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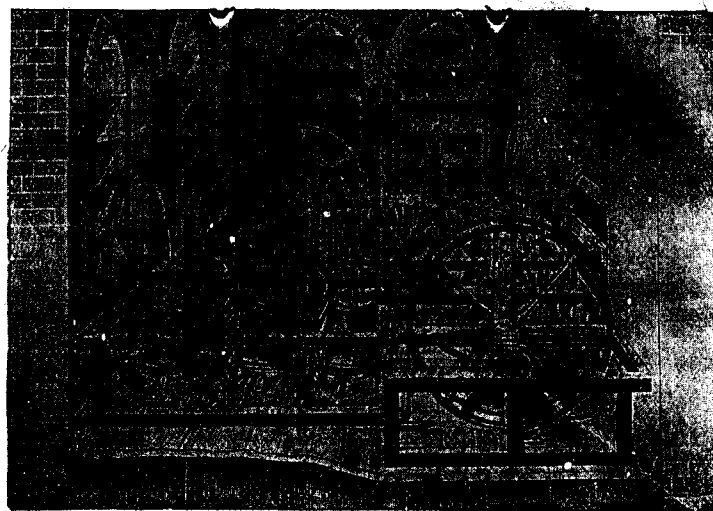
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DEDICATION OF BELLS AT DOWN ST. MARY, DEVON.

The dedication of two new bells, making a peal of five, at Down St. Mary parish church, took place on Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Ryle), and the clergy taking part in and attending the service were the Right Rev. Bishop Kestell Cornish (Rector), the Revs. J. Gay (curate), H. Bremridge (Winkleigh), P. J. Benson (Witheridge), W. H. Bowden (Bow), J. Johnson (Nymet Rowland), F. J. Coleridge (Cadbury), E. T. Allen (Zeal Monachorum), and Worthington Jukes (Shobrooke). The service connected with the ceremony was of a very appropriate character, and attended by a crowded congregation. It included the hymns "All people that on earth do dwell," "Holy! holy! holy! Lord God Almighty," and "Hark, hark, my soul, angelic voices swelling," and the 98th and 150th Psalms. The Bishop of Exeter gave an address based on the words of the Psalmist, "Let all the people praise Thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise Thee." He commented on the uses of bells, and deplored the apathy which prevailed among many people with regard to attendance at public worship. The bells were opened by a band appointed from the Guild of Devonshire ringers, comprising the Rev. G. F. Molineux (hon. secretary of the Guild), Messrs. F. Murphy, J. Sandover, and F. Shepherd (Heavitree), and F. Davey (Exeter), who were kindly assisted by the Rev. Maitland Kelly (president of the Guild), and Mr. A. W. Searle, of Exeter. Some Grand-sire Doubles, etc., were rung in good style, and subsequently bands from Down St. Mary, Bow, Sandford, and Spreyton handled the bells nicely in rounds and call changes. The new bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and form a good fit with the three old bells, two of which date from 1754 and 1677, having been cast by Bilbie and Pennington respectively. The new bells have been hung in a separate cage up over the old three, with a pit for a third bell to make a peal of six, the tower being a very small one, only three bells could be put in in the bottom cage, and fully equipped by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, who has carried out his work in a most satisfactory manner. One of the bells was given anonymously; the other was provided by public subscriptions. It may be mentioned that the tower has been restored at a cost of £400, the old churchyard cross restored, and an ancient wayside cross, given by Mr. Barker, of Chagford, erected at the western end of the churchyard.

After service there was a public tea in the schoolroom, which was supplied by Mrs. Whitfield. Assistance at the tables was kindly given by Mrs. Gunn, the Misses Slee, Leach, and Blackmore. Much pleasure was afforded by some double-handed change-ringing on handbells by Mr. Searle, 1-2; the Rev. M. Kelly, 3-4; Mr. Shepherd, 5-6; and Mr. Davey, 7-8. In the evening there was an entertainment. Both events were largely attended.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Eleventh Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, at the Midland Hotel (adjoining the Station), Derby, at 11.0 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on the same day at the same place.

The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and of All Saints (10) will be at the disposal of members and their friends from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

There will be a social gathering at 9 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, where Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

On Wednesday, May 29th, members and their ringing friends are invited by Sir Arthur Heywood to a garden party at Duffield Bank from 10.30 a.m. till 1, during which time the bells (10) of the parish church close by will be available, and the experimental railway will be shewn at work.

The train service is as follows:—

Derby (dep.) ...	9.45.	10.30.	11.5.
Duffield (arr.) ...	9.57.	10.41.	11.17.
Duffield (dep.) ...	12.52.	1.11.	1.28.
Derby (arr.) ...	1.2.	1.22.	1.41.

The Midland Hotel provides excellent accommodation for visitors. Those who prefer a smaller hotel or lodgings, are requested to communicate with Mr. A. E. Thompson, 52, Silverhill Road, Derby, local Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who will give every information.

CRANOE PARISH CHURCH.

This pretty secluded Leicestershire village with its ancient parish church, and where there is a memorial to the late Earl of Cardigan, is going to have an improvement in the shape of a reliable church clock placed in the tower, the old one being worn out, not having done duty for years. The new clock is a present from F. Underwood, Esq., J.P., Cranoe Grange, who has given orders to Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, clock manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, to supply and fix the new clock. Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons are also making a new clock for Holy Trinity church, Ulverstone, north Lancashire, for the Rev. Canon Ayre, M.A., the Vicar. The old clock dial will be used again, being rather unique; instead of the figure twelve usually seen on clock dials there is a Maltese cross to denote that hour, and the Vicar wishes it to remain as before. Messrs. Potts are also fixing a new hour striking clock for C. L. Bell, Esq., J.P., at the old family mansion, Woolsington Hall, Northumberland, and have in hand a large illuminated clock for South Durham.

CHURCH OFFICIALS ON BELL-RINGING.

The following is an extract from the report of the East Retford vestry meeting, taken from the *Retford Times* :—

"Mr. Swannack observed that Retford had every reason to be proud of their band of ringers. A great deal of the efficiency of the ringers was through being well organised by Mr. Hercy Denman, and he proposed a vote of thanks to that gentleman for the trouble and pains he had taken with the ringers.—Mr. Abbott seconded. It was a marvellous thing (he said) that such a number of men could be found to stick steady to their work as the ringers had done during the eight years he had lived at Retford. He had never seen it done before in his life. There was no doubt it was hard work. It was something more than physical labour. There must be a great deal of mental strain. He remembered an older brother of his took to ringing, but he never came to anything like this in Retford. The last complete peal of the last century rung in that town terminated at 11.30 on December 31st, and a complete peal was also rung on the day of the funeral of the late Queen. These two complete peals came so nearly together that it was an occurrence which might possibly never be equalled. He did not suppose that peal ringing could be an easy thing, because the slightest error in any man's attention during probably three hours would ruin the whole thing, and as long as the men were mortal he did not see how it could be impossible that such failure should occur. They deeply appreciated the efforts of the ringers. They had done something quite out of the ordinary way. The vote was unanimously carried.

"The Vicar stated that he would be glad to give his permission to the North Notts. Ringers Association to use the tower at their annual festivals held at Retford."

RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING AT WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 9th, a supper and social evening, promoted by the Whitwick ringers, was held at the Railway Hotel. Amongst those who accepted the ringers' invitation were the Revs. J. W. A. Mackenzie and F. Boothby, Messrs. G. Underwood and T. B. Pickworth (churchwardens) and others. After the company had done full justice to such delicacies as roast fowl, roast beef, rabbit and veal pies, plum pudding, &c., the Vicar as Chairman gave the loyal toast "The King and Royal Family," which was received by the whole company in a most loyal manner. Mr. G. Underwood gave "The Bishops and Clergy," the Chairman responding. The Rev. F. Boothby (curate) gave "The Whitwick Church Society of Change Ringers," and in doing so remarked that the success of the ringers was due to the fact that there was unity in the band. He knew that the ringers had high ideals, that they were striving for things worthy of attainment, and he considered the ringers were amongst the best church-workers in the parish. He coupled with the toast the Captain (J. A. Moulton), and Secretary (S. W. West), and suggested that the toast be drunk with musical honours. The whole company therefore rose and sang "For they are jolly good fellows." Mr. S. West responded, and gave an account of the year's ringing, in which he said he had to congratulate the ringers on improvement and progress in every department of their duties. Amongst other items mentioned were the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on February 2nd with the bells muffled, this being the first peal by all Whitwick ringers, and the opening of the new bells at Hugglescote last August; the ringing of eight quarter peals during the year; and the ringing for Divine service had greatly improved, the full ring of eight bells having been rung for sixty-seven Sunday services during the year against forty-three last year. Mr. J. A. Moulton also responded. Mr. H. Partridge (senior ringer) gave "Kindred societies and all Church-workers," Mr. Bailey (Hugglescote) responded. Songs were afterwards rendered by ringers and visitors, and a most enjoyable evening terminated with the National Anthem.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting of the above district was held on Saturday, April 27th. The use of the tower of St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, had been obtained for the occasion, but owing to the serious illness of Mr. W. Bedwell, sen., one of the local band, the bells were not touched.

An attempt was made to get the use of the bells of St. John's church, Deptford, but owing to the Vicar not being at home his permission was unobtainable.

The committee meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's, Lewisham, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 27th.

Mr. Goodbody, of Woolwich, was elected a member of the association, and the members, in passing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Lewisham for permitting the use of the bells and vestry, instructed the secretary to write informing him the reason why this privilege was not taken full advantage of. At the same time they expressed a hope that Mr. Bedwell would soon be able to again take his place among them.

A suggestion was then made that perhaps the Vicar of Lee would place the bells in the tower of his church at the disposal of the members for the evening, and about twenty started to walk to Lee on the chance. On hearing the circumstances, the Vicar of Lee at once consented to allow his bells to be used, and, on adjourning to the belfry, several touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major were rung, the bells being kept going from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Members representing the towers of Lewisham, Woolwich, Chislehurst, Bromley, Erith, Crayford, and the local band were present, and wish to convey their most hearty thanks to Rev. Clapham, the Vicar of Lee, for his kindness in placing his bells at their disposal at such short notice, and thereby bringing a meeting which, owing to the unfortunate circumstances, would otherwise have proved a failure, to a pleasant conclusion.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's), on Saturday, April 27th, when the following towers were represented, viz.: Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Holbeck (R.C.), Leeds, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tong, Wakefield and the local company.

Ringin commenced shortly after 2.30 with an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which was successfully brought round; particulars will be found among the peal records.

The business meeting was afterwards held at The Spotted Cow inn, the president, Mr. Tom Lockwood, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed and read on the motion of Mr. H. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. J. C. Abbishaw. Eleven new members were then elected, ten of them being the young band of learners in connection with St. Matthew's, Holbeck, who are making very satisfactory progress, seeing that up to the present they have had to depend entirely on the voluntary assistance of ringers in Leeds and district. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the society at Rothwell on Saturday, May 25th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for having everything in readiness was then passed unanimously and responded to by Geo. Tingle on behalf of the local company, this brought to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting. Ringing in various methods on tower and handbells was afterwards indulged in until 9.30.

AN ANCIENT CUMBERLAND BELL.

The Rev. John Baker, Vicar of Burgh-by-Sands, Carlisle writes that in all probability the bell that tolled the requiem for King Edward I. on July 7, 1307, was also tolled in St. Michael's Church, Burgh-by-Sands, on Tuesday evening January 22 last, on receipt of the news of the death of the Queen Victoria, and at the memorial service on the following Saturday. There are two bells in the fortified tower of St. Michael's Church, and they probably date from the erection of the church—about 1180. Each of the bells bears the inscription: "Saint Michael's, Ora Pro Nobis,"

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 8th. The towers of All Saints, (10), St. Nicholas, St. Swithin, St. John's, and St. Martin's (6 bells) were open for ringing during the day, and the Cathedral bells (12) from 5 to 6.30. At two o'clock a service was held in St. Andrew's Church, which was well attended, the church being practically filled. Prayers were said by the Rev. D. Floyer, Minor Canon of the Cathedral, and an address given by the Rev. Canon Claughton, basing his remarks upon the words "Ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings; and over the sacrifice of your peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God;" 10th chapter of Numbers and 10th verse.

In commencing his discourse the preacher gave a hearty welcome to the members of the association, to his church, remarking it was a great pleasure to him to see so many present at the service. He then gave an interesting description of the use of the Silver Trumpets, in what manner they were used upon occasions of rejoicing, and how they were used in calling the people together to the sacrifices in the Sanctuary, and by the blowing of the trumpets when an enemy approached them, the armies were guided in their movements and various other ways. He showed the usefulness of these instruments in the time of the Jewish Dispensation, the old customs being practically abolished by the introduction of Christianity into the world, for all religious purposes bells had superseded the use of trumpets, and as a certain portion of the people were set aside for the holy office of blowing the silver trumpets, so should those who undertook the office of ringing the sacred bells in the church, consider themselves as set apart to perform a holy office in the church in these days, and endeavour to live a life in harmony with the duty they have undertaken to perform. Their presence at that service told him that they were striving to leave the ringing world better (especially in the spiritual sense) than what it had been, remarking, in conclusion, that of all the branches in connection with the Church since the Reformation, none to his mind had made such rapid strides as the ringers, which was no doubt due to our own and kindred associations.

The business meeting which followed was held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, President of the Association presided, supported by the Revs. Canon Claughton, J. A. Floyer, Worcester, and J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Lay Vice President (King's Norton).

The President, in opening the proceedings, gave a hearty welcome on behalf of himself and Chapter of Worcester to the Association, and expressed his pleasure at seeing the large number present, which showed the increased interest taken in the good work the Association were engaged in. Letters of apology were read from the Rev. D. Robertson, Rector of Hartlebury, A. Perowne, Vicar of Hallow, H. H. Dibben, Rector of Brierley Hill, and T. J. Cartwright, Messrs. Wm. Pearce, Pershore, and H. Mason, Old Hill. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. D. Robertson, Rector of Hartlebury, and Mr. T. Brown, Worcester, were elected honorary members, and Miss M. Munn, daughter of the Rector of Madresfield, the Rev. G. C. Grist, and seven others of the same company, seven from Stourbridge, six from Grimley, two from Pershore, five from Worcester, and T. Johnson (Malvern), were elected performing members. The whole of the clerical and lay officers were re-elected, and Malvern Link was fixed as the place of next quarterly meeting. Votes of thanks to the Dean for presiding, to Canon Claughton for the service and address in church were given, and suitably responded to.

At the Angel Hotel, Sidbury, a knife and fork tea was awaiting the members, which had been arranged by the Rev. J. K. Floyer and the Cathedral Guild to which hearty justice was done, and a vote of thanks was accorded the promoters. It is pleasing to remark that after four years' absence from the Faithful City this meeting was the largest the Association ever experienced. The members now dispersed to the Cathedral and other churches for ringing. A party which paid a visit to Hallow to have a ring on the new peal of bells, were very much disappointed, the ringing chamber being in such close proximity to the bells, the noise was so great that they found it

impossible to hear what they were doing. We venture to suggest (and hope it will be carried out) the addition of another floor, which would prevent the noise, and make it pleasurable to ring therein.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday morning, April 21st, the Rev. C. Dunkley, formerly Vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverhampton, was inducted into the living of Brewod by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield in succession to the late Prebendary Wrottesley. A very large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony. The oaths and declarations were duly taken and signed by the new incumbent, and the letters of institution read by the Bishop. His Lordship then delivered an address. At the conclusion the Rev. B. Archer, curate of St. Mary's, Lichfield, as representing the Archdeacon, received from the Bishop the mandate of induction, and accompanied by Mr. F. J. Keeling and Mr. A. W. Bryans (churchwardens) and the new incumbent, proceeded to the church door, and laying the hand of the Rev. C. Dunkley on the handle said, "By virtue of this mandate, I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of this church of Brewod, with all rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging." The Bishop then gave the benediction, which closed the proceedings. The tower of Brewod contains a splendid peal of bells from the Loughborough foundry (tenor 23 cwt.), and seven ringers from Wolverhampton drove over to attempt a peal, but owing to a children's service in the afternoon, time did not allow of this being done. Touches were the order and 504 Stedman Triples was rung. W. R. Small, 1; J. Purser, 2; R. Pickering, 3; J. Perry, 4; E. S. Hodges, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6; G. Burrows, 7; T. Perry, 8. Also 419 Grand-sire Triples. J. Perry, 1; I. Purser, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; W. R. Small, 4; E. S. Hodges, 5; G. Burrows, 6; R. Pickering (conductor), 7; T. O'Connor, 8. For evening service, when the new Vicar preached, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. was rung. W. R. Small, 1; I. Purser, 2; R. Pickering, 3; J. Perry, 4; E. S. Hodges, 5; G. Burrows, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor) 7; T. Perry, 8.

The ringers were entertained to dinner and tea by Mr. and Mrs. Perry, and wish to return them their best thanks for their kind hospitality and hope to have an attempt for a peal on another date.

The new Vicar of Brewod was from 1876 to 1879 assistant-Curate of St. Giles's, Normanton, and assistant-Curate of St. Alkmund's, Derby, from 1879 to 1882, and in the latter year was appointed Vicar of St. Mary's, Wolverhampton.

It is worthy of notice that there has only been three Vicars of Brewod during the last century. The last two Vicars held the living for the long period of 70 years. Since 1769, a period of 132 years, there has only been four Vicars, which gives an average term of incumbency of 33 years each.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 13th, 1901, being the third Anniversary of the opening of the bells, an invitation was sent to the towers in the neighbourhood, with the result that about a dozen turned up at 6 p.m., and commenced with an attempt for a 720 of Bob Minor which was lost owing to a change-course. Then an attempt was made for 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, which was brought round in 26 mins. by E. Raddon, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. First 700 of Oxford by all except J. Hunt, and also first in the method on the bells. Then followed some short touches in various methods; and 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung for two of the local men. S. Radford (conductor), 1; G. Foster, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; E. Watkins, 4; G. Nicholls, 5; J. Hunt, 6. First 700 by G. Nicholls and E. Watkins. Two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, with R. Wood and A. G. Boniface taking part. All the ringers wish to thank Mr. Boniface and the Merrow band for their kindness in sending out an invitation, and expressed the hope it would not be the last one of its kind.

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

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—I cannot at present accept the suggestions of Mr. Trollope and Mr. Kneeshaw about the origin of the application of the word tenor to the lowest sounding bell of a ring. I have heard them broached before, but have never been able to feel that they are satisfactory. The analogy is so imperfect. That the tenor part was originally so called because it was the real or principal part amongst voices singing simultaneously is, I believe, agreed. But in ringing, the tenor bell does not act in any similar way. The tenor in the old singing took the *air*, or tune. How can it be said that a tenor bell can perform a tune, to which the other bells have to adapt themselves?

Mr. Trollope says that "it is reasonable to suppose that when men wanted to apply a name to that bell which is the keynote of the ring and to which all the rest must harmonise, they used a term similar to that in use in Church music." Up to the time of writing I don't quite see this. In the singing, the parts were proceeding simultaneously: in ringing, the notes were struck consecutively—unless indeed we should take "firing" into consideration, which, even if we did, would not help us. Mr. Trollope does not seem to me to distinguish in this case between harmony and melody. Harmony is defined to be notes sounded in combination; Melody to be notes sounded in succession. Ringing is a matter of melody, not of harmony. The question whether the rest of the bells, or of the notes on a musical instrument, are in tune with the keynote is purely a question of melody and not one of harmony at all. The application of the word harmony to the effect produced by ringing is as incorrect as if it were applied to the result produced by a person striking a scale on the piano with one finger. It is, in short, the difference between harmony and melody that seems to me in any case, to stand in the way of accepting the theory to which I am alluding.

But if the historic glimpses we get from the recent historical contributions to your columns are to have any weight, their tendency is to refute the theory altogether, because they tend to shew that the term treble preceded the term tenor. At Salisbury treble first appears in 1575, and tenor in 1615. At Writtle, tenor first appears in 1598-9, and tenor in 1638. So here we get two places, situated so far from each other as in Wiltshire and Essex, in both of which we find that the term treble preceded the term tenor by forty years. When we know, as we do, that Shakespeare in the "Taming of the Shrew," produced subsequently to 1595, uses the word treble as applied to the string producing the highest note of a lute, and in "As you like it," produced in 1599, uses the expression "childish treble," it is plain that the word treble had in Shakespeare's time assumed a meaning most natural to apply to the highest of a ring of bells. But if treble was applied to one of a ring of bells years before tenor was, the suggestions in your last number seem to be negatived, and the word tenor must have come in as a subsequent term in some way relative to treble, and having nothing to do with the tenor part in vocal harmony or the older singing. Of course there must be much more information on this subject scattered about the country in Churchwardens' accounts, but what has been disclosed to us up to now militates against accepting the antecedently improbable theory advanced last week.

