth then order his quarterly payments to be paid by any friend in his stead in times according to these Articles, he shall then be continued a member in the Society, but no person is to be relieved by this purse but when he doth dwell or inhabit within the bounds of the City of Norwich.

11. Item. When any person belonging to this Society shall have received relief from the purse according to these Articles, and if any member hereof shall reflect upon him that have so received by any checking or reproachful language, the person or persons so offending shall for the first offence being proved pay one shilling, and for the second two shillings, and for the third he shall be expelled the Company and never be admitted into this Society again.

12.—Item. When any person belonging to this purse is visited with sickness and desires relief he shall then send by any one member of this Society to acquaint the officers of the purse with his condition,

and seven days after that time the officers shall relieve him with nine shillings, and after that with seven shillings a week for the space of two months, and afterwards four shillings per week.

13. Item. When any member of this purse shall depart this life, there shall then be allowed by the said purse the sum of forty shillings for his burial, although he had received the relief due to him from the said purse but an hour before his death.

14. Item. When any member of this Society is to be buried the whole Company are obliged to be present at his funeral having timely notice given them by the officers of the purse or any other person in their stead of the time and place of the said funeral, and every person who shall then be absent shall forfeit sixpence, and those who shall be then present shall spend each man threepence for their own drinking.

15. Item. If any controversy shall arise in this Company about a breach made of any of these Articles, and the case seem doubtful, then there shall be twelve of the Company chosen by lots, who shall have full power to decide and determine any controversy or complaint. But if it so happen that these twelve cannot determine the case by a majority, then it shall be finally ended by a vote of the whole Company.

16. Item. All fines and forfeitures which shall accrue or arise by virtue of these Articles shall be put into the public stock or purse to the sole use and benefit of this Company. And whensoever it shall be found requisite and necessary for the better ordering of this Society or the stock of money thereto belonging to make alteration in any of these Articles such alteration or addition thereto shall be made by vote of the major part of the Company and not otherwise.

17. Item. If at any quarter meeting there be net twenty members of this Society the Clerk shall be paid his quarterly salary out of the public stock, but if there be then present twenty persons or more, then the Clerk shall be paid his said salary, out of the money collected for the expense of that night being each purser sixpence. Item. If any member of this Society who is not a full Purser be taken sick he shall be relieved out of the stock with half-pay. Our Lady, 1741.

18. Item. If any person or persons belonging to this Society shall at any time or place aid or assist any particular Company of Ringers, or shall agree to make a separate Company of Ringers or a Company among themselves in the City of Norwich, to the detriment or disadvantage of the said Society or purse of ringers, he or they shall be expelled out of the said Society for so doing.

19. Item. The money which the Treasurer pays for his dinner upon the yearly Feast-day shall not be expended by the Company upon the Feast-Day, but upon the next day following the feast, and tobacco should be found and allowed the Company out of the money collected for expenses.

20. Item. When there be a vacancy in any Steeple Company of Ringers in this City either by death or otherwise the said Steeple Company shall be obliged to choose a person to supply any such vacancy who is at that time a member of the Ringers' purse in this City, and the person chosen out of one Company into another doth thereby discharge himself of his former Company by accepting the same, for no man shall hold two Steeple Companies.

21. Item. If any person belonging to this Company should introduce his wife into the said Company upon the day after their feast, he shall for so doing forfeit one shilling for the benefit of the said purse.

22. Item. Half the money which is collected of this Society upon the yearly Feast-day shall be expended in beer for the entertainment of the said Society upon their Feast-day.

23. Item. The number of Purses belonging to this Society shall not exceed forty and five. Mich., 1740. That the purse be opened without limitation.

24. Item. When it shall be thought proper and convenient to call a private meeting, then every member of this purse who shall be warned and absent from the same shall forfeit sixpence, and every person present shall spend threepence.

25. Item. If any member or members of this Society shall practise with aid or assist any person or persons attempting to take away any Steeple or Steeples from this purse to the detriment of the same, he or they shall be expelled the purse for so doing.

26. Item. If a member of this purse who is not a full Purser be taken sick he shall be relieved out of the stock with half-pay. The stock not to be reduced under £100, the deficiency to be made up by paying 1/6 to the stock every quarter so long as it shall be necessary. Five shillings to be allowed the sick after two months' pay instead of the 4/- before allowed. If there be 27 members at any quarterly meeting the Clerk shall be paid out the reckoning; if not, out of the stock.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—The Committee appointed to obtain and publish a return of the condition, etc., of all rings of 8, and upwards, in the country, are placed in a position which bids fair to render wholly useless the very considerable labour already expended on this most important object. During the year 1899 circulars were sent out to, so far as was known, all Secretaries of Associations, enclosing forms to be filled in with the name and address of the representative ringer of each tower within their district. The number of Secretaries thus communicated with was 44. The following gentlemen have not, as yet, made the required return:—

Leeds and District...	Mr. R. Binns.
Gloucester and Bristol...	C. E. Boutflower, Esq.
Salisbury	Mr. Thos. Blackburn.
Winchester	Rev. C. E. Matthews.

Upon the 40 returns which have come to hand, 923 forms have been issued to as many representative ringers, but of these only 669 have been filled in and returned. Seeing that during the past six months hardly any of the forms still remaining out have been sent in, it would appear that there is in these cases no intention of complying with the request of the Committee.

As the person who has been responsible for the whole of the work up to the present time, I now wish to say publicly that, if the interest of the Exercise in the proposed objects of the Committee is only sufficient to give three-fourths of the required information, the compilation, which will involve much arduous labour, would be so incomplete as to be almost worthless. Under these circumstances I beg to give notice that, at the end of this year, I shall lay the matter before the Committee, who will then judge, according to the number of returns by them received, whether they can advise the Council to proceed, in view of the further fact that, if longer delayed, many of the earlier returns will be out of date.

In conclusion I may say that, while the Committee have to thank the very many gentlemen who have made prompt and careful returns, it is most disappointing to find so large a proportion taking little or no interest in a work, which the Council had hoped would have drawn general attention to the wide-spread need of a more liberal expenditure on bells and their surroundings, if these are to be brought up to the standard of excellence which is now the rule in regard to the other appurtenances of our churches.

ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Duffield, Derby, November 26th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

A meeting of the above was held at Littlebourne, on Saturday, November 17th, when members attended from Canterbury, Deal, Elham and Hernhill. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Doubles, then a 720 Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. A. Castle (first 720 in the method), 1; M. W. Pierce (conductor), 2; H. C. Castle, 3; G. Denne, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; P. H. Pierce, 6. After which some walking changes were rung with the local band.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of the above Guild was held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, November 24th, thirty-three members putting in an appearance. The bells were set swinging a little after four o'clock, and brought to a standstill a little before six, in order that the craving of the inner man might be somewhat quelled. A certain amount of inconvenience was experienced owing to the caterers' inability to provide a room large enough to accommodate all the members, however, this did not retard the disappearance of the edibles. Owing to the absence of the secretary no business could be transacted.

The representative ringer was requested to present the thanks of the members to the Vicar for his hospitality.

Ringling was again in full swing after tea. The methods indulged in during the evening were: Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Milnrow, on Saturday, December 1st, the various towers of the district being well represented. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., touches of various methods being rung on the bells. After tea, a short service was held in the church, for the purpose of the unveiling of a peal-board recording two peals of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band, Mrs. J. Smith, wife of one of the churchwardens, performing the unveiling ceremony. The Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Wright, afterwards gave a short address on the Art of change-ringing. The business part of the meeting was then held, presided over by Mr. Samuel Brierley, of Milnrow, several new members being elected, a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, etc., bringing to a close a very successful meeting.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Stoke, on Saturday, December 1st. Representatives from the following towers were present: Norton, Leek, Tunstall, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Kids Grove, Lawton, Bucknall, Longton, Audley, and Stoke. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m., and after touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples had been rung, the members adjourned for tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. C. H. Simpkinson. About forty members sat down. After tea, business was proceeded with, the Rev. C. H. Simpkinson in the chair. After a vote of thanks had been proposed and seconded to the Rector for giving the tea, a discussion arose about the towers that were not affiliated to the Association, and it was decided to bring the influence of the Association to bear upon them by appointing a deputation to visit the following towers, viz.: Hanley, Wolstanton, Fenton, and Stone. After the business was concluded, a pleasant circumstance took place, in the shape of a handsome marble time-piece being presented to Mr. W. Twigg, in recognition of his eleven years' service as Secretary of the Association. The Rector, in making the presentation, said the success of the Association was largely due to the exertions of Mr. Twigg. Mr. Twigg himself having suitably returned thanks, the members adjourned to the tower.

Correspondence.

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

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

RINGS OF EIGHT AND UPWARDS IN ENGLAND.

SIR,—Having read with great interest of the above in "THE BELL NEWS," and looking forward for the publication of the same at an early date it was with very great regret that I saw in last week's "BELL NEWS" the likelihood of its abandonment on account of not getting the returns sent in of about one-third of the rings of eight and upwards, and was very much surprised at no returns being made from such names as published by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., in "THE BELL NEWS." Now Sir, I venture to think the above account can be obtained by ringers in different districts undertaking to collect the required accounts that have not been sent in. I myself could undertake to send in the accounts of several towers in this part of Kent, if not already done so. So I think it would be well if Sir Arthur would publish a list of the towers where no return has been received in "THE BELL NEWS."

Headcorn, Kent.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

"LAPPING."

SIR,—Having read with interest of the above I should like to make a few remarks on the subject. This being a very old custom at Aldington, Kent, where I first learnt to ring a bell, just over twenty-three years ago, it always went by the name of Blanket Bob by the old ringers here, and when ever we met short handed we used to have a turn at Blanket Bob on the handbells. Having a set of twelve belonging to and hanging in the belfry of Aldington (one bell supposed to be over two hundred years old with W.R. in raised letters inside still belonging to this ring), the floor being covered with cocoa-nut matting, we used to down on our knees when meeting short and have a turn at the above, and used to ring Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus very well, and we use to tie a piece of string on the Treble bell strap, so the others kept changing their bells until the Treble man put one of his down, the others followed suit. I still think this gives a learner a bit of a start in change-ringing.

Headcorn, Kent.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

BELFRY REFORM.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. R. A. Daniell's letter in your issue of November 10th, under the above heading, I fear that I can add but little information to the subject which he has described so exhaustively, namely, the methods which find favour amongst country ringers in Devon. It is customary to find, amongst these ringers, cards containing two or three sets of changes, which would in most cases be a plain course of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Though these changes are rung regularly twice a week, a ringer is in blissful ignorance of the work of his bell, and would not even distinguish a difference between the Grandsire and Stedman methods, the only distinction to him being that one card would be labelled 30 Doubles, the other 60 Doubles. What astonishes one most is the keenness with which many walking-change-ringers adhere to their practices two and three times a week, ringing over and over again the two sets of changes, and yet are averse to breaking fresh ground and advancing in ringing as a high Art, partly through a mistaken idea as to the difficulty of what they term "scientific," and partly in some cases from sheer laziness.

From a tower in North Devon I obtained a copy of three sets of changes which are respectively styled "Old 48 changes, 66 changes in 3rd, and 66 changes," and are said to have been there from time immemorial. The methods are strange to me and incomprehensible. Perhaps Mr. Daniell may recognise some ancient friends, so I will forward him a copy.

F. MOLINEUX, Sec. of the Devon Guild.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,—I have been very interested in the letters appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" recently. Since residing in this part I have become acquainted with a few ringers in the villages about here. They are almost all "as far as I know," respectable working men, and attend the services of the church. Their

ringing is mostly what I understand to be "set changes" or "call changes," some might call it "stoney" or "Church yard Bob." However, any touch, or number of changes is called a "peal." Great stress is laid on raising and falling. The captain usually calls the changes, himself ringing the Treble. One pair of bells only are changed at each call, for instance, the first change he will call "second the third," which makes 13245. When changing the bells on the lead he would call "Treble the third lead," 31245. He does not appear to follow any method, but keeps the bells in changes for a long or short peal as he wishes. They also ring from leads lying on the floor in front of each man. In one tower they have the plain course of Stedman Doubles, at each change the captain calls "Go." In another tower, where they are practising half-pull ringing, they have a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, also a part of Stedman Triples. Their striking is splendid, although in one tower no notice is taken of the handstroke lead, but they turn it out as from a machine. At the same tower they ring on Sundays about once a fortnight, and that at about 9 o'clock a.m. I fancy it is a custom, as there is no service between 8 o'clock and 11. On festivals they sometimes ring after the evening service, the bells being chimed at other times by the sexton. There is no doubt ample room for improvement in most towers, and it seems to me if we desire reform, a great deal can be done by individual effort, by example and precept, and putting our backs into the work of the our associations.

GEO. H. HEAD.

Poltimore Park, Exeter, Devon, December 3rd.

Obituary.

WILLIAM BURGESS.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of a very old and respected ringer, Mr. William Burgess, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who departed this life at the ripe old age of 84 years, on the 28th of November. He had been a ringer for upwards of 50 years, and had taken part in over 40 peals, his longest length being an 8240 of Treble Bob Royal. He was the last of an old family of ringers, Ashton having never been without a Burgess on the roll for upwards of a century. He rang his last peal, one of Treble Bob Maximus, in his 75th year. He was interred on Saturday, December 1st, to the deepest regret of his brother-strings, who rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to a very old comrade.

NOTES TO PEALS RECORDED LAST WEEK.

THE PEAL AT WYMONDHAM.—This peal contains 456 calls viz., 228 singles, 132 bobs, and 96 extremes, and is found in Snowdon's "Grandsire." The calls were written out at full length, and checked as they were made by E. Bellamy, to whom the ringers wish to express their warm thanks for his kindness and attention in assisting them to get the peal. The ringers would be interested to know if the above peal has ever been rung without some kind of assistance similar to that given on the present occasion.

THE PEAL AT CAMBERWELL.—Mr. J. R. Sharman's 100 peals.—7 methods on 6 bells 5; Grandsire Triples 5, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 19, conducted 5; Stedman Caters 14; Stedman Cinques 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 7; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 8, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise Major 32, conducted 5; Cambridge Surprise Major 1; London Surprise Major 2. Total rang 100, conducted 12. Mr. B. Prewett's 50 peals.—Grandsire Triples 7; Stedman Triples 22; Stedman Caters 8; Bob Major 2; Treble Bob Major 1; Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 5; Superlative Surprise Major 4. Total 50.

THE PEAL AT UPTON ST. LEONARDS.—This was the conductor's 50th peal rung this year as follows: Superlative Surprise 6; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 4; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 10, conducted 8; Bob Major 1, conducted 1; Bob Royal 1, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 3; Stedman Triples 6; Grandsire Caters 7; Grandsire Triples 9, conducted 7; Oxford Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Minor 1, conducted 1. Total 50, conducted 19. Rung in eight counties.—C. R. LILLEY.

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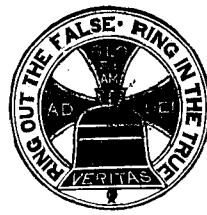
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1900.

If anything can be done to enlist the practical sympathies of antiquaries with bells, and also with bell ringing, now is the moment. There are more change-ringers than we think of who have a very strong antiquarian side to their character, and who naturally therefore take a delight in exploring old records and such-like matters relating to bells and ringing. Our readers have had the benefit many times recently of perusing the results of these gentleman's researches, and they with ourselves have been highly interested, and in fact, greatly instructed by such perusal. There is still, we expect, a mine of such information to be opened, and we doubt not that in the near future we shall be treated to more of the ringing history and doings of some of the very early fathers of the Science.

But the publication of such antiquarian lore as we

have had lately has another good effect. The attention of men of mark who are learned antiquaries are having their attention drawn to the fact that connected with church bells and ringing there is a great field open for enquiry. They will in consequence, let us hope, be led to regard our church bells with great interest and affection, and bell-ringing at its very highest value.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fox, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. Mr. Baker hails from Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

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

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING 6.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 4.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales's birthday.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Four Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5134 CHANGES. Tenor 41 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 7.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	*ERNEST PYE 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN* .. 3.	*HARRY FLANDERS 9.
WILLIAM PYE* 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 10.
CHARLES WILKINS* 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 11.
ISAAC G. SHADE 6.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANCIS E. DAWE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Also first peal of Cinques by the Association.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HARRY BOTTRILL Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. 2.	JOHN MOULE 6.
EDWARD A. BACON 3.	GEORGE HAYDEN 7.
WILLIAM MILLER 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Treble Bob Major by the ringers of 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and first peal of Treble Bob away from the Treble by the 3rd. This peal was rung to celebrate the 56th birthday of H.R.H. The Princess of Wales, and the 79th birthday of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and also to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Viaduct and Blackfrairs bridge.

The Provinces.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1900, in Three Hours Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	FREDERICK MUSTY 5.
WILLIAM T. PATES 2.	FREDERICK TOWNSEND .. 6.
WILLIAM DYER 3.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal in method by the 3rd and 6th, and first peal in method on the bells. This is the conductor's 52nd peal this year.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES, Tenor 27 cwt.

EDWARD STACEY* Treble.	GEORGE BURT 5.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	WILLIAM BULPITT 6.
WILLIAM TILLER* 3.	*FREDERICK HERMON .. 7.
GODFREY MORTON† 4.	*CHARLES KITCHING .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. BROOKER.

*First peal of Major. †First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. This peal was rung on the 75th birthday of Mr. B. Blake, an old and respected member of this Society.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

VALENTINE ROWE Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE 5.
WILLIAM HORNE 2.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 6.
JOHNSON E. HERN 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
HENRY TUCKER 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by ALFRED REEVES.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of City Delight, College Exercise, Duke of York, and Oxford, and 360 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Violet, and Kent Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN SLOMAN Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, November 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN SMITH* Treble.	JAMES REYNOLDS 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7.
RICHARD E. GROVE 4.	JOHN CRANE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

*First peal of Stedman.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, November 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	RICHARD A. JUDD 5.
RICHARD BRUNSDON 2.	THOMAS NEWMAN 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
CHARLES P. LILLEY 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIES .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROTHWELL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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 Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN VERITY Treble.	GEORGE W. STEEL† 4.
THOMAS NICKOLS* 2.	ALFRED CHAPMAN 5.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal as conductor.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN K. GREEN Treble.	FREDERICK WARRINGTON .. 5.
JOHN W. WOOD 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES 6.
THOMAS B. WOOD 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 7.
EDWARD HOULDEN 4.	REV. H. L. JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by D. Woods, and
Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

A reference elsewhere.

BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Consisting of eight 6-scores each of Grandsire, Morning Star, Old Doubles, and April Day, and ten 6-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK LAMBERT .. Treble.	FRANK CULLUM 3.
EDWARD CHATTEN 2.	JOSEPH WALKER 4.

JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK LAMBERT.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

(EAST RETFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS SPURR Treble.	HERBERT HAIGH 5.
GEORGE SWANNACK 2.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. 6.
F. WALTER ABBOTT* .. 3.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. 7.
GEORGE W. D. METCALFE† 4.	HARRY WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. It is seventeen years since a peal was rung at this church.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

STANHOPE RIGG Treble.	RALPH ELLIS 5.
HARRY ROBINSON 2.	SAM PEACOCK 6.
GEORGE THORNTON 3.	FRED ROBINSON 7.
HERBERT PEACOCK 4.	BENJAMIN ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED ROBINSON.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
THOMAS NEWMAN* 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	FRED G. MAY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal in the method.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWENS Treble.	THOMAS BROWN 5.
WILLIAM ARGENT 2.	ROBERT BOTTING 6.
JOHN ANSELL 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

BRAY, WICKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

HENRY RICKERBY Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH 5.
GEORGE MATTHEWS 2.	THOMAS SMITH 6.
R. G. LEWIS 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
DAVID TOWSON 4.	WILLIAM SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is the first peal on the bells, and by the Bray Society. Also first peal by all, with the exception of the conductor and the ringer of the 3rd, who is late of Grappenhall.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	SIDNEY HODGES 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
JOHN JAGGAR 4.	ERNEST BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

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FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

DAVID ELLIOTT.. .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 2.	SIDNEY CLARK 6.
GEORGE HUMM 3.	CHARLES ROGERS 7.
EDWARD HAYWARD* .. 4.	JAMES NEWMAN.. .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE and Conducted by JAMES NEWMAN.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	FREDERICK MEE 4.
HARRY F. MEE 2.	FRANK ROLFE 5.
EDGAR RIVERS 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
WILLIAM BURKIN 2.	EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER.. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of London Surprise by Mr. Burkin, who hails from Nutfield, Surrey, and for whom the peal was arranged.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

SYDNEY DAWSON Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING 5.
HARRY WHITTLE 2.	REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON.. .. 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
WILLIAM FOX 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston hails from New Mills; W. Fox from Wirksworth.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH.. .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
FRANK WEBB 2.	GEORGE VALENTINE 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	WILLIAM J. BARKER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE* Treble.	*JAMES ELDERFIELD 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER* 2.	*REUBEN FLAXMAN 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	*GEORGE BASDEN 7.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE* 4.	GEORGE ALLDER.. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and rung in honour of the birthday of the Princess of Wales.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN TUCKER Treble.	CHARLES GILES.. .. 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	REV F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ARTHUR EVANS 3.	WILLIAM HORNE 7.
ALBERT E. REEVES 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

NEW MILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent, New London, Merchants' Return, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GILL Treble.	ARTHUR GILL 4.
HERBERT HAIGH 2.	HARRY HAIGH 5.
HERBERT BILTCLIFFE .. 3.	H. W. BARROW Tenor.

Conducted by H. BILTCLIFFE.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Tinker, a member of the local band, to Miss Emma Booth. This being the first wedding out of a band of fourteen, it was decided to honour it with a peal.

FREELAND, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

FREDERICK POUNDS .. Treble.	HARRY BROOKS 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS* .. 2.	THOMAS BULL 5.
HENRY DRUCE 3.	NOBLE SPINDLOW Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, which are a new ring by Mears and Stainbank, and first of Minor by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
RALPH WOOD† 2.	†WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT .. 6.
GEORGE FRANKUM* .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4.	†THOMAS MAYNARD.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method away from the tenor. †First peal in the method. G. Grainam was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung on handbells at Sproughton, and published in our last issue, should have read 5088 changes.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 28th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, for Divine Service, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Head, 1; J. Burgess, 2; W. Jelley, 3; G. Foster, 4; F. Blondell, 5; W. Lightfoot (conductor), 6; G. Gunner, 7; T. Maynard, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. C. Willshire, 1; R. Wood, 2; A. Pulling, 3; G. Gunner, 4; G. Foster, 5; W. Lightfoot, 6; B. Chorley, 7; F. Blondell (conductor), 8. The same company also rang 288 Kent Treble Bob and 252 Stedman Triples, with C. Willshire as conductor. On Sunday evening, November 18, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 46 mins. C. Willshire, 1; G. Gunner, 2; G. Foster, 3; J. Grundy, 4; G. Frankum, 5; W. Lightfoot, 6; B. Chorley, 7; F. Blondell (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, November 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, 1152 changes, in 42 mins. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; B. Chorley, 2; J. Grundy, 3; G. Frankum, 4; G. Foster, 5; W. Lightfoot, 6; A. Pulling, 7; F. Blondell, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, October 11th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, with 6 8 coverinh. J. Armstrong, 1; J. Miller, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; S. Jones, 4; *H. Miller, 5; C. Bale, 6; S. Wade, 7; G. Bester, 8. *First 720 with a bob bell. On Sunday, October 14, a quarter peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; H. Newby, 5; J. Miller, 6; A. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 21, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1280 changes. A. Glasscock, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; S. Jones, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Newby, 6; A. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, October 7th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. John's church, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Dickens, 1; J. Rose, 2; W. J. Jeffries, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; T. Deal, 5; J. Law, 6; G. H. Daynes (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; E. H. Nixon, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; J. Law, 8. On Sunday, October 14th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Dickens, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; A. C. Bedwell, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancs).—On Friday, October 5th, at Christ church, a 720 of Plain Bob. E. J. Cockroft, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. H. Barnes, 3; T. Holstead, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. The 4th ringer hails from Waterfoot. On Sunday morning, October 7th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Double Court Bob. H. L. Cockroft, 1; the rest as before. On Monday night, October 8th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. L. Holt, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, October 14, a 720 of Stedman's slow course, standing as before. On Friday, October 19th, a 720 of Ely Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. S. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 of Merchant's Delight, standing as before. On Friday, October 26th, a 720 of Lincoln Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 28th, a 720 of Place Treble. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Primrose, standing as before.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIGAN (Lancs).—On Saturday, October 27th, at St. James' church, a silent 504 of Grandsire Triples, by the following mixed company. R. Calland (Hindley), 1; J. C. Eckersley (St. James's Wigan), 2; J. Taylor (Aughton), 3; E. Caunce (Tue-Brook), 4; E. Prescott (Hindley), 5; W. Fairclough (Aughton), 6; W. Bentham (Aughton), 7; W. Westhead (Wigan), 8.