Happening the other evening to be in company with some scientific musical friends, I asked them about this subject, and they expressed the opinion that if the chronological history of the terms is as appears from the Churchwardens' accounts we have had cited, the theory of your correspondents will not do at all.

Will Mr. Trollope kindly give us more detailed information of the accounts in which he has found the "Bass" bell mentioned?

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—I am wondering whether Mr. Trollope sees his way to respond to the "draw" by X.Y.Z. in your issue of April 13th.

R. A. D.

[CORRECTION.—In Mr. Trollope's letter, under the above heading, last week, the fourth word of the third line should have been "Tenor," not "Treble."]

SPEED OF RINGING.

SIR,—Looking through the peal records for this week, I see a note appended to reports of two peals: "This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells." Now Sir, as a comparatively young ringer, and a seeker after truth, may I ask if the ringers of the peals mentioned note this as a mark of congratulation to themselves, or not. I have the good fortune to be connected with a tower where there is a nice little ring of eight, tenor 10½ cwt., and I notice that visiting bands usually ring much faster than we do, our own rate being about 28 changes to the minute, while theirs varies from 30 to about 33.

Speaking as a musician, I am bound to say that I prefer the slower ringing, as fast ringing, in my opinion, results in much "smothering of the babies," i.e. the trebles. I should like to see the opinions of others in your columns.

AN ORGANIST AND RINGER.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

SIR,—In this week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" there is an appeal from the Rev. Canon Johnson, on behalf of the Rev. A. J. Alpe, of Thuxton-with-Garveston. It appears from his letter that it is proposed to recast into two bells a bell which is now in the church, and rehang the present two bells in a new frame, leaving room for two more bells at a future date.

This object is most worthy of the support of all ringers, but I venture to make a suggestion, which, I think would be much better supported by those to whom the appeal is made. The suggestion is this: why put four bells in the tower at the present time, when for a very slight additional cost five bells could be obtained? It is well-known that four bells would be useless for ringing purposes, while five bells would enable a band of ringers to be formed, and they would then use their best endeavours to help to increase the number to six or eight as the case may be, in the future, and the ringers in the neighbourhood would be more likely to assist with their subscriptions when they know that there would be a chance of ringing upon the bells.

I trust the Rev. A. J. Alpe will consider this favourably, as I am sure the result will be more satisfactory.

NORVIC.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—Perhaps some of the readers of your paper would kindly inform me when the last peal or peals were rung at All Saints' church, Oakham, Rutland, and also earliest records of the same, through your paper.

GEO. WELCH.

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letters from Messrs. R. Cartwright and G. Baker concerning the above method, and I am thinking that perhaps my experience of the method might not be inappropriate at the present time.

At the outset I may say that I do not consider Bristol so hard to learn as London. I formed this opinion almost immediately I received the figures of a plain lead from Mr. Ward (Cheltenham), in February last.

There is nothing very difficult about the plain course, for like Superlative the whole of the work on the front is completed before starting the work on the back, and *vice versa*, with the single exception of a run out and back and out again, after finishing the work on the front or back as the case may be. When a bob is called the back four bells repeat their work of the last lead, and the bell that has just completed its front work makes fourths and starts the front work.

Speaking for myself I may say that I learnt Bristol thoroughly in less than two hours, and although I have not rung so many Surprise methods as Mr. Baker, I shall always stick to my opinion that London Surprise is the hardest, and that until a ringer has rung a peal of it he cannot claim to have reached the top of the tree.

I trust my Brighton friends will not think that I wish to disparage their performance in any way, but I honestly think that Bristol is not so hard as London, and I feel sure that when it is more frequently rung (as it certainly deserves to be) there will be many to agree with me.

I have some printed copies of the plain course of Bristol, and shall be pleased to forward one to anyone interested in the method who will send me a stamped addressed envelope.

29, Victoria Street, Bristol.

W. A. CAVE.

Obituary.

THE REV. WILLIAM S. SANDERS.

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, Rector of St. Nicolas and Rural Dean of Guildford, which took place on Monday morning, April 15th, at St. Nicolas' Rectory, Guildford. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health for some time, and about three months ago he went to Bath in the hope of regaining his strength. After a short stay there he returned home, having derived little or no benefit from the change, and a few weeks later he journeyed to St. Leonards, where it was hoped that his health would be improved; but the change was not attended with benefit, and he returned home once more on April 5th, thinking he would be better there. As late as Sunday evening, when he remarked he felt rather tired, he appeared to be no worse, and his death occurred with almost painful suddenness from syncope at four o'clock on Monday morning. The deceased, who had done practically nothing in church since January, preached his last sermon at St. Nicolas on the last Sunday in December. His presence there has been greatly missed, and by his death the congregation has sustained a severe loss. Our late Rector was the son of the late Admiral Sanders, of Bath. He was born on May 10th, 1824, and was nearly 77 years of age. He took his B.A. degree at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1846, where he was a contemporary of the great leaders of the Oxford Movement, many of whom he knew personally. He took his M.A. degree three years later. He was ordained deacon in 1848 and a priest in 1849, so that he had been a priest for over fifty years. From 1848-50 he was curate at Finstock, Oxfordshire. From the latter date until 1852 he held a curacy in Berkshire, and for six years he was curate-in-charge at Adderbury, Oxfordshire, subsequently holding a curacy at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for about a year. He was appointed Vicar of Gosport in 1859, holding this position until 1884. During this time he lost his beloved wife. After leaving Gosport he was appointed Rector of St. Nicolas, Guildford, which he held until the time of his death. During his residence here he had made numerous friends, and he will be sorely missed by all connected with the church, especially the ringers, whom he was always pleased to grant the use of the bells providing there were no service intervening. Last Monday, April 15th, on hearing the sad news a band was got together and rang with the bells half-muffled 504 Stedman Triples. C. Willshire, G. Foster, E. Allen, C. Hazelden, F. Blondell, S. Radford, T. W. Radford (conductor), J. Hunt. Also 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. W. Radford, E. Allen, J. J. Jones, C. Hazelden, S. Radford, F. Blondell, C. Willshire, J. Hunt (conductor). On Thursday, April 18th, the remains of our late Rector were brought to rest in the church for one night, and it was by an expressed wish of one of the curates that a peal should be rung to his memory. A band being arranged, a start was made at 6.30 p.m. for Bob Triples, and all went exceedingly well for 3 hrs. 3 mins., when it unfortunately came to an end only a course from home, and what would have been a good peal was lost. Such are the ways of ringing—a peal is never rung until "that is all" is said. R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, E. Allen, C. Hazelden, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, J. Hunt (conductor), E. Raddon. On Friday the funeral took place at Guildford Cemetery, the following clergymen officiating: Rev. G. O. Abthorp, Rev. W. H. Moody, Rev. G. M. Wheeler, Rev. Canon Valpy. The coffin was of polished oak, and the wreaths were most numerous, amongst them being one from his ringers in the shape of a heart—one in the shape of a bell was ordered, but it could not be made. On Sunday, April 21st, the bells were rung half-muffled for Divine Service.

J. HUNT.

JOE SHANE.

The death of the above ringer took place at his residence at Eckington, on Sunday, April 14th. Deceased, who was in his seventy-fourth year, commenced to ring at Eckington upwards of fifty years ago. He had taken part in six peals, all being on six bells, the first in 1858 and the last in 1869. Five of these were conducted by G. Marsden, who is still an active ringer at the age of seventy-two, and being the only one now left who

commenced to ring with deceased. Ten different ringers I find took part in these peals, but only three are left. Deceased was much respected by all who ever had the pleasure to associate with him, always being willing to assist the young learners in the Art which he so dearly loved himself; and while I pen these lines, the advice he once gave me I have often found to be too true with young men when learning ringing and courting at the same time. I had on this occasion stayed a little too long, and the rub was: "You will never make a ringer until you get married," and now my wife says ringers should keep single.

Deceased was interred at Eckington on Wednesday, April 17th, the local company being present. A 864 Kent Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled by F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; A. Slater, 4; G. Norman, 5; S. Robinson, 6; G. Marsden, 7; S. Robinson, jun., 8. E. J.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT EASTBOURNE.

Although in the tower of All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, a ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt., has hung for nearly twenty years, only one peal has been rung upon them. This was on February 2nd last, on the day that the beloved and lamented Queen Victoria was taken from her island home to be laid to rest in the quiet grounds of Frogmore. The peal has been recorded in the ringing-chamber, the board being formally unveiled on Thursday, April 11th, together with another board containing the names of those who rang the last midnight peal on the bells in the 19th century. The ringers assembled first rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples, after which the Vicar (Rev. R. S. Woodward), who was accompanied by Miss E. Woodward and Mr. Seymour Woodward, read a few brief collects. Mr. Woodward, having then expressed the pleasure it gave him to come into the belfry on that occasion, said the boards which they were about to unveil recorded peals commemorating events that could never happen again. Similar peals might perhaps be rung, but never again for such events—the passing of the 19th century, and the funeral of their late beloved Queen. He congratulated the members on having rung the peals, which were very creditably performed and which had such solemn effect. He wished the ringers continued prosperity, and expressed the hope that they would go on improving in their ringing, which first and foremost was a duty to be performed for the service of God, to call the people together to worship Him.

Miss Woodward, in the absence of Mrs. Woodward, who was prevented from attending the ceremony, then unveiled the boards, which contained the following inscriptions:—

"ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes (Holt's ten-part), was rung on these bells on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 1901, in three hours and sixteen minutes: *John Newman, treble; *Thomas Price, 2nd; Joseph Sharp, 3rd; *Edwin Randall, 4th; George H. Howse, 5th; John S. Goldsmith, 6th; *Benjamin Hobbs, 7th; *Charles Blogg, tenor. Conducted by John S. Goldsmith. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a true mark of respect to the memory of our late beloved Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. Rev. R. Salisbury Woodward, M.A., vicar; Rev. Hubert G. Stanley, curate; Col. J. W. H. Johnstone, Capt. T. F. Swinford, churchwardens. *Members of this tower. First peal on the bells."

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The inscriptions were in red and black letters on a white ground, the boards being framed in oak.

On the motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. Price, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Woodward for her kindness in unveiling the boards, and to the Vicar for being present to conduct the ceremony.

This was fittingly acknowledged by Mr. Woodward and also by Miss Woodward. The interesting proceedings then terminated after another touch of Grandsire had been rung.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1901.

THE present week's peal-records include a variety of performances which must be considered as unique. No less than three peals in as many Surprise methods in one day, and by the same company! Truly a most remarkable feat of endurance, displaying at the same time matchless skill and ingenuity, and the possession of high mental qualifications. The record of this marvellous feat will strike our readers with amazement when they read it; and the general opinion of the Exercise will be, we should think, that some permanent and enduring record of the performance should be made. The Westminster St. Stephen's company have in this surpassed all their former efforts.

A short time ago the Brighton gentlemen overcame the intricacies of a very complex method invented by the

Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, named "Bristol Surprise," and the pertinacity they exhibited in this effort was also deserving of great praise. Whether "Bristol" is more complex than "London" is a question we intend to help our readers to form an opinion by publishing in a very early number diagrams of each, which have been drawn for the purpose by our friend Mr. G. BAKER, of Brighton.

We read last Monday of the immense enthusiasm shewn by many people concerning a football tournament. If it were possible to educate the general public to the least sense almost of what is involved in the Art of Change-Ringing, the enthusiasm would, we imagine, have been greater after reading about such performances as those now under review. But we shall, and we can get on without what we may term outside applause. The handing down of our records to posterity is sufficient for us, and in such perpetuation we are content.

A week or two ago we were favoured with a few witty remarks by a contributor who signed himself "X.Y.Z." He sought for information of a nature which may be termed "composite;" and his opening remarks made some readers imagine that a former correspondent of ours who "went" under the name of "Joshua," was on the path again. "X.Y.Z." wondered whether our old and valued contributor, Mr. J. A. TROLLOPE, would be willing to contribute to our pages some illustrated papers on the elements of our National Church Architecture, and Mr. R. A. DANIELL alludes to this on another page in a postscript to his letter. We echo the belief, that should Mr. TROLLOPE attempt the task many of us will thank him.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN, HARLOW, BELL FUND.—The Bell-ringers' Society of Christchurch Cathedral; New Zealand, has contributed fifteen shillings to the Bells Fund of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow. This generous gift should act as a stimulant to sympathy and effort in this cause at home.

The Metropolis.

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On Wednesday, April 24, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN.† .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
THOMAS G. MILLER 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

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BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
GEORGE FARDON 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is A. T. King's fiftieth peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

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

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On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

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FREDERICK DENCH Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 5.
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On Monday, April 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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On Thursday, April 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	RICHARD A. JUDD 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIES 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 8.
JESSE GILLET 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN 5.	JOSHUA STEPMENS .. Tenor.

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

This composition has the 6th 23 courses behind the 9th in the tittums, and 24 courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE ABINGDON BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 26, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE .. Treble.	THOMAS SHORT 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	HAROLD HUMFREY 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD WHITE 4.	EDGAR HUMFREY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 200th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Oxford.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY SAYER† .. Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
HENRY CORBETT 2.	WILLIAM COOK 6.
GEORGE WYATT 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	HENRY PRICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

†First peal away from tenor. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding-day of W. Cook, and on the birthday of the conductor's wife.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY SPENCE .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 5.
JNO. E. ASHCROFT 2.	JNO. W. BOOTH 6.
STEPHEN J. JENKINS* .. 3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE 7.
WILLIAM HUGHES 4.	*ARTHUR KINSEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

*First peal of Triples, and first in the method by all the band. Rung to celebrate the birthday of their late Master, Mr. H. Moston.

CHATHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

W. BATE .. Treble.	C. WINSOR 5.
T. TULLET 2.	W. J. SMITH 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	W. HAIGH 7.
W. EASTER 4.	H. HINKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY TUCKER .. Treble.	HERBERT FRANKUM 5.
ERNEST BRUCE 2.	GEORGE W. T. SMITH .. 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
ROBERT FRANKUM 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

First peal by the ringers of 4th, 5th, and 6th, who belong to the local band. C. Chapman bails from Tilehurst, the rest from Reading. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Bishop of Oxford.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 6.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Oakley.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON* .. Treble.	*JOHN W. ROBINSON 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	ROBERT S. STORY 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

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

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

HORACE COPPERWHEAT* .. Treble.	FRANK KIRK 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2.	FRED. GILBERT 6.
FRED. STUBBS 3.	WALTER GILBERT 7.
HENRY STUBBS 4.	ALFRED KIRK .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. GILBERT.

*First peal. First peal in the method by the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th ringers; also first peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. WALKER .. Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 5.
CHAS. PRATT 2.	W. CHAPMAN 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW 3.	E. WHEATER 7.
TOM LATIMER 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARKER, and Conducted by E. WHEATER.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been re-hung.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

S. BREEZE	Treble.	F. JONES	4.
J. WOODS	2.	J. DILLON	5.
J. CLIFFE	3.	E. BREEZE	Tenor.

Conducted by E. BREEZE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, April 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

HY. WOODWARD	Treble.	HAROLD HUMFREY	6.
EDMUND HOLIFIELD	2.	EDGAR HUMFREY	7.
FRED. WHITE	3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8.
FRANK BARRETT	4.	RICHARD WHITE	9.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	5.	WILLIAM BENNETT	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung with the bells muffled for the late Bishop of Oxford.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, April 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

WALTER C. HUNT	Treble.	JOSEPH POTTER	5.
GEORGE E. TURNER	2.	WILLIAM HENRY SHUKER	6.
JOHN SMITH	3.	JOHN POTTER	7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM	4.	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George E. Turner, his brother-strings wishing him the usual compliments. Also to celebrate the visit of His Majesty's torpedo flotilla to Manchester.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, April 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT	Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB	5.
HARRY G. JUDGE	2.	HARRY BUTLER	6.
F. P. POWELL	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
JAMES FRANKLIN	4.	JOHN H. FISHER	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Oxford.

BATH, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(ST. MARY'S, BATHWICK, GUILD.)

On Tuesday, April 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 7 lbs.

WILLIAM F. FLOWER	Treble.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	5.
WILLIAM WELLS	2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	6.
ERNEST HOLDER†	3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	7.
ALFRED RICHARDSON	4.	CHARLES DENSLEY	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

†First peal. First peal by the St. Mary's Guild, and first attempt at Major. First peal of Major by all except the conductor. First peal of Major on the bells, and also first peal of Bob Major in Bath for 130 years.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

W. BALLS	Treble.	W. SOUTER	5.
E. E. DIAPER†	2.	G. WIGHTMAN	6.
E. HICKS	3.	A. S. WIGHTMAN	7.
G. THURLOW	4.	W. SAWYER	Tenor.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal of Grandsire. Messrs. Souter and Diaper hail from Stowmarket, the rest belong to the local company. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal, also for the use of the bells.

The following three Surprise peals were rung by the St. Stephen's (Westminster) branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday, April 27th, 1901:—

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.*On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

This is J. W. Golding's fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.*On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

This is W. H. Pasmore's fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.*On Saturday, April 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

These are all first peals in the method on the bells. A further note appears elsewhere.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the peal published on Saturday last as rung at Armley, Yorks., on April 20th, it should appear as belonging to the Yorkshire Association and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The peal of Grandsire Triples published as having been rung at the parish church, Cirencester, should read as having been rung at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Cirencester.

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, February 26th, a date touch, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 2 mins., consisting of 101 Victoria Surprise, 120 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Anston Surprise, Baden Powell's Victory, Arnold's Victory, Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure, City Delight, Killamarsch, Merchant's Return, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford. W. Platts, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 21st, for practice, 180 Bob Minor. C. Remnant, 1; G. Luff (first with bob bell), 2; A. J. Bartlett, 3; A. E. Bartlett, 4; W. G. Brockhurst, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. Also a course of Bob Minor. H. Remnant, 1; T. Attwell, 3; A. J. Bartlett, 6; the rest as before; and another course with H. Holden (first touch of Minor), 1. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by T. Attwell and W. G. Brockhurst. On Tuesday, March 19th, 360 Bob Minor. G. Luff, 1; A. J. Bartlett, 2; A. Ashdown, 3; A. E. Bartlett, 4; H. Mullard (conductor), 5; T. Attwell, 6. This touch was rung on the marriage of Miss E. Sloggett, daughter of the late Rector, to Major Nash.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 30th, 576 Kent. 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 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; W. Walton, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; R. Hartley (conductor), 6. Also 704 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On New Year's Eve, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Thursday, January 3rd, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; J. R. Eastwood, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 6th, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; T. Redman (conductor), 4; W. Walton, 5; R. Hartley, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; N. Townend, 8. Also 704 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; N. Townend, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. On Sunday, January 13th, 576 Oxford. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; R. Taylor, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 704 Kent. W. Walton, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; R. Taylor, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Thursday, January 24th, 768 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 27th, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (coconductor), 8. Also 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley (conductor), 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 23rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Coventry Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On December 25th, at 6.30 a.m., 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Ely Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 180 Stedman Doubles. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. T. Prior, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And to ring the old year out and new year in, 720 Superlative Surprise and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. In the Oxford W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 2nd, for practice, 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. T. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Rochester Surprise. H. Little, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 10th,

for morning service, 720 Bristol Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On October 3rd, 720 College Single. E. Parr, 1; T. Teasdale (conductor), 2; J. Hern, 3; A. Davidson, 4; E. Hern, 5; G. Holmes, 6; A. Lawson, 7. On Sunday, October 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; A. Tully, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; J. Hern, 5; E. Hern, 6; G. Dix, 7; G. Holmes, 8. For evening service another 518 in the same method. E. Parr, 1; H. Ross, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; E. Hern, 5; J. Hern, 6; A. Tully, 7; G. Holmes, 8. On Sunday, October 14, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes (conductor), 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; A. Tully, 5; E. Hern, 6; G. Dix, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Tuesday, October 19th, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Gifton, 4; J. Gifton, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday October 21st, 616 Grandsire Triples. A. Tully, 1; H. Ross, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; G. Holmes, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. For evening service, 640 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; G. Holmes, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, October 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; H. Ross, 2; A. Davidson, 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Hern, 5; G. Holmes (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson (conductor), 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, February 10th, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; H. Hoskins, 4; W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), 8. This is the quickest quarter-peal upon the bells. On Sunday, March 3rd, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; H. Hoskins, 2; E. H. Nixon (St. John's, Deptford), 3; W. Foreman, 4; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 5; H. Flanders, 6; W. Berry, 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, March 10th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's Original, and rung in honour of the 38th anniversary of the marriage of King Edward VII. C. Draper, 1; C. E. Hart, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; A. H. Ward (conductor), 4; H. Fround, 5; S. Maskrey, 6; E. Willis, 7. G. Ward, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday evening, April 16th, 1920 of Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; F. P. Howcroft, 2; T. Beckwith, 3; A. W. Barrett, 4; A. MacFarlane, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

BALDERTON (Notts).—On Saturday, January 12th, the St. Peter at Gowts Society, Lincoln, visited this place and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. E. Lloyd, 1; T. Walker, 2; T. Greenwood, 3; G. Collins, 4; H. Kirton (conductor), 5; W. Knowles, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, which have recently been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, cast by Taylor, of Loughborough. A 360 of Grandsire Minor. E. Lloyd, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Hackney, 3; G. Collins, 4; H. Kirton, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor was attempted but came to grief two treble leads from home, owing to the 5th rope slipping wheel. W. Pannell, 1; T. Walker, 2; T. Greenwood, 3; G. Collins, 4; H. Hackney, 5; H. Kirton (conductor), 6. A plain course was rung with L. Wheelodon (captain of the local band), this being his first attempt at 6-bell ringing. H. Kirton formerly belonged to the Lincoln ringers, but now resides at Balderston.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday morning, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Banks, 1; W. Butler, 2; W. Hulme, 3; W. Grundy, 4; T. Parr, 5; R. Fiddies, 6; A. E. Wrecks (conductor), 7; E. Hewitt, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Butler and Parr. Tenor 20½ cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr (City), after Divine Service, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. H. Leaker, 1; F. W. Elles, 2; F.

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G. Leaker, 3; V. J. S. O'Brien, 4; W. A. Cave (conductor), 5; A. L. Lewton, 6; J. A. Burford, 7; W. Braven, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

GIGGLESWICK (Yorkshire).—On Monday, April 8th, at St. Alkelda's church, 432 Kent Treble Bob. Edgar Brown, 1; Samuel James, 2; Sidney James, 3; William Snowdon (President of the Yorkshire Association), 4; John Parker, 5; William Fell (conductor), 6. Also 240 Oxford and 240 Violet, standing as before. The company were afterwards kindly entertained by the Vicar, Rev. T. P. Brocklehurst. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Wednesday evening, March 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Lish (first 504), 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; L. Payne, 3; S. Burt, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Markwell, 8. Also another 504 Stedman Triples. W. Markwell, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; S. Burt, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. A. J. Ives, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, March 26th, 1260 of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. W. Markwell (first quarter-peal away from the tenor), 1; S. Burt, 2; W. A. J. Ives, 3; L. Payne, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; C. Tyler, 8.

LUTON (Bedfordshire).—On Easter Monday, April 8th, at St. Peter's church, on the day of the Bedford County meeting, 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hopper, 1; G. H. Kite, 2; J. Church, 3; W. Freeman, 4; C. Herbert, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

NORWICH.—On February 16th at the church of St. John Maddermarket, 720 Bob Minor. F. Knights, 1; A. E. Fuller, 2; H. W. Stanley, 3; G. Mayers, 4; W. L. Dryfield, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6. Also 360 Couble Court. P. Artis, 1; H. W. Stanley, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; S. Small, 4; F. Knights, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6. On March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; A. E. Fuller, 2; H. Borrett, 3; G. Mayers, 4; W. L. Duffield, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. E. Fuller, 1; B. Rought, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; F. Knight, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6. At St. Giles's church, 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major. P. Artis, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; F. Knights, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; G. Smith, 6; S. Smith, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. H. W. Stanley, 1; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 2; F. Knights, 3; C. E. Borrett, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; G. Smith, 6; S. Smith, 7; G. Mayers, 8.

RENDOMB (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 10th, on the anniversary of the King's wedding-day, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. B. Haywood, 1; F. J. Lewis (conductor), 2; H. R. Saunders, 3; Fred. Lewis, 4; F. Protherough, 5; C. Williams, 6. Also four 6-scores, with A. E. Edwards, 1; the rest as before.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, March 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. A. Brindley, 1; T. Allin, 2; A. Clewes, 3; F. J. Steele, 4; T. Austin, 5; T. Mountford (conductor), 6; S. Churton, 7; J. Tittenton, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Saturday, March 9th, two 720s of Plain Bob Minor rung successively, the first conducted by A. Jacob, and the second by W. Nudds. F. H. Purton, 1; W. Dixon, 2; W. Burrows, 3; T. Langdon, 4; W. Nudds, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also on Sunday, March 10th, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Plumb, 1; A. Jacob (conductor), 2; F. H. Purton, 3; W. Dixon, 4; F. C. Newman, 5; W. Pickworth, 6.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Christmas Eve, 392 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; P. Long, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; F. L. Edwards, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. This was rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal which was lost after ringing 1100 changes. Also on Christmas day, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. And on Sunday, January 13th, a 504 in the same method containing nine 6-7s. S. V. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; P. Long, 3; J. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; W. Jennings, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE THREE SURPRISE PEALS.—Some time ago the idea entered the heads of the St. Stephen's (Westminster) branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths, that to accomplish three peals in Surprise Methods in three different counties in one day would be a novelty. The lamented death of our late Queen, and other circumstances delayed the attempt from time to time. However, seven o'clock on Saturday last found the same band who rang the silent peal of London on the road ready for the fray. Old Windsor was first on the roll, and by mid-day an excellent peal of London Surprise was brought round. This served to raise the spirits of the band, and after light refreshments, Wraybury bells were set going to Superlative. Shortly after four o'clock the welcome cry "That's all" brought peal number two to a successful close. A quiet walk into Staines, an excellent meat tea, a good wash and brush up, then for the third attempt. "Good luck to you" said some of the local men, as at twenty past six the bells were started into changes for Cambridge, and "Well done St. Stephen's" was the greeting received at the conclusion of the peal. Thus the long-talked of attempt became an accomplished fact. The band although a little "band sore" were a long way from being "heart sore," and wish through the medium of this paper to tender their sincere thanks to the Vicars and steeple-keepers of the various towers for the kindness shown to them; also to Mr. Wicks, of Staines, for so kindly arranging the tea, etc. for them. J. N. O.

THE PEAL AT GATESHEAD.—This is the first peal of Major rung on these bells, the tenor never having been rung for about thirty years owing to a huge crack in the tower, supposed to have been caused from a large portion of the tower having been cut away in which to place a stained glass window, and the terrific explosion which occurred on the quay in 1854. It was thought until just recently, that it was detrimental to the tower to ring the tenor (a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1892 with the tenor "clocked" behind), but one of our members discovered that the local band was ringing it behind, and apparently had no effect of opening the old sore out which had been plastered up. We at once got a band made up to ring this peal of Major, and fully prepared to be carried away on stretchers, as a well-known ringer in our district wrote and told me; in fact, he volunteered to bring an ambulance corps, but such was fortunately not required, he evidently thinking the two halves of the tower would not agree and part. The band should have met on one previous occasion, but turned up one short, and perhaps we benefitted by this, as after ringing a 720 of Minor, it gave us some idea of what we should have to tackle when we did go for the peal. 5.30 on Monday saw some of us there preparing bells and ropes, although the local band had done what they could before, and at 6.20 every man was at his rope, determined to score the first peal of Major which is recorded in another column, and simple as the method is, it was actually a more laborious task than ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the back eight of our Cathedral bells, tenor 37½ cwt. The two ringers on the 5th does not however indicate that the bell could not be rung single-handed, as Mr. Ferry had illness at home, and another ringer not being available at the time, he came and rung until Mr. Hillier kindly came, as soon as he could get away, and took the rope from him to finish the peal. We wish to thank the authorities through the medium of this paper for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for doing whatever they could for us. H.

THE PEAL AT CHATHAM.—This was the first peal by the ringer of the tenor; first in the method by the ringer of the 5th; and first in the method on the bells. It was the fiftieth peal rang by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, a list of which be found on the notice page; also the fiftieth peal rung by W. Haigh. The intention was to have rung Treble Bob, but meeting one short owing to an accident, Grandsire Triples was rung.

A RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Easter Monday, April 8th, at St. John's church, Chelsea, Frank Seymour, son of Mr. W. B. Mower, churchwarden of All Saints, Wokingham, was married to Annie Stella, daughter of the late Cornelius Allen, of Barnes, Surrey. The ringers of All Saints' church, of which body Mr. F. Mower has long been a member, took the opportunity to present him with a cruet and address in appreciation of his ever-ready help in the belfry, and assistance in helping them to many happy outings, he often at sole cost to himself providing them with the necessary conveyance. On Monday, at 9.30 a.m., when Mr. Mower left for London, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, was rung, and again at two o'clock during the time of the ceremony. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. A. P. Carr (Secretary), the presentation was made by Mr. S. Paice (foreman).

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 half-yearly meeting will be held at Todmorden to-day, Saturday, May 4th.

A. E. WREAKS }
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The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ospringe, to-day, Saturday, May 4th. The towers of Faversham and Ospringe will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at The Anchor, Ospringe Street, at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions, which became due on January 1st, should be paid at or before the meeting.

E. E. FOREMAN, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Marlow to-day, Saturday, May 4th. This will also be the Spring Meeting of the Guild. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, Rector of Clewer. Tea in the Boys school-room at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30.

W. E. YATES, Hon. Sec. pro. tem.

Temple View, Marlow.

The Sheffield District Society.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, to-day, Saturday, May 4th.

R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, May 4th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at North Elmham on Wednesday, May 8th. Dinner at The King's Head at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. for Honorary and 1s. 3d. for Company Members. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec. Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Chapel, Gorton, on Saturday May 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The 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 11th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Hensley, when all members who can make it convenient to do so are requested to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Childwall, on Saturday, on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Sec.

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—A committee meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at 5 p.m.,

at The Duke of Leeds hotel, New Mill, near Huddersfield, when the method and judges for the six-bell contest will be chosen. The ordinary monthly meeting will be held as soon as the committee meeting is over.

WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterley meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, May 18th. Further particulars next week.

S. SAKER, Hon./Sec.

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LISTS OF PEALS.

J. W. GOLDING'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 3; Grandsire Caters 3; Stedman Triples 3; Stedman Caters 3; Stedman Cinques 1; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major 2; Treble Bob Royal 3; Double Norwich Major 1; Double Norwich Royal 2; Westminster Surprise 2; St. Stephen's Surprise 1; Superlative Surprise 4; Cambridge Surprise 3; London Surprise (including one silent peal) 7. On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 2; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Triples 1; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major 1.—Total 50.

W. H. PASMORE'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 2; Grandsire Caters 2; Stedman Triples 2; Stedman Caters 3; Stedman Cinques 1; Bob Major 1; Treble Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Royal 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Royal 2; Superlative Surprise Major (including one 9312) 7; Cambridge Surprise Major 3; London Surprise Major (one non-conducted) 7; Westminster Surprise Major 3; St. Stephen's Surprise Major 1. On handbells.—Grandsire Triples 2; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Triples 1; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major, 1.—Total 50.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 22, conducted 11; Grandsire Caters 1; Plain Bob Triples 1; Plain Bob Major 1; Stedman Triples, 16, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 2.—Total 50—conducted 12.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Tuesday, April 16th, for practice, 1901 Stedman Triples in 1 hour and 10 mins. Wm. Gordon, 1; Thos. Sale, 2; Cecil Darwin, 3; J. Allan Gordon, 4; Samuel Mitchell, 5; A. A. Barnes, 6; Wm. Gordon, jun. 7; James W. Bailey, 8. The touch, the figures of which will be found in the next column, was composed and conducted by Wm. Gordon, and it is the greatest length of Stedman by Messrs. Darwin, Mitchell, and Bailey. Mr. Barnes hails from Reddish, a district lately added to Stockport.

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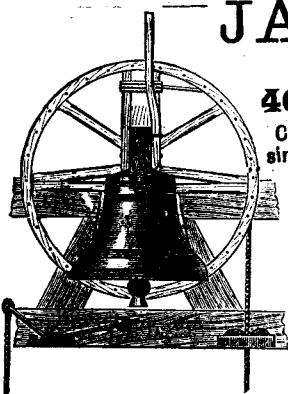
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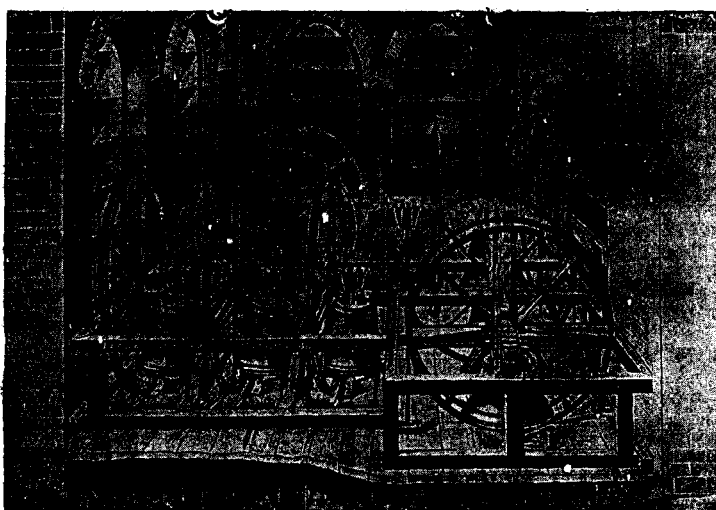
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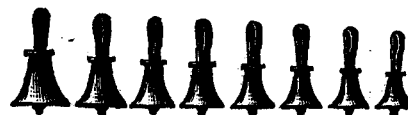
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 8th. The towers of St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's and St. Saviour's churches were open for ringing. An excellent tea was provided at The Victoria Dining Rooms, to which 101 sat down. This was considered a very good number, and it also shews the popularity of Leicester as a place for ringers' meetings. Amongst those present were the Ven. J. E. Stocks, Archdeacon of Leicester, Rev. A. M. Rendell, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rev. H. E. Sherlock, Vicar of St. George's, Rev. J. P. Hales of Cotgrave, Rev. A. T. Beeston of New Mills, etc., etc.

At the business meeting immediately following the tea, Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the President briefly reviewed the Treasurer's account for the past year, where he found the balance in hand was practically the same as at the previous audit, but he regretted to see that at the present time the subscriptions of members were in arrear to the amount of £22, and urged the members to be more prompt in their payments, and thus save the various secretaries a considerable amount of unnecessary labour.

The auditors, Mr. Walter White and Mr. Thos. Squires, having respectively proposed and seconded the adoption of the balance-sheet as printed in the new report, it was accordingly passed.

Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., then read a list of the twenty-three peals rung during the present year—twenty on tower and three on handbells. He considered this a very good record indeed, and was pleased to see that seven of these peals had been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, whose death they all deeply regretted. He was also very glad to see that three peals had been rung in three methods by the new band at Melton Mowbray, also one peal each at Wirksworth and Whitwick. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and for their presence at the meeting, at which he thought they had a record number present, and coupled with the vote the name of the Archdeacon of Leicester.

Mr. Taylor, sen., of Loughborough, having seconded this, it was put to the meeting and carried with applause.

The Archdeacon replied, and said how pleased he and the other clergy were to welcome the Association to Leicester.

Burton-on-Trent was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting. Loughborough and Melbourne were proposed for the next quarterly meeting, and on being put to the meeting it was found that a large majority were in favour of Loughborough.

The Ven. J. E. Stocks, Archdeacon of Leicester, and Rev. H. E. Sherlock, Vicar of St. George's, were elected honorary members; three life and thirty-one ringing members were also admitted.

The President said it had been decided in committee that "If the entrance fee for members elected in a tower

previous to an attempt for a peal be not received by the Hon. Secretary within one month of such election, together with their full names and addresses, and names of proposer and seconder, such election will not be confirmed, and the peal will not be recorded by the Association."

The Secretary having received notice of proposed alteration of rule 8 as follows: "In rule 8, line 4, strike out the words 'within one month of Easter Meeting,' and insert 'in the month of January, and shall take office immediately after election,'" the chairman put it to the meeting, and it was carried by a large majority.

The President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary having been nominated for re-election by the Burton-on-Trent and Leicester branches, and having signified their willingness to again take office, were duly elected.

The business meeting being closed the remainder of the evening was spent with tower and handbells, some capital touches being rung by the talented Leicester and other gentlemen.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. The weather during the early part of the afternoon was very unpropitious, being cold and wet, but fortunately improved during the day. The ringers were pleased to find that this year they had been granted the use of the St. Peter-at-Arches bells, and some good touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples were brought round during the afternoon. At 5 p.m. an adjournment was made for tea at the Co-operative Hall, which was most excellently arranged and carried out—some 120 members of the Guild doing ample justice to the good things provided. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. H. Law James, the Master of the Guild, presiding. The minutes of the meeting held at Grantham were confirmed, and the following officers elected: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; Treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley; Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. Larken.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. Law James it was decided next year to issue a joint report of the work of the Guild, instead of the four reports of the separate branches as at present, all accounts being made up to the 31st December in each year.

Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough) explained fully what steps had been taken by the Committee appointed to arrange for the production of a guild certificate, and produced a sketch of the proposed design, which was unanimously approved by the meeting and ordered to be carried out. It is proposed to sell the certificates to members at 6d. each.

A vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells concluded the Guild meeting, and the Northern Branch then held their annual meeting. From the accounts it would appear that the financial position of this Branch is most satisfactory, there being a balance of £48 3s. 8d. in hand. The officers were elected, and other

routine business transacted. During the evening at the Cathedral some good touches in various methods were brought round, though owing to the strength of one ringer exceeding his discretion, the stay of the 6th bell gave way. This did not in any way deter the Master of the Guild from piloting the stayless bell with his accustomed skill through some touches in the most intricate methods.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 20th, at All Saints' church, West Bromwich. There was a good muster of members present from Wolverhampton, Darlaston, Tipton, Smethwick, Handsworth, Walsall, Bloxwich, West Bromwich and other places. The bells were started into changes about three o'clock, but owing to funerals a stop had to be made for them to take place. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, which was well attended by the members present. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar of West Bromwich, the Rev. M. M. Connor, who is a honorary member of the society, and who gave a very interesting address, and also very cordially welcomed the members to the parish church. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, the Vicar presiding, at which some ratifications took place, and some new members were elected. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Business over, the Vicar conducted the members round the fabric and fully explained certain restorations that had taken place, which proved very interesting, especially some new choir stalls made of oak and beautifully carved with figures and other ornamental decorations.

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, kindly lent for the occasion, where a good knife and fork tea was found to be in readiness. Seats being taken, "go" was called, and ample justice was done by all present to the good things provided. The Secretary having explained the business done in committee, a vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, to the Vicar, for the use of the bells and schoolroom; also for the address and for his kind explanation of the interior of the church.

A move was then made to the tower, where some touches in various methods were successfully brought round, thus winding up a most enjoyable afternoon.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1901, a very interesting ceremony was performed at the parish church, Bolsover, by the unveiling of a brass peal tablet to commemorate the ringing of the first peal of 5040 changes by members of the East Derbyshire Association. The members of the Association were invited to a special service at 4.30 p.m., the Vicar (Rev. A. V. Colston), who is also President, reading the prayers, and giving a very instructive address to the ringers who were present from Bolsover, North Wingfield, Ashover, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Ault Hucknall, and Ripley. After service the ceremony of unveiling the tablet took place, the Vicar reading very appropriate prayers, during which the tablet was unveiled by Mr. J. Bingley. The visitors were then entertained to tea in the school by the local ringers, to which fifty sat down. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the local ringers for their hospitality, also to Mr. J. Bingley for unveiling the tablet, and the Vicar for his address in church. The tablet bears the following inscription:

"EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, January 26th, 1901, in 3 hrs. and 3 mins., at the parish church of Bolsover, a peal of 5040 changes, being seven 720s of Minor, each called differently. S. Coupe, *Treble*; S. Coupe, 2; J. Goodwin, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Severn, 5; J. Flint, *Tenor*. Conducted by J. Flint. Was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. This is the first peal ever rung by members of this Association."