AUGHTON (Lancs).—On Thursday, November 8th, at Christ church, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Eastham, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Taylor (conductor), 3; J. Marsh, 4; W. Bentham, 5; T. Jenkinson, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 13th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3;

A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. This composition has 18 singles and 3 bobs, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for October 6th. On Sunday morning, October 14th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. In the evening 720 Warnham Court, standing as before. This was S. Fernley's 250th 720. On Sunday morning, October 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean (conductor), 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. On Sunday evening, October 28th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(HULL BRANCH.)

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, October 25, at the parish church, a quarter-peal, 1259 of Grandsire Caters, in honour of the freedom of the City of Hull being conferred on Sir Henry Seymour King, M.P. for the central division. F. Merrison, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; J. Highfield, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; T. Clark, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; D. Brown, 7; G. Miller, 8; C. Jackson (conductor), 9; J. W. Dale, 10. Also on November 9, for the re-election of the mayor and sheriff, 1006 Stedman Caters. F. Merrison, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Highfield, 3; R. Chaffer, 4; T. Clark, 5; J. Dixey, 6; D. Brown, 7; G. Miller, 8; C. Jackson (conductor), 9; J. Dale, 10. Also 809 Grandsire Caters, and 501 Stedman Caters, with J. Disey at 4th, and W. Verity at 6th, the rest standing as before.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 25th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford, and 72 in same method. W. Walker, 1; J. Peacock (first 720 in the method), 2; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Hackingbottom, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 720 Smithfield Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. On Wednesday, October 24th, for practice, 720 Coventry Surprise. H. Little, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 720 Chichester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Monday, October 29th, at St. Gregory's, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 minutes. A. E. Fuller (first 720), 1; P. Artis, 2; H. W. Stanley, 3; F. Knights (conductor), 4; G. Smith, 5; G. Mayers, 6. Also on November 5th, at St. Giles, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. L. Duffield (first 720), 1; H. W. Stanley, 2; H. Howlett, 3; S. Smith, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5; A. J. Warner, 6. Messrs. Fuller and Duffield hail from Tasburgh.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Monday, November 25th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 1036 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 40 mins. F. Kessell, 1; J. W. Hodder (conductor), 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Tregoning, 4; P. Hitchens, 5; T. Hicks, 6; H. Williams, 7; T. Kessell, 8. Also 350 in the same method. J. W. Hodder, 1; M. Davies, 2; F. Kessell, 3; J. Tregoning, 4; H. Williams, 5; T. Hicks (conductor), 6; P. Hitchens, 7; T. Kessell, 8.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday evening, October 25th, at the parish church, 1200 of Bob Major. H. Over, 1; W. Stone, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; J. George, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6; S. Reeves, 7; J. Clarke, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. Also two courses of Treble Bob Major on handbells. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. Clarke, 7-8. And a course each of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; S. Reeves, 7-8. On Tuesday, October 30, nine courses of Treble Bob Major, on handbells. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. Clarke, 7-8. On Thursday, November 8, an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob, in hand, came to grief after ringing ten courses. W. Stone, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. Clarke (conductor), 7-8.

Notices.

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The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, to-day, Saturday, December 8th, 1900. Tea at 5 p.m. in the school. Meeting after tea.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary*.
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Battle, to-day, Saturday, December 8th. Tower open from 2.30 p.m. Tea by invitation, at The George hotel, at 5.45.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, December 8th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Barnsley, to-day Saturday, December 8th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house, The Millstone inn, Peel Street.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lyminster (six bells), to-day, Saturday, December 8th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector at the Parish Room at 5.45.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
"Northbrook," Goring, Worthing.

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bristol, to-day, Saturday, December 8th. There will be a short service at St John the Baptist, Broad Street, at 4.45, followed by a business meeting in the Crypt for the election of officers of the branch for the ensuing year. Most of the City bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

C. H. GORDON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths, The next meeting of the society will be held at St. Michael's on December 11th. Members who wish to pay the sum of 1s. 8d. instead of peal booking fees for the year 1900-1 are requested to do so before February 28th next, according to Rule vii.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—A special meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th, at 8 p.m. Important business to be brought forward. Members are requested to attend.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Haslingden, on December 15th. Bells ready at 3, business meeting 6.30.

WM. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

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The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan

Association.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Newnham-on-Severn, on Saturday, December 15th.

JOHN AUSTIN, *Branch Sec.*

Waterloo Society, London.—A Special Business Meeting will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, Dec. 19th. Members please attend.

F. G. FERRIN, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowden, Stockport, and Mottram Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Stockport parish church, on Saturday, December 21st. Evensong 4.30.

H. LEIGH MALLORY, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Cathedral on Boxing Day. Bells available from 11.30. The meeting will be held in the Prebendal House at 3.30 (sharp). Tea will be provided in the school-room after the meeting. Those who have not already paid their subscriptions are requested to do so at this meeting. The bells at St. John's, Cardiff (10 in number), will be available for ringing all day. Anyone wishing to ring there kindly communicate with Mr. W. B. Biss, 41, Llanmaes Street, Grangetown, Cardiff, who will meet them at the tower.

Rev. R. C. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Sec.*

The St. Peter's Society, Leeds.—Change of Headquarters.—The headquarters of the St. Peter's Society, parish church, Leeds, will be held at The Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate.

F. WOODHEAD, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.—All communications respecting this Society should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W. C. L. Acreman, 6, Lower Summerlands, Exeter.

Deaths.

ON Saturday, 1st December, FLORENCE JANE, the wife of CHARLES DEAN, Jun., of 72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

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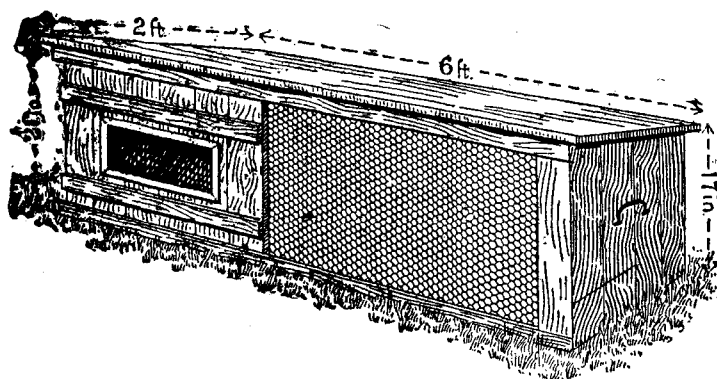
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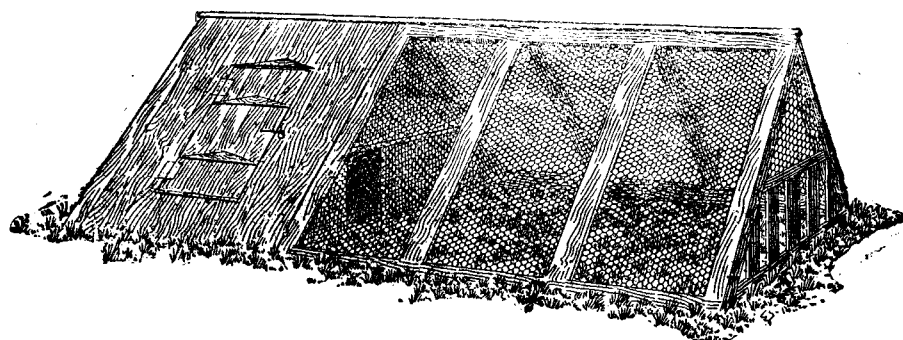
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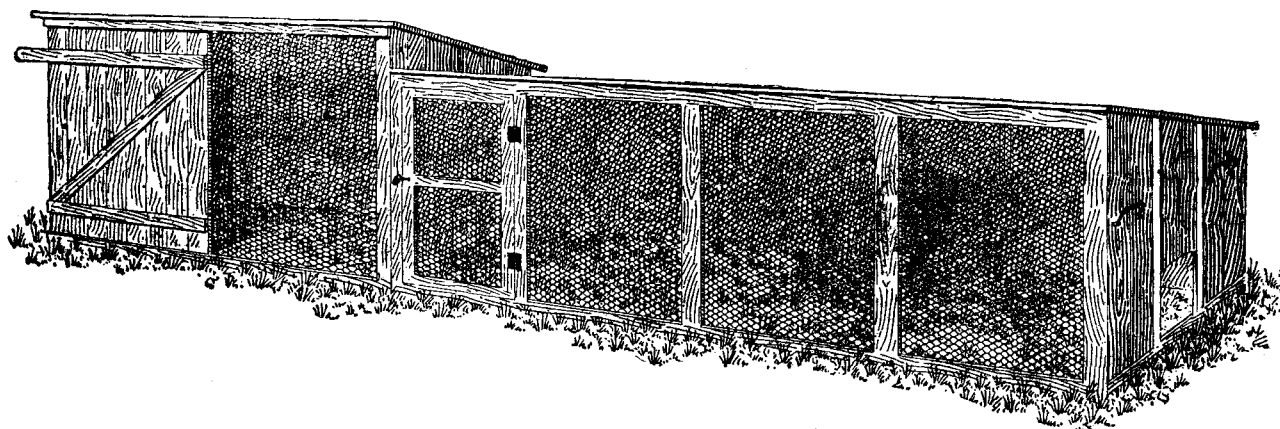
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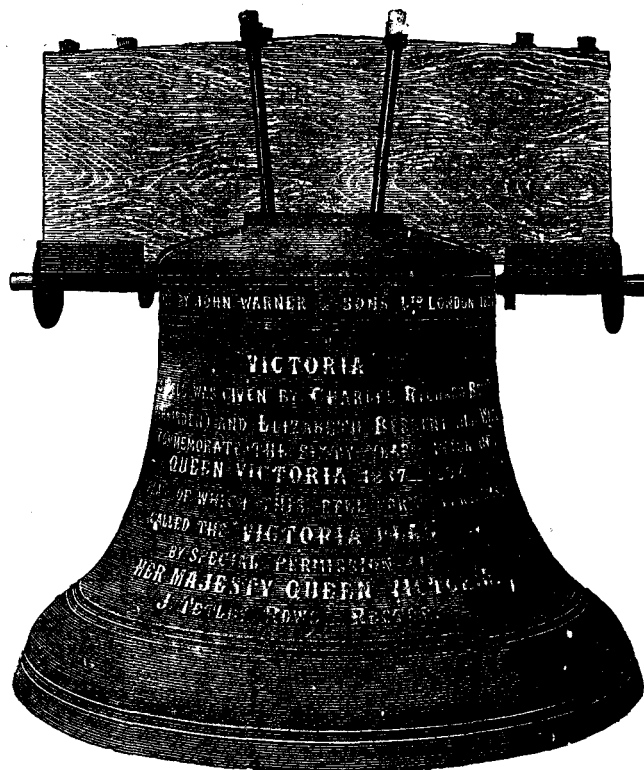
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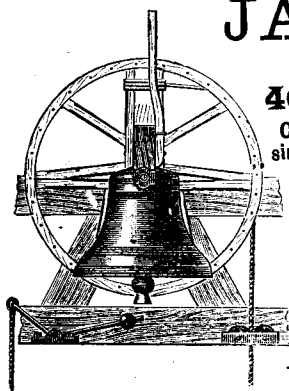
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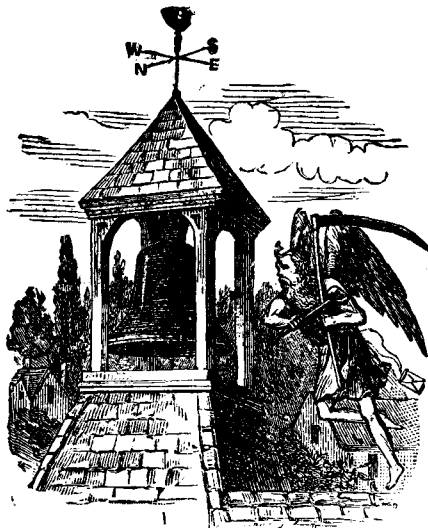
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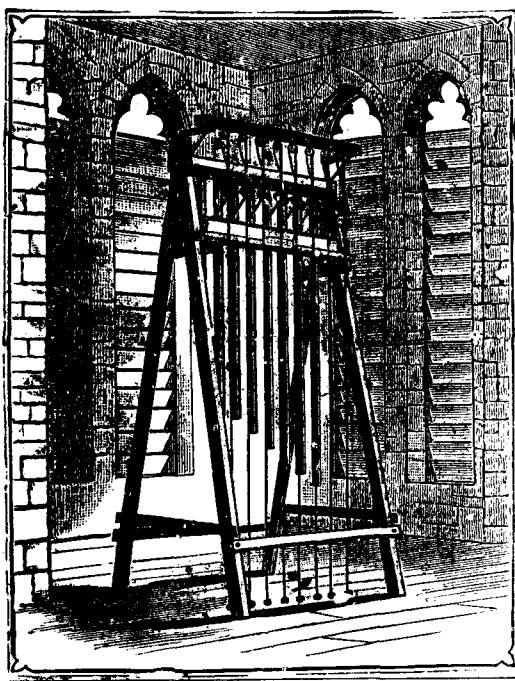
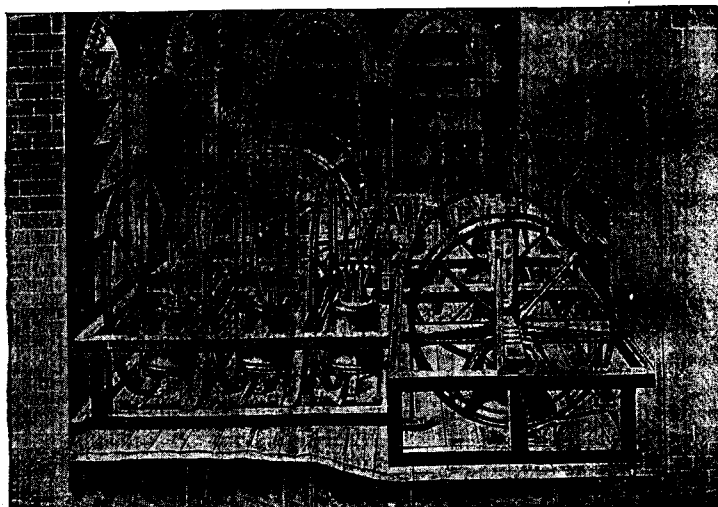
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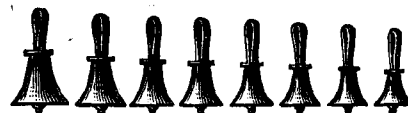
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ST. MATTHIAS, MALVERN LINK, WORCESTER.

Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" may be interested to know that a fine ring of eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., by Taylors, has been hung in the above church.

Some twenty-three or twenty-four years ago the church was rebuilt, but insufficient funds were the means of a church being built without a tower. A year or two back the Vicar, the Rev. A. Day, M.A., made strenuous efforts to get a tower, and has been rewarded by the addition of a beautiful square one, which offers a grand landmark for many miles around the Malverns. A large clock bell was soon forthcoming, and shortly afterwards a lady in the district kindly offered to complete the peal, in memory of her mother (Mrs. Richardson), who at some former time was connected with the parish.

The offer was graciously accepted, the work being taken in hand immediately and satisfactorily completed by the above-named firm.

On the birthday of the benefactress the bells were formally opened by a company of Worcester ringers, assisted by the brothers Knowles, of Malvern, and pronounced to be a very musical peal. The "go" of them are excellent. They are hung in an iron frame with iron cambered stocks, with Taylor's new slide check arrangements.

It was then thought that a public striking clock would be a great boon to the district, and through the energy of Mr. W. Stallard enough money was collected for the purpose, and a good clock with the Cambridge quarters has been erected. Next came the difficulty of having the bells rung. The energetic Vicar soon got up a promising band of young men, and placed them in the hands of Mr. H. T. Knowles for instruction. After the first preliminary lessons were given the bells were untied and the young band gave the district a good example of round-ringing. Great praise is due to the young ringers for the steady progress they have made, and the amount of energy they put into the Art. It is hoped that in a short time they will be able to record their first touch and peal. Everything has been done for the ringers' comfort by the Vicar and churchwardens, who hope soon to have a good and efficient band of change-ringers.

It may not be out of place to add that another ring of eight bells exists in the Priory Church, Malvern, placed there to commemorate the fifty years' reign of our gracious Queen, but after a few years the tower was considered unsafe for ringing purposes. Several thousand pounds were spent on the restoration of the grand old tower, but to the great regret of "nearly all" the parishioners the bells have not, since then, been rung.

Near to the Malvern Link tower lie the remains of an old and well-known change-ringer, Edwin Sprague, one of the ringers of the Malvern bells, and in his early days at Worcester. Deceased was well-known to the Editor of this paper, who on many occasions rang with him; once a peal, in the early sixties. It is to be hoped that at some future time a tombstone may be raised to perpetuate his memory.

K.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Grappenhall branch of the above Guild held their half-yearly meeting at Grappenhall on December 1st, when about thirty-five members attended from the home towers, Stretton and Daresbury. The minutes of the last meeting held at Daresbury, being read by the branch Secretary, Mr. L. Layland, and confirmed, five new members from Stretton and two from Grappenhall, were then elected members of the Guild, after which Mr. R. G. Lewis, who has lately left the district and gone to Bray, Ireland, was duly elected a life member of the Guild. It is with much pleasure that I see the account in "THE BELL NEWS" of the first peal by the Bray Society, and hope under Mr. Lindoff's guidance, and with Mr. Lewis's help, they will accomplish many more before long. Our chairman, the Rev. R. Greenall, then spoke a few words of advice to the younger members. In the course of his remarks he urged them to follow up the Art of change-ringing to the very best of their ability, and never forget the advice and lessons given to them by their late Master, Mr. H. Moston. They all deplored his loss, but he had left behind him a good name, and a rare example of what could be done if all would only do their best and work together. A capital tea was then partaken of, which was most kindly provided by the Rev. R. Greenall, and to which ample justice was done. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, and kept the bells going till a late hour to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples, and Bob Major.

F.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The December meeting of the Central Committee was held in the parish room, St. Margaret's, Rochester, on Saturday, December 8th. Among other matters settled it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Chatham on the second Saturday in June. A grant of £2 2s. from the Belfry Repairs Fund was voted towards the rehanging of the bells at St. George's, Gravesend. The Committee guaranteed to take 250 copies of the Central Council's Glossary of Technical Terms. A proposal to change the name of the Lewisham District to Greenwich did not meet with approval. It was decided to hold the next December committee meeting at Maidstone.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Heath, on Saturday, December 8th, members being present from Bolsover, Clay Cross, Heath, Ault Hucknall, Shirland, Tibshelf, South Normanton, and North Wingfield.

The president was prevented from attending through illness, therefore the Rev. G. H. Legge was voted to the chair.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Messrs. F. Marshail and J. Butler were appointed Auditors.

On the motion of the Secretary, it was resolved that a subscription be made amongst the members present, on

behalf of Mr. Ferdinand Hill, of South Normanton, who has an invalid wife, and has himself been off work two years, the result being sixteen shillings, which was duly forwarded to him. The Secretary was instructed to write all towers who had not sent, and invite them to subscribe to the fund. Postal orders have already been received from Horsley for two shillings, and Pentrich, three shillings and sixpence. Should any brother ringer with a trifle to spare see this, the Secretary, T. Allibone, North Wingfield, will be very pleased to receive his mite, and duly acknowledge and forward the same.

The Rev. A. V. Colston was duly admitted as an honorary member, also Rev. G. H. Legge, as a ringing member.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the president, Rev. F. Brodhurst, for entertaining the members to tea; also for use of schoolroom and bells, during the day. Mrs. Brodhurst must not be forgotten for the able manner in which she presided at the tea-table.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought another very successful meeting to a close. Thirty-seven members attended from the places above mentioned.

T. A.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

A meeting of this branch was held at Bristol, on Saturday, December 8th. Service was held at St. John's church, at 4.45 p.m. The rector, the Rev. P. A. Phelps, gave a most interesting address, and a most hearty welcome to the members of the branch, about thirty attending the service. A business meeting was held immediately after the service in the Crypt, presided over by the Rev. H. A. Cockey. It was proposed by Mr. Cane, seconded by Mr. Knight, and resolved: "That the next meeting be held at Almondsbury, on the last Saturday in January, 1901." Mr. Cane proposed, and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower seconded, and it was resolved: "That the chairman and Secretary of the branch be re-elected for the ensuing year." The following committee were re-elected: Chippenham, Mr. Alfred Knight; Bitton, Mr. W. Somerville; Bristol, Mr. G. T. Daltry; Stapleton, Mr. A. D. Bawn; Dursley, Mr. F. K. Howell.

Five new members were elected. A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of St. John's (the Rev. P. A. Phelps) for his address and for the use of the bells. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung at St. John's, conducted by Mr. E. P. O'Meara, Master of the College Youths. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman Caters and Forward Royal were rung at St. Nicholas. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were also rung at St. Stephen's.

Correspondence.

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

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

ANOTHER REPLY TO MR. NEWELL.

DEAR SIR,—I would like to add a few words in reply to the letter by Mr. W. Newell, if only to supplement your contributor "Interested." I do not for a moment defend ringers who do not attend the service after Sunday ringing; but like others here am at a loss to understand this sudden burst of pious enthusiasm on the part of Mr. W. Newell. Mr. Newell himself

never stops to the services of St. Laurence's, where he is captain in the tower, and on the supposition of attending the services at another church often walks off to a Baptist chapel. I understand from good authority Mr. Newell, as been known to state he does not believe in the Churches doctrine, and I think that kind of person should not ring church bells which are dedicated to the service of God. It would be a singular coincidence if the Vicar of St. Laurence's should be the first Vicar to take Mr. Newell's "Advice gratis to Vicars" and compel that "worthy" to attend the services of his church, then on the principle of the "historical Vicar of Bray," Mr. Newell will still be captain in St. Laurence's tower, and at liberty to get another "band of hope," at whom he will be able to yell and shout to his heart's content. A CONSTANT CHURCHMAN.

December 10th.

MR. WASHBROOK'S ANSWER.

If all we hear could be relied on;
Rumours, should to action rise.
But, oh! the pain the bitter friction
Caused by talk that lacks this prize.

Wagging tongues will meet resistance,
Liars will be pounced upon;
Alas! 'tis sad, but in this instance
This is just what must be done.

Back to my questioner I fling it,
I swear! 'tis no word of mine;
Let him return to where he had it,
Then he might the culprit find.