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STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Norton-in-the Moors, on Saturday, May 4th, when forty-one members were present from the following towers: Bucknall, Cheddleton, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, Brown Edge, Tunstall, Crewe, Audley, Fenton, Leek and Norton. After tea, the Rector of Norton (Rev. E. J. Bromley-Kingston), gave a most interesting account of the ancient history of Norton, which was greatly appreciated by all the members present. Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, on behalf of the Norton ringers, said how pleased he was to see such a large gathering before him, and he could assure them that their visit was a very welcome one, and he also wished to draw their attention to the fact that it was the Rector's birthday, and he was sure that all present wished him many happy returns of the day. The Rector thanked them for their good wishes. Mr. S. Dale (Rector's warden), said that it was the first time that he had ever been in the company of the ringers' Association, and he hoped that it would not be the last, as he was sure it was doing a good work. Mr. J. Holdcroft (people's warden), also said how pleased he was to be there that day to extend to them all in the name of the parishioners a most hearty welcome to the village of Norton. Mr. W. Twigg (the worthy Secretary), then moved a vote of thanks to the Norton ringers for the bountiful tea which they had provided, which was seconded by Mr. G. Woods. The members then made their way to the tower, where ringing was indulged in until 9.30, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.

A FLYING VISIT TO EDINBURGH.

A full day's North Eastern Railway excursion gave several members of the Durham and Newcastle Association the opportunity of again attempting a peal of Stedman Caters on the fine peal of ten bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. We arrived at 11.45 on Saturday, May 4th, and after a snack en route, found all in readiness in the handsome belfry, thanks to Messrs. Ellis, Fife, and Heathcote. Our lucky star however was not in the ascendant, and after several futile attempts the object had to be abandoned owing to the time being insufficient before evensong at 5 o'clock. A touch of Stedman Caters and 840 Treble Bob Royal were rung, and then several courses of Grandsire Caters in which Messrs. Price, Heathcote, Ellis, and Winston, of the local band, took part. The beautiful models and other objects of interest were much admired in the belfry, as also were the arrangements overhead, and the fine view from the tower parapet. The St. Mary's society entertained us to a most *recherche* dinner at Bisset's Restaurant in the Haymarket, to which full justice was done. The Rev. —. Reed (belfry chaplain), occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. R. S. Story and G. G. Cunningbame, the vice-chair being taken by Mr. C. C. Ellis. The rev. chairman welcomed the visitors in a few words and proposed their healths, to which Mr. R. S. Story responded, thanking all for their hearty welcome and the excellent arrangements for the flying visit. He trusted to be able to bring another band again to make a certainty of the peal of Stedman Caters.

Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, in endorsing Mr. Reed's remarks, said they (the St. Mary's ringers) hoped to have the assistance of some of their Durham and Newcastle friends at the opening of the fine peal of ten at Glasgow shortly to be dedicated. To this Mr. Story promised that every assistance should be given, and that the Durham and Newcastle Association would feel honoured. Two courses of Grandsire Caters followed, notably one by our Edinburgh friends, who are making rapid strides now. W. Fyfe, 1-2; E. Price, 3-4; W. C. Heathcote, 5-6; C. C. Ellis, 7-8; R. Honeyman, 9-10. The following were the band who came to attempt the peal: G. R. Holmes, R. S. Story, W. Story, J. A. Gofton, T. T. Gofton (conductor), J. W. Robinson, E. E. Ferry, J. J. Leighton, W. T. Robson, J. E. Keen, and C. L. Routledge. We left for home at 7.50, having spent a most enjoyable time, and we wish to thank the St. Mary's society for their excellent hospitality, and the Dean and Chapter for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

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MILD AND BITTER.

Half an hour ago I was the happiest of mortals. I was enjoying the time being to the full. I use the word full advisedly, for the hour to dine had just passed into the limbo of things beyond recall, and having performed the onerous duty of replenishing the inner man, assimilating the same by mild and bitter—or in the language of the immortal Keats—"the blushing hippocrene with bubbles winking at the brim," I was at peace with all men, and myself in particular. A cloudy morning had given place to a glorious summer day, and as I lay on my back with my feet in the "inverted home position," i.e. on the mantel; I was convinced that life was worth living. Through the open window came the twitter of the birds, and a faint humming sound, of which more anon.

I have a confirmed leaning towards spiritualism, and as I lay half-dreaming, a still small voice said "Get up and write, you are a nice critic, *you* are;" to which another voice within me replied—"Don't, it's too hot; besides to-morrow will do."

My spiritual guides were arguing it out, and the humming sound grew louder. It grew to a buz buzz buzz, and something flew in through the window and made straight for my oilfactory—I should say olfactory—appendage. A sudden sting—I raised my hand and smote it a terrible smite—and a wasp lay dead in a twinkling. That settled the question, my spiritual guides retired, having another appointment elsewhere, and I got up. I think that wasp had a mission, and it died for it. It must have been a jingo wasp hankering after more of the white man's burden!

I see that another of our brethren has been led to the halter—I mean altar—but it means the same. Mr. John C. Truss has got himself trussed up at Great Marlow, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson has talked to him like a father. I can never understand why a man should "settle down" when he gets married unless it is because it takes him all his time to "settle up."

On turning Benedict, a ringer must cease peal-ringing—for a while—he goes marketing instead—for a while—and the meeting house with its sing-song and handbells know him no more—for a while! But it wears off like the enamel on a new bike, and in a year or so our better halves find more to do, little things want stitching, and our brother finds his way back again to the fold. I shall have to present Mr. J. C. Truss with a copy of my great work entitled "How to be Happy though Married."

Up to the time of writing I have not seen the agenda for the Central Council meeting. I would yield to no man in my admiration for the work of the compilers of the Analysis, but it has occurred to me that the enormous strides our Art has taken the last year or so will necessitate an addition to the schedule of points. I refer chiefly to handbell ringing and silent peals both on hand and tower bells.

The mental strain of these is only known to those who pursue these particular branches, but at present a silent peal of Stedman or Double Norwich in hand counts no more than a conducted peal in the tower. Obviously this is an injustice. We may at any moment now read of a double-handed peal of Superlative by a band which has recently accomplished some brilliant performances on the tower—*verb. sap!*

I hear from a German paper that the lovers of the Saurkrout gave very little attention to the Kaiser's "accident." They regarded it very much the same as we do when we read that some actress has "lost her jewels." In other words these exciting episodes are usually "fakes," and contain as much advertisement as those thrilling accounts we read of which conclude with somebody's pale pills for pink people. I mention this because as your old favourite Plain Speaker and myself are about to collaborate on a shilling shocker entitled "Bloodshed in the Woodshed," you can look out in the "Morning Howler" or "Daily Wail" for something like this:—"Bus overturned! Thrilling account." As the Walthamstow bus was turning Selborne Road to-day, a fly got under the off hind wheel throwing it completely on its side. Although the bus was not running but was being drawn by four men into a carriage-builder's shop for repairs, it is the actual vehicle that the cele-

brated journalist "Plain Speaker" travels by once a month to fetch his salary. "BELL NEWS" readers will be glad to know that he is no worse for his marvellous experience.

Or this: "Shortly before noon to-day, the well-known writer "Jingle" had an hairbreadth escape from certain death. A huge stone weighing several tons fell from a seven-storey building into the street below with a terrific crash. Fortunately "Jingle" made no attempt to catch the stone as it fell, as he was at that moment some miles away; but had he been underneath, his body would have been crushed into an indescribable pulp." How awful!!

So the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill did not come off. Well there was no change-course, be it said, but it failed owing to the bad "go" of the fifth. Before starting for the 10,030, the highly-respected conductor, Mr. J. Pettit, said: "If any one finds his bell won't stay the time, and goes badly, please say so at once. It will be better to stop rather than ring a bad peal."

That is the way to talk; and when they try again (probably on Whit-Monday), may I be there to see—and hear, but it will be a tough job with a ring of bells the tenor of which is over two tons.

It is over forty years since the last long peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths, viz., April 27th, 1861. Some of the band are still alive, and hope to hear the next. By a curious coincidence, the younger generation of Youths on the anniversary last week did something which will make history. The Oxford Guild years ago wanted to ring London, Cambridge and Superlative in one day, but did not succeed, although they got three peals, including Double Norwich. It remained for the St. Stephen's Westminster London silent peal band to claim the triple crown in Surprise peal-ringing. What is more they rang them in three different counties. Let me give them their due. Sit tight, there's no danger.

St. Stephen's band on an April morn
Rose with the sun, and each man said
"By us shall the triple crown be worn
And a legacy left to the race unborn,
For ere another day shall dawn
We'll paint "THE BELL NEWS" red.

So forth they went a noble crew.
The selfsame men of the silent peal
Of London,—to raise a record new,
Superlative, Cambridge, and London too;
All in a day! By Jingle! true
'Tis enough to make one reel.

And merrily rang the bells that day
In counties three, till the sun went down.
But when they halted from the fray,
Each ringer's heart was light and gay,
For the deed was done; and the victor's bay
Was twined in the triple crown.

On Fame's bright scroll their names stand high,
And we who have learned some bitter truths,
How thorny the path of those who try,
Shall we the merited praise deny?
No! up to the brim, fill, drink, and cry
"Bravo! the College Youths."

JINGLE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—CHURCH CLOCKS.

Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Leeds and Newcastle-on-Tyne, have received instructions from the Mayor and Corporation of Newcastle to erect new clocks at St. Mary's Church, Rye Hill, and St. Anne's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne. They are also making new clocks and chimes for St. Mary's parish church, Ambleside, Westmorland, and Ledsham parish church, South Milford, West Yorks., and large illuminated clock for banking premises, South Durham.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Eleventh Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, at the Midland Hotel (adjoining the Station), Derby, at 11.0 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on the same day at the same place.

The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and of All Saints (10) will be at the disposal of members and their friends from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

There will be a social gathering at 9 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, where Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

On Wednesday, May 29th, members and their ringing friends are invited by Sir Arthur Heywood to a garden party at Duffield Bank from 10.30 a.m. till 1, during which time the bells (10) of the parish church close by will be available, and the experimental railway will be shewn at work.

The train service is as follows:—

Derby (dep.) ...	9.45.	10.30.	11.5.
Duffield (arr.) ...	9.57.	10.41.	11.17.
Duffield (dep.) ...	12.52.	1.11.	1.28.
Derby (arr.) ...	1.2.	1.22.	1.41.

The Midland Hotel provides excellent accommodation for visitors. Those who prefer a smaller hotel or lodgings, are requested to communicate with Mr. A. E. Thompson, 52, Silverhill Road, Derby, local Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who will give every information.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
- 4.—To receive a Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
- 5.—To receive a Report from the Committee for the definition of a Legitimate Method.
- 6.—To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
- 7.—To receive any further Report of the Technical Terms Committee.
- 8.—To discuss the following motions:—

- (a) "That in the performance of a Peal of Triples any shift occurring among the bells shall be sufficient to mar the peal, unless it is immediately corrected by the conductor. And that on higher numbers of bells than seven any shift, or other error, that occurs, must be corrected, the bells restored to proper coursing order, and the striking steadied in less than ten changes from the moment at which the error becomes apparent, and, in any case, before the next course-end is reached, or the peal shall be deemed lost. Also that any firing which occurs in the course of ringing a peal shall be held to render the performance unworthy of record."

(In the event of a definite decision being arrived at by the Council on the points covered by this motion, a decision may be invited on the postponed motion of last year, viz.: "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.")

- (b) "That it is desirable to appoint a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (A) an Association, and (B) a Company of Ringers."

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

No contribution up to the present date has been received from the following Societies:—Bath and Wells Association, Durham and Newcastle Association, Ely Diocesan Association, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, Lincolnshire Association, Liverpool Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties' Association, and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The Hon. Secretaries or Treasurers of these Societies are earnestly requested to forward the contributions with all necessary information as to changes (if any) in Representation, to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, May 7th, 1901.

THE CHIPPING BARNET GUILD.

The annual dinner of the above Guild was held on Thursday, April 11th, at the Church House. The Rector (the Rev. D. W. Barrett, M.A.) presided, supported by the Revs. B. E. Weekley and H. G. Elton (curates), Mr. A. T. King (Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association), and Mr. F. A. Milne. Others present were Messrs. J. Sumpter, E. Dolton, J. Wittey, W. Baldwin, E. Merritt, W. Parker, F. J. Chandler, and A. E. Dolton, of the Barnet band; Messrs. E. Marshall, W. Dell, and S. Roberts, of the Hadley band; and G. W. Hollis, of South Mimms. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. C. Osborne, Ayen, E. Secker, and Bodger. The feast was admirably served by Mrs. E. Dolton, assisted by Mr. J. Sumpter, Mrs. A. E. Dolton, Miss Dolton, and Miss Handscombe. Gifts from the Rector, Mr. Churchwarden Shotter, and Messrs. A. T. King and F. A. Milne added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. After dinner the Rector gave the toast of "The King," which was heartily received. Mr. A. T. King followed with the toast of "The Rector and Clergy," to which the Rector and the Revs. Weekley and Elton responded. The Rector then gave the toast of "Mr. A. T. King," which was received with applause, and to which Mr. King responded. A very interesting discussion then followed on the recent correspondence in "BELL NEWS" on churchwardens' accounts respecting bell matters. The musical portion of the evening was opened by a pianoforte duet by Miss Dolton and Mr. J. C. Osborne, followed by songs from the Rev. H. G. Elton, Mr. Will Pendleton and Mr. F. J. Chandler. The splendid banjo solos by Mr. Aven (which were heartily applauded and encored), Mr. Will Parker's graphophone, violin solos by Mr. Hollis, and mandoline solo by Miss Dolton, added greatly to one of the most successful evenings in the records of the Guild. The singing of "Auld lang syne" at an early hour in the morning brought to a close a generally acknowledged "jolly good time."

FARNHAM, SURREY.

The annual dinner was held at The Lion and Lamb hotel on Monday, April 15th. The chair was taken by the Rev. Gardner (Rector), who was supported by the four churchwardens. The harmony of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, and the principal toasts. Songs were sung by A. White, H. Garfath, sen., H. Garfath, jun., A. J. LeClercq, C. Fry, F. A. Barnett, G. Cranham, F. Foot, H. White, and others. A few touches were rung on the handbells, the striking being very good.

KIRTON LINDSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church here, which strikes the hours, chimes the Westminster quarters, and shows time on one dial. The clock has been made and erected by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe.

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Correspondence.

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

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—I cannot prove the theory I put forth as to the reason for the use of the term "Tenor," nor have I had opportunity of looking for more information on the subject. In a case of this kind much must always be left to conjecture. At the same time I cannot understand Mr. Daniell's difficulty about "harmony" and "melody." If people always used terms in their strict technical meaning, there might be some force in his objection. But they don't. Melody is used to describe a sequence of musical sounds. Harmony in its narrowest technical sense is used of the accord between notes struck at the same time. In a broader sense it is used of the accord between sounds generally. In a broader sense still it is used of the agreement between almost anything. The arrangement of the bells in any particular row in any method may no doubt be a matter of melody, but the accord between the various bells can certainly be called a matter of harmony. I do not remember the place or rather places where I have seen mention of a "Bass" bell, but Mr. Daniell will find cases in L'Estrange's "Bells of Norfolk" unless my memory serves me wrong. In conclusion I wish to acknowledge the kind way in which Mr. Daniell and you also, Sir, suggest my taking in hand a series of articles on Church Architecture. It is my ability I doubt, but I will see what can be done.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

29, Denmark Road, Ealing, W.

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

SIR,—I have no wish to hold any argument with Mr. Cave re the above method, but I was very much surprised at his remarks on the method in your last issue, and with which I entirely disagree. First I cannot understand how anyone by just a casual look, or even by learning and ringing a few courses of Bristol Surprise (as Mr. Cave as done) can pronounce it to be an easier method than London without having first rang a peal of it. Then as to being able to learn off the plain course in two hours, it does not take some of us half that time merely to do that. Therefore it does not follow that learning a method and ringing a peal in the same is anything of a criterion as to its intricacy, therefore to make a long story short, until Mr. Cave has rang a peal of Bristol Surprise I (as conductor of the peal rung), cannot for one accept his verdict on the method. Bristol Surprise practically contains nearly all London Surprise ringing, with extra tricky additions, five bells being also effected at a bob. Therefore I think if looked at by anyone without prejudice, theory alone will claim a higher standard for Bristol than London Surprise.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

SIR,—In your issue of April 6th, Mr. Baker, in eulogising this method says it contains no consecutive places. I notice that a bell makes 5ths and 4ths going down to lead, and another 4ths and 5ths, the reverse of the former. If these are not consecutive places, will he kindly enlighten me what are consecutive places?

H. HOSKINS.

44, Brand Street, Greenwich.

THE THREE SURPRISE PEALS, ETC.

SIR,—Allow me to offer my hearty congratulations to Messrs. Oxborrow, Brice, and Newton, and the other members of the band on their unique record published in last Saturday's "BELL NEWS," a record enhanced by the fact of the peals having been rung in three different towers. St. Peter's society, Brighton, have long talked of trying to secure this record, but events prove that we have put off the trial too long, and although we are sorry to have lost the record, I am sure the members of St. Peter's society will all join in the hearty congratulations to the band so well deserving.

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—Mr. Cave's letter in your last issue needs little reply. I have never (to my knowledge) said that Bristol Surprise was

difficult to learn. It is not so, but theory is not PRACTICE, an ounce of PRACTICE is worth a ton of theory. May I suggest to the talented band who rang in the three peals of Surprise on April 27th, that if they have not already started to practice Bristol Surprise, to do so now (the method is well deserving of attention), and when they have scored their first peal in the method, to give us their views in "THE BELL NEWS" as to which they consider most difficult to ring, a peal of London or Bristol Surprise.

G. B.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD AT WARWICK.

On Saturday, April 27th, several members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Messrs. Coleman and George, of Rugby, visited St. Mary's church, where they were met by the local society. The occasion of the visit was the unveiling of an oak tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung by the St. Martin's Guild in May 1900. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thurstan Rivington, Vicar of St. Mary's, in the presence of the assembled ringers and other interested visitors. Several touches of Caters and Triples were rung during the afternoon, in which some of the St. Mary's band made their first appearance in Caters. After tea, to which a company of twenty-four sat down, a move was made to All Saints, Emscote, where there is a good peal of eight, on which several touches were rung. The St. Mary's society hope this may be the first of many such pleasant visits.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 17th, at the parish church, Eccles, the wedding was celebrated of Herbert James Miller, Esq. to Miss Elsa Mary Collman, daughter of the German Consul at Manchester. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the service was fully choral. During the afternoon the bells were kept going, and several touches were rung, the most noteworthy being a 720 of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering, by J. Gratrix, T. Grattan, J. R. Pritchard, J. Barratt, C. Cash, H. Trippier, R. Ridyard (conductor), and A. Trippier. This was followed by 720 Grandsire Minor by J. Gratrix, J. Barratt, T. Grattan, C. Cash, R. Ridyard, A. Trippier, J. R. Pritchard (conductor), and H. Trippier.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A YEAR'S RECORD.

BACUP (Lancashire).—From September 1st, 1899, to August 31st, 1900, which is the Association ringing year, there has been one hundred and forty-three 720s rung by the members of the above tower in sixty-one methods, being twenty-eight Surprise, twenty-six Treble Bob and seven Plain. The methods are as follows: Oxford Treble, 9; Woodbine, 7; Kent and Duke of York, 6 each; Violet and Plain Bob, 5; London, Superlative and Merchant's Delight, 4; Bristol, Worcester, Durham, York, Cambridge, College Treble, Killamsh, City Delight, College Exercise, 3 each; College Single, Dewsbury, Chelsea, Cumberland Exercise, Lichfield, Chichester, Wells, Carlisle, Coventry, Ebor, London Treble, Burton, Bocking, Westminster Treble, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Morning Exercise, Symphony, Braintree, Tulip, Primrose, 2 each; Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Double Court, Stedman Slow Course, Imperial, Place Treble, Rochester, Ely, Ringers', Huddersfield, Oxford Single, Chester, Lincoln, Albion, Canterbury Surprise, Winchester, Westminster Surprise, Treaston Surprise, Victoria, Smithfield. In addition to the above a peal of Surprise Minor has been also rung at the above tower, being the first by the Association. The following took part in the ringing: J. H. Barnes, 136; J. S. Lomas, 134; E. J. Cockroft, 113; D. Briggs, 113; J. Brierley, 110; L. Holt, 103; H. L. Cockroft, 68; J. H. Smith, 39; J. Smith, 20; W. Smith, 11; G. Shottin, 6; Z. Lord, 5; A. L. Hardman, 1. I think the above shews that our practices have not been neglected. J.S.L.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1901.