When, by this system you may catch him,
Cleanly WASH him in the BROOK;
Oh! then, into a PYE should pop him,
Season well, and nicely cook.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

"LAPPING."

SIR,—It is evident that half a century ago "lapping" was thought very much of at St. Alfege, Greenwich, (then a hot-bed of "stoney"), for stowed away in a loft above our ringing-chamber are several boards recording "true and complete" peals of Grandsire Caters by the Society of Eastern Scholars. Until recently, a similar tablet was to be seen exhibited in the bar of a tavern mid-way between Greenwich and Lewisham, recording a peal of Grandsire Caters, rung on the premises, about 1848. Twenty-two years ago, before I knew anything of half-pull ringing, I assisted in "lapping" a peal of Caters, conducted (?) by a near relative of the ever-green Isaac G. Shade, from a blackboard upon which the hob leads had been carefully figured in chalk. At that period, two of us regarded it as a great achievement—five years later our opinions materially altered.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—The letter from Sir Percival Heywood, appearing in your last issue, seems to require some response from me, as one of the defaulters so conspicuously referred to in it. I duly received the forms mentioned, but had then no time for the work involved in sending accurate returns. I should, perhaps, have sent them back at once, but I kept them, hoping for more leisure. That happy time has not yet arrived however, with the result that I, with others, now find myself rather unpleasantly conspicuous in your Saturday's paper. Might I venture to suggest to our representatives on the Central Council, that, when resolving on some useful work as that now contemplated, they might, remembering they have the honour and pleasure of calling the tune, also volunteer their services in another very necessary direction. In this way they would materially lighten, perchance, the duties devolving on those useful, I venture to hope, but sometimes unappreciated blessings, hon. secretaries.

30, Broad Street, Bristol,

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

[This letter arrived too late for last week. The type-writing of the same is hardly legible.—Ed.]

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MILD AND BITTER.

I don't know who "done" the College Youths dinner—the report I mean—but I think he might have given us the bill of fare, for I am told that the spread was—well—enough to make an Alderman yearn for the stomach of his youth.

I had intended to grace the proceedings with my nimble self, and in fact had been in training for the event when something cropped up to prevent. As the song says, "That night I shall never forget." At the time I ought to have been aganging my private chaplain called in for his revenge at nap. As he left all his spare cash behind him when he went, I don't think he will require any more revenge. After that I was left alone with my own imagination.

At 6.30 I saw the dining-room, saw the turkey, could smell the roast beef. I smacked my lips at the thought of boiled leg o' mutton. I could hear the "pass the caper sauce," "a small piece of veal! thanks." I could see that chiel W. D. Smith taking notes and huge pieces of jugged hare—but why prolong the agony? It gave me a severe attack of indigestion, from which I have scarcely recovered. Yes, I think it was the best dinner I have *not* had for a long while, but wait till *next* year, when I will uphold the dignity of my coat-of-arms, which I might mention is: knife and fork rampant, sirloin gules, bottells sable.

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It is refreshing to see the Yorkshire Association pushing ahead. I have often wondered whether the famous Yorkshire pudding has anything to do with it. I have met a number of tykes in my time, but never knew one who "went back" on his pudding. Anyway, something has braced up the Middlesboro' band, for they have been going great guns this last year or so. But, "put wood ith hoil lad and sneek it" what time I tune my Jew's harp: perpend!

Sing a song of Middlesboro', shout it if you like
Whoever rings at Hilda's church they certainly can strike;
Is it Mountain Dew or "Parritch," but on a practice neet
With MacFarlane on the tenor, hoots! he turns her in a treat.
I lift my glass (tho' empty), let Cambridge be your text,
Long since you passed Superlative, we're looking for the next;
Sing a song of Middlesboro'—but I must be brief,
The band is bent on progress and Blakiston is chief.

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The correspondence in this paper a few weeks ago greatly amused me when it reached the stage of refreshment after a peal, but I candidly say that I take a pinch of salt along with such virtue. Let me say at the outset that I do not see why the belfry should be made a restaurant if food can be obtained elsewhere. On the other hand, will anyone say it is a sin to partake of biscuits and coffee at midnight in the belfry—say New Year's Eve? If anyone thinks it is, I should like to learn why, but because I for one am guilty of it. Times have altered for the better, but I think we can run too stiff-necked in belfry reform. I call to mind the time when a certain church which shall be nameless, supper was provided under the tower on New Year's Eve, in which beer, tobacco, and the succulent onion played no important part! These things have slightly gone, but in the case mentioned by (Mr. Borrett I think) while I am open to conviction, I am of opinion that after the peal the ringers would have been justified in accepting any offered refreshment (always excepting intoxicants).

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The following letter is handed to me for insertion:

"SIR,—I have noticed lately the number of handbell peals rung and published in "BELL NEWS." What strikes me as being somewhat curious is that good men ring intricate peals of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire, and Treble Bob

Major at which umpires or often only one umpire is supposed to take the figures off when the said umpire can hardly ring Bob Doubles. I want to ask if you think it is good enough to allow a mere novice to pose as umpire at peals which require somebody who knows something about the method and the figures as well. As an old Stedman ringer on handbells, I say it cannot be done, not honestly."—Yours—

In reference to the above, as I am also interested in handbell ringing, I prefer to make no comment, although the same ideas have occurred to me.

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I saw in the sporting columns of a daily paper that at Leicester on Friday, Mr. W. Willson's "Bob Major" by Sweet Sound—Bell Metal, won the Wigston Handicap Hurdle Race, following up his previous success." Surely our friend has not gone in for the pigskin! Perhaps only a curious coincidence, but after this we can expect to see our old contributor "Plain Speaker" enter his clothes-horse—I should say—Jerusalem pony, for the "Thistle Stakes." Better still, why not a match "owners up" for a tripe banquet.

JINGLE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

SMOKING CONCERT.

According to advertisement the above took place at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, the Guild's meeting house, on the evening of Saturday, the 1st inst.

One of the Guild's vice-presidents, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, was to have presided, but was unfortunately prevented at the last moment by a severe and sudden cold. On explaining this difficulty and reading the telegram which brought the news, the Hon. Secretary was elected chairman.

A splendid meeting of over a hundred ringers and friends, including a fair sprinkling of ladies, testified to the popularity of such gathering, and was very re-assuring to the executive as a guarantee of financial success for the intended objects.

Mrs. Painter presided at the piano with her usual skill, and opened the proceedings with a charming solo, while various items followed throughout the evening, with such rapidity as to leave very slight intervals for a comparison of notes between ringers representing Wolverhampton, Lichfield, Rugby, and many other towns in this wide district.

Probably, the most interesting feature of the evening was the varied selection of music rendered by "The Albany Handbell Ringers" hailing from Selly Oak. Messrs. H. Davis (conductor), W. Lewis, W. Hopkins, B. Monk, J. Fox, S. Groves and H. Goode. Their performance were given with such dash and precision as to not only elicit the heartiest applause, but to call forth special commendation from the chairman who, we feel sure, only gave expression to the feeling of the audience.

The change-ringing section was represented by a capital course of Stedman Caters in hand rendered by Messrs. Russam, Barber, Miller, Short, and Withers; and a course of Treble Bob Major splendidly tapped on the dulcimer by Mr. H. Withers.

Mr. Withers also shewed his mastery of this comparatively rare instrument by a skilful rendering of "The men of Harlech."

The vocal selection in point of merit was for above the average, Messrs. H. Manton, Maynard, Jackson, and Ernest Morgan ranging on the more serious side; while Messrs. H. Davis, H. Knight, and Smart contributed to the lighter and hilarious vein, the latter being particularly funny in his facial contortions.

A jovial and convivial evening was brought to a close by the singing of "The National Anthem," Messrs. Manton and Jackson taking the solos alternately, and the audience following as chorus.

A word of praise is due to the excellent arrangements for the comfort of the assembly made by the worthy host Mr. Clift.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at St. James's, Leyland, on Saturday, December 1st, when the following towers were represented: Blackrod, Chorley, Leyland parish church, St. James's Leyland, Preston and Penwortham. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung. At 5.30 the members adjourned to The Black Bull hotel, where a substantial repast was awaiting them, after which the business meeting was held, the President, Mr. Banister, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was then arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Chorley in February. After other business had been gone through, the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

Obituary.

THOMAS YATES (OF ECCLES).

This esteemed ringer passed peacefully away on November 29th, aged 60 years; after a lingering illness of 10 years' duration, 4 years of which he had not been in bed. Deceased had taken part in many peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal. He was an intimate friend of the late Wm. Royle of St. John's, Manchester, with whom he rang several peals in various Lancashire towers, but unfortunately he kept no record of them. The earliest recorded is on a tablet in Eccles church (Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples), rang on December 14th, 1867, but it is certain he had rang several before that date. In 1879 he joined the Lancashire Association, and took part in twenty peals for that body (until struck down by his long and last illness) many of which he conducted; he being for many years conductor of the Eccles band. He was laid to rest in Eccles parish churchyard on Monday, December 3rd, amid a throng of sympathising friends which would have been larger if the weather had been better; it being very wet and boisterous. He was laid in a grave bought for him out of the proceeds of the subscriptions which were so generously given by the ringers in various parts of England some four years ago. He was carried from his house to the grave by several of his ringing friends from Manchester, Pendleton, Prestwich, Worsley, Eccles, etc. The service both in the church and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Thompson, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Eccles, in whose parish he had resided. On the conclusion of the service, the following Eccles ringers rang over the grave a course of Grandsire Triples. Philip Jackson, 1-2; John Jackson, 3-4; John R. Pritchard, 5-6; James Barratt, 7-8. This was followed by a course of Stedman Triples on the tower bells, deeply muffled, by John Eccles, 1; John R. Pritchard, 2; John Jackson, 3; Ernest Jackson, 4; Alfred Cross, 5; Harry Chapman, 6; Frederick Derbyshire, 7; Amos Tripiet, 8. (The treble ringer hails from Manchester, 5-6 from Pendleton, 7 from Worsley, the remainder being Eccles ringers.) An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples in the evening came to grief after about 1000 changes were rung, conducted by John R. Pritchard. Although so long ill he is very much missed by the ringers of Lancashire, his quiet, straightforward, and unobtrusive ways made everyone he came in contact with a firm friend. His coffin bore the simple inscription: Thomas Yates, aged 60 years, died November 29th, 1900. May he rest in peace.

JOHN GOBBETT.

We regret to announce the death of the above East-end veteran ringer, who died at 210, Chobham Road, Stratford, on November 30th, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. Mr. Gobbett had been bedridden for over twelve months, but was

as well as usual up till the 28th, when a very sad affair occurred in his house. His eldest son, who was the mainstay of the home, died after a few days' illness. This so upset the poor old chap, that he never got over it. He had not taken part in any ringing for the last four years, but was often asked by his ringing friends. Old Jack, as he was called, was born at Hinderclay, in the county of Suffolk, and there learned to ring on that splendid ring of six bells, and before he left his native place, he and the late Robert Driver had rung the sixteen Surprise peals, which was a great performance at that time. In 1851 he removed to Walthamstow, and there joined the police force. After being at Walthamstow some years, he was removed to Hornsey, and here he left the force and came to live at Stratford, and got work on the Great Eastern Railway, but took very little part in ringing during these years. In 1877 he joined the Royal Cumberland Society, and rang the following peals: on six bells, 2; Grandsire Triples, 12; Stedman Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 8; Treble Bob Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 1; and 5040 Stedman Doubles rung in the year 1849 at Blo Norton, Norfolk; total—34. John was an excellent striker, and a good double-handed handbell ringer, but never fond of long peals; if he had, his list would have been greater. Mr. Gobbett and his son were both buried together in one grave on Wednesday, December 5th, at the West Ham Cemetery, and a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, was rung at West Ham in the evening. On Saturday, December 8th, ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled, but after ringing 2300 changes the tenor rope broke. J. Rogers (conductor), 1; C. Hopkins, 2; A. Jacob, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Rann, 5; W. Keeble, 6; W. Doran, 7; J. Moule, 8; T. Langdon, 9; E. Wightman, 10.

THE REV. CANON BLUNT.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of the Rev. Canon Blunt, who was Rector of Chester-le-Street for twenty-three years, from 1872 to 1895, resigning the living in the latter year owing to failing health. After five years of patient suffering, the rev. gentleman passed away on the 2nd inst. The interment took place on the 6th inst. He was carried from his residence to the church by six of his old choristers, and from the church to the grave by six of his old curates. The service, which was fully choral, was rendered by the choir in a very impressive manner. The officiating clergy were the Rev. A. B. De Moleyns (Rector), and the Rev. Canon Bailly, Rector of Ryton, and Rural Dean of Chester-le-Street; the service at the grave being conducted by the Rev. R. A. Oram, the deceased Canon's first curate, and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Hull, the brother of the deceased. Canon Blunt by his holy example endeared himself to all who knew him, both rich and poor. His work in the parish included the building of Mission churches in different parts of the parish; building and enlarging schools; also the restoration of the church he loved so well. In 1883 when the foundation of the church in Chester-le-Street attained its 1000th anniversary there were new choir stalls with a splendid chancel screen erected, together with a complete renovation of the whole church. The bells and belfry were also attended to; the three old bells were removed, and six new ones put in by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, tenor 21 cwt. A guild of ringers was formed, and still continues to do good work. Belfry reform was also one of the chief objects of the Canon; his desire was to have ringers recognised as Church workers in the truest sense, and the belfry held as sacred as any part of the building. As the mourners left the grave a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled. C. W. Clarke, 1; J. Robinson, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Sheraton, 4; J. Anderson, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. The Durham and Newcastle Association was represented by the President, R. S. Story, Esq., the Canon being an honorary member since 1883. The coffin was of plain panelled oak, and bore the following inscription: "W. O. Blunt, died Dec. 2nd, 1900, aged 57 years."

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1900.

THE saying that coming events cast their shadows before, is merely a truism—or, a trite of observation. We cannot help that. Many of these old sayings, wise or otherwise, will endure as long as this mortal coil lasts, and they will have their day however we may pooh-pooh them. The shadows which envelope us just now are the same, almost, which present themselves previous to every Christmas festivity; there is no shrinkage, they gather in greater volume year by year. It is no exaggeration to say that in the minds of nine-tenths of the population, the subject of Christmas food and drink is at present the prevailing idea. We are the last to say this should not be so.

We have mentioned "food and drink." The kind of such viands favored at this time need not be pointedly alluded to. What is said to be the Englishmen's favorite

beverage has however lost ground within the past few days. And in our opinion none too soon. The old-fashioned beverage named "beer," which benefitted the consumer, seems to be a thing of the past; and instead a spurious chemical decoction is thrust upon us. Those ringers who want a draught of old English beer, should insist upon having it, or nothing.

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, December 1, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ERNEST H. OXYGEN Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
WILLIAM CROCKFORD 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH 4.	†WALTER LONGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

†First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER† Treble.	SYDNEY JONES 5.
SIDNEY WADE 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK† .. 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG† 4.	CHARLES BALE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal of Grandsire away from the treble.

The Provinces.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 3, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent, and 360 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt.

H. L. WADDINGTON Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
H. WALKER 2.	A. HALLETT 6.
H. PARKINS 3.	E. WHITBREAD 7.
J. EARWICKER 4.	G. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

JOHN CRIDLAND* Treble.	HENRY J. CREED 4.
JOHN SLOMAN 2.	ISAAC CREED 5.
TOM W. CREED* 3.	HENRY WAYGOOD Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

First peal by H. Waygood, who was made a member before starting. *First peal of Doubles.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Cox's Six-Part. Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD RADDON Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
ERNEST ALLEN 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
GEORGE READING 4.	WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT .. Tenor.

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

Rung for Evensong on St. Nicolas day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.)

On Thursday, December 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS CHOWN* Treble.	*EDWIN F. RIPPON 5.
GEORGE LEWIS* 2.	JOHN HOLMAN 6.
ALBERT W. GLEDSTONE* .. 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7.
THOMAS SYLVESTER 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

*First peal of Major.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 5.
WILLIAM WELLINGTON† .. 2.	WESLEY WATSON 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN A. BURFORD Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.
RICHARD CLARK 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
HERBERT H. TUCKER .. 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM S. PRIOR Treble.	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW .. 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	WILLIAM WATTS 7.
WALTER PRIOR 3.	GEORGE TAYLOR 8.
FREDERICK PITSTOW .. 4.	ARTHUR F. JAMES 9.
ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. 5.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

First peal of Bob Royal on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association. The figures of this peal are to be found in the 1895 Appendix, page 86.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Stockport and Bowden Branch.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON* Treble.	*LUKE MEAKIN 5.
CHARLES BARBER* 2.	EDWARD READER 6.
JAMES BOOTH* 3.	†TOM MARSHALL 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN 4.	JOHN W. BAYLEY Tenor.

Conducted by TOM MARSHALL.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor.

BEARSTEAD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

WM. KITCHINGHAM Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
ALBERT J. DAY 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

The ringers wish to thank Canon Scarth for the refreshment provided for them, and also J. Shorter for having everything in readiness. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

SYDNEY DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	JOHN FLOWER 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING .. 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
THOMAS DRAPER 4.	WILLIAM DONNELLY .. Tenor.

Conducted by B. SUGDEN.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

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

Composed by J. J. B. LATES, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

F. BRADLEY Treble.	J. RUSHWORTH 5.
J. LAWSON 2.	F. H. GELDAR 6.
A. JAGGER† 3.	W. SHERWOOD 7.
E. BARBER 4.	E. WILLIAMSON Tenor.

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted E. WILLIAMSON.

†First peal. This peal was rung in honour of Mr. E. Williamson's birthday, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE

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

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

This is A. Roberts's rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

A. HALLETT Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
T. H. P. COOMBS* .. 2.	G. WRIGHT 6.
H. PARKINS 3.	E. WHITBREAD 7.
J. EARWICKER 4.	H. R. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F

THOMAS MILLER Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
WILLIAM T. ELLIS .. 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This is the first peal on the bells since 1887, which have recently been re-hung by Barwells, of Birmingham, the go of them being all that could be desired. The ringers tender their best thanks to the authorities for their hospitality after the peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

PHILIP W. DAVIES Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
ARTHUR BOWLER 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
WILLIAM DEMPSTER 3.	FREDERICK J. COPE 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by PHILIP W. DAVIES.

This composition has the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 2nd never in 5-6.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES BAXTER Treble.	†THOMAS CLARK 5.
GEORGE W. PARK 2.	G. J. LUNGLEY 6.
WILLIAM PATTON 3.	WILLIAM H. PORTER 7.
CHARLES TODD* 4.	THOMAS LUNGLEY Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. Allan, a former curate, and member of the local band of ringers. He was one of the missionaries besieged in Pekin.
*First attempt for a peal. †First peal of Major.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by
WALTER CHAPMAN.

The figures of this peal were taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of July 14th, 1900.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5.
SEDLEY COLLINS 2.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6.
WILLIAM C. GROOM 3.	CHARLES BRUNNING 7.
WILLIAM GRIMES 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE NORRIS Treble.	JOHN PAICE 5.
REUBEN STANDING 2.	CHARLES HILLS 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES 7.
EDMUND LINDUP 4.	ALFRED TULLETT Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR SPENCER† Treble.	JAMES E. HEXTER 5.
CHARLES P. SMITH† 2.	ALBERT H. WARD 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	WILLIAM HEXTER 7.
JAMES HARRISON 4.	†EDWARD WICKS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

†First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Bertie Lawrence, a member of the Long Eaton branch who died on Sunday, December 2nd, and was buried in the Long Eaton Cemetery on Thursday, December 6th. A. H. Ward hails from Derby; Wesley from Nottingham; the rest are local men.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK EDWARDS Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS 5.
WILLIAM BARTON 2.	ALFRED TURLEY 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
ARTHUR PAINTER 4.	*THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor.

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

First peal of Bob Major by all the band except the conductor. †First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR BARRATT Treble.	JAMES BARRATT 5.
ALFRED CROSS 2.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE 6.
JAMES GRATIX 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 7.
PERCY DERBYSHIRE 4.	JOHN JACKSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas Yates, formerly conductor at Eccles, and is a Bob and Single variation composed by the deceased, a reference to whom will be found elsewhere. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Pendleton. 3rd from Prestwich. 4th and 6th from Worsley, the rest are local.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 10, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALBERT HUGHES* Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	ERNEST BROWN 6.
JOSEPH PIGGOTT* 3.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 7.
JAMES SMALL 4.	HARRY MILLS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HORACE J. SAYER* Treble.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
JOHN J. LAMB† 3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD, and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Double Norwich. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY BROOKS Treble.	JOHN MONK 5.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 2.	FREDERICK POUNDS .. 6.
FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman by seven local men.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1900, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. BURRELL, ESSEX BUILDINGS,
LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpires—W. Watson and W. Nash.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Stedman rang at Guildford on December 4th, was rung at the church of The Holy Trinity. The ringer of the 3rd, who was elected a member of the Guild before starting, was Arthur Frankum.—The date of the peal rung at Minehead, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" on December 1st, should have been October 15th and not November 15th.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, November 25th, for Divine Service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; D. Gridley (conductor), 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Smith, 5; A. J. Clarke, 6; R. Gowers, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Rung as a continuation of the re-opening of the tower and bells after re-haoging, and the erection of a new clock, which took place on the 21st inst. Longest length in the method on the bells; also by D. Gridley.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, November 17th, five members of the Woburn company visited this place to attempt a peal of Bob Triples, which came to grief owing to the ropes having such a long pull, two of them getting entangled together after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. F. Hedges, 1; M. Matthews, 2; S. Avis, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; A. Chibnall, 6; H. Sear, 7; V. Sear, 8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. M. Matthews, 1-2; S. Avis, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; C. Herbert, 7-8; H. Sear, 9-10. Also a course of Stedman Triples. C. Herbert, 1-2; M. Matthews, 3; E. Herbert, 4; S. Avis, 5; A. Chibnall, 6; H. Sear, 7-8. It was then decided to attempt the peal at Woburn on December 1st by the same band, but owing to illness Mr. V. Sear could not attend, and Mr. W. West, of Sherrington, kindly took his place; the rest stood as above, but after ringing 1 hr. the 4th rope broke. They then adjourned to the residence of Mr. Charles Herbest, sen. where a splendid tea was set before them, and after doing justice they went back to the belfry and rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. West, 1; S. Avis, 2; C. Herbest, sen., 3; H. Sear (conductor), 4; F. Hedges, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Matthews, 8. Composed by James George, of Rugby. First quarter-peal by W. West. They then adjourned to Mr. Herbest's house again, and the handbells was set going to Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Royal, when a course of each was rung.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Saturday, October 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. T. T. Hayward, 1; J. R. Adams, 2; F. Chivers, 3; J. Hambleton, 4; G. Miller, 5; C. H. Shearn (conductor), 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. Sperring, 8. First quarter-

peal by an entirely local band. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Adams, Chivers, and Sperring. On Saturday, October 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, standing as before.

BATH.—On Monday, October 29th, at St. Mary's church, Bathwick, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 3600 changes in 2 hrs. 10 mins. W. F. Flower, 1; W. Prescott, 2; E. Holder, 3; A. Richardson, 4; C. Densley, 5; J. Whale, 6; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 7; R. Whateley, 8. On Sunday evening, November 11th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 45 mins. W. F. Flower, 1; C. Good-enough, 2; E. Holder, 3; C. Densley, 4; A. Richardson, 5; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 7; J. Fussell, 7; C. W. Bell, 8. First quarter-peal of Major by all except the conductor.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Beds).—On Saturday, October 27th, at All Saints church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. M. Matthews, 1; E. Herbert, 2; S. Avis, 3; *F. Nash, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; *L. Webster, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; *J. Nicholls, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. J. Nicholls, 1; A. Nash, 2; S. Avis, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; F. Nash, 5; L. Webster, 6; E. Herbert, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. *Longest length.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, October 29th, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Brown, 1; D. Harris, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; W. Smith, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; E. Herbert, 8. On Saturday, November 3rd, on handbells, 840 Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; S. Avis, 7-8. On Saturday, November 10th, 1008 Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; W. Chibnall, 7-8. The last two touches were rung on a fine-toned peal of Henry Symondson's bells.

WRAXALL (Somersetshire).—On Monday, October 29th, for practice at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 43 mins. M. Hedges, 1; F. Winsor, 2; S. Butchers, 3; W. Evered, 4; W. Clarke, 5; J. Winsor, 6; J. Bishop (conductor), 7; J. Winsor, 8. On Wednesday, October 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. M. Hedges, 1; S. Butchers, 2; W. Evered, 3; F. Winsor, 4; J. Winsor, 5; W. Clarke, 6; J. Bishop (conductor), 7; J. Winsor, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 21st, at the residence of Mr. J. Judd, Kensington, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. A. F. Harris, 1-2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; J. Judd, 7-8. Longest length on handbells by Messrs. Harris and Judd. On Tuesday, October 23rd, at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, a bob course of Stedman Triples. J. Scholes, 1; E. Wallage, 2; A. W. Barkus, 3; H. R. Pasmore, 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; H. Springall, 6; H. Torble, 7; E. Hall, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Springall (conductor), 1; E. Hall, 2; A. W. Barkus, 3; H. R. Pasmore, 4; H. Torble, 5; E. J. Webb, 6; T. H. Taffender, 7; T. Walker, 8. Also 608 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Springall (conductor), 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; J. Scholes, 3; H. R. Pasmore, 4; E. Wallage, 5; E. J. Webb, 6; E. Hall, 7; H. Torble, 8. The above touches were rung at the unveiling of a peal-board recording the relief of Ladysmith.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 21st, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. Axon, 1; A. Denne, 2; E. Verrier, 3; E. Newman, 4; H. Castle, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, November 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. E. Newman, 1; H. Denne, 2; A. Denne (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; H. Wood (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; T. Tabrett, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Talbot, 1; W. States, 2; J. Rumble, 3; E. Bray, 4; W. Groves, 5; F. Pates, 6; W. Hill, 7; G. Talbot, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Saturday, October 20th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. R. Davy, 1; J. Sage, 2; R. Ettridge, 3; J. Woods, 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On October 9th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles) in 26 mins. A. J. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; T. Watson, 3; J. Huddleston, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. E. M. Wadham. On October 21st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. W. N. Williams, 1; J.

Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On November 15th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. A. J. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 26 mins., standing as above, conducted by T. Suart.

SWAFFHAM (Norfolk).—On Thursday, October 18th, 1120 Oxford Treble Bob Major. P. Sadler, 1; F. Knights, 2; G. Howchim, 3; W. Bales, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5; F. H. Knights, 6; F. R. Borrett, 7; F. J. Howchim, 8. The above was rung previous to the re-dedicating service. The bells have been re-hung in splendid style by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 13th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; F. Potter, 3; T. Davy, 4; G. Catermole (conductor), 5; G. E. Symonds, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. E. Youngs, 1; W. Rose, 2; F. Potter, 3; T. Davy, 4; C. Nunn, 5; G. Catermole (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 14th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. E. Youngs, 1; W. Rose, 2; A. W. Symonds, 3; C. Nunn, 4; W. Ireland, 5; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 8. Also a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 21st for Divine Service, 120 each of Stedman, April Day, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Double. W. Rose, 1; A. W. Symonds, 2; B. Keeble, 3; C. Youngs, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 16th, for practice at the parish church, 420 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Sindén, 1; J. Livermore, 2; L. Stapley, 3; W. J. Thomas, 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks, 7; F. Mathis, 8. On Sunday evening, October 21st, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Sindén, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. H. Eldridge, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; A. Saunders, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BREESTON (Notts).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 38 mins. A. Clifford, 1; L. Price, 2; F. S. Price, 3; G. Oldham, 4; W. Clifford, jun., 5; A. Lowe, 6; W. Clifford, sen., 7; E. Boot, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Clifford, L. Price, and Boot.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, October 25th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. G. Jordan, 1; A. Tucker, 2; W. Price, 3; W. Watts, 4; W. T. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; P. Springham, 7; S. Jordan, 8. Longest touch in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 5, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HALLSALL (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 20th, at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. E. Blundell, 1; H. Aindow, 2; H. Lowe, 3; T. Guy, 4; W. Huyton, 5; R. Mawdsley (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to Adelaide, the beloved wife of Canon Blundell (Rector of Hallsall), who was interred on this day.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 21st, at Christ Church for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Rimmer (longest length), 1; J. Marsh, 2; E. Caunce (Tue Brook, conductor), 3; C. Sharples, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; W. Fairclough, 6; W. Bentham, 7; H. J. Morley, 8. For evening service, 420 Stedman Triples. W. Bentham, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; J. Taylor, 3; J. Marsh (conductor), 4; C. Sharples, 5; W. Fairclough, 6; E. Caunce, 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 20th, at the residence of Mr. J. C. Truss, The Two Brewers, on handbells, retained in hand, 363 Grandsire Triples. G. Martin, 1-2; T. H. Taffender, 3-4; T. Faulkner (conductor), 5-6; F. Gomm, 7-8. And 252 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1-2; G. Martin, 3-4; T. Faulkner, 5-6; F. Gomm, 7-8. Also a course of Bob Major. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; G. Martin, 3-4; T. Faulkner, 5-6; J. C. Truss, 7-8. On Sunday evening, October 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 334 Stedman Triples. W. E. Yates, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Coster, 3; H. Collins, 4; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 5; J. C. Truss, 6; W. Ayres, 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

THEALE (Berks).—On Saturday, October 27th, on the occasion of

the annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch, 720 Bob Minor. H. Stevens, 1; J. Wedge, 2; H. Frankum, 3; G. Smith, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; A. Frankum, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, October 18th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. G. LeClercq, 1; A. E. Smith, F. A. Barnett, 3; Jas. Hawkes, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; A. A. White, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; T. Upshall, 8. On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 covering in 25 mins. *G. Granham, 1; A. J. LeClercq, 2; A. E. Smith, 3; C. Fry, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; E. Clapshaw, 7; T. Upshall, 6; *A. Baigent, 8. *Longest Touch.

BISHOPS CLEEVE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 28th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Tarling, 1; J. Baldwin, 2; W. Compton, 3; W. Townsend, 4; J. F. Ballinger (conductor), 5; W. Harrison, 6. Also 360 in the same method, standing as before.

BRETENHAM (Suffolk).—On October 9th, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Levett (conductor), 1; J. Francis, 2; J. Manning, 3; A. Grimwood, 4; G. Levett, 5; W. Proctor, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Levett (conductor), 1; J. Manning, 2; J. Francis, 3; F. Pearl, 4; A. Grimwood, 5; W. Proctor, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. T. Levett, 1-2; J. Francis, 3; F. Pearl, 4; A. Grimwood (conductor), 5; G. Levett, 6.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. E. Lish, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; L. Payne, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Tuesday, October 30th, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Saturday, October 27th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal (Thurstans) in 42 mins. G. Warner, 1; H. Sear (longest length in the method), 2; T. R. Hensher, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; A. H. Martin, 5; W. J. Barker, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; W. Pettit, 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, October 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob. J. E. Goodacre, 1; J. Barnes, 2; C. C. Dalby, 3; W. James, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; T. Gillett, 6; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 7; R. Young, 8. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Barnes, 1; E. J. Gale (composer), 2; C. Dalby, 3; J. W. Dent (Derby), 4; A. V. Potter, 5; N. James, 6; R. H. Bartram (conductor), 7; R. H. Young, 8. This quarter-peal has eighteen 6-7s.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 27th, at All Saints, church, 334 Stedman Triples. W. V. Newman, 1; W. Griggs, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. Howell, sen. (conductor), 6; H. Griggs, 7; A. Cardy, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Howell, 1; W. Howell, sen. (conductor), 2; G. S. Brown, 3; W. Howell, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. Griggs, 6; W. V. Newman, 7; H. Griggs, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Howell, 1; S. Howell, 2; W. V. Newman, 3; W. Bacon, 4; —, 5; W. Griggs, 6; W. Howell, sen. (conductor), 7; W. Sexton, 8.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, October 28th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 514 Stedman Caters. H. Flanders, 1; C. Hopkins, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; C. S. Burden, 4; E. Pye, 5; L. W. Copsey, 6; J. H. Wilkins, 7; H. F. Dawkins, 8; W. Pye (conductor), 9; A. Deards, 10. After service, 526 in the same method. G. R. Pye, 1; W. B. Manning, 2; H. Flanders, 4; B. K. Knight, 10; the rest as before, conducted by W. Pye.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Haslingden, to-day, December 15th. Bells ready at 3, business meeting 6.30. WM. CASS, Branch Sec.

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The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Newnham-on-Severn, to-day, Saturday, December 15th. JOHN AUSTIN, Branch Sec.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Cathedral on Boxing Day. Bells available from 11.30. The meeting will be held in the Prebendal House at 3.30 (sharp). Tea will be provided in the school-room after the meeting. Those who have not already paid their subscriptions are requested to do so at this meeting. The bells at St. John's, Cardiff (10 in number), will be available for ringing all day. Anyone wishing to ring there kindly communicate with Mr. W. B. Biss, 41, Llanmaes Street, Grangetown, Cardiff, who will meet them at the tower.

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The St. Peter's Society, Leeds.—Change of Headquarters.—The headquarters of the St. Peter's Society, parish church, Leeds, will be held at The Old Royal Oak, Kirkgate.

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54362	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
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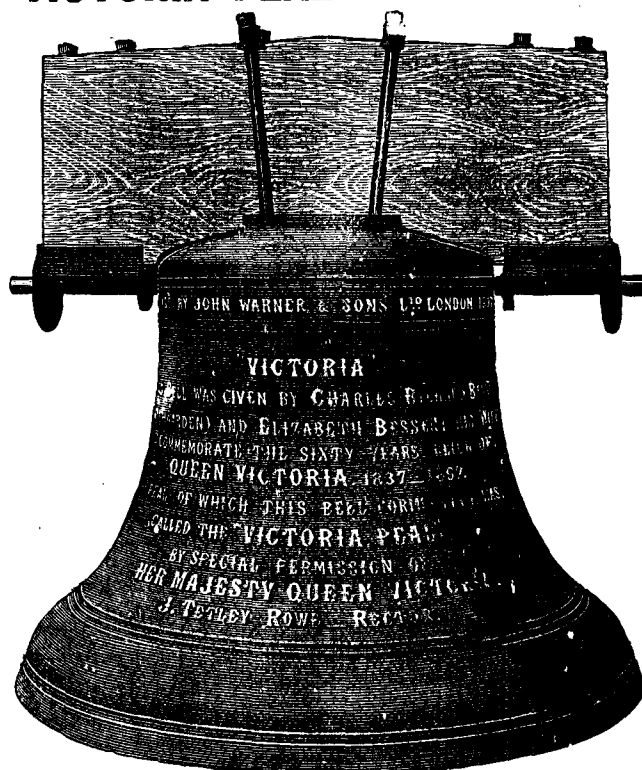
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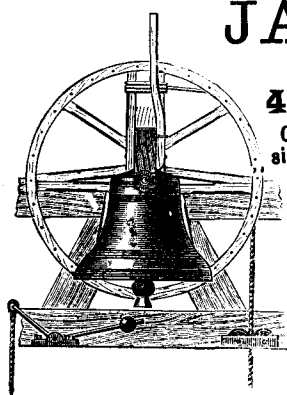
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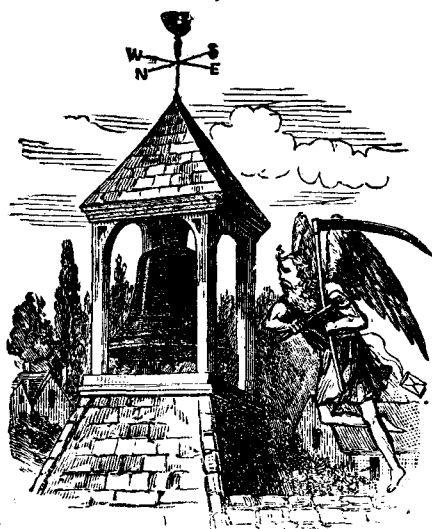
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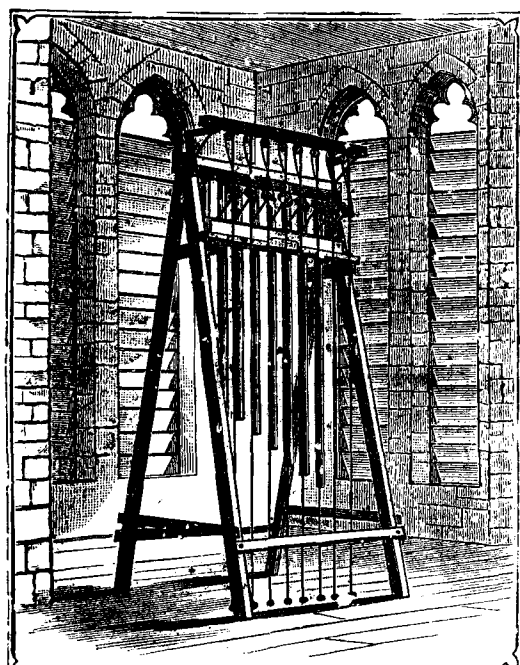
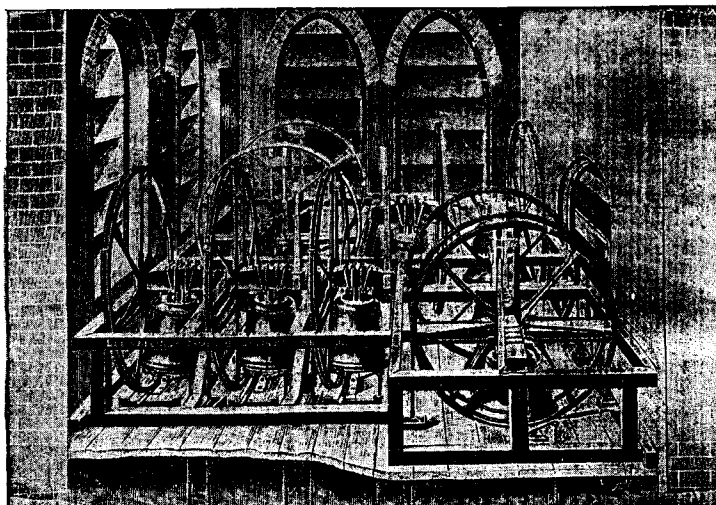
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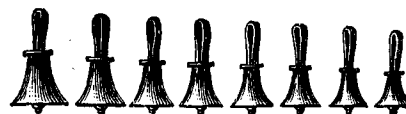
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THE SILENT BELFRY.

There is a prospect (says a local paper) not only for the festive season, but for a considerable time to come, of the Gorleston (near Yarmouth) parish church bells remaining mute.

It has been the custom for many years past for a peal to be rung after evensong on the first Sunday in Advent. In accordance with that custom, the bellringers assembled in the tower last Sunday evening at the usual hour. They were about to start the peal when they received a message to the effect that as there was to be a recital in the church the bells were not to be rung. No previous intimation of this had reached the ringers, and resenting the unexpected treatment, they left the church considerably annoyed, refusing to ring the peal at all. So after an interval of about twenty years, Advent was ushered in minus the merry clangour of the church bells.

The matter came before the Church Council on Monday evening. Nasty things were said about the ringers by those church authorities who occupy a position on that important and dignified, if somewhat mysterious council. The ringers were charged with being an independent set, who were bellringers for what they could get out of. Best got rid of, thought the churchwardens. Ringers can be easily got to take their places, it was said. And so it was, with solemn indignation, decided to dispense with the "independent set" by giving them a month's notice.

Now, one of the Church Councillors is also one of the aggrieved ringers. With all the courage he could muster in the presence of his august confreres, he quietly insinuated that it was not for the eight shillings per quarter that the ringers ascended the tower Sunday after Sunday, and on other occasions as well, but that there was a certain amount of pride and pleasure attached to the ancient office of bellringing. Campanologists carried out their duties for the love of the thing, and not for any trivial remuneration, he averred. Nor was he so confident as the churchwardens as to the easy way in which other ringers could be obtained. He has known how difficult it has been to keep the six Gorleston ringers together year after year. He has known that it has been next to impossible to get men to take up the Art and stick to it. He knows that at Yarmouth there is a splendid peal of bells which cannot be made full use of, for the want of competent men to handle the ropes. He knows that bellringers—like parish clerks—are born—not made: and further, he is firmly of opinion that the race of ringers is dying out. Let the churchwardens try to get new ringers. No, the bells would not ring this Christmas and not for many years to come.

Thus he prophesied. The all-powerful Church Council were indifferent to his opinion. They knew better. If the ringers loved the work so well and did not make that eight shillings per quarter, the principle motive for ringing, why did they Sunday after Sunday, inflict such wretched chiming on the parishioners? Why did they not ring a proper peal?

What do churchwardens and parish councillors know

about peals, suggest the ringers. Do they know a peal from a chime, and a chime from a solo by Pussy? Do they know that if one ringer is absent a peal cannot be rung? A peal of bells is not like a church choir singing an anthem, with some of the choristers doing anything but singing. The anthem goes on, but take a ringer away, and the peal is "off." Is it known that it is almost an impossibility to get the six ringers all together, time after time, Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out? Must a ringer never be absent from his post? Folk who think that he must not, do not comprehend that bellringers are but poor mortals after all.

Get ringers easily? Get them!

Ring the bells while under a month's notice? Is—it—likely?

But if the discharged ringers like to ring at any time for their own pleasure, queried the holder of the dual office—will they be denied access to the tower?

Certainly not! Ring when you like, said the Vicar.

EAST GRINSTEAD PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

In response to a circular sent out by the churchwardens, there was a good attendance at a recent meeting held in the vestry to consider the question of improving the church bells. The Rev. D. Y. Blakiston presided, and among those present were Misses Crawford (3), Mrs. Chignell, Miss Chignell, Mrs. Everard, Miss Hastie, Mr. A. Bridgland (churchwarden), Rev. C. W. Payne Crawford, Mr. E. M. Crookshank, Rev. L. H. Dahl, Mr. W. H. Dixon, Mr. C. H. Everard, Rev. C. E. Hubbard, Mr. A. Johnson, Mr. W. Milburn, Mr. H. H. E. Mathews (churchwarden), and Mr. F. A. White. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Lady Musgrave and Mr. Evelyn Head. The circular stated that about £100 was required to put the bells in order, and Mr. Mathews read a report of a technical character made by Mr. T. Blackburn, bellhanger, of Salisbury, whose estimate for doing all the work required with the exception of new masonry to the tower itself was £80 10s.

The Vicar remarked that the difficult work to the tower was now done, although it had been a long time about, and the parapets, supports and pinnacles had been put into good repair. Mr. Williams, secretary of the Sussex County Association, had also inspected the bells on two occasions. In his first report he recommended that something should be done to the four larger bells, but the second report was much more favourable. Since then the bells seem to have gone back, but the bells could now be rung for an hour, which certainly they could not do before.

The Rev. C. W. Payne Crawford then moved: "That the report of Mr. Blackburn be adopted, and that he be employed to carry out the adjustment of the bells in accordance therewith." He thought the churchwardens did a most wise thing when they appealed to an expert on bells. They must have the work done, and make no mistake about it, and he guaranteed that it should be done.

The Chairman seconded the resolution, and Mr. Craw-

furd intimated that he would give £10 and that Mr. J. R. Pearless would give £2.

The Rev. C. E. Hubbard explained many technical terms of the report, and Mr. F. A. White, Mr. E. M. Crookshank and Mr. W. Milburn supported the resolution and intimated that they were each prepared to give £10 to the fund.

The motion was carried, and it was decided that the churchwardens should issue another circular giving the names of those who had promised subscriptions and inviting others to join in the fund.

We hear that the authorities, just over a year ago, spent £200 upon the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.—A very enjoyable meeting was held at Lyminster on Saturday, December 8th, and considering the inclemency of the weather, was fairly well attended, about twenty members being present. The towers represented were: Augmering, Arundel, Goring, Heene, and Lyminster. The bells were started soon after 4 o'clock, and several 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a touch of Bob Minor were rang, when the order was given for tea, and a move was made to the parish room, situated in the Rectory grounds, the genial Rector being at the door to welcome his guests. Justice having been done to an excellent tea, the rev. gentleman proceeded to give a welcome address to those present. In the course of his remarks, he mentioned that he should always be pleased to welcome the members to Lyminster, because he believed the Association was doing a good and useful work throughout the county. Belfries had been better kept, ringing had improved, and these meetings brought union between the ringers. A short business meeting ensued. Letters were read from Messrs. Bennett and Tompkins, expressing regret at not being able to be present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Two new members were elected to the Arundel branch. The Secretary mentioned, no doubt they were aware, that on the list of meetings for 1900, that Feltham was mentioned instead of Lyminster, but he thought it useless to arrange a meeting there at this time of the year, he however, thought they could not have done better than come to Lyminster. As regards the next quarterly peal, it was left to the Secretary to arrange, it being thought that after a six-bell meeting a six-bell peal should follow, the Rector offering the use of his bells if wanted. Mr. Evans proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, also for the use of his bells, and more especially for entertaining them to tea, and was sure that all felt indebted to him for his kindness. The Chairman, the Rev. G. Moor, responded, and said he should always be willing to grant the use of his bells to the members of the Association. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8 o'clock.