The business paper for the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council will be found on another page. If the items are not so numerous as they have been, it might be hazarded that the motions put down for discussion are important. The stipulations and conditions of what shall be called "a true peal" in the future are to be made clear and plain, and it is hoped that the voice and authority of the Council upon such an important matter may be acquiesced in, and not only so, but heartily and cheerfully obeyed. The unpleasant episodes we have been troubled with several times during the past few years, viz.: attacks upon the truth of peals, may be avoided if every ringer who is engaged in such affairs arrives at a strong determination that they shall be performed in strict compliance with the rules laid down by the Council.

If a member of a peal-company has any doubt, it will be much better to bring the attempt to an end than have as a result of such doubt a long recriminatory correspondence. After the Council has decided upon what conditions are absolutely necessary for the performance of a true peal, then every member of the Exercise should strive their utmost so that such dictum shall never be thought a dead letter.

The paragraph following the Agenda is one which could have very well been absent. Certainly sufficient notice has been given of what is required. It is hoped that not a line of this will it be necessary to repeat.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS BARKING,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 5.
HARRY DICKENS 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Mr. Harry Dickens, formerly of Birmingham, now of St. John's, Deptford, was elected a member of the Middlesex Association prior to the commencement of the ringing.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM .. Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD* .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS 7.
HENRY G. MILES* 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 8.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Ezra Carter a much respected member of the above society, and a parishioner of St. James's, who died on April 24th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 6.
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Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, May 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. Treble.	FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH 5.
GEORGE ROBINSON 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY* .. 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR, and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

*First peal of Major away from the treble. †First peal of Major.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Treble.	FRANCIS POWELL 5.
JOHN MONK 2.	FREDERICK POUNDS 6.
THOMAS BULL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday, May 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
FRANK A. MILNE 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY EVANS Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT 5.
JOHN PAICE 2.	EDMUND LINDUP 6.
CHARLES HILLS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	HARRY MEETEN Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. GROVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Norris, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The company were afterwards entertained at supper by Mr. and Mrs. G. Norris at their residence, Becket Road, West Tarring.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM, AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 6.
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HARRY MIDDLETON 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. SHORT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Walker, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. THORNLEY Treble.	T. BOWLING 5.
J. E. FLEETWOOD 2.	J. GREGORY 6.
G. PINCOTT 3.	W. PENNINGTON 7.
J. H. MAKINSON 4.	P. HARGREAVES Tenor.

Conducted by W. THORLEY.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 6.
SAMUEL CORNISH 3.	ALBERT E. DURRANT 7.
FRANK ROLFE 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

W. J. Nevard bells from Great Bentley, Essex, C. Sillitoe from Sudbury, Suffolk, the rest belong to Ipswich.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
GEORGE FOSTER 3.	WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED REEVES .. Treble.	J. C. TRUSS 5.
T. H. TAFFENDER 2.	REV. F. L. NASH 6.
JOHN EVANS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
J. S. HAWKINS* 4.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the day of the annual meeting of the East Berks. branch of the guild.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	*CHARLES TRIBE 5.
WALTER FRANKS 2.	WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 6.
SIDNEY SAKER 3.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 7.
ROBERT EDWARDS 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	WALTER FRANKS 6.
THOMAS CARD 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
CHARLES TRIBE 4.	*CHARLES BUSS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal and belongs to the local band. This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

BENJAMIN R. MEESON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	†EDWARD J. STAFFORD .. 6.
HENRY H. SOMERVILLE† .. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
JAMES SMALL 4.	*F. HALLSWORTH, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the 30th birthday of B. R. Meeson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	*PHILIP W. DAVIES 7.
WALTER BRYANT 2.	HARRY MIDDLETON 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	ALBERT WALKER 9.
THOMAS MILLER 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 10.
CHARLES DICKENS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	*WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in the inverted tittums and handstroke home positions as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Day, wife of John Day, the respected presiding ringing master of the Guild. *Fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 5.
BEN CHORLEY† 2.	†WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 6.
GEORGE FOSTER† 3.	†ALFRED H. PULLING .. 7.
GEORGE GUNNER† 4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CHAS. WILLSHIRE.

†First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. H. Grundy, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, November 4th, 608 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale (conductor), 4; J. Hern, 5; A. Tully, 6; E. Hern, 7; G. Dix, 8. On Sunday, November 11th, 560 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; T. Teasdale (conductor), 2;

A. Davidson, 3; J. Browell, 4; A. Tully, 5; J. Hern, 6; E. Hern, 7; G. Holmes, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; A. Tully (conductor), 5; G. Holmes, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, November 18th, 560 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; A. Tully, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale, 4; J. Browell, 5; J. Hern, 6; E. Hern, 7; G. Holmes, (conductor), 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; A. Davidson (conductor), 3; J. Hern, 4; A. Tully, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Wednesday, November 21st, 826 Grandsire Triples. T. Hogg (first touch), 1; G. Holmes, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; T. Teasdale (conductor), 5; E. Hern, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On December 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Tully, 1; T. Teasdale, (conductor), 2; A. Davidson, 3; G. Holmes, 4; J. Hern, 5; G. Dix, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On December 9th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. E. Keen (conductor), 1; J. Browell, 2; A. Davidson, 3; G. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; E. Hern, 6; J. Hern, 7; A. Tully, 8. On Wednesday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Hogg (first 720), 1; T. Teasdale, 2; J. Hern, 3; E. Hern, 4; G. Holmes, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Hogg, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; A. Davidson, 3; J. Hern, 4; E. Hern, 5; G. Holmes, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, December 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; T. Teasdale, 3; A. Davidson, 4; A. Tully (conductor), 5; J. Hern, 6; G. Holmes, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, 560 Bob Major. E. Parr, 1; A. Tully, 2; W. Hunt, 3; A. Davidson, 4; J. Hern, 5; E. Hern, 6; G. Dix, 7; T. Teasdale (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Parr, 1; G. Dix, 2; T. Teasdale (conductor), 3; A. Davidson, 4; J. Browell, 5; J. Hern, 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8. Also 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Browell, 1; A. Davidson, 2; E. Hern, 3; G. Holmes, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; A. Tully, 7; G. Dix, 8. On Sunday, January 27th, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Hogg, 1; G. Dix, 2; A. Davidson, 3; A. Tully, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6; E. Hern, 7; A. Lawson, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Clark, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; F. P. Howcroft (conductor), 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hall, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; T. W. Kelley, 3; L. A. Hardy, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; A. McFarlane, 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. F. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. W. Whittle, 3; H. H. Bowes (conductor), 4; F. A. Mellanby, 5; R. Borrows, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. 720 Bob Minor. J. Clark, 1; H. H. Bowes, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; J. P. Clarkson, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. McFarlane, 1; R. Haswell, 2; J. P. Clarkson, 3; H. Ord (first 720 in the method), 4; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell (first 720 in the method), 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; R. Borrows, 2; A. McFarlane, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; Rev. W. P. Wright, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; J. A. Carter, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, April 16th, 1920 of Kent Treble Bob Royal.—G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; F. P. Howcroft, 2; T. Beckwith, 3; A. W. Barrett, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

WHOMLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Stephenson, 1; R. G. Greenwood, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; H. Ord, 4; R. Haswell, 5; W. G. Haswell, 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. L. A. Hardy, 1; R. G. Greenwood, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; N. Kidd, 4; R. Haswell, 5; A. Barratt, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDLE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On November 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Maries, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; John Tipping, 3; Jas. Moore, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; Tom Allanson (first 720 in the method), 6. On November 4th, 720 Plain Bob, 18 bobs 6 singles. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; R. Seddon, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On November 7th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. John Fell, 1; R. Seddon, 2; John Tipping, 3; Jas. Moore, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On November 24th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; John Tipping (first 720 as conductor), 3; E. Tipping, 4; J. Hardman, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On November 16th, 720 in the same method, 42 singles. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury, standing as before. On November 21st, 720 Canterbury. W. Bamber, 1; C. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R.

Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On December 23rd, 720 Oxford Single. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson (first 720 in the method), 6. On December 31st, 720 Plain Bob, with the bells half-muffled, for evening service. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; C. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. After the above service, another 720 in the same method, with the bells open, to welcome the new century in. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; C. Kerr, 4; E. Tipping, 5; Tom Allanson, 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Wednesday, January 9th, at the church of St. John, Waterloo-road, 336 Bob Major. E. Hazelden, 1; F. Perrin, 2; W. Shepherd, T. Langdon, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; A. Hardy, 6; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 7; H. Langdon, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On January 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Spiby, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Dalby, 3; W. James, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Goodacre, 6; H. R. Bartram (conductor), 7; R. Young, 8. Also a course of Bob Major. W. Spiby, 1; J. Goodacre, E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; C. Dalby, 6; H. R. Bartram, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. On January 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Spiby, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Dalby, 3; J. Barnes, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; R. Starbuck, 6; W. James, 7; T. Gillet, 8; H. R. Bartram (conductor), 9; R. Young, 10. Also another 350. W. Spiby, 1; W. James, 2; J. Barnes, 3; C. Dalby, 4; H. Bartram, 5; R. Starbuck, 6; J. Goodacre, 7; R. Young, 8; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 9; T. Gillet, 10. Tenor 8-6-10 covering.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On January 20th, 720 New London Pleasure. Wm. Lane, 1; Geo. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; Geo. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On January 27th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; Geo. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. A. Broom, 1; Geo. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. On February 3rd, 720 London Surprise. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane (first in the method), 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; Geo. Hayes, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; R. Brett, 2; W. Lane, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; Geo. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—Several members of the above Association spent a very enjoyable evening in the above tower, when the following was brought round: 720 Oxford Bob. E. Jacobs (Swanmore), 1; W. Singleton (Wickham), 2; W. Cooper (Swanmore), 3; S. Cummins (Shedfield), 4; G. E. Chappell (Wickham), 5; A. Millard (Swanmore), (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. N. Welch (Wickham), 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), A. Millard, 6. Mr. G. E. Chappell at the finish thanked the captain of the local band on behalf of the ringers for the hearty welcome they had received.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On November 21st, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; N. Welch, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On November 28th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Singleton, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. On December 5th, 720 Grandsire Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. T. Langford, 2; W. Singleton, 3; A. Gale, 4; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 5; W. F. Churcher, 6. On Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Harper, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. F. Churcher, 3; N. Welch, 4; J. Harris, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. Messrs. J. Harper and J. Harris hail from Portsea. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, rung with the bells muffled as a mark of sympathy on the death of the late beloved Queen. W. Holmes, 1; W. Singleton, 2; S. Cummins, 3; N. Welch, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. N. Welch, 1; W. Singleton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Cummins, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 12th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells, in 17 mins. R. Wilding, 1; H. Moore, 2; A. Moore, 3; R. Moore, 4; F. Froude, 5; G. Molton, 6. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Molton, 3; F. Froude, 5; H. Turner, 6; R. Moore, 7-8; the rest as before. On Tuesday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes in 50 mins. F. Froude (conductor), 5; J. Chinery, 6; G. Molton, 7; H. Turner, 8; the rest as before. On

Thursday, January 17th, on St. Mary's church bells, 1264 Bob Major, in 48 mins. G. Debenham, 1; J. Chinery, 2; A. Hammond, 3; G. Lilley, 4; F. Froude, 5; M. Blake, 6; F. Hunt (conductor), 7; H. Turner, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, by the St. James's company, at the Norman tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Farrant, 1; A. Moore, 2; G. Molton, 3; W. Salisbury, 4; G. Lilley, 5; G. Debenham, 6; H. Turner (first attempt as conductor), 7; R. Moore, 8. A. Moore, who rang the 2nd, is a lad about eighteen years of age, who has been learning the Art of change-ringing for about a year, and great credit is due to him for his success. On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, with the bells deeply muffled, 324 Grandsire Caters. G. Debenham (conductor), 1; G. Molton, 2; W. Salisbury, 3; G. Farrant, 4; R. Wilding, 5; H. Simpson, 6; A. Bridges, 7; G. Lilley, 8; H. Turner, 9; R. Moore, 10.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On Sunday April 14th, at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Caters. W. E. Judd, 1; G. R. Fardon, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; T. E. Miller, 4; J. T. Kentish, 5; A. E. Bradley, 6; A. F. Harris, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; E. H. Phipps, 10.

COSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 4th, after Divine Service in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples in 16 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Mullett, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Low, 8. First 504 by the local band. On Sunday evening, November 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Mullett, 2; S. Baker, 3; J. Small, 4; B. Gough, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Daw, 8. On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 23 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Mullett, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8. On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; S. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; E. Goodreds (conductor), 4; J. Roberts, 5; W. Mullett, 6; W. Fisher, 7; A. Low, 8.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. C. Otway, 1; E. Hull, 2; T. Newnham, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Newnham, junr., 5; W. Crockford, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; W. Messam, 8; A. Dean, 9; H. Cropley, 10.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Chandler, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; A. E. Quaife, 3; G. Wilson, 4; J. Town, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; C. H. Walker, 8. On Monday, November 26th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Wilson, 1; —, 2; A. E. Quaife, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Taylor, 5; T. Chandler, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On December 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Keates, 1; —, 2; C. Bedwell, 3; H. Warnett (conductor), 4; J. Town, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barret, 7; T. Clews, 8. On New Year's Eve, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Keates, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On New Year's morning, January 1st, to welcome in the new century, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Walker, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; H. Barret, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Keates, 1; C. Bedwell, 2; G. Wilson, 3; J. Town, 4; T. Taylor, 5; C. H. Walker, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; T. Clews, 8.

THETFORD (Norfolk).—On Sunday, March 17th, at the church of St. Peter, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. W. Westlake, 1; T. Fitzjohn, 2; E. Hunt, 3; W. Everett, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 6; J. Deeks, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. First 720 by all except the conductor and W. Everett. On Friday March 22nd, another 720, standing as before. As this was Mr. Fitzjohn's first 720, and his birthday falling on Easter Sunday, he entertained the company to dinner on the 9th of April at The Dolphin inn, where a capital spread was provided by host and hostess Sharpe. After dinner, several touches were rung on Mr. Fitzjohn's handbells, including the following: 280 Grandsire Triples. W. Westlake, 1; E. Dunk (conductor), 2; T. Fitzjohn, 3; E. Hunt, 4; C. Carter, 5; W. Everett, 6; W. Spalding, 7; J. Deeks, 8. Also 144 Bob Minor. E. Dunk (conductor), 1; T. Fitzjohn, 2; E. Hunt, 3; C. Carter, 4; W. Everett, 5; W. Spalding, 6. Mr. Spalding, who was captain of the old company, accepted the invitation, and as he is unable to take an active part in tower bell ringing, the ringers were pleased to have his company on the handbells. Several songs were sung during the evening, which was a most enjoyable one, and the band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Fitzjohn for his hospitality.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. R. Allen, 1; Wm. Gleed, 2;

Walter Gleed, 3; S. Watkins, 4; T. Hart (conductor), 5; E. J. Webb, 6. On Tuesday, April 30th, for practice, 720 College Single. F. Allen, 1; E. Allen, 2; Wm. Gleed, 3; Walter Gleed, 4; T. Hart (conductor), 5; E. J. Webb, 6. Tenor 21½ cwt.

THE LATE EZRA CARTER.

The funeral of Ezra Carter, whose death we announced last week, took place at Bocking Cemetery, on Thursday afternoon, May 2nd, 1901. By the large number who attended, it was evident that deceased, by his quiet, unassuming manner and generous disposition, had won the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. Ringers, about twenty in number, were present from London, Bocking, Braintree, Bishop Stortford, and Rayne. The corpse arrived at Braintree by the 1.30 train, and was borne to the Washington car by Messrs. A. Hickson, W. Hammond, H. E. Hammond, F. Calthorpe, F. Rudkin, and Webb, Braintree ringers, and was met at the cemetery gates by W. Moore, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade, and C. Bearman, Bocking ringers, who, assisted by F. Rudkin, carried him to his last resting-place. The funeral service was impressively said by the Rev. E. V. Casson, senior curate. Soon after the service the bells of the parish church were pealing forth their deeply muffled tones, the local company, of which deceased in his younger days was a member, first handling the ropes, and afterwards by visiting ringers, all being anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to one whose frequent visits to the neighbourhood had been a pleasure to many. In the evening the bells were again rung deeply muffled, to allow those who were unable to be present at the funeral, to pay their share of respect, and at Braintree and Coggeshall, touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

Ezra, as he was generally known, was a safe ringer and excellent striker, a member of the Essex Association and College Youths, and his loss will be keenly felt by the latter Society. Before his illness he was regularly to be found in the belfry at St. Paul's Cathedral every Sunday for the ringing for Matins. He had rung peals in most of the standard methods, on eight, ten, and twelve bells, including the peal of Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung by twelve men only, in which he rang the tenth, being the only peal rung upon those bells with the tenor rung single-handed; but of none was he prouder than the peal of Minor, in seven Treble Bob methods, the only peal ever rung upon the bells, in which he rang the tenor, on January 22nd, 1892, in his native village of Bocking, upon the bells he first learned to ring and loved so well.

At BRAINTREE (Essex) with the bells half-muffled, after the late E. Carter's funeral, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, O. Elliott, G. Williams, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. J. Collins, W. Farrow, E. W. Beckwith, E. F. Slade.

At BOCKING (Essex) at the parish church, with the bells deeply muffled, after the late E. Carter's funeral, 720 Bob Minor. S. Sargent, F. Radley, W. Moore, C. Bearman, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade (conductor). Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. S. Hayes, E. W. Beckwith, G. Williams, P. Holmes, H. J. Tucker, D. Elliott (conductor). And in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Sargent, F. Radley, F. Rudkin, A. Chaplin, E. Radley, W. Grimwade (conductor).

At COGGESHALL (Essex) on the same day, 704 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Potter, C. Norfolk, W. Dyer, H. Evers, J. Saddler, J. Newman, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. The bells were half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Carter, who was an intimate friend of the ringers, and whose name is on a peal-board in the tower.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—As a mark of respect for the late Mr. Ezra Carter, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, eight members of this Society assembled at the church of St. Margaret, Ipswich, and attempted a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled. A. Gillingham, W. Motts, W. L. Catchpole, J. Motts (conductor), L. W. Wifien, F. Rolfe, W. Roughton, R. H. Brundle.

At ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, May 6th, before evening service, the usual whole-pull-and-stand was rung as a mark of respect for our late E. Carter, by the following band; H. Flowers, sen., H. Flowers, jun., T. Mash, W. Mash, J. Mash, T. Coleridge, W. Perry, F. Eagar, A. Mash, G. Mash, L. Rayfield. Tenor 51 cwt. 2 qts.

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5040.

23456	I	3	8
45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

Repeated.

5040.

23456	I	3	8
45236	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
23546	S	-	-
54236	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-

Repeated.

These peals have the 6th 24 courses at home.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE
MAJOR.

By the same Author.

5088.

23456	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
54032	-	-	-
54326	B	-	-
62345	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-

Twice repeated,

By T. T. GOFTON, *Newcastle-on-Tyne*.

5056.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

Has the 5th and 6th their extent without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths, and 2nd only six courses in 5ths.

BOB MAJOR.

By CORNELIUS CHARGE, *Fulham*.

5120.

23456	W	B	H
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Three times repeated, single for bob half-way and end.

If the following part is used in lieu of the third part the peal will be :-

5008.

23456	W	B	M	H
45326	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	-
23654	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

5056.

23456	W	B	R
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-

Three times repeated, singles half-way and end.

A NEW METHOD.—KING
EDWARD SURPRISE MAJOR.By FREDERICK DENCH, *London*.

12345678

21436587
12435678
21346587
23164857
32618475
23168457
32614875
23641857
32468175
32641857
23468175
32648715
23467851
24368715
42637851
24367581
42635718
46237581
64325718
46235178
64321587
64235178
46321587
64312578
46135287
64315278
46132587
41623857
14268375
41263857
14628375
14263857

16423857B

This method has all the places made the right way, also the bells in coursing-order in front and behind. I might remark that methods containing the above combined qualities are very scarce.

FALSE TOUCH.—We regret to say that the date touch of Stedman Triples, by W. Gordon, is false,

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 meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Chapel, Gorton, to-day, Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The 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 11th, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Hensley, when all members who can make it convenient to do so are requested to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Childwall, to-day, Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6 o'clock. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Sec.*

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—A committee meeting of the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, May 11th, at 5, at The Duke of Leeds hotel, New Mill, near Huddersfield, when the method and judges for the six-bell contest will be chosen. The ordinary monthly meeting will be held as soon as the committee meeting is over.

WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available, Christ Church, St. Leonards (Warrior Square Station), 3 to 5, Christ Church, Blacklands (Hastings Station), 3 to 5, and 7 to 9. Tea will be provided in the school-room adjoining the church, at 5.30, at which the Vicar, Rev. Alfred Hodges, will preside, and all ringers and friends are cordially invited. Those intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, May 15th.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, May 18th. Meeting at 3.30 for unveiling of peal tablet by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., President. Ringers desiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 16th. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh, on Saturday, May 18th. Members who intend being present are earnestly requested to give notice to Mr. John Alcock, sen., Leigh.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at Almondsbury (8 bells). Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Oxenhope, near Keighley, on Saturday, May 18th. Rings of eight at Keighley and Denholme, and of six at Oxenhope and Haworth will be available. Tea in the school at five o'clock; business meeting to follow. Cheap return fares from Leeds and Bradford by Midland. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. C. A. Pawson, Fernhill, Oxenhope, Keighley, to whom notice for tea and other communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Swan hotel at 6.30.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Oldbury, on Saturday, May 25th. Particulars next week.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Shifnal, on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Alnwick, the peal of eight in St. Paul's tower being open for use of the members all day. Committee meeting at Stow hotel 12 noon. Dinner at the same place at 1 p.m.; 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must advise the Secretary before May 22nd.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Ripon, on Whit-Monday May 27th. Dinner (one shilling each) at The Black Bull hotel, Old Market Place, at 2.15; followed by annual business meeting at 3.15. Committee meeting same place, 1.45. Members intending to dine, kindly inform the Secretary by Tuesday, May 21st. Sharow tower (eight bells), about one mile out, open all day. Ripon Cathedral tower (ten bells), open 12 to 2, and again at 4. REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The entrance fee for members elected previous to an attempt for a peal must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary within one month of such election, together with their full name and address and name of proposer and seconder, otherwise their election will not be confirmed, and the peal will not be recorded by the Association.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Catgrave, Notts.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Loughborough District.—The local Hon. Secretary is now Mr. J. Hutchby, 11, Albert Street, Loughborough.

NOTES TO PEALS.

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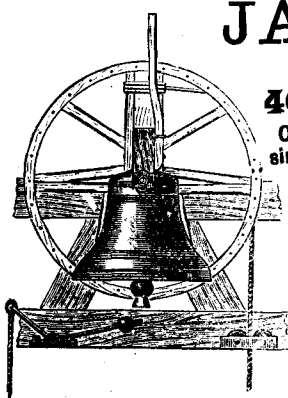
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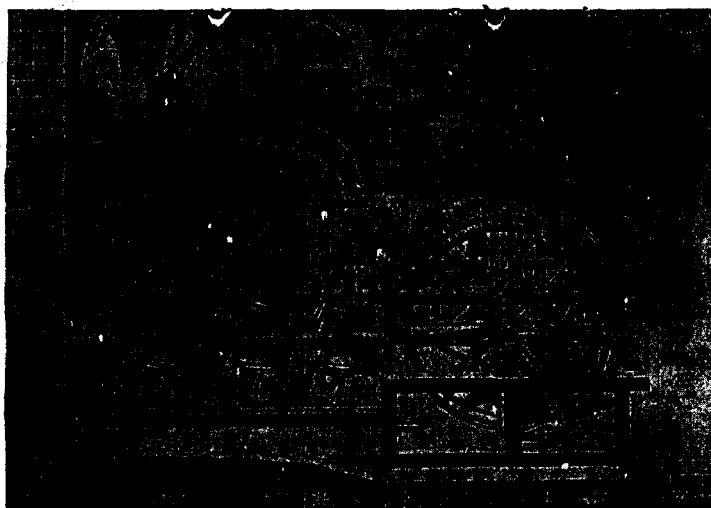
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The bells of this church, a musical little ring of six, was placed in this tower some twenty-four years ago by Messrs. Warner and Son, and the same firm have recently been overhauling them, and have put in new fittings and braced the frame together, making a thorough good job of it. Such were the remarks of the band who opened them. This ring was presented to the church by the Vicar, the Rev. Walter Medicott, who still enjoys hearing them, and who looks after the interests of his ringers. The Captain, Mr. E. Jacobs, had the arrangements, and invitations were sent to Messrs. Chappell, Churcher and Singleton, of Wickham, and Mr. H. Burling, of Bursledon, to meet on May 11th for the purpose of trying the bells. All having met in good time a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, and a good one would have been the result had not a bell refused to make the last bob, which of course ended in failure. Another start was made and a capital 720 was brought round; also 720 of Oxford Bob, and the bells were lowered. The visitors thanked Mr. E. Jacobs for the kind manner in which he looked after the interests of the ringers, and he said he was very pleased to do anything for the interests of ringing generally. The following took part in the ringing: 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, W. Cooper, W. Singleton, H. Burling, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell (conductor). A 720 Oxford Bob. G. E. Chappell, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, H. Burling, W. F. Churcher, A. Millard (conductor).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

The Branch meeting was held at Padiham parish church on Saturday, April 27th, in connection with the opening of the new bells. Ringers were present from Colne, Burnley parish and Holy Trinity, Blackburn, Accrington, Church, Oswaldtwistle, Helmshore and Chipping. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung during the day. Tea was provided by the Padiham company, and was attended by about fifty ringers and friends. The Rev. T. Dillow, curate, presided at the meeting in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Howarth, who was not well. He was supported by five or six of the churchwardens and sidesmen, and thanked Mr. Whittaker, of Leeds, late Secretary of the Yorkshire Association and an old Padiham ringer, for his donation to the bells.

Mr. Whittaker, in reply, complimented the Padiham church people, and also Messrs. Mears and Stainbank upon the splendid peal, and said that no one was more pleased than him at the augmenting of the peal, for which he had looked forward to for a long time.

Mr. J. Pollard, the Burnley veteran, and all ringers present expressed their satisfaction on the easy running of the bells.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman, the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers were passed, and Mr. W. Heaton, Colne, proposed an extra vote of thanks to the ringers' wives and friends who had so kindly waited on them at tea.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27th, at the courteous invitation of the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Wall, M.A., and wardens, the annual meeting of the Guild was held at Sefton.

Previous to the general business meeting a short service was held in the ancient parish church of St. Helen, conducted by the Rector.

After partaking of a substantial tea business was immediately gone into. Mr. M. Bradley, warden of Sefton, was elected to the chair.

The Treasurer submitted the accounts for the previous year, the balance both on the general and benevolent fund being highly satisfactory.

A grant of £5 from the benevolent fund was given to the widow of the late Edmund Prescott, of Hindley, accompanied by a strong expression of sympathy.

Several new members were enrolled.

A proposition to hold a picnic in connection with the Guild early in the summer was very favourably received.

All the officers of the previous year were re-elected.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT.)

The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Ospringe, on Saturday, May 4th, the following places being represented: Birchington, Boughton, Borden, Canterbury, Deal, Elham, Faversham, Hernhill, Lyminge, Ospringe, Sittingbourne, Tunstall and Upchurch. Tea was served at The Anchor, Ospringe, to which thirty-eight sat down. 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. Seventeen members and twenty-five probationers were admitted to the Association. Margate was chosen for the next annual meeting, and ringing meetings at Selling in the autumn, and Elham in the spring. Various touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

YORKSHIRE COURT.—"Enthusiast" writes: "I should feel obliged by an opinion on the following: Will Yorkshire Court Major run true as a double method on eight bells? If so, what are its musical merits, and has there been a peal recorded? Any other information would be gratefully received."

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of this Guild took place at Great Marlow on Saturday, May 11th, when the assembly of representatives also constituted the quarterly meeting of the Guild itself.

The fine ring of eight at the parish church at Marlow had been placed at the disposal of the ringers, some of whom reached the town at an early hour, and ringing commenced at about 12 o'clock with a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the popular Master of the Guild. Other ringing followed, and at 5 o'clock a choral service was held in the church, and was largely attended. The first lesson was read by the Rev. C. O. Jenkyn, curate of Witney, and the second by the Rev. H. C. Bell, of Reading. Hymn No. 215 was heartily sung by all present. An instructive and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Skrine, Vicar of St. James's, Stubbings, Bisham. After the service an adjournment was made to the Boy's Schoolroom, wherein a company of between seventy and eighty sat down to a substantial repast, the catering being in the hands of Mr. C. H. Carter, of Marlow. The chairman of the branch presided, and was supported by the Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the Secretary of the Guild, the Rev. Hart-Davis, Vicar of Dunsden, Reading.

The repast gave place to the business meeting, which commenced at 6.30. The minutes of the last annual meeting of the branch having been read by Mr. Yates, the secretary pro. tem., the balance sheet was adopted.

Mr. Yates proposed the re-election of the Rev. A. H. Drummond as chairman of the branch. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilkins proposed that Mr. W. E. Yates be elected Secretary of the branch.

The Rev. H. C. Bell, the former Secretary, in seconding, said Mr. Yates had carried on the duties most satisfactorily during the past three months, and he did not think they could do better than appoint him for the remainder of the year. The proposition was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Goodchild, Messrs. R. Smith, J. C. Truss and J. J. Parker were re-elected as representatives of the branch on the Guild Committee. This completed the business, and the chairman proceeded, in accordance with custom, to make a few remarks. This branch had, he said, existed for twenty years, and it had occurred to him that he had "come of age" as Chairman of the Branch. He recalled that Messrs. R. Smith, Rogers, J. J. Parker and Bissley were his sponsors in bell-ringing when they first started the little Association which had grown into such a strong branch of the Guild. The Branch had sustained a loss by the unavoidable resignation of the Rev. H. C. Bell as its Secretary. He had left the district for a wider sphere of work at Reading; but they felt that the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Yates would still keep them on their legs. He alluded to the fact that the Branch membership was now 315, and regretted that they had not that day a larger gathering. He believed that as bellringers they were all working together to improve the science of bellringing. They had all done their little bit—some of them had done a big bit—to improve the science, and to bring it up to the high pitch for which the Oxford Diocesan Guild had a reputation. He desired, as an old friend, and by way of a word of warning, to remind them that great and admirable as it might be to advance the science of bellringing—which needed a great deal of mental and physical and moral control on the part of the individual—yet the Guild after all had a higher and deeper aim than the mere production of skilful ringers. Bellringing was not only an end, but the means to an end, and that was the raising and elevating of the general tone of bellringers. The lives of the ringers should be as much in tune as the bells they rang. They had grown to such an enormous organisation that the very progress they had made increased the danger of forgetting the real end and object for which the Guild existed. This brought him to the question of the attendance of bellringers at church, upon which there had been a lot of correspondence in "THE BELL NEWS." He hoped they were all right-minded men, and did not require talking to upon this matter. It seemed to him that attendance at church was the logical conclusion of bringing other people to church. It was a poor thing to bring other people to church,

and then for the bellringers to sneak out of the belfry and leave the church.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson also made a short speech, expressing the hope that the ringing would continue to improve, and that ringers would ever keep before them the right spirit in which to do their work. He (the Master) had a very pleasant duty to perform. They saw before them on the table a very handsome present, and in their name, and in the name of other subscribers, numbering sixty in all, he had to ask Mr. J. C. Truss, of Marlow, to accept the gift of a handsome marble time-piece, suitably inscribed, as a token of their esteem and good wishes on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. Truss represented the third generation of bellringers, his father and grandfather having rung before him. Indeed, six of the eight bells at Marlow were at one time rung by members of the Truss family, and that, he thought, was a very remarkable record. He (the Master) had the pleasure of knowing and ringing with Mr. Truss's father. In regard to Mr. Truss, he could not do better than quote the words of the Vicar of Marlow, that he was "one of those men who knew not only how to keep himself right, but how to keep others right too." He had pleasure in asking Mr. Truss to accept this gift, wishing him and Mrs. Truss every happiness in their married state.

Mr. Truss suitably returned thanks for the gift, which, he said, he should always look upon as one of his greatest treasures.

The Guild Secretary, Mr. Hart-Davis, announced that the Guild festival would this year be held in Reading, on the 10th July. He also informed those present that in all probability the 1902 festival would take place at Marlow. As Secretary of the Guild he expressed his great pride in this flourishing branch, and hoped it would long continue to prosper.

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the Rev. H. H. Skrine for his sermon; to the organist and choir for their attendance at the service; to the Vicar of Great Marlow for the use of the church; and to the chairman for presiding, the meeting broke up.

Subsequently a number of the ringers again adjourned to the tower and rang several touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and other methods, and the bells were kept going until 8.30.

The handsome presented to Mr. J. C. Truss on his marriage contained the following inscription engraved on a plate:—"Presented to Mr. John C. Truss, of Great Marlow, Saturday, May 4th, 1901, by his many fellow ringers and friends with their hearty good wishes upon his marriage, as an acknowledgement of his courtesy and ability as a change-ringer."

MEN OF DEVON.

For many years it has been the ambition of several Devonshire ringers residing in London to accomplish a peal with a band composed entirely of Devonshire men, but hitherto there has been so many difficulties in the way, such as securing a tower and getting a band together, that this is the first opportunity they have had since the notable attempt at Putney some years ago, for as may be expected in such a case, to get eight men together, all born in the county, is not a very easy task (especially as there is so little method ringing done in Devon). But on hearing on Wednesday the 8th, that Mr. Ferris Shepherd, the well-known instructor to the Devonshire Guild, would be in London on the following Saturday, his energetic son, Mr. F. J. Shepherd, at once set to work to find the "Devonians," and it is mainly through his untiring effort, that a band was got together at so short a notice. For on Saturday, May the 11th, eight "Men of Devon" met at the church of St. Peter, Walworth, and a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but much to the regret of all, the bells had to be brought home when about half-way through, owing to the 3rd becoming unringable. The company were stationed as follows: R. French (Exeter), 1; S. H. Godfrey (Ottery St. Mary), 2; F. Shepherd, conductor (Exeter), 3; W. Shepherd (Exeter), 4; E. H. Oxenham (Bampton), 5; F. J. Shepherd (Exeter), 6; W. H. Webber (Plympton), 7; A. G. H. Newman (Dartmouth), 8. All being Devonshire men it is needless to say that they will not be beaten, for another attempt is to be made at the earliest opportunity.

E. H. O.

HANDSWORTH, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

CELEBRATION OF A VETERAN RINGER'S FIFTIETH YEAR OF SERVICE.

By the kindness of J. B. Clarke, Esq., J.P., the ringers at the parish church and a few friends were hospitably entertained at Endwood Court on Thursday, May 2nd. The event was to celebrate the fiftieth year of service of Mr. W. Verry (the Captain), as ringer at his parish church. The host and his family heartily welcomed the visitors, and a capital dinner was served, the exponents of the good old English practice of bell-ringing doing ample justice to good and substantial old English fare.

At the end of the repast Mr. Godden, who had been elected chairman, warmly thanked Mr. Clarke on his fellow-ringers, behalf for thus giving them such an opportunity of so happily celebrating the jubilee of their loved and honoured leader, and begged Mr. Clarke's acceptance from them of a neatly framed group portrait as a souvenir of the pleasing event.

Mr. Clarke thanked them for their gift, which he should always highly prize, and then proposed health and long life to Mr. Verry. Remarking on the number of years he had known Mr. Verry, and during which time he had learned to esteem him as a genuine specimen of an outspoken, honest Englishman, he started a fund of anecdote, added to by Mr. Verry in his reply. These anecdotes carried their hearers back over fifty years of the parish life of Handsworth. Many and curious tales were related by both, which were at all times interesting and often highly amusing.

Interspersed with the usual loyal and social toasts were capital songs by Master Clarke, and Messrs. Faux, Finemore, Workman, and T. Verry, while under the leadership of Mr. F. Banks, the handbell band gave varied and admirably arranged selections.

In the course of his reminiscences Mr. Verry mentioned one fact as to his line of conduct while tower-keeper, which might we think be generally copied with advantage. He had, he said, "always made a point of keeping well in touch with all the best ringers of the district."

In connection with the above a local paper has the following:

"There are few more familiar figures in Handsworth than that of Mr. W. Verry, of Church Vale, who for half a century has officiated as bellringer at the parish church of St. Mary's, and as principal ringer for several years. An event so unique in the history of Handsworth has naturally aroused no small amount of public interest, and Mr. J. B. Clarke, of Endwood Court, marked the occasion by entertaining Mr. Verry and his colleagues to supper at his residence on Thursday evening, May 2nd. That some fitting testimonial by the parishioners of St. Mary's and other friends will mark their appreciation of Mr. Verry's life-long services in the parish, will not lack initiative is evidenced by the interest already evinced in his jubilee. Mr. Verry first came to Handsworth in April 1851, taking up his residence in Villa Road, and well remembers the old watchman performing his duties by going his rounds every morning, and in stentorian tones reminding the slumbering inhabitants of peace-Handsworth—at that period a semi-pastoral locality—of the hour and the meteorological conditions prevailing. Being a churchman, the subject of this article soon obtained a post at St. Mary's as ringer, the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Murray), evincing a great interest in all matters connected with the fine old peal of bells. Many and varied are the transformations through which Handsworth has passed during the last fifty years. As with the township, so with the church, which has had four Rectors during Mr. Verry's connection with it, the Rev. G. W. Murray being succeeded by the Rev. H. R. Peel, nephew of the great statesman (and son of a former Dean of Worcester, to whom the present peal of bells in the Cathedral was placed as a testimonial) in 1860, as good a man, to use Mr. Verry's words, "as ever set foot on Handsworth soil," he having during his Rectorship manifested a great interest in the working classes of the district, and being ever zealous in seeking to ameliorate their condition. He established a working men's club and night classes for their social improvement, being assisted by the present Bishop of Lichfield, who at that period was his curate, and with whom Mr. Verry often debated subjects

of interest. Though having passed the allotted span, we trust Mr. Verry will long be spared to the congregation of which he has been an active member for so lengthy a period, and whose respect and esteem he has so well deserved."

A BELL WITH A HISTORY.

There hangs in the belfry of the little Christian church in the town of Savannah, in Andrew County, Mo., U.S.A., a bell which has a remarkable history. In 1852—forty-eight years ago—there occurred at Lexington the most disastrous accident which ever befel a steamboat on the Missouri river, and one attended with the greatest loss of human life. The Saluda, a sidewheel steamer, with a battery of two boilers, was on its way up the river with a cargo of general merchandise and its cabin and lower deck crowded with passengers, the most of whom were Mormons. The river was unusually high, and the current, as it came round the point just above the town, was extremely strong. Captain Francis T. Belt had made repeated attempts to stem the rapid current, but had as often failed. At last, after waiting several days for the flood to subside, he asked how many more pounds of steam it could stand. On being answered that it had already every pound that it could safely carry, he gave the command, "Fill it up, put on more steam," and remarked to the engineer, with an oath, that he would round the point or blow it up. He then retired to the hurricane roof, rang the bell, and gave the final command to "cast loose the lines." The bow of the boat turned gently out into the stream as it was caught by the current. The engines made but one revolution. Then came the terrible explosion—and all was chaos, darkness, and death. The number of those who lost their lives by the explosion was never known. About one hundred bodies were recovered, and it was supposed that there were as many more victims whose remains were never found. Nearly all the officers of the boat were killed. The bell which has just sounded the death knell of so many unfortunate ones, was blown high upon the bank, where it was found uninjured.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

On Sunday, May 5th, arrangements were made to go for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service. At the time appointed one of the band failed to put in an appearance, and being loth not to make an attempt, Joseph Page the steeple-keeper (who has been a change-ringer for a great number of years, but who has never been able to stand a quarter), was pressed into ringing, as he thought a 500. Unbeknown to him, a start was made for the quarter, and was successfully brought round after ringing forty-two mins. The band taking part was as follows: Harry Sayer, 1; Joseph Page, 2; Joseph Wyatt, 3; Henry Corbett, 4; William Cook, 5; Arthur Dean, 6; John Hoyle, 7; and Henry Price, 8. The touch was called by J. Hoyles, whose first quarter it was as conductor. Great credit is due to J. Page for being able to stand the length, and so not disappointing the other members.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Eliza Jones, of Spring Cottage, who passed away on a recent Tuesday morning after a short illness at the age of fifty-nine. The deceased was a most familiar person in the village, being the widow of the late Mr. Wm. Jones, who was for many years parish clerk, and since his decease, ten years ago, the duties have been faithfully discharged by Mrs. Jones herself. Her courtesy and kindly disposition will be greatly missed in the village by a large circle of friends. The deceased leaves one son and two daughters to mourn her loss, and for these the greatest sympathy is felt.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Eleventh Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, at the Midland Hotel (adjoining the Station), Derby, at 11.0 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on the same day at the same place.