H. E.

EASTERN DIVISION.—Battle was chosen for the quarterly meeting of this division, which took place on Saturday, December 8th, the visitors including representatives from Christ Church Blacklands, and St. Clement's Hastings; Pevensey, St. Peter's Tunbridge Wells, Rye, Tenterden, and Faversham; and there was also a good attendance on the part of the Battle ringers. The afternoon was very enjoyably spent in ringing touches in the following methods: Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major,

the conductors being Messrs. S. Saker (Christ Church Blacklands), T. Card (St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells), W. Franks and C. Carter (Battle). The ringing was followed by a short service in the church, the Dean and the Rev. Spencer Day officiating. As a special lesson the Dean read a portion of Numbers x., which he afterwards referred to in his address, saying he had chosen it because in the time of the Jews trumpets took the place of bells. They were sounded in times of trouble and war, and in times of joy and rejoicing in the same way that with us the solemn tolling of the bell speaks of sorrow and the joyous peal speaks to us of rejoicing. But was not the true meaning that in their joy and happiness they were thanking God, since the sound of joy was used from His House? But the chief reason that the bells were so hung and were sounded was for the calling of the people to church, and therefore the great object of the ringers was thus to summon the worshippers. In bellringing as in other things, there was a tendency to forget its highest object, and to look upon it more or less as an amusement or pastime, healthy and invigorating, no doubt, and there was also the spirit of emulation among the various bands of ringers. This was very good. He would, however, remind them that it was not the highest view of all. They had a distinct work to do for God in calling people to His House. The service closed with the hymn "We love the place, O God." The members were afterwards entertained by the Dean and churchwardens to tea at The George hotel, at which the Dean presided, and was supported by Mr. W. A. Raper (churchwarden), and Mr. Saker. There were also present Messrs. S. Saker (secretary of the Eastern Division), W. Franks (captain), C. Carter, C. Dennis, W. H. Eldridge, C. J. Hyland, F. Mathis, and W. Thomas (Battle); F. Lock (captain), A. E. Barrow, J. Livermore, C. Saker (Christ Church Blacklands, Hastings), L. Stapley (St. Clement's, Hastings), C. Hill (Christ Church, St. Leonards), Card and Mankelow (St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells), C. Tribe (Tenterden), Penfold (Pevensey), Pittman (Faversham), B. Prewett (Bushey), and B. Weller (organist of Battle). After tea Mr. Saker made a brief statement with reference to the quarter's work, and a discussion initiated by Mr. C. J. Hyland took place with reference to the supply of peal-boards by the Association. Mr. W. A. Raper was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. Pittman and Prewett members of the Association. After another discussion Mr. Saker proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and churchwardens of Battle for their kind hospitality that day. He made special reference to the Dean's address at the service, and thought that there was now a more religious feeling among ringers. They did not overlook the fact that their first duty was to ring for the service on Sundays. Mr. Pittman seconded. The vote of thanks having been unanimously carried, the Dean and Mr. Raper replied. The former observed that when the Association started he was afraid that it would have an effect on the Sunday ringing, but he was glad to say that on the other hand the ringing had since been better. He congratulated the Association upon the change it had brought about in the general arrangements of the belfry and in the general—he did not like to use the word—behaviour of the members. Mr. Saker was also thanked for his services that day. The ringers afterwards returned to the belfry, and after a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples, Mr. Tribe, in a neat speech, on behalf of Messrs. Saker, Hind, Burden (2) and Johnson, presented the Battle Society with a neatly-executed framed peal-card recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in their

tower, and in which the donors took part. Mr. Franks expressed his pleasure in receiving such a gift on behalf of the Battle Society, and they were very grateful to those gentlemen for their kindly action. He could assure them the card would occupy a conspicuous place in the belfry. The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable nature, the visitors expressing great delight at their visit to and reception at the historic town.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

At the invitation of Mr. W. Moore, a social gathering of ringers took place at Bocking on Monday, November 19th, for the purpose of opening a set of handbells, won by him from the Harlow bell scheme. Twenty ringers were present from Bocking, Braintree, Rayne, and Stisted. The proceedings commenced with a well-struck 720 of Double Court on the tower bells by the local company, conducted by W. Grimwade, and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob by a mixed band, conducted by E. Radley. The handbells were then brought out, and a course of Bocking Treble Bob was rung by the local company, after which an adjournment was made to the meeting-house, The Black Boy inn, where the remainder of the evening was spent. Mr. C. Bearman presided. Tunes were given by Messrs. H. E. Hammond, E. Radley, and W. Webb. Courses of Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor, and a course of Grandsire Triples (double-handed) were rung during the evening. The handbells, which were presented by Mr. G. Dent, are Messrs. Shaw and Sons, well-known make, tenor C15. The tone and finish were admired by all.

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."

DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—I don't consider the footnote to the 5024 of Double Norwich in your issue for the 15th inst. to be correct. I think this composition was first published in "THE BELL NEWS" for April, 1886, and it was first rang on May 6th, 1890, at St. Anne's, Highgate, by the Royal Cumberland Society, and conducted by the late George Newson, as my composition.

H. DAINS.

MR. NEWELL'S CRITICS.

SIR,—As an old Reading "string," incapacitated by infirm health from peal-ringing, but still interested in the favourite Art of my younger days, I beg to express my astonishment at the tone adopted by your correspondents, "Interested," and "Constant Churchman," in their replies (*sic*) to the very temperate and pertinent inquiry of my old friend Mr. William Newell.

Here is that gentleman's question:—

"Ought ringers to attend the church services after ringing for the services?"

And here is what "Interested" supposes, apparently, is an answer:—

"He (Mr. Newell) does not mention that he is captain at one church, rings with his men, then leaves that church to go to another for the service." Sir, why on earth should he mention it? He asks a question involving a general principle, and to point to an exception, even though Mr. Newell himself furnish that exception, is utterly beside the mark. Then "Interested" perseveres like this: "Mr. Newell always says that the ringers after having rung the bells for service, go for a ramble, or other self-pleasings, which I don't think (if true), proper that he should rush into print about his own ringers."

This, truly, is as ingenuous a confession of the cap fitting as I have read for many a day. Why, sir, Mr. Newell said absolutely nothing which particularized his own, or any other band of

ringers. He simply put a most legitimate query affecting the Exercise generally.

With regard to the arrangement by which Mr. Newell still attends the church of his early manhood, where he has been a valued member of the choir for very many years, I happen to know that it was talked over fully, and mutually agreed upon by himself on the one hand, and St. Laurence's clergy on the other, when Mr. Newell's exceptional ability as a teacher of beginners was sought by the said respected clergy. And if the Rev. Chas. Kerry, late of St. Laurence's, Reading, should see this correspondence, he will bear me out. The present Vicar is a Christian and a gentleman, and of course, honourably carries out this agreement. Does, then, this fact debar Mr. Newell from the right appertaining to every church ringer to ventilate this matter? I think not.

The effusion of a "Constant Churchmen" is a more remarkable one surely, viewing it in print, he must, upon second thoughts, feel that it demeans its author. At the outset he candidly admits that he cannot defend the *per contra* to Mr. Newell's question, and he then sets to work to gratuitously assail his character. His statement that Mr. Newell, under pretence of worshipping in another church, "often" attends a Baptist chapel, *I know to be false*. For Mr. Newell's seat in our church choir is but one removed from my own, and, unless away from the town, Mr. Newell is rarely absent. To attempt by mud-throwing of this description, to blacken the reputation of the "father of change-ringing in Reading," a man loved, honoured, and looked up to by ringers throughout two or three counties, is too bad. Why, sir, such acrimony as this writer displays, robs him of a right to his *nom de plume*. How could he, at the moment of penning such things, be in the eyes of his Maker a "Constant Churchman."

In conclusion, it seems to me that the question raised by Mr. Newell lies in a nutshell. The man who poses as a church-goer by the very fact that he calls other people there, is in duty bound to endeavour to live out the character he assumes—otherwise he is an hypocrite. And before any brother-string takes offence at that harsh word, let him spend five minutes in thinking out the matter, and the result may surprise him. HENRY EGBY.

Weston Street, Reading.

ANOTHER RINGER'S MARRIAGE.

On St. Andrew's day, a very pretty little wedding took place at All Saints' church, Croxley, Herts. The contracting parties were Mr. Walter Ernest Yates and Miss Eva Taylor, both connected with well-known families, the bridegroom at Bisham, and the bride at Marlow. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Croxley, the Rev. C. E. Donnell, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, including the teachers of the schools where Miss Taylor has worked as assistant for the past two years, having previously served as mistress at the Oxford Lane Schools, Marlow, for a long period. In the afternoon, the happy pair left *en route* for Temple View, their residence at Marlow, where the auspicious event was celebrated by the ringing of merry peals by the members of the local belfry, of which Mr. W. E. Yates has been a member for the past fifteen years. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of near upon a hundred handsome and useful presents, conspicuous among them a valuable one from the teachers and children of Croxley National Schools.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT DEANE, BOLTON.—Mr. J. Potter's 50 Peals.—4 Minor Methods 1; 7 Minor Methods 2, conducted 1; Bob Major 7, conducted, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 8 (including 9104), conducted 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, conducted, 1; Duffield Major 3, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 2; Bob Triples 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 7, conducted 3; Darlaston Bob Triples 2, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 12, conducted 4; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Caters 1.—Total 50, conducted 16.

FOR SALE.—A set of twenty-two handbells in good condition, and very sweet-toned. Contain several peals. £3. Ap^oproval. Apply "M. B.," office of this paper.

MILD AND BITTER.

This is our Christmas number. Anyone can tell it is so by looking at the date on the front page. True, a good many come out months in advance, but then, we of "THE BELL NEWS" always like to be different to the majority. We could if we liked bring out a Christmas number during the Midsummer holidays, but we don't. Why? Because several journals are doing it, and we don't mean to get into the ruck. We prefer to do the thing in the proper style, and so on the Friday next before the old-fashioned festival, "THE BELL NEWS" feeds its hungry readers. If the weather is not Christmassy that is not our concern. You cannot expect everything for 1d. Even the shilling annuals don't guarantee that, and so if the globe has skidded a trifle we must take things as we find them. Perhaps when the explorers find the north pole they will be able to grease it, and then the seasons will run smooth. Anyway, having received a hint to get my nose well on the grindstone for the Christmas number I must proceed to do so, and give you my masters sandwiches, along with your mild and bitter.

Another Balacava hero has answered the last roll-call. The public press informed us that at the age of seventy-five, the veteran passed to his rest in *Wolverhampton workhouse*! I beg to respectfully dedicate the following to those elocutionists who recite Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade." It might be found suitable for an encore.

GLORY.

When again we tell the story, that we heard in days of yore,
How our lads for Death or Glory, fought as few had fought before;
When we sing of cannons' rattle, let us sing the soldier's fate,
"He who finds not death in battle, finds it at the workhouse gate."

Shame on us, and on the Nation! We who once throughout the land
Sung their praise, when in privation, placed on them the pauper's brand.
Men who fought for "Queen and Country," asked for bread—we gave a stone,
Yet scarce one who died for "Country," called an inch of it his own.

When war-fever next entices men to write in blatant verse,
Let us hope the nation's vices won't be pandered to— or worse.
If the poet won't be mute, he might give help in many ways,
To lash his country to her duty:—for the deeds of other days.

We are now drawing near to what popular opinion considers to be the end of the nineteenth century. I wonder if any special ringing will be done in connection with the event? I have heard it said that in some towers the old year will be rung out half-muffled until shortly before midnight, when the buffs will be taken off and 100 (one hundred) blows struck on the tenor bell as the death-knell of the century. I think the idea a good one.

With the advent of the new century. I should like to elicit opinions as to the advisability of forming a "Century Association," the chief qualification of which should of course be that every member must have rung one hundred peals. This would bring together men of great ability. I am aware that many of the best ringers have not reached their century, owing to want of opportunity, while they would not exchange their modest forty or fifty peals for many other men's common-class record. Provision could be made for these. I give the idea for

what it is worth, and would like to have opinions on the matter. It is not given to foster class prejudice, but I think it would be unique to bring together for a ringing festival once a year, the cream of the ringers of England.

We had a modest little supper the other night. Just a quiet snap to which several of the "boys" were invited. One of our comps. gave us a lesson in gastronomy. I think this was the reason why so many mistakes occurred amongst the type in last week's "Mild and Bitter." I don't say that the fat mutton or the whisky got among the type, but the word "BUT" was wrongly inserted after "why." "Rightly" was printed "slightly," and "un" was omitted from "important." These little trifles make a paragraph read as though the writer was suffering from say, a swollen head, and that would never do. I understand that as a punishment, the office boy will forward the culprit the following "poem" on a Christmas card

The shades of night were falling fast
As up the Selborne Road there passed
A printer with a card so nice
And on it was this strange device
"Fat Mutton."

His brow was sad, his eye beneath
Was dull although he'd filed his teeth;
Said he "For Turkey I would die,"
When conscience to him did reply
"Fat Mutton."

The landlord's hair it stood on end,
For pieces of beef that wouldn't bend
Were gobbled with beer in half a tick,
He didn't care for *Arsenic*

A button.

He got his money's worth you bet
He made the pork and turkey sweat;
And though his name of course we screen
He works a L . . . T . . . E machine.
With the compliments of the season.

It was very amusing to see in this paper some time ago the indignant repudiation that the morality of the bell-ringer had degenerated. I forbear any reference about "Daniel" bearding the lions in their den, although it is a struggle. What I want to say is, that although the adage has it: "Ringers and Singers are little home-bringers," no indignity could be worse than the following. A short time ago I saw an announcement by the S. A. that "The Converted Bell Ringer" would hold forth. Now, while I would not for a moment belittle the religious and moral forces at work for the regeneration of my brother-man, I think this is "too thick." What have we done, I should like to know, to deserve this contumely? But I digress. I went to see this converted bellringer. I don't suppose he had ever rung anything more than a door-bell in his life, but when he looked me square in the eye and howled "my old companions fare ye well, I will not go with *you* to Hell" with the accent on the *you*, I was forced to retort "all right my boy, I won't mind a little bit, go with yourself." I am afraid it was somewhat irreverent, but what would *you* do?

The following paragraph forwarded to the office by several persons in various parts of the country, has been sent to my *confreere* "Plain Speaker" to deal with, but he being absent it has been handed to me. I think it has gone the round of the papers, but it would seem that the *Survey Herald* has the credit of first publication:—

BELL RINGING.—On Thursday evening, November 15th, the Chertsey bell-ringers succeeding in completing a peal of 4000 call-changes, the time occupied being three hours and two minutes. Those taking part were:—P. Percy, treble (foreman); H. Payne, 2; A. Blaker, 3; P. J. Percy, 4; T. Warrinton, 5; W. Smithers, 6; F. Lyddiatt, 7; C. Smallwood, tenor. A similar performance was attempted by the Winchester Guild of Ringers a few weeks ago, but they failed to complete it.

There is not room in this number for the various comments which accompanied this amusing paragraph. One writes: "What ho! for the peal of call changes?" Another: "What sauce! would you like to know the ringing abilities of the 'foreman?'" and so on. It certainly would have shown more wisdom on the part of "the foreman," or whoever wrote this paragraph, if he had refrained from any allusion to the Winchester Guild. As the authorities of Chertsey church will see this week's "BELL NEWS" it will be as well to tell them that the statements in the above paragraph are untrue. Four thousand call-changes were never rung on the day in question; and the Winchester Guild has never since its foundation "attempted a similar performance," and never will.

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This will, I imagine, bring me to the bottom of my page. I have done my best to amuse all. I only hope I have succeeded. It is hard to suit all sorts and conditions of readers, and I don't think it is always wise to do so. Let us do our best to make the Christmas happy for ourselves—and for others. While some are feasting, many may want bread. All the happiness in life—in every aspect, religious and social—is found in the golden rule, which is compressed in the word "Brotherhood." Let me coin you a toast.

A toast of Christmas cheer,
"May all our foes be friends."
And in the coming year
Let us seek to make amends.
When the touch on the shoulder comes,
And Death says "Time to go,"
We shall bid good-bye to the world of men,
And leave it without a foe.

JINGLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

The quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Blackpool on Saturday, December 8th. Members from the belfries of St. John's parish church and St. Peter's (Catholic), Lytham; Holy Trinity, South Shore; Parish Church, Singleton, together with the ringers of St. John's, Blackpool, met at the home church, and for several hours they caused the sweet-toned bells to resound merrily over the town. The object of the society is to promote in various methods, the art of ringing.

The visitors sat down to tea in the St. John's school-room at the invitation of the Rev. N. S. Jeffrey, who presided. Mrs. Jeffrey and the Misses Jeffrey kindly attended to the wants of the party.

A business meeting followed, at which Mr. R. Rawcliffe (South Shore), assistant branch secretary, read a letter from Mr. A. E. Wreaks (Bolton), secretary of the Lancashire Association, expressing his inability to be present. He mentioned that the annual meeting of the Association would be held at Blackpool in September next. Mr. J. Fell (Lytham), the branch secretary, had also sent a letter explaining the reason of his absence.

The chairman gave a short address on the importance

in church life of bell-ringers and bells, and remarked that he did not think the bells were so often rung now on the occasion of any great public rejoicing as they used to be.

Mr. Rawcliffe alluded to the very poor encouragement given to the branch at St. Anne's and Kirkham, where on account of sparse attendance it had been impossible to have a ringing meeting. At Singleton a very successful quarterly was held.

Mr. G. Staff (South Shore), asked if anything had been done with respect to the St. Anne's ringers. They were a young set of men, and he contended that the Association ought to help them so that they might become members.

Mr. Rawcliffe replied that he thought the rules of the Association said "to provide teachers if necessary." He did not know how the branch secretary stood in respect to that. He thought there ought to be a teacher in each branch, and let him go to the different belfries.

On the proposition of Mr. J. C. Bolton (St. John's, Blackpool), it was decided that Mr. Rawcliffe write to the Association secretary and get definite information as to the appointment of teachers.

Six new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. Winter, jun., G. Wright, C. Emby (Blackpool), A. Atkinson, D'Arcy Howarth (South Shore), and C. Porter (Singleton). The next meeting was fixed to be held at St. Anne's. The membership of the Fylde branch was reported to number seventy-four. A vote of thanks to the Rev. N. S. Jeffrey concluded the meeting.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. EDWARD C. NEWMAN.

On November 11th, a very interesting meeting took place in the belfry of Portsea parish church, the object of which was to present Mr. Newman with a silver pencil-case. The vice-president (Rev. E. R. Walker) on behalf of the president (the Rev. C. G. Lang) whose absence was caused by another engagement, before making the presentation made a few remarks suitable to the occasion. He spoke in very high terms of Mr. Newman's six years' service as a ringer. He was very sorry circumstances had compelled Mr. Newman to leave the parish, and he was sure all the members of the local company regretted his departure, as they were all indebted to him for the good work he had done, especially among the younger members. In appreciation of this good work, and as a token of respect and long friendship, the Rev. E. R. Walker handed to Mr. Newman the silver pencil-case, and trusted he would long be spared to use it, and wished him prosperity.

Mr. Newman thanked the members of the band for their handsome present. He assured them it came to him as a great surprise. He hoped to be with them again shortly, and he would pay them a visit every time he came in the town. He hoped the band would still progress, and again thanked them one and all for the present he had just received.

Mr. W. J. Pickard said he was sure one and all of the members of the local company regretted Mr. Newman's leaving. Though Mr. Newman was going out of the town he was not going away from bellringing, for he was going where there was plenty of it, for as they all knew Bristol was the city of churches and London the city of bells, and Mr. Newman would be always welcome there, where there is some of the best bellringing in the world, if he made himself known, and he (Mr. Pickard) concluded by wishing Mr. Newman the best of health and prosperity.

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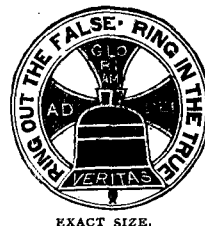
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1900.

ONCE more we have arrived at the most festive and joyous season of the year. We are told sometimes, and by those who are well able to judge, that the Easter festival of the Christian Church is or ought to be considered by believers of more importance. And no doubt it ought. The consummation of the work of the Saviour of mankind is celebrated at the latter festival, when devout Christians realise the certainty that the Resurrection firmly established their solemn belief that the Redeemer was God. But nevertheless the fact remains that Christmas is, *par excellence*, the season for festivity and rejoicing, and we apprehend it will ever so remain.

The most elementary believer of the Christian religion, at any rate one who peruses the dramatic (if we may use the term without being considered irreverent) incidents

unfolded to us in the scriptural account of The Nativity, cannot fail to be entranced by the various episodes connected therewith. The shepherds guarding their flocks by night, unaware of the great event about to take place till the heavenly host apprised them; the astonishment of the wise men from the east, whose astronomical calculations had been disorganised by the appearance of a strange luminary; the worship of the child while in the stable at Bethlehem; the delight of the aged patriarch that "a light to lighten the Gentiles" had at last come forth; all these circumstances, we say, entrance, satisfy and confirm the believer. To the perpetuation of such a festival as The Nativity our Church adheres with lasting vigour and determination. She proclaims this by her services as set forth in the Liturgy, and through the mouths of her ministers impresses upon all Christians the facts of the first scene in the work of their Redemption.

No need to wonder that the period is made a time of joy. We too are among the celebrators of the Christmas festival in no measured degree. Our church bells, manipulated by skilful hands, will announce the fact on the early Christmas morn, and for the various church services through the day. There are many ringers, we know, who will perform their office in a becoming and joyous spirit, having constantly before them the events which from their youth upwards they have learned about this festival. May such as these increase year by year. May peace and goodwill dominate the minds of all good ringers on Christmas day; and may they determine to put away from them the last grain of uncharitableness which they may feel towards any of their fellow-ringers, and enter upon firm resolutions to bear and to forbear when offences arise in the future. Brethren all over the world—we heartily wish you "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

We proposed to ourselves the pleasure of laying before our readers in this number an illustrated account of the steeple of St. Benet's, Cambridge, and our manuscript was ready in good time. We supposed that we should have no difficulty in finding suitable material for our illustrations, and have been surprised that after considerable pains we have failed to find it. We have therefore given orders for some special photographs to be taken for reproduction in our pages; but owing to the delay which has in this way arisen we are reluctantly compelled to postpone our article, but only for a brief period. Next week will appear a portrait of Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., of Loughborough.

In forwarding a report of a peal last week, a correspondent perpetrated what no doubt he thought was a joke. Others are of a different opinion. Peal records are important matters, and should be quite free from every kind of buffoonery. The writer is cautioned against a repetition of his stupid conduct.

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The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS BARKING, CITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	† JOHN MOULE 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
WILLIAM W. MILLER* .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. W. Miller, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	WILLIAM A. MASTERS .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	ALBERT COLES 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 9.
JOHN BASDEN 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

This composition, which has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, is now rung for the first time.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 8.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
HARRY HOSKINS 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Captain Charles Louis Brooke and Miss Lilian Mary Russell at the above church. The ringers wish to tender their sincere thanks to Dr. Wiles (churchwarden, and uncle of the bride), for the refreshment provided them.

The Provinces.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS T. GOFTON Treble.	GEORGE R. HOLMES .. 5.
FRANK NASEBY* 2.	† WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 6.
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On Thursday, December 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	†ALF PADDON SMITH.. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 2.	†JOHN NEAL.. .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	WILLIAM PAGE 8.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

†First peal of Caters. This peal was arranged for W. Page, who hails from Worcester.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, HEREFORD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

RICHARD CHAMBERLIN .. Treble.	JAMES E. GROVES 5.
ARTHUR J. WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF 3.	THOMAS LEWIS 7.
JOHN J. JONES* 4.	RICHARD POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal. The above peal is the Rev. E. Banks James's ten-part, containing common bobs and singles only.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID WHITING† .. Treble.	WILLIAM FIRTH 5.
THOS. L. MOORHOUSE 2.	†ALBERT SCOTT 6.
FRED MOORHOUSE 3.	JOHN T. EASON 7.
THOS. H. ORMOND 4.	*FRANCIS BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

D. Whiting was proposed a member of the Association. †First peal. *First peal of Grandsire. †First peal as conductor.

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

On Thursday, December 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD CHAPMAN .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HUNT.. .. 5.
HARRY GOODYER 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
JOHNSON E. HERN 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES 4.	RICHARD HAINES Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Dr. Carson Nicholls, of Tilehurst, who was buried that day.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 13, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER .. Treble.	JOSEPH DAVIES 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	EDMUND WILLIS 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON 3.	SAMUEL MASKREY 7.
CHARLES E. HART 4.	*SPENCER M. DODINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

*Son of the Rev. H. P. M. Dodington, Vicar of Leigh, near Sherborne, Dorset; first peal. Rung in honour of the installation of the Rev. A. H. Prior, M.A., R.D., as Honorary Canon of Southwell Cathedral.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	JOHN MULLIGAN 6.
WILLIAM BURGAR 2.	JOHN HOLMAN 7.
HENRY BOWER 3.	SAMUEL SEED 8.
CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY .. 4.	ARTHUR BREARLEY 9.
WILLIAM LOMAS 5.	JAMES REW.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This peal was composed about the year 1840, by the late Mr. Vincent Bradbury, of Sheffield, who was a respected member of the parish church company for upwards of fifty years. Mr. Bradbury died in January 1877, in his 83rd year. The peal was first rung at Sheffield on May 15th, 1856, and was then conducted by the late John Lomas.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HENRY PRICE* .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
HENRY CORBETT 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
WILLIAM COOK 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	HARRY SAYER Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

*First peal.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford, and 360 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, and Violet.

JOHN SLOMAN .. Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED.. .. 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tanner's Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER BROWN* .. Treble.	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE .. 4.
HARRY GAYTHORPE 2.	*ERNEST NEWTON 5.
JOHN W. CHADWICK.. .. 3.	EDWARD REDSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HOLGATE.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED CROSS .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
A. EDWARD WREAKS 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Cross, Hunt, and Chapman. This is Mr. Joseph Potter's 50th peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 6.
G. L. BODDINGTON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM NEWELL 4.	CHARLES GILES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

A peal of Superlative was contemplated, but two or three of the band not being able to come Stedman was substituted.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	JOHN BARBER 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	JAMES GEORGE 10.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and was rung as a birthday compliment to H. Middleton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The figures will appear later.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Bristol, Lichfield, York, Durham, Worcester, and Chichester. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

†First peal in seven Surprise methods with a bob bell.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15th, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt in F#.

WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 4.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 5.
WILLIAM DADGE 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

SANDY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

E. CHARLES CHASTY .. Treble.	ALBERT ROBINSON 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	GEORGE VALENTINE 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	WILLIAM J. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First 5040 on six bells by E. C. Chasty, who belongs to St. Neots, Hunts., the remainder to Bedford.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, December 15th, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH MURREY† .. Treble.	WALTER JAMES 4.
CHARLES DALBY 2.	†GEORGE H. HUDDLESTON .. 5.
ERNEST J. GALE 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD H. BARTRAM.

†First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

R. C. MAYO Treble.	A. TURNER 6.
H. RANN 2.	R. J. DAWE 7.
W. PALMER, JUN. .. 3.	J. JAY 8.
E. C. MERRITT 4.	W. PALMER, SEN. .. 9.
G. WILLIAMS 5.	R. FENTIMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. RANN.

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ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM LITTLECHILD .. Treble.	EDWARD J. WEBB 4.
WILLIAM MARRABLE .. 2.	JAMES CRABB 5.
ISAAC CAVILL 3.	ALFRED PEARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED TAWNEY† .. Treble.	ALFRED PALMER 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	HERBERT J. FORD 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	THOMAS MANNERING .. 7.
WALTER MANNERING† .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

†First peal in the method. It is also the first in the method on the bells.

HULME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN POTTER Treble.	JOSEPH POTTER 5.
WALTER BROWN 2.	HENRY SHUKER 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
ALFRED CROSS 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. Tenor.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 Duke of York, two 720s of Woodbine, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s of Kent.

CLEMENT BEST.. .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD .. 5.
THOMAS E. ELLIS .. 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR B. BENNETT.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	HARRY JUDGE 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	FREDERICK WEBB .. 6.
W. P. POWELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. 4.	ANTONY STRANGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Handbell Peals.

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

On Wednesday, December 12, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. H. PASMORE, SOUTHWARK STREET, S.E.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

HARRY R. PASMORE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7-8.
HERBERT LANGDON .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpire—C. T. P. BRICE.

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

On Monday, December 17, 1900, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. H. PASMORE, SOUTHWARK STREET, S.E.

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. PASMORE .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7-8.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

Umpire—C. T. P. BRICE. First peal in the method on handbells by all, and rung at the first attempt.

Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, October 4th, for the Harvest Festival, 714 Grandsire Triples. H. Nash, 1; W. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; F. Warrington, 8. After service, 504 in the same method. T. Woods, 1; W. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Clark (conductor), 5; J. Holmes, 6; H. Nash, 7; W. Houlden, 8. On Monday, October 8th, for practice, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; W. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Clark, 6; H. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On Monday, October 15th, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; W. Woods, 5; J. Clarke, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; A. Sneath, 8. First in the method by

5th and 11th. Also 504 Grandsire, as before, except W. Wood, 2; T. Woods, 5; J. Clark (conductor). On Monday, October 22nd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; R. Masters, 4; W. Woods, 5; J. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. First 500 Treble Bob Major by R. Masters. On Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, (15 bobs). W. Houlden, 1; ———— 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Clarke, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; F. Warrington, 8. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; W. Woods, 4; F. Warrington, 5; T. Woods, 6; H. Nash, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal in the method, and by all the band. On Monday, October 29th, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton (conductor), 3; W. Woods, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Clark, 6; R. Masters, 7; A. Sneath, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Hilton, 1; T. Woods, 2; W. Houlden, 3; W. Woods, 4; W. Dickinson (conductor), 5; J. Clark, 6. First 120 Stedman on the bells, and by all.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 888 Grandsire Triples. W. W. Lea, 1; G. Thomas, 2; S. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Isaacs, 4; J. Thomas, 5; W. H. Thomas, 6; J. H. Burford, 7; W. Holder, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Lea, 1; W. W. Lea, 2; F. Cullen, 3; G. Jayne, 4; S. Thomas, 5; F. Isaacs, 6; W. H. Thomas (conductor), 7; A. Harrington (Swindon), 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by G. Jayne and G. Thomas on a bob bell, and longest as conductor on 7th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, 640 Treble Bob Major. J. Saxby, 1; E. Conyard, 2; E. Barnett, jun. 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; J. Hunt (Guildford), 6; T. Jones (Monmouth), 7; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 416 Double Norwich. J. Saxby, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; E. Audsley, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; T. Saxby, 6; J. Hunt, 7; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. E. Audsley, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; J. Hunt, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8. On October 28th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Audsley, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; G. Conyard, 6; E. Barnett, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Audsley, 8. On October 30th, for practice. E. Audsley, 1; J. H. Cheesman (conductor), 2; E. Barnett, jun., 3; J. Saxby, 4; P. E. Bex, 5; G. Conyard, 6; E. Barnett, sen., 7; H. Audsley, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Thursday, October 25th, at St. Mary's church, 447 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; H. Brooks, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; T. Bull, 5; F. Powell, 6; J. Monk, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Sunday, October 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, 350 in the above method. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; T. Bull, 5; F. P. Powell, 6; J. Monk, 7; J. Brooks, 8. For evening service, another 350. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; T. Bull, 4; J. Monk, 5; H. Brooks, 6; F. P. Powell, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Conducted by J. Monk.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, October 30th, at St. Laurence's church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Caters. C. Cox (longest length of Caters), 1; A. Mayo, 2; G. Boddington, 3; W. E. Batten, 4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5; J. E. Hern, 6; A. Osborne, 7; W. Newell, 8; C. Chapman, 9; E. Bruce, 10. Also 509 Stedman Caters. F. Hopgood (conductor), 1; A. Mayo, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; Rev. H. Bell, 4; A. Osborne, 5; E. Bruce, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; W. Newell, 8; J. Tucker, 9; C. Chapman, 10.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On October 3rd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; G. E. Chappell, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; A. Millard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; A. Millard, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On October 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. T. Langford, 3; N. Welch, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. *First 720 with inside bell, and rung at the first attempt, and to whom great credit is due.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Stephen's church, 360 Grandsire Triples. F. Nudds, 1; F. Smith, 2; M. Woodcock, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; W. Pryor (conductor), 5; E. Pryor, 6; W. H. Pryor, 7; W. Norton, 8. On Tuesday, October 9th, for practice, 336

Bob Major. F. Nudds, 1; E. Bonfield, 2; F. Smith, 3; W. H. Pryor, 4; G. Hollis, 5; R. Bevan, 6; T. Titchener, 7; W. J. Nudds, 8. Also a plain course of Grandsire Caters. T. Titchener, 1; E. Bonfield, 2; G. Hollis, 3; C. Pryor, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6; W. Pryor, 7; W. H. Pryor, 8; R. Bevan, 9; E. Pryor, 10. On Sunday, October 14th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, 1; E. Pryor, 2; F. Smith, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; W. Pryor (conductor), 5; C. Pryor, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; F. Nudds, 8. Also for evening service, 336 Grandsire. F. Nudds, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Watson, 3; E. Bonfield, W. Pryor, 5; W. H. Pryor (conductor), 6; C. Pryor, 7; E. Pryor, 8. On Sunday, October 21st, for morning service, 336 Grandsire. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; H. Watson, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; W. Pryor (conductor), W. H. Pryor, 6; C. Pryor, 7; F. Nudds, 8. Also for evening service, 168 Grandsire. F. Nudds, 1; E. Pryor, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; C. Pryor, 7; W. Norton, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—Recently, at the parish church, 720 of Doubles, being 240 of London, and a 6-score each of Canterbury, Oxford, April Day, and Old Doubles. F. Bowtell, 1; E. Webb, 2; P. Webb (conductor), 3; A. Lilley, 4; J. Webb, 5; F. Crick, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Also on handbells, 360 of Doubles. S. Dyer, 1; E. Webb, 2; F. Bowtell, 3; J. Webb, 4; P. Webb (conductor), 5-6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On October 24th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; S. W. West, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; J. A. Moulton (conductor), 7; T. Belcher, 8. On October 28th, for evening service, on the occasion of the school sermons, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes in 42 mins. W. Fern, 1; S. W. West, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; J. A. Moulton (conductor), 4; H. Partridge, 5; J. Rawson, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Beam, 8. On October 13th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Rawson, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; B. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; J. A. Moulton (conductor), S. W. West, 8. These two touches of Stedman are the greatest extent rung by an entirely local company, in the Stedman method. On November 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire. F. Middleton, 1; J. T. Allen, 2; B. West, 3; S. W. West (conductor), 4; H. Partridge, 5; J. Rawson, 6; J. A. Moulton, 7; F. Beam, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALNWICK (Northumberland).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at S. Paul's church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, 8 bobs and 6 singles. W. Beardall, 1; E. Ferry (conductor) 2; J. W. Collier, 3; T. Appleby, 4; F. G. Beardall, 5; E. A. Weightman, 6. This is the first 720 by the ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and the first for the 4th away from the treble. On Sunday, November 4th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles, with the treble at lead and tenor covering. A. Moir (at lead), 1; C. J. S. Gory (first 720), 2; E. Ferry, 3; J. W. Collier, 4; W. Beardall, 5; F. G. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman (first 720 as conductor), 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. E. Ferry hails from Newcastle, all the rest belong to the local band, to whom great credit is due, as they only formed their guild last Easter, and have had no instructor.

BENWELL (Newcastle).—On Friday, October 26th, at S. James's church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, 8 bobs and 6 singles. J. Tomlin (first 720), 1; S. Ferry (conductor), 2; B. C. Dixon, 3; T. Henderson, 4; J. H. Parker, 5; J. Foreman, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—Recently, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Luff, 1; A. J. Bartlett, 2; W. G. Brockhurst, 3; J. E. Russell, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; T. Attwell (conductor), 7; T. Luff, 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung by a local band of the parish. Also recently, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. G. Luff, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; T. Atwell (conductor), 3; A. Ashdown, 4; A. J. Bartlett, 5; H. Remnant, 6. This is the first in the method by the local band. Also first 120 by all except the conductor.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. S. A. Wright, 1; R. Stone, 2; W. G. Granger, 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; H. J. Selby, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; G. Steer, 8. *First quarter peal away from tenor. On Sunday, November 4th, for Harvest Festival, 1056 Bob Major. H. J. Selby, 1; M. Whatley, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; S. A. Wright, 4; W. G. Granger, 5; J. Heath, 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Wright (conductor), 8. Also 504 Stedman. R. Stone, 1; W. G. Granger, 2; M. Whatley, 3; S. A. Wright, 4; J. Heath, 5; H. J. Selby, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; G. Steer, 8.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On the 16th of October last a very pleasing and happy ceremony took place at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, when Mr. Avis (chairman of the Milton Society) led Miss Belson to the altar to tie the matrimonial knot; and a right good ringers' wedding it was too, for Jack does not do things by halves. The reception he got at the church was most enthusiastic, for when the bridegroom appeared (on his arm leaning his dear old mother to see the last of her sons married) it was the signal for a veritable shower of rice and confetti the whole way from the church gates to the porch, and when Freddy Hayes appeared as best man, why he got it just as bad. While the knot was being tied the ringers, not to be denied the sight of Jack and his bride, had taken the trap-door up from the ringing chamber so as to see them come out, and a deluge of rice they had when they did appear. But we were too busy then with Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob to see the reception they received when they emerged from the church man and wife, but it was most enthusiastic. After the ceremony the whole group, including the Rev. Cogswell, had their photos. taken, and a very happy group they were. In the evening the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Avis at their residence, where everything of the best and plenty of it, was indulged in until the small hours, when we wended our way home, and so ended one of the jolliest ringers' weddings it was ever my lot to enjoy. On the 3rd of November a smoking concert was held at The Prince of Wales, Milton, for the purpose of presenting Mr. J. Avis with a present in the shape of a silver-mounted biscuit barrel, as a mark of respect and esteem in which he is held by his brother-ringers. Mr. G. Jones, secretary of the Society, made the presentation. Mr. J. Avis, in a few well-chosen words, thanked them all very much for the present. It had taken him very much by surprise, but he should value it more for that. Some good songs were sung, Mr. G. Jones ably presiding at the piano. The present was subscribed for by members past and present of the Society, and churchwardens.

L. S.

A RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On November 27th, 1875, Mr. J. Sumpter said the necessary "I will, etc.," and twenty-five years having passed, he being a local change-ringer for a number of years, and Captain of the Barnet Guild, he obtained the permission of the Rector to attempt a peal of Grandsire with his own band. Accordingly the attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Triples, but unhappily it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins. W. Baldwin (first attempt), 1; F. A. Milne, Esq. (conductor), 2; J. Wittey, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; E. Marshall, 5; W. J. Dell, 6; W. Dolton, 7; E. Dolton, 8. On leaving the tower we were invited by Mr. Sumpter to partake of refreshment, and the best wishes of the band were expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Sumpter and family. The band were congratulated on their good ringing by the Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association, who said he was sorry they did not get the peal, but hoped they would be successful before long.

W. J. D.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On October 28th, at the parish church, for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; W. P. Northey, 2; A. Butler, 3; W. Wilkinson (conductor), 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. Arthur, 7; W. Downs, 8. After service, same evening, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Wilkins, 1; Rev. C. T. P. Edwards, 2; W. Butler, 3; A. Baker, 4; G. Barnes, 5; W. Downs, 6; W. Wilkinson (conductor), 7; J. Arthur, 8. 64-8 cover bells. Also on Monday, November 5th for practice, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; Rev. C. T. P. Edwards, 2; A. Butler, 3; T. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; W. Wilkinson, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8. Also same evening, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; Rev. C. T. P. Edwards, 2; W. Butler, 3; W. Wilkinson, T. Cole, 5; A. Butler, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8th, eight members of the Crewe Society visited Shrewsbury, on the occasion of a quarterly meeting of the Salop Association. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., on the splendid peal of twelve bells at St. Chad's, among other touches brought round being one of 864 of Plain Bob Caters, by J. Simons, 3; Jos. Kettle, 4; R. T. Holding, jun., 5; Geo. Crawley, 6; E. Weatherby (Market Drayton), 7; Herbert Jones (Shrewsbury), 8; R. Langford, 9; W. F. Hartsborne, 10; R. T. Holding (conductor), 11; A. Crawley, 12. The above was the first time the ringers of 1st, 4th, and 12th, who hail from Crewe, had heard ten and twelve bells in peal.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. Wall of St. Chad's, and Mr. Boylin of St. Alkmunds, and all other Shrewsbury friends for making the visit in every way a success. Also the Rev. J. Mackay, Hon. Secretary of the Salop Association, for his kind invitation to tea, which was, I need hardly say, heartily accepted. H.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, December 16th, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260, from Troyte, in 51 mins. T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; *G. Astbury, 4; J. W. Bayley, 5; T. Marshall, 6; E. Reader (conductor), 7; J. Hankinson, 8. *Longest touch in the method. The above was rung as a farewell to Mr. E. Reader, who is leaving Stockport to take up his abode in Carlisle. The ringers afterwards expressed their regret at losing Mr. Reader, but assured him that he carried with him the best wishes of the company for his future welfare.

Mr. Reader, in reply, said he was sorry he had to leave Stockport, and he should always think of the many happy hours he had spent with the St. George's company.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 8th, at St. Margaret's church, 1152 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. Samson, 3; C. Bailey, 4; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 5; E. Bailey, 6; J. M. Button, 7; G. Thompson, 8. The touch was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. J. Button, a member of the local company, with Miss Morling, of Aldringham, to whom the ringers offer their sincere wishes for a bright and happy future.

ST. CATHERINE'S, FELTHAM.

The tower bells of St. Catherine, Feltham, will be open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., on December 27th, the anniversary of the opening of same.

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A BROKEN REVERIE.

When we gaze at the glow of the embers
Ere they die into ashes below,
Oh! the faces we see, and our fancy re-
members

The forms we loved long ago.

To-night, by the fireside dreaming,
They crowd on my memory fast,
And I see in the golden gleaming,
Life's pictures of the past.

Again I live in past ages,
When sorrow my soul did rack;
Yet, turning over life's pages
I cry in my heart "come back."

Then scenes which long ago had perished
In yblivion's deepest urn,
Revive, and the loved ones cherished,
From the land of shadows return.

Once again I hear their voices,
Again the grasp of the hand;
And in fancy my heart rejoices,
With those of the silent land.

'Tis gone! dead ashes are falling;
Their gleaming has turned to white;
And I wake to the world by a woman a-
bawling

"Are you coming to roost to-night?"
JINGLE.

Compositions.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, Fulham.

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Repeated.

By omitting the three bobs braced in one part, the peal will be reduced to 5024.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Monday, November 12th, at St. Andrew's church, 560 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; A. Dubber, 4; A. Bramall, 5; G. Petrie, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8.

Notices.

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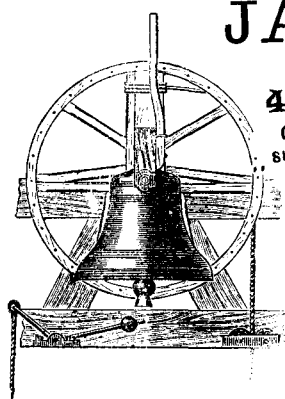
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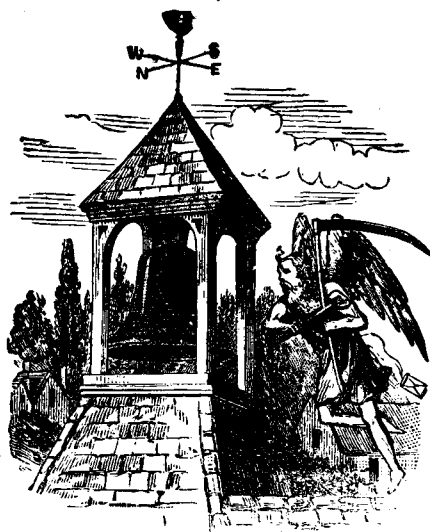
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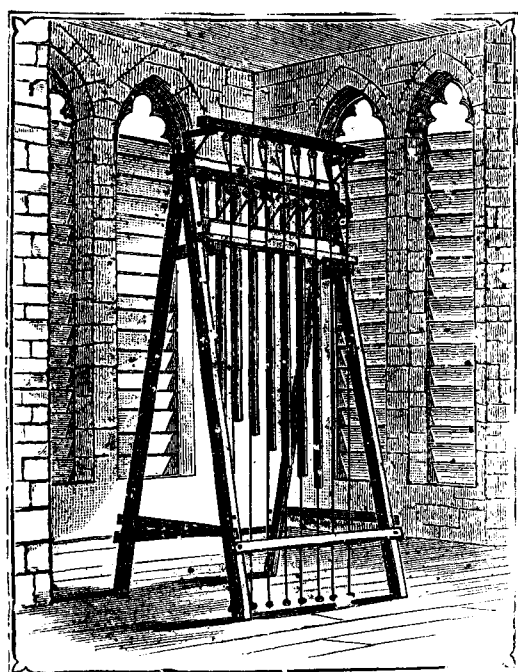
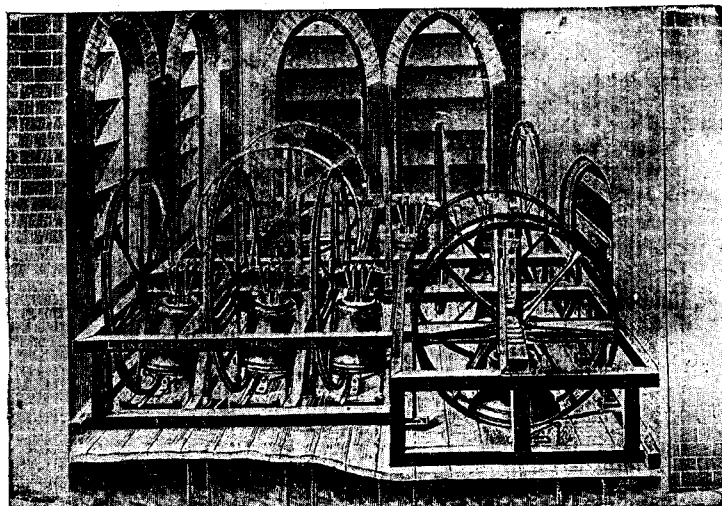
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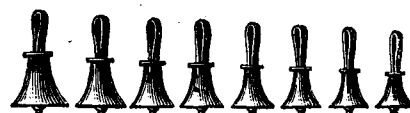
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MR. JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, SEN., OF LOUGHBOROUGH.

The name borne by the gentleman whose portrait accompanies this number is one which has been known to every bell-ringer all over the world for a great number of years. Our readers need not to be told, we suppose, that he is the head of the firm of "John Taylor and Co.," Bell Founders; thereby presenting, in an unbroken line, several generations of founders of the same name, who were the successors of other distinguished men like Watts, Eayres, Arnold, etc.

The subject of this notice was born at Buckland Brewer, near Bideford, in 1827; consequently he is now in his seventy-fourth year. His father, Mr. John Taylor, at that period carried on the business of bellfounding at Buckland Brewer, and subsequently at Oxford; but in the year 1840 the foundry was removed to Loughborough, where in the course of years it has assumed very large proportions.

MR. TAYLOR is, and has been almost all his life, an accomplished half-pull ringer, and among his somewhat large family, two sons, Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., and Mr. E. D. Taylor, follow him in this particular. As a brother-string we prefer here to speak of him. He has not made what is known as a "record" in peal-ringing, in fact he must be credited with only a few of such performances, but he is an enthusiastic admirer of good striking; nor does he forget to relate to you the delight in years gone by with which he used to listen to the almost incomparable striking at the prize-rings in the West Riding of Yorkshire. It may readily be supposed that in the creation of a business of such magnitude as the Loughborough foundry, there was very little time left him for peal-ringing, at any rate to the extent which it is now practised. But his acquaintance with ringing-lore, his recollections of older days, when the Art was in a very different state to what it is now, are unique. He was well acquainted with the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, and was among that gentleman's numerous correspondents. In Mr. Ellacombe's "Bells and Ringers" a letter from Mr. TAYLOR to that rev. gentleman appears, on the uselessness and undesirability of any alcoholic stimulant for the ringing of a peal. In the book in question, if we recollect aright, Mr. Ellacombe had strongly combatted the objectionable and ridiculous opinion that ringers were a "drunken class," and also that equally senseless idea that libations of beer and mountains of food were absolutely necessary, and could not be dispensed with by ringers. Mr. TAYLOR's letter corroborated Mr. Ellacombe's opinions on this matter.

The Exercise has very recently been pleased to read

some of the recollections of Mr. TAYLOR respecting the Symondsons, the noted handbell founders. If he could at any time be prevailed upon to pen the whole of his reminiscences and experiences, ringers and others would greatly enjoy the perusal thereof. There is scarcely any ringing topic, of what we may term an old-world character, upon which he could not relate very interesting particulars. The writer of this notice has had the pleasure of his society, and more than once has listened to his relation of such experiences, and matured opinions upon various subjects connected with bells and ringers.