The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and of All Saints (10) will be at the disposal of members and their friends from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

There will be a social gathering at 9 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, where Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

On Wednesday, May 29th, members and their ringing friends are invited by Sir Arthur Heywood to a garden party at Duffield Bank from 10.30 a.m. till 1, during which time the bells (10) of the parish church close by will be available, and the experimental railway will be shewn at work.

The train service is as follows:—

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AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
- 4.—To receive a Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
- 5.—To receive a Report from the Committee for the definition of a Legitimate Method.
- 6.—To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
- 7.—To receive any further Report of the Technical Terms Committee.
- 8.—To discuss the following motions:—

- (a) "That in the performance of a Peal of Triples any shift occurring among the bells shall be sufficient to mar the peal, unless it is immediately corrected by the conductor. And that on higher numbers of bells than seven any shift, or other error, that occurs, must be corrected, the bells restored to proper coursing order, and the striking steadied in less than ten changes from the moment at which the error becomes apparent, and, in any case, before the next course-end is reached, or the peal shall be deemed lost. Also that any firing which occurs in the course of ringing a peal shall be held to render the performance unworthy of record."

(In the event of a definite decision being arrived at by the Council on the points covered by this motion, a decision may be invited on the postponed motion of last year, viz.: "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.")

- (b) "That it is desirable to appoint a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (A) an Association, and (B) a Company of Ringers."

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

No contribution up to the present date has been received from the following Societies:—The Ely Diocesan Association, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Hertford County Association, and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The Hon. Secretaries or Treasurers of these Societies are earnestly requested to forward the contributions with all necessary information as to changes (if any) in Representation, to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, May 15th, 1901.

NORTHAMPTON.

At the meeting of the Town Council on a recent Monday, Councillor James Manfield gave notice of his intention to proposed "that Mr. Councillor James Barry be admitted an honorary freeman of the borough of Northampton in consideration of his long and eminent services to the borough." Should Mr. Barry accept the honour, he will be the second gentleman upon whom the freedom of the borough has been conferred, the other, of course, being the late Sir Philip Manfield. Councillor Barry was offered the high distinction at the time the late Sir Philip was honoured, but he then felt compelled to decline the greatest gift in the bestowal of his fellow-citizens. What Sir Philip Manfield was to the Liberal party, Councillor Barry is to the Conservative—their "Grand Old Man." He is the "father" of the Town Council, having sat almost continuously since 1866. He has twice been Mayor of the borough. Mr. Barry, by the way, is closely related to the deceased architect of the Houses of Parliament and to Bishop Barry. He is a staunch Churchman, and for many years Vicars' warden of the church of All Saints (the Town or Corporation church of Northampton). For a considerable period he has been an honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association, and has frequently been present at the annual meeting at Northampton.

WEDDING AT EALING.

THE MARRIAGE OF MR. W. W. STARMER.—The marriage of Mr. William Wooding Starmer, A.R.A.M., organist of St. Mark's, Tunbridge Wells, and formerly of Wellingborough, with the Hon. Frances Emily Frances Somerville, youngest daughter of the late Lord Athlumney of Somerville, Navan, Ireland, and Lady Athlumney, of "Fernet," Frant, took place on Easter Tuesday at St. Mary's, Ealing, the officiating clergymen being the Rev. Herbert Masters, M.A., of Groombridge, assisted by the Rev. E. Oliver, LL.D., Vicar of the parish, and the Rev. de Burgh. The service was fully choral, and Dr. A. H. Mann, the well-known organist of King's College, and the University of Cambridge—an old friend of the bridegroom's—presided at the organ, so that it is needless to say the musical portion of the service was adequate to the position of the bridegroom in the musical world. Bridesmaids were dispensed with owing to the desire that the marriage should take place quietly. The bride was given away by her brother, Lord Athlumney, who escorted her to the altar, while the bridegroom was attended by Mr. Percival Watkin in the capacity of best man. Mr. Starmer takes great interest in bells and bell-ringing, and has collected a considerable amount of information on the subject. He has on several occasions given most instructive lectures on the subject. The Wellingborough ringers (some of whom remember Mr. Starmer as a lad at Wellingborough Grammar School and afterwards as a pupil of Mr. E. Head, organist of the parish church) wish him every happiness.

ERRATUM.—For the word "peal" in the eleventh line of Mr. G. Williams's letter last week read "touch."

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."

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—I am very pleased to learn from Mr. Trollope's letter in your last issue that we may expect to be shortly reading the desired articles from his pen. I am sure that the doubt he expresses has no justification outside his own modesty.

As to the question he discusses I can only say I retain my own opinion unaffected by what Mr. Trollope says, which is undoubtedly true, about the prevalence of a loose use of technical terms. Granting all this, his theory about the origin of the term Tenor as applied to a bell still seems to me *prima facie* too improbable to accept. I wish clerical or other members of the Exercise having access to old Churchwardens' accounts would follow Mr. Papillon's example and see what they can find about the introduction of the terms treble and tenor in their own neighbourhoods, and let us know what they find. I am obliged to Mr. Trollope for his reference to the authority about the "bass" bell, which I hope shortly to consult.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I am sorry that having to undergo an operation has delayed my replying to your correspondents' interesting remarks on nomenclature. As to the definition in Grove's Dictionary of the Tenor (or "holding" bell) as "the bell upon which the ringers hold or rest," I hardly see the absurdity which others mention. It seems to me an attempt to express in the technical terms of music what we should call "marking the leads." Now do we not make this pause after the tenor because it is the distinguishing bell—the bell that "holds" the effect of the change in our perception and memory? Similarly the allusions to the tenor part in music have not been as definite as they might be. Was it not so called because it usually held the air, or distinguishing part of the music, by which the music is "held" in our perception and memory?

As for the 46s. for "laynge the neppells of the bells" at Writtle in 1588, the conjecture that it means fixing the shoulder bands is ingenious, but the shoulders hardly seem to have enough to do with such a job, as to make that the distinguishing word: moreover "laying the shoulders" could hardly mean fixing shoulder bands, I think. Is it not more probable that the "nipples" are what are now (with much less reason) called "canons;" and the job was laying the canons in the headstock, or, as we should say, "re-hanging the bells;" in which case the term might include almost anything short of recasting, or a new frame.

With regard to the "passing bell," I do not claim to prove such a universal negation as that it *never* was rung before the sick man's death, but that we have no evidence of such a universal custom as is generally assumed. While we have evidence of an attempt to introduce such a custom, which attempt seems to show that it was not then in use. The term "in extremis" (at the last moments) on which Mr. Daniell relies, would certainly be used popularly for just after death, as well as just before it. I believe it is also thus applied technically, but I cannot lay my hand on any liturgical authority just now. Perhaps Mr. Daniell would look it up. If such a custom ever obtained generally, how is it that it is so universally lost now?

H. DRAKE.

SIR,—Might not this interesting question be treated on a basis altogether wider, and the enquiry be made why the terms Treble and Tenor are applied to musical sounds at all? The application of the terms to bells might then be possibly explained. The term "Treble" is obviously long familiar, as Mr. Daniell's letter shows; and, without going into the matter, I imagine it rests upon the increased number of the vibrations caused by, or causing, a higher sound. The use of the term "Tenor" is less obvious. Perhaps the old music may help us after all. There the Plain Song, at first a simple melody, appears practically as Tenor, as soon as harmony is constructed about it; and, as the word itself signifies, is the musical path which determines the whole composition. There may be varying harmonies, accompanying one and the same Tenor.

As a musical fact, the Tenor notes do hold on longest, that is, make the most lasting impression on the ear. In a building constructed on acoustic principles, the fact that the Tenor note outlasts the other notes of the last chord sounded, is a test of the accuracy of the intonation. If any one, visiting the hollow stone spire of Chichester Cathedral, will sound the common chord boldly, he will be surprised at the beauty and richness of the resulting sound; but the Tenor note will hold its own against all others.

Cannot this be read into Bell language? It appears certain that the terms are applied to bells, at any rate, on musical grounds. It is fair to say that the Tenor marks the musical path of any and every combination of Bell sounds. No chiming or round-ringing would be pleasant or complete, did not the Tenor (no matter what its pitch) mark the movement, and conclude the series of sounds. If the Tenor covers, the same reason holds. If the Tenor is turned in, the whole series of sounds is built, if I am not mistaken, upon a path guided by the Tenor or Tenors, which are brought home at the important points that mark the progress of the composition.

A good illustration of the important part played by the Tenor or Tenors is seen in the fact (I believe it is a fact) that, if it is necessary, at any stage of a peal, to call the bells into rounds, the first step is to get the tenors together the right way, and upon that a methodical series of sounds can be arranged, which will bring the bells truly into rounds.

It appears from all this (and this also explains to my mind why the term "Bass" has been rarely, if ever, used of the lowest-toned bell), that the bell sounds are not regarded either as Harmony or as Melody in the strict technical sense, though partaking of both. They are rather an arrangement of sounds in which the progress of the music is marked by the regular recurrence of a certain sound, or certain sounds; and in which these sounds do bring the whole series of sounds to the only conclusion which satisfies the ear, and do give the last lingering impression. We are familiar with the expression: "the path of a bell," the Tenor is just the path of the ring of bells; and the same reason which at first suggested the use of the term Tenor in music generally, caused the term to be applied musically to that member of a ring of bells, which played practically the same part as the Tenor of Harmony.

F. G. HUME.

Oakley, May 13, 1901.

SIR,—The place in Norfolk which Mr. J. Armiger Trollope refers to is Catfield. In the list of weights of the five new bells cast by William Brend, of Norwich, in 1630, drawn up by Anthony Harrison, Rector at that date, the bells are called: "The base, the tenor, the contra-tenor, the meane, and the treble."

J. R. JERRAM.

The Close, Salisbury.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—In replying to Mr. Hoskins's letter in your last issue, I might mention that my views of consecutive and other places have been given in "THE BELL NEWS" previously, but I am quite willing to do my best to try and enlighten him as to what I term consecutive places. If first place is followed by second's place (as in Bob Major), or take any other possible positions (3-4; 5-6; or 7-8), in which *two bells* can be together in the same rows, these are to my mind rightly called consecutive places. A single bell may make places in consecutive order as in Bristol Surprise or Double Norwich, but in both instances *one bell only* is concerned in the place-making, and my definition for same is "*adjacent places*" in 3-4 or 4-5 as the case may be. The true consecutive places need only *two rows* (or changes) for completion, adjacent places require *four rows* to complete same. I trust this explanation will be sufficient to demonstrate my meaning in saying that Bristol Surprise contains no consecutive places.

GEORGE BAKER.

W. PAINTER'S PEALS.

SIR,—I see in last week's "BELL NEWS" a list of W. Painter's fifty peals. It should have read that all these have been rung on the tenor. I hope you will correct the oversight next week, as it is very misleading to change-ringers in other parts of the country.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1901.

HUNTON, KENT.

On Sunday afternoon, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. (eighteen bobs and two singles.) P. Hodgkin, D. Hodgkin, H. Brown, G. Hadaway, F. Sharp, F. Hodgkin. This is the first 720 on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They are a handy ring of six, tenor about 11½ cwt., and the "go" of them is all that can be desired. Great praise is due to the founders for the efficient manner in which they have carried out the work. Afterwards another 720 was rung (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 25 mins. J. Austin, P. Hodgkin, H. Brown, C. H. Sone, F. Sharp, F. Hodgkin. And another 720 (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 24 mins. F. Hodgkin, D. Hodgkin, C. Sone, G. Hadaway, F. Sharp, P. Hodgkin. The above were conducted by F. Sharp. P. Hodgkin hails from Headcorn; J. Austin from Maidstone; J. Hadaway belongs to Hunton; the rest to Marden.

The Provinces.**AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART.****Tenor 16½ cwt.**

WILLIAM RIMMER* Treble.	*A. LOVELL 5.
LAURENCE GARDNER† 2.	*WILLIAM TWIST 6.
JOHN GARDNER 3.	THOMAS JENKINSON 7.
CHARLES SHARPLES 4.	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS JENKINSON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Ringers of 5, 6 and tenor belong to St. John's, Tue Brook, Liverpool.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)***On Tuesday, April 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART.****Tenor 9½ cwt.**

JOHN H. HAYDOCK Treble.	ABRAHAM CLEGG 5.
ROBT. H. WOLSTENHOLME 2.	ARNOLD S. ROSTRON 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7.
ROBERT LEACH 4.	JOHN BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. HAYDOCK.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)***On Saturday, May 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.****Tenor 15 cwt.**

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	ARNOLD S. ROSTRON 5.
ROBERT LEACH 2.	WALTER TAYLOR 6.
SAMUEL LORD 3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 4.	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of R. Leach; and the wedding-day of J. H. Haydock.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, May 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION.****Tenor 19½ cwt.**

GEORGE HAYES Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 2.	WILLIAM MARTIN 6.
FREDERICK HAYES 3.	LOUIS SILVER 7.
FREDERICK RING 4.	WILLIAM HARPER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MOTTS, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.***On Thursday, May 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 10 cwt.**

ALBERT E. WARNES Treble.	W. L. DUFFIELD 4.
REV. R. W. PITT* 2.	HERBERT W. STANLEY 5.
ARTHUR E. FULLER 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. WARNES.

*First peal.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, May 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT ST. MARY'S OLD TOWER.****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;****IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.****Tenor 13 cwt.**

CYRIL HERBERT Treble.	SIDNEY AVIS 5.
ERNEST HERBERT 2.	WALTER SMITH 6.
DOUGLAS HARRIS 3.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER 7.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS 4.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

This is the first peal in this method in the county, and also by all the band.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, May 9, 1901, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES****Tenor 17 cwt.**

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

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.****Tenor 24 cwt. in E.**

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 5.
WALTER PERKINS 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	WILLIAM J. BARKER 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal in a Surprise method ever rung in Leicester. Messrs. Perkins hails from Finedon; Lilley, Barker and Clarke from Bedford, Hensher from Wellingborough; Houghton from Irthlingborough. The ringers herewith thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Donaldson, M.A., for the use of the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.****Tenor 10½ cwt.**

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
ERNEST BRUCE 2.	CHARLES GILES 6.
GEORGE L. BODDINGTON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES STONE* 4.	*GEORGE W. T. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****(THE RAUNDS ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)***On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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HENRY STUBBS Treble.	*FRANK KIRK 4.
FRED STUBBS* 2.	*WALTER GILBERT 5.
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Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

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KEITH HART 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This was the conductor's 150th peal.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

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Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD BRADSHAW.. .. Treble.	DANIEL PRESTON 4.
JAMES MORETON 2.	HENRY CORNWELL 5.
JOHN E. WHEELDON.. .. 3.	ISAAC MORETON.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MORETON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob by all except J. E. Wheelton and D. Preston, who hail from Norton-in-the-Moors and Bucknall respectively, and the first peal by J. Moreton as conductor, and was rung at the first attempt.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 3.	*EDWARD J. WEBB 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 4.	JOHN AUSTIN Tenor.

Composed by F. CLAYTON, and Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

*First peal of Major.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

*First peal of Major.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method rung in the city.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN W. ROBINSON Treble.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. Treble.	HENRY T. HOWELL 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	FRANK K. HOWELL 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
JAMES J. POOLE 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The ringers wish to tender their sincere thanks to the churchwardens for allowing them to use the bells, and also to the local ringers for getting everything in readiness.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	JAMES SMALL 5.
JOHN JAGGAR 2.	ALFRED JOYNER.. .. 6.
HARRY MILLS 3.	ERNEST BROWN.. .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL.. .. 4.	GEORGE HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BROWN.

This is E. Brown's first peal as conductor, and was rung as a compliment to him on his thirty-second birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 13, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 13½ cwt

JOSEPH BROOKES Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON.. .. 2.	ALFRED POTTER 6.
JOHN DENNER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
WILLIAM DENNER 4.	JOSEPH POTTER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

*Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Brookes, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM RIMMER Treble.	EDWARD CAUNCE 5.
JAMES MARSH* 2.	JAMES MARTIN 6.
LAURENCE GARDNER.. .. 3.	JOHN GARDNER 7.
THOMAS JENKINSON 4.	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS JENKINSON.

*First peal with a bob ball. The ringers of the 5th and 6th hail from Liverpool. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to the ringers of the 3rd.

**BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)**

On Monday, May 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

S. BREEZE Treble.	W. WILCOX 4.
E. BREEZE 2.	J. DILLON 5.
H. E. HOUGH 3.	J. CLIFFE Tenor.

The above peal was non-conducted, and was the first non-conducted peal by all the band, and first non-conducted peal by the Guild, and was rung at the first attempt.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, January 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Minor, consisting of 1901 changes, in 1 hour 10 mins. A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURLEY, LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Thursday, April 25th, a date touch of 1901 changes, consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 461 Bob Minor, in 1 hour 5 mins. Geo. Butler, 1; Arthur Roberts, 2; Frank Hullab, 3; Walter Whitaker, 4; Harry Lindsay, 5; John Whitaker (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, January 8th, by the local company at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 26 mins. J. A. Waite, W. J. Sevier, G. A. Smith, H. Mitchell, C. H. Browett, A. A. Waite (conductor). Also 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. A. Waite, A. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, H. Mitchell, C. H. Browett, W. J. Sevier (conductor). then the bells were fired, this was rung in honour of the Vicar's birthday, and Mr. A. A. Waite's wife's birthday. On Tuesday, January 15th, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs 2 singles, in 26 mins. A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 18 bobs 2 singles, in 26 mins. A. Howley, A. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, W. J. Sevier, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett. On Tuesday, January 22nd, the ringers were at the usual practice when there came a knocking at the belfry door. The bells were stopped and the door was opened, and in stepped the Vicar with the sad news of the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria. He wished the tenor bell to be rung as a death-knell for a short time, then the bells were half-muffled, and a 720 of Bob 18 bobs 2 singles, in 28 mins. A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett. On Sunday morning, January 27th, prior to Divine Service, the bells were rung half-muffled to 81 leads of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of 810 changes, to represent the number of years her late Majesty lived. A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), L. Robinson. On Saturday, February 2nd, the bells were rung muffled on both sides with the tenor open at back-stroke, a 360 Bob Minor, and seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. E. Bewick, J. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett. On Sunday morning, February 3rd, prior to Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor, 18 bobs, 2 singles, in 29 mins. A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, for evening service, was rung muffled. A. Howley, A. A. Waite, J. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett, L. Robinson. On Sunday morning, February 10th, prior to Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs 2 singles, in 2 1/2 minutes. A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. A. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. H. Browett. This was rung with the bells open.

SWINDON (Wiltshire).—On Easter Monday, April 8th, at Christ Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Penning's five-part, which came to grief owing to a mis-call, after having rung 4914 changes, in 2 hours 50 mins. L. Wilson, 1; T. Ricketts

(conductor), 2; A. Lawrence, 3; S. Hiller, 4; T. Robinson, 5; F. S. Wilson, 6; C. Gardiner, 7; J. L. Lewis, 8. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, who hails from Abergavenny, and was rung as a peal congratulation to him upon his engagement to Miss Maude M. Brown, fourth daughter of the late Mr. F. J. Brown, of "Thurlow," Swindon. Mr. S. Hillier hails from Devizes, and L. Wilson, from Wootton Bassett.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants.)—On Wednesday, May 8th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; Rev. H. Wheat, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Jones, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. W. Jones, 1; Rev. H. Wheat, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Singleton, 4; W. F. Churcher, 5; G. E. Chappell (conductor), 6. Also some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Merrett, 1; N. Welch, 2; W. T. Longford, 3; W. Jones, 4; W. Singleton (conductor), 5; H. J. Smith, 6. W. Cooper hails from Swanmore. The Rev. H. Wheat and W. Jones came over from Hursley. These were W. Jones's first 720s.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

POPLAR.—On Sunday, April 20th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. W. Weatherstone, 1; E. H. Nixon, 2; W. Foreman, 3; J. J. Lamb, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; F. H. Gooch, 8.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, April 27th, at the church of St. Saviour, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Taylor's Bob-and-Single, which came to grief after ringing 1 hour 4 mins. G. B. Lucas, jun., 1; J. H. Wilkins, 2; H. Bottrill, 3; C. S. Burdun, 4; F. Perrin, 5; R. Maynard, jun., (conductor), 6; F. Hull, 7; F. Butler, 8. The peal was to have been rung as a compliment to H. Bottrill on his 40th birthday.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday morning, May 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins, on the back eight of the ring of ten. W. R. Fyfe, 1; D. McKillop, 2; E. F. Price, 3; C. C. Ellis, 4; J. Honeyman, 5; R. Whitson, 6; W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor), 7; F. C. S. Ritchie, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.)—On February 17th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, 1; H. Sear (conductor), 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hodges, 7; V. Sear, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hodges (conductor), 7; H. Thurlow, 8. Also 97 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; H. Sear (conductor), 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hodges, 7; H. Thurlow, 8. On February 24th, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Lane, 1; H. Sear (conductor), 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hodges, 7; H. Thurlow, 8. Also 168 in the same method, standing as before. On March 3rd, 503 Grandsire Triples, by James George, Rugby. A. Crane, 1; H. Sear (conductor), 2; W. Sear, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hodges, 7; V. Sear, 8. On March 10th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, on the back six. A. N. Atkins, 1; V. Sear, 2; A. Crane, 3; W. Sear, 4; E. Marks, 5; H. Sear, 6; F. Hodges (conductor), 7; J. Atkins, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, May 11th, at "The King and Crown," 518 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, non-conducted. W. J. Barker, 1-2; W. Willson, 3-4; C. W. Clarke, 5-6; C. R. Lilley, 7-8. Also a touch of Stedman Triples. G. Cleal, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. Willson, 5-6; W. J. Barker, 7-8. Messrs. Barker, Lilley, and Clarke, hail from Bedford.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Easter Monday, at St. Alfege church, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. H. Flanders, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; W. Foreman, 4; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; F. H. Gooch, 8. On Sunday, April 21st, Haley's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Berry, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. J. Jeffries, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; F. H. Gooch, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Wednesday, April 24th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob, with 42 singles. G. Willis, 1; E. Dixon, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Waghorn, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. On Wednesday, May 1st, 720 Plain Bob, with 22 singles. G. Willis, 1; L. Woodworth, 2; H. Goodwin, 3; E. Waghorn, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6.