Formerly MR. TAYLOR resided close to the foundry, and here by the visiting ringer genial hospitality was always to be found. Not only by himself and Mrs. Taylor was a true welcome accorded, but by every member of the family. Now we believe he resides on his own estate situate one mile from Loughborough. It is pleasing to add that the traditions of the old residence are well maintained by his eldest son, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., who is also a well-known ringer.

Here this brief sketch is closed. The subject of it is merely shown as a change-ringer—one who certainly has not much record as a peal-ringer, as previously observed, but who has made his mark in another way, and by which his name will descend to posterity.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (WIRRAL BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Bidston on Saturday, December 22nd, when unfortunately only nine members, representing four towers, turned their steps in that direction; no doubt this was due to the nearness of the Christmas festivities. The Rev. F. E. Sandys, from St. Saviour's, Oxton, was also present. The bells, six in number, received but little manipulation before six o'clock. This being the time appointed for tea, a move was made towards a farmhouse adjoining the church, where they found the table laid for double the number, which made the men with long appetites "smile a wicked smile." Grace was said by the Rev. F. E. Sandys, and the visitors at once proceeded to partake of the abundant variation, in which the "conventional pork pie" figured most prominently. When the smile of contentment began to dawn on the faces of those present, and the usual "no thanks" was the rejoinder to every attempt at persuasion, a little sociable conversation was indulged in until two of the members were suddenly seized with a presentiment that the iron horse on which they were to travel was fast approaching.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his hospitality. The Secretary was again absent, the cause of which the visitors hope to know at their next meeting. The Rev. F. E. Sandys offered thanks to the Giver of all good things, and the members rose and adjourned to the



MR. JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, SEN.

(Of Loughborough.)

tower, albeit one of them went to seek for a companion and never returned; however, the remaining six managed to crown the day's proceedings with two 720s as follows: 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Owens, 1; S. Walters (first in the method), 2; W. Wilcox, 3; J. Pownall, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; J. Dillon, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as above, conducted by J. Dillon.

This brought the meeting to a close, and the ringers dispersed, not before they had said good-night with the affability well-known.

HALSE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The ancient church at Halse, Somerset, was rededicated recently by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. This structure, the font of which dates back to a period anterior to any portion of the present building, is of the earliest Norman architecture, whilst the chancel and nave were built in the thirteenth century and the aisle in the fifteenth. At the Commonwealth the Puritans destroyed all the old glass and took away that portion of the beautiful oak screen that spanned the aisle. In 1762 there was a "churchwardens' restoration," which drove back the nave screen to the sanctuary step, put a false wall of lath and plaster in front of the west wall, and erected a hideous gallery, which had at length to be supported from the roof with iron bars to keep it from collapsing. High pews were, as usual in such cases, introduced; after which arose a general period of decay and neglect, bringing the church to the verge of ruin. The present rector, the Rev. F. J. Montgomery, lately an Indian chaplain, was, immediately upon his appointment, in August, 1899, asked to begin the work of church restoration. The lay rector, Mr. R. D. Hancock, offered to make good the chancel at his own expense; and an enthusiastic meeting of parishioners and others interested in the parish determined to undertake the rest of the church. The contractors entered the building on May 8th, and left it on December 14th, during which period they have accomplished the following works:—

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All this has been accomplished at an estimated cost of £2,000, of which about £230 still remains to be collected. The architect is Mr. Ponting, diocesan architect for the Salisbury diocese. The Bishop in his sermon, thanked God for what they had done in that church. He remembered the sadness of his heart when he visited that church last, and he knew his thankfulness to God when he came among them that day. He considered the work beautifully done. The village carving-class, under the voluntary and able superintendence of the Misses Cecil Smith, have begun the carving of the seat-ends in the nave.

ST. CLEMENT DANES' CHURCHYARD.

The following account from *The Guardian* deals with the surroundings of a church that is very interesting to provincial ringers and London ringers also. The site of the church has for many years been a temptation to the Goths and vandals, as many road-improvers are.

In the Consistory Court of London on Wednesday last week, Chancellor Tristram heard a petition by the Rector and churchwardens of St. Clement Danes for a faculty to authorise the London County Council to remove any human remains which might be found to be interred partly in the portion of the churchyard of St. Clement Danes which the Council have taken under the provisions of the London County Council Improvement Act, 1899, and partly in the remaining portion of the churchyard. Evidence having been given in support of the petition, Mr. Emery, for the borough of Westminster, said that they were the highway and sanitary authority, and when the street was completed the control of it would vest in them. Their opinion was that either the whole of the remains should be removed from the churchyard, or that there should be a good retaining wall built so as to protect the roadway after the excavations. Some bodies had been buried at a depth of sixteen feet, and their removal would cause a great disturbance of the ground above. Dr. Allen, one of the medical officers of health for the borough, stated that in Diprose's *History of St. Clement Danes* it was stated that during twenty-six years ending 1848 the number of bodies buried in the churchyard was 2,759. Chancellor Tristram said that in this case the question for the Court, under the directions of the Bishop, was to make such an order in the faculty as would enable the removal of the remains which were partly buried in the portion of the churchyard which was now the property of the London County Council, and partly in the portion which remained under the jurisdiction of the Court. The Court was of opinion that it had no jurisdiction to make any order on the County Council to erect a retaining wall on the land which it had now purchased, but if it was necessary for the protection of the roadway or the churchyard, the court would be prepared to make an order for the erection of a portion of a retaining wall within the churchyard. But this question not having been brought before the court in a formal manner by citation, the court could not make any such order on the present occasion. Should the corporation of the city of Westminster be hereafter desirous of obtaining such an order, the court would allow a supplemental citation to issue on the city of Westminster filing a supplemental petition. All that the court could do on the present occasion would be to order that where there was a body buried partly within the portion of the churchyard taken by the County Council and partly within the remaining portion of the churchyard it could be removed by the County Council to Woking Cemetery, or to any other consecrated ground which any person interested in the remains might select, and, furthermore, that the County Council should fill up the vacant space left by the coffins which have been removed, and do all things necessary for the safety of the churchyard. The court would order a proviso to be inserted in the faculty giving either parties leave to make a further application to the court in this case if they deem it advisable so to do.

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THE VOICE OF THE LAYMAN.

[From *The Guardian*.]

"You would use your pen to some purpose," said a saint of the earth to me, "if you write of the way in which people spend Good Friday;" and my saint was disappointed that I did not very warmly respond, as I reflected that there is probably nothing in regard to which the feeling of the average layman is more completely misunderstood than the observance of rites and ceremonies. It is commonly supposed, and not always without reason, that he cares for none of these things. Yet more often he is grievously misjudged. For a moment let us look at the matter from his own point of view. To begin with, the number must necessarily always be small of those who have the power to regulate at will their moods of active sympathy with the joys and pains of others. In the everyday surroundings of life we must all have experienced how often, by some apparent fatality, the anniversary of a great sorrow will be specially brightened by some unexpected good news or good fortune; the day appointed for feast and rejoicing rises dull and cheerless, and the depression of the chilling weather is aggravated by some ill tidings, overshadowing all thought of other things—a lesson surely common enough and pointed enough to teach us, what some of us are tempted to forget, of what secondary import is the outward observance.

Look at that young couple on their bicycles, resplendent in holiday garb, on this Good Friday morning. You have no patience with their light laughter or their dropped h's, and condemn them, without a thought, for careless souls—unmoved by the sorrow that was like no other. Are you quite sure of your judgment? What do you know of their young lives?—how he has to slave early and late to win the favour of the hard shop-walker; how he seems to tread the air as he rides by the side of his love in the sunny April weather; how to her it is the realization of a happiness for which she had hardly dared to pray. Is this the day you would have them exchange "love's young dream" for sadness and fasting, for solemn meditation, even on a Divine sorrow? It is the day appointed for deepest mourning, yet their hearts are full of rejoicing as never in their lives before. Can the children of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? Would He condemn them, do you think, Who had no condemnation even for the fallen and outcast? It is one chance picture among ten thousand, yet enough to make us slow to judge one another in such a matter as this.

It is not only that, in this land of working men, the number is countless of those to whom no day of rest can be anything but a day of rejoicing. Enough of us, God knows, are cold and careless, failing even to recognise the highest when we see it. But no such discredit can attach to the failure of natural endowments, and in this case we are far less concerned with character than with the imaginative faculties. How differently are men endowed with these! Without effort one man will remember every date he has once heard. Do we take it as a sign of cold indifference in another that no anniversary of birth, or wedding, or death, even of his nearest and dearest, seems able to impress itself on his memory?

How large, again, are the communities of the impassive, the shy, the nervous, and highly strung. With no lack of reverence for sacred time and season, how many are unable to maintain the strong feeling at high pressure demanded by set form and service. Your word-pictures and dramatic rites, so skilfully designed to realise the

details of hour and scene and changing mental phase, now fail wholly to touch the impassive nature, now work too powerfully on a morbidly sensitive nerve system. May there not be cases where the scrupulous and punctual observance betokens even a certain insensibility, where the shyness of outward demonstration is a sign of the deeper feeling?

And last—not least—is not one half the world possessed of an honest and fervent conviction that the clockwork attention to routine of form and ceremony tends fatally to indifference to weightier matters? Would you bind the consciences of such men in fetters of form, or condemn them because their devotion takes another shape than your own?

But if our plea is for the most part for him who "esteemeth every day alike," let us not be misunderstood. It is no conjured-up bugbear of Rome that excites our holy horror. We have no fear that your music and your lights, your banners and your incense, will ever bring back to this free people the simple superstitions, the meek slavery of thought that have such power to fascinate the Latin races.

And who are we that we should have anything but veneration for the faithful few who gather daily in the empty church, to whom feast and fast and changing season are no empty formalities, but the most sacred realities of life?—

"Her faith thro' form is pure as thine,
Her hands are quicker unto good."

Only we would have these dear ones understand us better, not brand us—the undemonstrative majority—for slaves of an empty respectability, content with a lower standard than their own. If we are content with less than they, it is with a definition of pure religion which appeals to us all alike, yet makes no mention of time or season, or the frequent observance of ceremonial rites, content if we can only approach the yet simpler standard of the more ancient record, "to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly." We would have them believe that our loyalty and sincerity, our love of good, our wish for light are deep and genuine as their own—in a word, that, for all our failure in the tithe of mint and anise and cummin, we too are on the side of the angels.

THE BRUTAL LAYMAN.

We present with this number a photograph of Mr. TAYLOR, SEN., of Loughborough, and two other illustrations also. The sketch of Great St. Mary's tower, Cambridge, is the production of our old friend Mr. TROLLOPE, whose abilities in this line are so well known. Mr. TROLLOPE is anxious to please our readers in this way, and doubtless we shall soon be able to give further illustrations from his pencil.

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TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On December 19th, 1875, at Birstall parish church, Mr. George B. Bolland was married to the daughter of a well-known ringer, Edward Webster. To mark the silver wedding anniversary, a party of ringers assembled at their residence on Wednesday evening last, to make a presentation to them. The present took the form of a tea service, in the Queen Anne pattern, with sugar tongs, and an oak tray, the tea-pot bearing the inscription:—

"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. George B. Bolland on their silver wedding-day, by the ringers associated with Tong church, December 19th, 1900."

On the reverse side is engraved the model of a church bell, and a pair of handbells.

Mr. Henry Oddy, as the renior ringer present in point of service, being chosen to hand over the gift, said: "Mr. and Mrs. Bolland, it has fallen to my lot to present you with this token of our esteem and regard on the celebration of your silver wedding, and I hope you will both be spared to live long and happily to make use of it."

Mr. Maude, supplementing Mr. Oddy's remarks, explained the subscriptions had come only from members connected with the Tong belfry, and had no doubt, if the list had been an open one, a larger amount might have been forthcoming.

Mr. Bolland, in returning thanks on behalf of Mrs. Bolland and himself, accepted the gift with greater pleasure in coming from his own immediate comrades, and remarking upon the good feeling, taking this as a token, which had always existed amongst them, hoped it ever might continue, even when he was no longer their leader, and able to take part. The peal-boards in the belfry recorded achievements which had been won by practice and perseverance, and he trusted his successors would endeavour to emulate them.

Mr. S. Oddy and Mr. C. J. Sallaway briefly added their testimony.

To make the occasion more complete the company adjourned to the belfry for a few short touches of Oxford and Violet, interspersed by firing the bells, and on returning to Mr. Bolland's residence the ringers were hospitably entertained.

Frequent use of the handbells in Violet, Oxford, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major passed the time quickly.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolland were also the recipients of silver gifts from Mrs. Farrow and the Misses Farrow, the wife and daughters of the Vicar, and from other friends.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Thursday, November 22nd, the Norton company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the Vicar's wedding-day. The company was afterwards entertained to supper at the vicarage, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Proceedings have been taken against the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, vicar of Hexton, Herts., under the Clergy Discipline Act, by Mr. Girt, churchwarden of Kettlebaston, Suffolk. The complaint is founded upon Mr. Fillingham's conviction for "brawling" at Kettlebaston church. His solicitor has filed an answer denying the charge. The trial will take place in due course before Mr. A. B. Kempe, Chancellor of the diocese of St. Albans.

ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.



The church of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, a sketch of which we give this week, is a structure in the "Perpendicular" style of Gothic architecture, or that in fashion, speaking roughly, during the century preceding the Reformation. Cambridge has little to show in church architecture, apart from the colleges, and one of the three or four round churches still standing in England; and so, although St. Mary's may claim to be its largest and finest, it does not present many features of interest. It is probably best known to the general public as the University Church, where at stated times the select preachers preach before the University, and in this respect it corresponds to the more famous St. Mary's, at Oxford.

What perhaps will most interest ringers is the peal of twelve bells, tenor about 30 cwt. This is where the well-known Cambridge or "Westminster Quarters," were first used, and from here they have been copied at Westminster and most of the chiming clocks throughout England and the Colonies. They are said to have been founded on one of Handel's airs.

EXTRAORDINARY CONDUCT OF A RINGER.

At North Shields, on December 26th, the following attempted a peal of Stedman Caters:—W. Story, treble; R. S. Story, 2; J. J. Leighton, 3; Jos. A. Gofton, 4; W. S. Robson, 5; Davidson, 6; T. Teasdale, 7; J. E. R. Keen, 8; T. S. Gofton (conductor), 9; George Holmes, tenor, 19 cwt. After two or three breaks down, a capital start was made at 4 p.m., and after ringing about half the peal in about an hour and a half, a tremendous knocking began at the belfry door, evidently intended to upset the attempt, but this proving ineffectual, the individual, who proved to be a member of the belfry, named Edward Hern, climbed a door leading higher up the tower, and began shouting and gesticulating through a window from the stair into the belfry. The ringing, however, still went on, so the youth, evidently determined that the attempt should be broken up, proceeded to an intermediate loft through which the ropes passed, and held the treble rope so that the bell could not be rung. As he had no excuse to give, it was supposed that jealousy was at the bottom of the matter. Naturally, there was some warmth of feeling, and he was plainly told that he had doubtless spoilt his career as a ringer, as he would never be able to ring a peal in the North Country. Such conduct reminds me of the old days, when foul play to spoil peals was common. Sand in the bearings the writer has seen traces of. Will this be the next trick at North Shields, or will the ropes be partly cut?

R. S. STORY.

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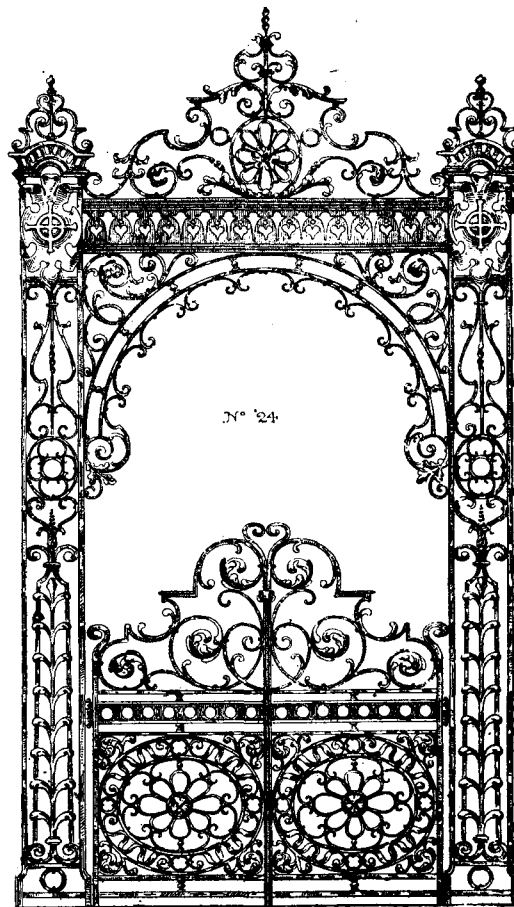
[From *The Court Journal*.]

"In mediæval times art was religion; the painter and the craftsman worked with their whole heart and soul, and the result was that their works are imperishable, and have been handed down from generation to generation in more or less worthy reproductions, whilst many of the originals are of almost priceless value. As every person of intelligence knows, there has been a great artistic revival during the last two or three decades, and some of the craftsmen in metal and the metal workers have exhibited much the same spirit as the artists in other directions. During an interview with Mr. Gawthorp, who is craftsman in metal to Her Majesty the Queen, and art metal worker to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, we were furnished with some interesting particulars.

"The firm to which Mr. Gawthorp is accredited was established in 1854 in Long Acre, and the first style of work consisted of brass engraving. In the early years many ancient brasses were examined by the firm, and Mr. Gawthorp succeeded in producing a metal of the same mixture as the best of these brasses, some of which were over five centuries old. It was called "Latten" brass, and it has been used ever since by Mr. Gawthorp for memorial brasses. There have been many imitations in the colour of the metal, and even in name, but no other firm has the same mixture. Mr. Gawthorp has restored (not renovated, that is a very different thing) several ancient brasses at Harrow, Charwelton and Firle (Viscount Gage's ancestors). He is a member of the Monumental Brass Society.

"In later years Mr. Gawthorp was joined in business by his two sons, the elder of whom, one of Heatherley's students, devotes his entire time to design, and has prepared many of the most important drawings for work carried out. Mr. Gawthorp and each of his two sons have a thorough and practical knowledge of the craft, so that the idea of artist-craftsman of the Middle Ages is found in actual existence here. In 1885 the death of Colonel Burnaby suggested the carving of portraits and ornament in low relief from the solid brass. We may say, in passing, that we were shown several examples of this style of brass working, and very effective they are. A portrait memorial of the gallant but ill-fated Colonel Burnaby was carved and exhibited in the Olde London Streete of the Inventions Exhibition, where brass carving was shown in course of execution. The carved latten brass to the memory of the Soudan War Correspondents, in St. Paul's Cathedral, is of this period. At the same exhibition Mr. Gawthorp, whilst showing the process of repoussé, was pressed to undertake the supply of tools and materials and the instruction of pupils. Attention was then given seriously to repoussé, and conjointly several articles were written for English and American publications. Such a demand arose that the making of very fine and handy tools and a special cement was undertaken, a 'handbook' was published, followed by a larger manual, which has now reached a second and enlarged edition, and five series of books of designs were issued. Amongst Mr. Gawthorp's earliest pupils were Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, then Marchioness of Lorne, and the late Countess of Rosebery. About the same time the study of old wrought iron was taken up, and forges were started. Among the earliest productions was a fine and massive gateway for the North British and Mercantile Assurance Company. Among many wrought iron works in the best style may be mentioned a lamp for Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, a wreath for the tomb of the musician Chopin, at Cracow, and also various church screens, one for St. Peter's, Kensington Park. In many parts of London and the provinces artistic trade signs from these forges may be seen. In 1890 what was left of the well-known business founded by Mr. Matthews, a silver engraver, in 1810, a recipient of awards at London, 1851, and Philadelphia, 1876, was taken over by Mr. Gawthorp. Many large memorial brasses had been executed by that firm in various workshops round Regent and Oxford Streets, among which were some of considerable size, to the Earl of Lonsdale, Gen. Right Hon. Sir Myddelton Biddulph, Colonel St. Quintin, Colonel Hamill-Stewart, and the warriors of the Transvaal defence, 1880-81 (in St. Paul's Cathedral). That firm having undertaken some marble work, special attention was then turned

to that branch, and a very handsome memorial in latten brass, set in a massive carved alabaster frame, to the late Earl of Lonsdale, was one of the earliest works. The late head-master of Harrow, now Lord Bishop of Calcutta, then entrusted Mr. Gawthorp with the care of the memorials in Harrow School Chapel, and the execution of the marble tablets which form part of the decorative scheme of the School Chapel. Dr. Wood, the present head-master, has continued to entrust the work to him, and arcades to the memory of the Earl of Bessborough, I. D. Walker, the famous cricketer, and smaller tablets to Viscount Drumlanrig, Lieutenant Fison, and many well-known



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Harrowians have followed. A similar scheme, commencing with a tablet to one of the officers killed in South Africa, is being commenced in Harrow Parish Church. In 1893, following the erection of "latten" brasses for His Royal Highness in Sandringham Church, Mr. Gawthorp's efforts were rewarded by a special appointment to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

"During these years many 'latten' brasses and other adornments for the church, silver vases, brass altar cross, candlesticks, and vases having been carried out by command of Her Majesty the Queen. In 1899 Her Majesty graciously granted a Royal Warrant as 'Craftsman in Metal.' Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany is also among the members of the Royal Family who have entrusted commissions to Mr. Gawthorp. Some other important 'latten' brasses or marble memorials have been to the memory of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck, the Dukes of St. Albans and Rutland, the Marquises of Hertford and Exeter, the Earls of Derby and Longford, Lord Napier of Magdala, the Right Hons. Generals Sir J. C. Cowell and Sir H. F. Ponsonby, and many well-known military men."

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BEFORE the next number of this paper appears, we shall have commenced another century. Twelve months ago the same thing was intimated, but wise men said it was not so, and this dictum became almost universally accepted. All would have rejoiced if the African conflict had been brought to an end before the advent of the new year. And not only this war, but that events in the Far East also would have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Such wishes are not realised, unfortunately, and we enter upon this new epoch not only with wars, but with "rumours of wars." We can but pray that the minds of those who in their respective positions have the power of making for war or peace will be guided towards the latter direction by an higher authority. We may hope to hear that the peoples of continental nations may

realise the fact that fraternity among themselves is for their lasting and solid good, and strife, whether by acts or words, for their great and terrible evil.

We are told that in the coming century many beneficent changes will happen. There is no reason to doubt such a prophecy. Whoever may read the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" when only half the century has gone, will be able to find opportunity for reflection and immense contrast. Perhaps the position of the Exercise and the prospects of change-ringing may be reviewed, and contrasted with its position at the close of the nineteenth century. May such comparison be favourable to its future history.

For twenty years it has been our privilege to greet our readers with the usual compliment current at this period. Twenty years! Twenty years hence may we be enabled to do so again. "A Happy New Year," brethren of the craft all over the earth, north, south, east and west. We wish you all success, and every possible blessing in the coming century.

A CUMBERLAND YOUTH OF 91.

Members of the Society of Cumberland Youths will be interested to hear that their old colleague, Mr. George Russell, still takes a pleasure in living, although he entered on the ninety-second year of his age on December 3rd. Visited by a Croydon ringer on December 1st, he desired his kind regards to be conveyed to all his old friends, and remarked that if he could only ascend a tower he thought he could ring a course of Superlative.

In honour of Mr. Russell's birthday the ringers at Mitcham, Surrey, rang on December 12th, ninety-one leads (1275 changes) of Grandsire Triples, the composition of Mr. Edgar Bennett, of Croydon, in 44 mins. W. Bellingham, 1; A. Lambert, 2; J. Drewett, 3; H. Horrex, 4; A. Calver, 5; J. Fayers (conductor), 6; L. C. Ferrige, 7; J. Currell, 8.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

On St. Thomas's Day the bells and belfry of this parish church were dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry. These have been restored at a cost of £171, which has been met in answer to an appeal issued in March last by the Vicar (Rev. Charles Simmonds) and wardens. An inscribed brass tablet has been erected in the baptistery recording the event. In addition the lych-gate has been entirely renovated and painted by the kindness of Mrs. Price, daughter of the late Rev. H. Bellairs, Rector of Bedworth. The lych-gate was erected in 1872 by the family in memory of their father. A stained-glass window was unveiled on Sunday by the Rector of Bedworth, to the memory of Mary Ann Scott, given by the Rev. W. Scott, formerly Vicar of the parish, on the second anniversary of his wife's death.

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THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

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

ARTHUR HARDY Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON 5.
WILLIAM CHARGE 2.	GEORGE CHARGE 6.
CORNELIUS CHARGE 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	WALTER LONGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	EMANUEL HALL 8.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 9.
JAMES SCHOLES 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE MENDAY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK NUNN Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
CHARLES T. HOPKINS .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 3.	ALBERT COLES 8.
CHARLES T. BURDENT .. 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD .. 5.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
†First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, December 18, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER BRYANT† Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON 4.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	†ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells. †First peal in seven methods.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble.	ARTHUR A. FULLER 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
ALBERT T. STONE 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	DAVID DAVEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was rung after meeting one short for London Surprise, one of the band missing the train at Brighton, only arriving in time to hear the above well in progress.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1900, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES
 Being 720 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, and Violet, and 360 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.
 Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED. JAKEMAN Treble.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN 5.
WALTER JAKEMAN 2.	HERBERT PALMER 6.
JOHN DONALD 3.	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7.
ROBERT WINPENNY 4.	HAROLD ASHTON Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

†First peal.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 20, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD G. KEMP Treble.	WILLIAM HENSLEY 4.
ROBERT HAYLETT 2.	WILLIAM KILLINGTON 5.
WILLIAM RINGER 3.	JOHN WOODS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WOODS.

†First peal with a bob bell.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION, AND THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Friday, December 21, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble.	F. J. PITSTOW 5.
E. LEONARD TAYLOR* 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 6.
JOHN F. PENNING 3.	ARTHUR F. JAMES 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN 4.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

*First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE,

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND BOLTON BRANCHES.)

On Friday, December 21, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

FRANK SMITH Treble.	JOHN POTTER 5.
ALFRED POTTER 2.	HENRY SHUKER 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 3.	ALFRED CROSS 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Treble.	FRANK NASEBY 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	ROBERT S. STORY 6.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	*JAMES CLIFF Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal in the method.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

Z. LORD Treble.	I. WALLWORK 5.
J. T. STANDRING 2.	T. WALLWORK 6.
A. W. WHITWORTH 3.	J. H. BANKS 7.
W. ASHWORTH 4.	D. BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

D. Barnes belongs to Christ Church, Bacup; 5, 6, 7 to Helmshore; the rest belong to the local band.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

JOSEPH READ* Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 5.
BERNARD CARTER* 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3.	†RICHARD NICHOLS 7.
JOSEPH CHURCH 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

The ringers desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. W. Bennit), and churchwardens, for the use of the bells for this peal, which was arranged for Messrs. Carter and Nichols, of Bangor, North Wales. *First peal. †First peal in the method.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 5.
JOHN WITHERS 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3.	†WILLIAM SHORT 7.
HARRY WITHERS 4.	EDWARD BRYANT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

†First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor, who has in the last four months conducted a peal on all number of bells from Minor to Maximus included.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDMUND G. HOLLANDS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4.
WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM† 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell, and also the first peal on the bells, which have lately been re-bung by Mears and Stainbank, and great praise is due to them for the way the work has been carried out. It was rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Walker, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HERBERT SHEPPARD.. .. Treble.	NOAH HOLLYOAK 5.
WILLIAM POTTER 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
FREDERICK PLANT 3.	JOSEPH SMITH 7.
JOHN PIPER.. .. 4.	†WILLIAM FLETCHER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

†First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

HARRY DAVY† Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS† 2.	THOMAS DAVY 5.
GEORGE KEMP 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

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

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 24, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES GREEN† Treble.	JOHN PIPER 5.
ALFRED WHATMORE.. .. 2.	NOAH HOLLYOAK 6.
ARTHUR WHATMORE.. .. 3.	JAMES WHATMORE 7.
FRED. PLANT 4.	RICHARD PERKINS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WHATMORE.

Rung on the occasion of the first anniversary of the new bells. †First peal.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH.. .. Treble.	EDWIN HIMS 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	*HARRY SEAR 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JOB HOWES 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

JAMES HORREX Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5.
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2.	ROBERT WILDING 6.
HUGH GLADWELL 3.	THOMAS KING 7.
WILLIAM KINSEY 4.	ALFRED AVISS Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by T. KING.

This peal is now rung for the first time. First peal by Messrs. Horrex and Wilding. Messrs. Horrex, Gladwell, and Kinsey hail from Felsham; Wilding from Monk's Eleigh; Aviss from Haverhill; King and Symonds of Lavenham; F. Symonds from London.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE LUFF Treble.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 2.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN 6.
WALTER G. BROCKHURST 3.	THOMAS ATTWELL 7.
JAMES A. BARTLETT.. .. 4.	THOMAS LUFF Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by the tenor man. All members of the local band except the conductor.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

E. LEONARD TAYLOR* .. Treble.	*GEORGE JORDAN.. .. 5.
THOMAS JORDAN* 2.	*WILLIAM WATTS 6.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. 3.	†WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal in the method †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM Treble.	WILLIAM T. HYLAND 4.
EDMUND J. HYLAND† 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
JOSEPH C. GRENSTED 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

†First peal with a bob bell.

SHRAWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM BOWEN Treble.	JAMES REYNOLDS 4.
EDMUND MAPP* 2.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 5.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	†WILLIAM PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

*First peal in seven methods. †First peal in seven methods as conductor. W. Page hails from Worcester, the rest from Areley Kings.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 6-scores of London, four 6-scores each of Oxford, Canterbury, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, three 6-scores of April Day, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire, each 6-score called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK BOWTELL Treble.	ARTHUR G. LILLEY 4.
EUSTACE WEBB.. .. 2.	JESSE WEBB 5.
PERCY WEBB† 3.	FREDERICK CRICK Tenor.

Conducted by P. WEBB.

First peal by all except P. Webb, and first on the bells. †First peal as conductor. All belong to the local band.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 16th, a date-touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1900 changes, in 1 hour and 15 mins. J. S. Ambler, 1; W. Rushworth, 2; G. H. C. Chopping, 4; J. Cotterell, 4; C. E. Carrington, 7; C. E. Stewart, 6; S. W. Stewart, 7; F. Salmons (conductor), 8.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Friday, November 9th, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the election of Dr. Hamp, who is parish warden of St. Paul's, as Mayor of Wolverhampton, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made, but after ringing the first nine parts of Thurstan's 4-Part, in capital style. The ringing got decidedly shakey, and the peal was brought round at half way, in 1 hour and 29 mins. E. Nicholls, 1; R. Burrows, 2; I. Purser, 3; R. Pickering, 4; S. Hodges, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; H. Knight (conductor), 7; T. O'Connor. Great credit is due to E. Nicholls, who is 73 years old, and who only learnt to ring Stedman a little over twelve months ago, and whose ambition is to ring a peal right through, so that in the near future the same band will make another attempt. It was also Mr. Knight's first attempt to call a peal. Also on Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, a well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 min. C. Nicholls, 1; R. Pickering, 2; I. Purser, 3; J. Jaggar, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; E. S. Segdoh, 6; H. Knight (conductor), 7; R. W. Burrows, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Martin's church, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; G. Hollis, 2; E. Young, 3; J. Nixon, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6, and for afternoon service, Harvest Festival, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 18 bobs and 2 singles. H. Ellis, 1; J. Nixon, 2; E. Young, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 216 Bob Minor, standing as before. For evening service 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles. H. Ellis, 1; G. Ellis (conductor), 2; F. Nudds, 3; N. Alderman, 4; E. Young, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. On Thursday, October 11th, for practice, 360 Double Conrt. F. Nudds, 1; N. Alderman, 2; T. Titchener, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6, and 240 Kent. G. Hollis (conductor), 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Nudds, 3; E. Bhnfield, 4; E. Young, 5; W. J. Nudds, 6. On October 14th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 9 bobs. E. Young, 1; J. Nixon, 2; G. Hollis, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 25th, for practice, 360 Kent Treble Bob. E. Turle, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Nudds, 3; G. Hollis, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; R. Bevan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 28th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, 1; N. Alderman, 2; E. Young, 3; G. Hollis, 4; J. Nixon, 5; W. J. Nudds (conductor), 6. And 180 with R. Bevan, 5; the rest as before. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 14 bobs and 2 singles. H. Ellis, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Nudds, 3; N. Alderman, 4; E. Young, 5; G. Hollis (conductor), 6.

HENDON.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Chandler, 1; C. Crampton, 2; G. Hollis (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin, 6.

PADDINGTON.—On Sunday, October 7th, at St. Michael's church, Star-street, 672 Bob Minor. F. Nudds, 1; J. W. Chandler, 2; G. Hollis, 3; J. Nixon, 4; E. Young, 5; W. Burrows, 6; W. J. Nudds, 7; R. Bevan (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, October 14th, 336 Bob Major. H. Ellis, 1; G. Hollis, 2; W. Burrows, 3; J. Nixon, 4; E. Young, 5; N. Alderman, 6; W. J. Nudds, 7; R. Bevan (conductor), 8.

ILSEWORTH (Middlesex).—On November 1st, at All Saint's church, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. A. Ranson, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; C. Edwards, 3; H. Chandler, 4; T. Beadle, 5; F. G. Goddard, 6; H. Browning, 7; H. Seward, 8.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FROME (Somerset).—On Saturday, November 10th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. Rebbeck, captain of the local band, which took place at St. Barnabas church, South Lambeth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; W. Bishop, 2; E. E. Fricker, 3; Hamilton, 4; T. T. Hayward, 5; C. Shern, 6; H. Kenten, 7; Langford. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Randolph, very kindly shortened the evening service, to allow the peal-ringing, thanks to T. T. Hayward, who kindly came down from Midsomer Norton, with a few friends to assist.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, November 19th, for practice, 420 Stedman Stedman Triples. F. Linter, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; G. Thompson, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Croucher, 6; G. Hoad, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 503 Grandsire Caters. G. Thompson, 1; F. Linter, 2; H. Ewins, 3; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 4; T. Brown, 5; P. Knight, 6; W. Argent, 7; G. Croucher, 8; F. Hoad, jun., 9; H. Reeves, 10. And 112 Double Norwich. P. Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Croucher, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8. And three treble leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Ewins, 1; F. Linter, 2; P. Knight, 3; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 4; G. Thompson, 5; G. Hoad, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; G. Croucher, 8; W. Argent, 9; H. 10. And 228 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Ewins, 1; F. Linter, 2; G. Thompson, 3; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; G. Croucher, 6; H. Reeves, 7; G. Hoad, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S (Glos.).—On Saturday, December 8th, the church of St. Lawrence, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 4260 changes, eight courses from home owing to the 7th rope breaking. G. Condict, jun., 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; H. Mitchell, 3; E. Davis, 4; O. C. Lehave, 5; A. Waite, 6; W. T. Pegler, 7; G. Condict, 8.

PRESTBURY (Glos.).—On November 7th, 742 of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples. W. Major, 1; W. Compton, 2; C. Pockets, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; C. Tovey, 5; J. Ballinger, 6; T. Pendry, 7; T. Compton, 8.

BARNWOOD (Glos.).—On November 27th, at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. E. Davis, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; C. Browett, 3; A. Waite (conductor), 6.

LECKHAMPTON (Glos.).—On November 12th, 720 of Grandsire Minor. R. Harrison, 1; J. Hunt, 2; —, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; W. Townsend, 5; T. F. Ballinger, 6. First 720 by the first and third.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FULMER (Bucks.).—On November 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Clarke, 1; W. Clarke, 2; G. H. Gutteridge (conductor), 3; E. Harding, 4; A. Jordan, 5; T. Toomes, 6. On Thursday, November 15th, at Framewood Cottage, Stoke Poges, on handbells, lapping, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Clarke, 1-2; G. H. Gutteridge, G. G. Gutteridge, 5-6; W. Clarke, 7-8; also three courses of Bob Major.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On Sunday, November 4, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; H. H. Bower, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6. First 720 Kent by an entirely local band. On November 6th, for practice, another 720 Kent Minor. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; W. Lane (first 720 in the method), 5; H. H. Bowes (conductor), 6. The whole of the band have now been through 720 of Treble Bob.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, November 18th, at St. John the Divine church, Vassal-road, Brixton, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Oxenham, 1; C. Malim, 2; F. G. Perrin (conductor), 3; A. Hardy, 4; F. Shepperd, 5; W. Crockford, 6; V. W. West, 7; W. Longley, 8. Also after evening service, 560 Grandsire Triples. H. Flowers, 1; E. Oxenham, 2; C. Malim, 3; A. Hardy, 4; F. G. Perrin (conductor), 5; W. Crockford, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. Cooledge, 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 18th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. H. Goldstraw, 4; A. Ryles, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; A. Ryles, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. H. Goldstraw, 4; W. Scragg, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, December 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. H. Goldstraw, 4; W. Scraggs, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, 1; T. Johnson, 2; E. Johnson, 3; G. H. Goldstraw, 4; A. Ryles, 5; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Monday, November 5th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Hembling, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; W. Felgate, 3; W. Webb, 4; H. Hopson, 5; H. Ling, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; A. Williams, 8.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 4th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, in the morning, 560 Bob Major. E. P. Foreman, 1; F. Cullum, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; E. Chatten, 4; E. Easter, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; J. Howard, 7; A. H. Took, 8. And on handbells, three courses of Grandsire Triples. Mrs. F. Lambert, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6; F. Cullum, 7-8.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Smith (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; F. Munnings, 3; E. Borrett, 4; E. Poppy, 5; J. Betts, 6; F. Borrett, 7; J. Souter, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA (Sussex).—On November 5th, for evensong Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. T. Waterhouse, 1; C. Hill, 2; T. Thorpe, 3; H. Harvey, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson (composer and conductor), 6; F. Kennett, 7; H. Denman, 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On November 1st, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the opening of the new organ, and the unveiling of Dean Vaughan's statue, 406 of Triples. C. Price, 1; W. Biss, 2; A. Rowley, 3; F. Pitcher, J. Harris, J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Triples. F. Pitcher (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; A. Rowley, 4; W. Biss, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. Also a 448 Bob Major. F. Pitcher, J. Pitcher, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; W. Biss, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), J. H. Aldridge, 8.

BURBAGE (Buxton).—On November 11th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Bennett, 1; R. Ashmore, 2; E. Stamper, 3; J. Backhouse, 4; M. G. Bennett (conductor), 5; W. Longden, 6.

HEENE, WORTHING (Sussex).—On Wednesday, November 14th, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. G. Norris, 1; J. Paice, 2; H. Evans, 3; E. Liudup, 4; R. Standing, 5; A. Arnell, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Lindup, 8. Longest length in the method by A. Arnell away from the tenor.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, November 11th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 448 London Surprise Major. G. Rashbrook, 1; W. Newman, 2; C. Brice, 3; H. Ellis, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; W. Perkins, 6; H. R. Newton (conductor), 7; W. Pasmore, 8. And 416 Double Norwich. A. Ellis, 1; G. Rashbrook, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; H. Ellis, 4; W. Perkins, 5; W. Pasmore, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; J. N. Oxborrow, 8. On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at St. Barnabas, Pimlico, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal and two courses of Stedman Caters. H. R. Newton, 1; W. Perkins, 2; G. Rashbrook, 3; C. Brice, 4; J. Golding, 5; W. Newman, 6; H. Ellis, 7; W. Pasmore, 8; J. Houghton, jun., 9; J. N. Oxborrow, 10. And 500 Double Norwich Royal. W. Pasmore, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; A. Ellis, 3; C. Brice, 4; J. Golding, 5; H. Pasmore, 6; H. Ellis, 7; F. Dench, 8; J. Houghton, jun., 9; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 10. Houghton and Perkins hail from Irthlingborough; Newman and Rashbrook from Colchester.

MONK SOHAM (Suffolk).—On November 13th, at St. Peter's church, 720 changes of Doubles, each called differently; being four 6 scores each of Morning Star and Evening Star. G. Abbott, jun., 1; T. Chappell, 2; J. A. Read, 3; G. Abbott, 4; E. Abbott (conductor), 5. This is T. Chappell's first 720 away from treble. Also 360 of Antelope, and 360 of Earl of Soham Delight. A. Chopping, 1; A. Abbott, 2; W. Abbott, 3; J. A. Read, 4; E. Abbott (conductor), 5. J. A. Read hails from East Soham. Chappell and Chopping from Kenton.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, November 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Bowkett, 1; A. Lea, 2; J. W. Parish, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; F. Bennett, 5; R. Hall (conductor), 6; F. Harris, 7; A. Knight, 8.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; J. Cornell, 2; J. Nunn, 3; F. C. Perrin, 4; J. Marks, 5; H. F. Hull (conductor), 6. Messrs. Nunn, Perrin and Hull hail from Walthamstow.

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

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—Your issue of November 17th contained a letter from Mr. Newell, drawing our attention to the subject of attendance of church bell ringers at Divine Service.

Mr. Newell's letter, which was written without my knowledge, has my entire approval. The only replies, if they can properly be so designated, to this letter are two anonymous communications in the issues of December 1st and 15th. These, with doubtful propriety, make a personal attack on Mr. Newell, and charge him with the habitual violation of the principles for which he contends. I can safely leave Mr. Newell to defend himself, if he thinks it worth while to do so: but I think it only just to him to say that his position as captain of St. Laurence's belfry, and chairman of another church in Reading, had been recognised by my predecessor for many years. Personally, I do not consider such an arrangement wholly satisfactory in the abstract; but after careful consideration of Mr. Newell's case, and of his long and faithful service in our belfry, I refused to accept his proffered resignation; and I have no reason to suppose that his duties as chairman have been less regularly and conscientiously discharged than those in our tower. The other matter referred to by one of your correspondents was brought to my notice some months ago; and after hearing Mr. Newell's statement on the subject, I found nothing to warrant any alteration of our existing relations. I do not desire to take further part in this correspondence. But the general question raised by Mr. Newell seems to me, after a long and extensive experience as late branch secretary in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to be of vital importance to all societies of church bell ringers. It deserves the serious attention of all officers of such societies, as well as of individual ringers and incumbents.

Ought a man who frequently or wholly neglects attendance at Divine Service to remain a member of a society of Church bell ringers?

Whether he ought to remain a member of any individual belfry is a question which rests entirely with the incumbent of his parish. R. P. NEWHOUSE, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading.

SIR,—In my letter of November 17th I asked a question relating to ringers only, not "to people at large," which Mr. Daniell in his letter seemed to imply. I had hoped that by so writing some of the clergy would reply, who certainly should be better fitted than myself to show why men who regularly ring church bells ought to be willing to attend Divine Service. As regards the letters of December 1st and 15th, from some of our local ringers, I consider the direct personal attack—so uncalled for—and the mixture of petty spite, lying and ignorance contained in them beneath the contempt of one who has always endeavoured to treat all ringers with universal kindness and consideration, and who had for his motive in urging the men to attend the church services at the Vicar's request—solely and only their own good. I am not astonished that the writers had not courage to sign their names. None better than themselves would understand that to one known so well to ringers in the neighbourhood as I am, their untruthful remarks could not remain unchallenged by upright men. For the benefit of my irascible brother ringers I would add that spite of my "yell and shout" (I quote from letter), I trust that my bark lacks the bitter venom of their bite.

W. NEWELL.

The *Kentish Gazette* is authorised to state that the Dean of Canterbury has taken into favourable consideration suggestions made to him for holding a service in the nave of the Cathedral for Christians of all denominations. He finds, however, that, owing to arrangements already made, both at the cathedral and at many churches and chapels, it will not be in his power this year to hold such a service. He trusts that, none the less, all Christians will enter upon the new century with mutual love and combined efforts for the good of England and also of the whole of mankind.

Obituary.

HAROLD MARCHANT.

It is with very deep regret we have to record the death of this very young and promising ringer, which took place at Norval's Pont, South Africa, on December 18th, he being a corporal with the Royal West Kent Volunteers on active service. He had been both a ringer and chorister at St. Nicholas's church, Sevenoaks, for several years, but it was not till 1898 that he was initiated into the art of practical change-ringing, and it was not long before he could ring Grandsire. He rang his first and only peal on August 2nd, 1899, but he made several good attempts for a peal of Stedman, on the last occasion ringing 2 hrs. 28 mins., but a peal of Stedman was never lost through him. He rang his first touch of Grandsire Caters at All Saints, Maidstone, on the Sunday previous to his leaving England, and he paid a last visit to his native tower on the Monday, and rang a 168 Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by himself, this being the last touch he ever rung. On Friday, December 21st, this being the day the sad news reached us, his brother-ringers met and rang in the evening the whole pull and stand twenty-two times, corresponding with his years of age, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect; also two 120s of Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering, one conducted by J. Stevens, and one by T. Groombridge. E. Seymour, C. Hazelden, T. Groombridge, H. Jarvis, J. Stevens, J. Rivers, W. Paskin, A. Young. He had been a member of the Kent County Association for two years. On Sunday, after the evening service, Mr. Benson, the organist, impressively played the Dead March to his memory, much sympathy being felt for his sorrowing parents and relatives. T. G.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Boxing Day, eight members of the above Guild journeyed to North Tawton, with the intention of having a good day's outing, and to try for a peal on the pretty ring of eight there. Leaving Exeter at 8.50 a.m., North Tawton was reached at 9.40 a.m. The local band there were already making their bells sound merrily; meanwhile it was deemed advisable to refresh the inner man, accordingly, the party adjourned to The Ring of Bells. The repast over, we were not long before we were off for a peal of Grandsire Triples. All went well for two hours and a quarter, when it was found that a change-course had unfortunately occurred just previously. "Stand" was therefore called, to the disappointment of all, as nothing had, to all appearance, taken place to cause a shift. We, however, soon forgot our disappointment on joining our friends at The Ring of Bells, all of whom expressed their delight at meeting us. Songs, etc., were indulged in, until starting time, and we reached the "ever-faithful" well pleased with our day's outing.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley, on Saturday, January 5th. Bells at liberty from 2.30. Meeting house, The White Horse hotel. Business meeting, 6.30. Hand-bells provided. H. Y. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.* 1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will take place at St. John's, Tue Brook, on January 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.* 91, Hawkshead Street, Southport.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The usual monthly meeting of this Association, will be held at Newcastle, on Saturday, January 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. Masfield, 15, Heath Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.* 25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Members desiring tea, please write to Mr. E. B. Shaw, 14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, by Thursday, Jan. 10th.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

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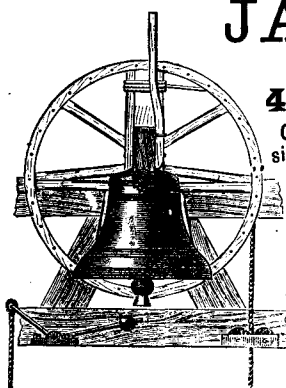
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