THE RUTLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OAKHAM (Rutlandshire).—On Saturday, April 27th, at the church of All Saints, a successful attempt was made to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten plain lead 6-scores, which was completed in 57 mins., and there was some excellent striking throughout. Great praise is due to the ringers, this being the first quarter-peal by members of the above. G. H. Towell, 1; T. G. Briggs, 2; F. C. Towell, 3; G. Welch, 4; E. Higgs (conductor), 5; T. Lewin, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALNWICK (Northumberland).—On Saturday, April 20th, for practice at the church of St. Paul, 252 Bob Triples. J. Eaglesham, 1; A. Hutchinson (first touch of Triples with a bob bell), 2; E. Ferry, 3; T. Appleby, 4; W. Beardall, 5; F. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman (conductor), 7; C. Grey, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. J. Eaglesham, 1; A. Hutchinson, 2; E. Ferry (conductor), 3; W. Beardall, 4; T. Appleby, 5; C. Grey, 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; F. Beardall, 8. First touch of Major by all except Ferry and Weightman. Also 672 Bob Major. J. W. Collier, 1; E. A. Weightman, 5; C. Grey, 6; T. Appleby, 7; F. Beardall, 8; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, 224 Bob Major. J. Eaglesham, 1; A. Hutchinson, 2; J. Collier, 3; W. Beardall, 4; C. Grey, 5; F. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; E. Ferry (conductor), 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Symonds, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; E. Kinsey, 3; T. Levitt, 4; J. Horrex, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court, standing as before. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single, 18 bobs 2 singles. E. Kinsey, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; T. Levitt, 3; J. Horrex, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Kinsey (conductor), 6.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Cooper, sen., 1; W. H. Jones, 2; W. Long, 3; W. Verry, 4; F. Workman, 5; W. Cooper, jun., 6; C. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Thornton, 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service, 1184 Double Norwich. J. Addleton, 1; T. J. Salter (conductor), 2; N. Davis, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; W. Page, 6; J. Pagett, 7; W. H. Smith, 8. On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, 1260 Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter, 1; N. Davis, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; J. Crane, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; W. Page (conductor), 6; W. H. Smith, 7; J. Pagett, 8.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Monday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Cooper, sen., 1; W. H. Jones, 2; T. Verry, 3; W. Long, 4; F. Workman, 5; W. Verry, 6; C. Williams (conductor), 7; F. Williams, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Verry, on his 73rd birthday.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, April 22nd, at the church of St. Andrew, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; A. Dubber, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; C. J. B. Cooke, 8. On Monday, April 29th, 433 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. Watson, 3; J. Coates, 4; A. Bramall, 5; A. J. Gillings, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. On Monday, April 30th, 588 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; F. Sear, 3; A. Dubber, 4; A. Bramall, 5; G. Smith (London), 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. This touch was for the safe return of the Volunteers from South Africa.

SUTTON (MACCLESFIELD).—On May 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Bennett, 1; H. Davenport (first 720 in the method), 2; E. Stamper, 3; J. Backhouse, 4; M. G. Bennett (conductor), 5; W. Longden, 6. All from Burbage with the exception of H. Davenport.

NOTICE.—After Whitsuntide, the touches now in arrear will be dealt with in a series of supplements to this paper.

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RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

Saturday, April 27th, was a great and exciting day amongst the population, especially the ladies, of the riverside town of Great Marlow-on-Thames, Mr. John Clark Truss, eldest son of the late John Clark Truss, of The Two Brewers inn, and Mr. Edward William Coster, also of this town, and members of the local belfry, took unto themselves partners, or in other words, recorded their nuptials on this eventful day. The ceremonies took place at the parish church, the Vicar, the Rev. H. O. F. Wittingstall, officiating. The first took place at 12 noon. Mr. E. W. Coster was attended by Mr. S. Arber as best man, the bride, Miss Laura Elizabeth Butcher, being attended by four bridesmaids. Everything went off satisfactory, as the wedding bells above rung them out to the method of Grandsire and Stedman. This was followed at 2 p.m. by Mr. John Clark Truss, being attended by Mr. Harold N. Davis, of Camberwell, as best man. The bride was Miss Henrietta Playsted, of Shepherds Bush, London. The bridesmaids were Miss Emma Truss and Miss Mary Jane Truss, sisters of the bridegroom, and Miss May Florine Freegard, cousin of the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her cousin Sergeant Brant, of the 17th Lancers, who was in full dress uniform, and who only recently returned from South Africa. After the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Brant, aunt of the bride, Ashton Villas, Wycombe Road, where a reception was held, prominent ringers contributing to the harmony, chief of which was "The Colonel," sung with great success by Mr. H. N. Davis, and a touch of Grandsire Triples in hand by T. H. Taffender, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; G. Martin, 5-6; H. N. Davis, 7-8. Conducted by T. H. Taffender. During the evening Miss Mary Truss and Miss May Freegard ably presided at the piano. Mr. Collins, in Chapel Street, through which the happy couple had to pass, fired salvos from the anvils in honour of the event. The church bells were rung during the day to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major by bands attending from neighbouring towers, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, being well represented. Throughout a very happy day was spent. Many handsome and useful presents were made, numbering over fifty, among them a superior oak liqueur cabinet, silver-mounted and furnished with decanters of cut glass. This gift came from London ringers and friends; as Grand Master of the ancient order of Trussionians he has many.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, May 4th, at the parish church, a wedding took place between Alfred Tomsett and Margaret Fanny Field, both of the parish of Lindfield. The Vicar and ringers of the church of which Mr. A. Tomsett has long been a member, took this opportunity to present him with a silver teapot in appreciation of his services as captain of the band. The ringers gave them a merry peal as they were leaving the church, including several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by H. Tomsett. The ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomsett to supper on Monday evening, when a sociable evening was spent with songs and handbell ringing, and the party broke up with singing Auld lang syne, and wishing the happy pair long life and happiness.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. W. Wakley writes:—

"Will you allow me to offer on behalf of the St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Society, a hearty welcome to any members of the Central Council, who may be in the neighbourhood of Burton-on-Trent on Whit-Sunday. The times of ringing for Divine Service are 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. A peal of London Surprise is arranged for Whit Monday, and should any visitors desire a touch or a peal in any method on the afternoon of Saturday, the 25th instant, we will do our best to meet their wishes if they will kindly write to me at their earliest convenience."

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23456 - -

This peal contains the full extent of the 6th each way. As a special feature it may be noted that the 6-5s and 5-6s are produced every four courses; the former in the first and the latter in the last portions of the peal respectively.

First rung with the bells deeply muffled, at the church of St. Stephen the Martyr, Bristol, by the Bristol St. Stephen's Guild branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on the occasion of the death of our late beloved Queen Victoria, and was conducted by Mr. W. A. Cave. It may be worthy of mention that that this was the first performance of many that were rung to mark the sorrowful occasion.

By JOHN H. BARRETT, *Bethnal Green, London.*

5056.

23456

42635 5

46235 6 s

62435 6

64235 6 s

26543 5

25643 6 s

62354 5

63254 6 s

32654 6

26354 6

23654 6 s

36254 6

23465 5

34265 6

42365 6

43265 6 s

32465 6

24365 6

25346 4-5

53246 6

32546 6

35246 6 s

52346 6

23546 6

Repeated.

Contains all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, without the 2nd there at course-ends.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

7392.

23456 I 4 6

65324 - -

23564 - -

35264 - -

52364 - -

63254 - -

Continued— I 4 6

32654 - -

56234 - *

62534 - *

25634 - *

53624 - -

26354 - -

Five times repeated. Single the third and last part-end. By omitting the three bobs marked * in the whole six parts the peal is reduced to 6048.

BOB MAJOR.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

5040.

23456 W M H

52436 -

35426 -

43652 - -

64235 - -

36245 -

43265 -

24536 - -

52643 - -

45623 -

64352 - -

56342 -

23564 - -

52364 -

35264 -

42356 - -

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right. First rung at St. Peter Mancroft, on the middle eight, on Thursday, June 8th, 1823, and was conducted by its composer.

By JOHN HOWES, *Kingston.*

5056.

23456 W B R

52436 -

35426 -

23564 - I -

52364 -

35264 -

26354 - -

32654 -

63254 -

25634 - -

25346 I -

32546 -

Three times repeated. Single for bob half-way and end.

Mr. Dench writes:—

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The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Bells available, Christ Church, St. Leonards (Warrior Square Station), 3 to 5; Christ Church, Blacklands (Hastings Station), 3 to 5; and 7 to 9. Tea will be provided in the school-room adjoining the church, at 5.30, at which the Vicar, Rev. Alfred Hodges, will preside, and all ringers and friends are cordially invited.
S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.
Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 4.30. Members and friends cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Middleton to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Meeting at 3.30 for unveiling of peal tablet by the Rev. H. J. Elisee, M.A., President.
JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.
48, Church Street, Middleton.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh, to-day, Saturday, May 18th.
W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, May 18th, at Almondsbury (8 bells). Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.
C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Oxenhope, near Keighley, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Rings of eight at Keighley and Denholme, and of six at Oxenhope and Haworth will be available. Tea in the school at five o'clock; business meeting to follow. Cheap return fares from Leeds and Bradford by Midland. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. C. A. Pawson, Fernhill, Oxenhope, Keighley, to whom notice for tea and other communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent.
B. T. COFLEY, Hon. Sec.
14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7.
W. CASS, Branch Sec.
83, Chesham Road, Bury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell to-day, Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Swan hotel at 6.30.
J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Oldbury, on Saturday, May 25th. Particulars next week.
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Shifnal, on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.
J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Alnwick, the peal of eight in St. Paul's tower being open for use of the members all day. Committee meeting at The Star hotel, 12 noon. Dinner at the same place at 1 p.m.; 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must advise the Secretary before May 22nd.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.
Wylam-on-Tyne.

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Ripon, on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Dinner (one shilling each) at The Black Bull hotel, Old Market Place, at 2.15; followed by annual business meeting at 3.15. Committee meeting same place, 1.45. Members intending to dine, kindly inform the Secretary by Tuesday, May 21st. Sharow tower (eight bells), about one mile out, open all day. Ripon Cathedral tower (ten bells), open 12 to 2, and again at 4.
REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The entrance fee for members elected previous to an attempt for a peal must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary within one month of such election, together with their full name and address and name of proposer and seconder, otherwise their election will not be confirmed, and the peal will not be recorded by the Association.
W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
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The Midland Counties' Association.—Loughborough District.—The local Hon. Secretary is now Mr. J. Hutchby, 11, Albert Street, Loughborough.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, May 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service in church at 5. Business meeting to follow.
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
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The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 28th, at Chelmsford. Service at St. Mary's church at 11.30. Preacher—Rev. P. M. Wathen, Vicar of Barking. Meeting at the Vestry Hall, 12.15. Dinner (price 1s. to members who give notice) at the Boys' School, at 2 p.m. Those who wish to dine should give notice to me not later than May 23rd. Towers open for ringing (except during service and meeting)—Chelmsford (10), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Boreham (6), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6).
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Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Northampton, on Whit-Monday. Usual arrangements as for several years past. Further particulars next week.
E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.
Wellingborough.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—A six-bell contest for the Association silver cup, will take place at Wingfield, near Clay Cross, on Whit-Tuesday at 1.30.
E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.
18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Cheltenham, on Saturday, June 1st, to discuss the question of holding the annual meeting triennially instead of alternately as at present. Cirencester being the centre suggested. St. Mary's (10 bells) open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.
F. G. MAY, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at Chatham. Application for dinner tickets to be made to
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CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. W. Chandler has removed to 76, Fortune Gate Road, Harlesden, N.W.—Mr. William Story has removed to The Mount, Causey Hill, Hexham.

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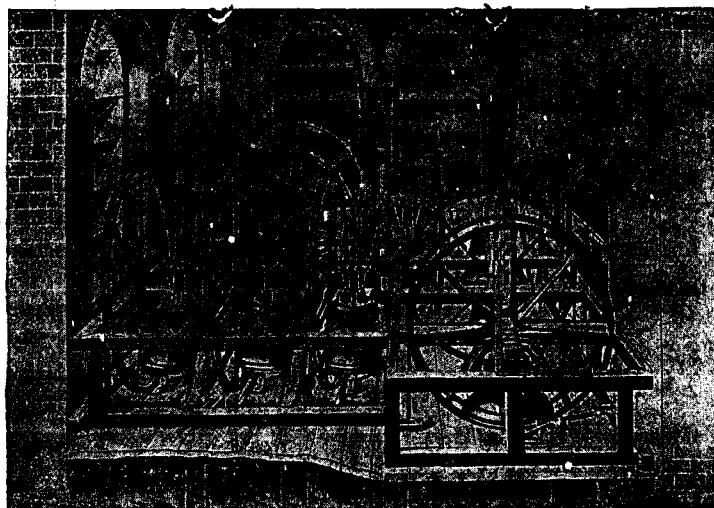
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MEETING AT OXENHOPE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

It was amid delightful weather last Saturday when for another time I left my humble domicile to join with the Yorkshire Association at one of its general meetings. Airedale, with its ever-varying scenery, surely looked its best, as we spun along past the curve at Shipley; past its church with the fine square tower on the hill top; past well-known Saltaire, with its magnificent factory surrounded by equally magnificent scenery; then past quaint old Bingley with its venerable parish church in the hollow near to the banks of the river which has given the name to this valley—or dale—of which West Yorkshire-men are justly proud. Then another few miles of like surroundings, till the busy town of Keighley is reached, where bustle and a mild sort of excitement prevailed. Before we had time to think, however, a change had to be made from the train which had brought us thus far, and which was continuing its journey still further north, into another on the adjoining platform, which was to complete our tour up the smaller but almost equally well-known Worth valley. Here the scene changes somewhat. From the flat, low lying grounds through which we have passed, we find ourselves in a deep valley, with high ranging hills on either side stretching far into the distance. Here and there are houses and farmsteads high up in the air—at almost mountainous heights—while in the bottom of the valley nursing the little stream are industrial concerns, which somehow seem to make a strange admixture of agriculture and manufacture elbowing each other in the battle of life. Ingrow, with its pretty though rather fragile church, is soon passed. Then we pull up at miniature wayside station—hut I was about to describe it—bearing the euphonious name of Damems. This is quite a primitive sort of concern, and evidently affords no end of “chaff” to the good folks as they pass that way. The station master there is said to be the embodiment of a whole railway depot in himself—from the manager to the luggage porter—he performs the whole duties single-handed; so, I doubt not, he will be both a valuable and valued official of the great Midland Railway system. Indeed, I was solemnly informed, so careful is he of his wooden building that is dignified by the name of “station” that on the approach of a heavy shower he moves his business habitat into a place of shelter so that it won't get wet. But this, my dear reader, you must take *cum grano salis*; and I imagine, with a very big “grano” too. It is also a current tradition—at least so I was told—that once upon a time a waggoner was sent to this same Damems to bring away a watchman's hut, but discovering no other erection in the vicinity bearing this description, he was actually caught in the act of loading the “station” on his waggon, when his nefarious intentions were frustrated by the irate “traffic manager.” This also “*cum grano*.” But I am digressing. Soon Oakworth is passed, then Haworth comes in sight, redolent

with and inseparable from recollections of the Bronte family. Here we would—many of us—have liked to alight and trod the streets once trod by those talented sisters; but time was precious, tempus “fugitted” quicker than our desires; the iron horse was inexorable, and thus in a few moments we were close to the buffers which terminated our journey. So we emerged from Oxenhope station—with hills to the front of us—hills on each side of us—hills to the rear of us in rugged grandeur, making us feel our human insignificance as compared with those mighty monuments of the hand of God.

It was not a long walk up the hillside to the church, where the bells were ringing sweetly in the low broad tower, which in height reached but a short stage above the nave roof. A stroll round this church was peculiarly interesting. Though erected only some half a century ago, it presented every appearance of a very ancient pile. Its circular headed windows were small, and each filled in with one single piece of glass, so clean, indeed, that one might well have imagined them to be simply open spaces. Inside, the church, though somewhat dark, is fittingly and reverently appointed. From the altar at the one end, with its proper—almost elaborate furnishing—to the west end, with its vestry and belfry dividing the twenty-two square feet occupied by the tower, all bore evidence of loving care that all should be “decent and in order.” It did one good to find in this out-of-the-way place on the moors that proper attention to ritual, which is, unfortunately, too often conspicuous by its absence even in our more favourably situated city churches.

Here I must perforce cease my ruminations, else our Editor will be pointing the warning finger to “exigences of space,” and so forth; so I will get to the serious business of the day.

A short distance below the church I found the meeting room and offices of the Urban Council. This room had been very kindly placed at the service of the Association Committee, who at the time of my arrival were busily engaged in official work, which included the admission of twenty-seven new ringing members, and the Rev. W. Gell, Vicar of Pontefract, as a honorary member.

At five o'clock we were assembled in the spacious schoolroom, where quite a large number of ladies were busily arranging for tea. Quickly seats were occupied, grace sung, and everyone busily engaged doing justice to a real good and substantial Yorkshire tea. This, like all other good things, had a termination: when notwithstanding the pessimistical prophecies, it was found that the attendance was so large as to necessitate a second “sitting down.” While this was proceeding a box of fine-toned handbells was brought into the school yard, where to the delight of both visitors and a goodly number of Oxenhope folk several courses were rung in good style.

On assembling for the business meeting there was a large muster, which was doubtless much pleasing to the officers, in view of the many attractions—natural and campanological—outside.

Mr. W. Snowdon, President, occupied the chair, who

was supported by the Rev. W. A. Gunyon, M.A., Vicar, Mr. Dunderdale, churchwarden, Mr. Wilkinson Whitham, donor of the bells, and several officers and committeemen. The chairman commenced the business by reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted; after which he referred in regretful terms to the accident which had befallen Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rew, of Sheffield. He also apologised for the absence of the Keighley members, who were that afternoon on duty in their own tower welcoming home the Volunteers from South Africa, a statement which was greeted with much applause. He also announced the election of twenty-seven new ringing members, and a clerical honorary member in the person of the Rev. W. Gell, Vicar of Pontefract.

There being no formal invitations forthcoming for the place of next meeting, the selection was left with the Committee, according to rule.

Mr. Snowdon then proposed, and Mr. George Bolland (Tong) seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Revs. W. A. Gunyon, Vicar of Oxenhope, H. J. Palmer, Vicar of Keighley, A. Brown, Vicar of Denholme, and T. W. Story, Vicar of Haworth, and the churchwardens for the use of their bells; also specially to the Vicar and wardens of Oxenhope for the use of the school. This was carried amid loud cheers.

The Rev. W. A. Gunyon, in responding, assured the visitors that the pleasure of that visit had been by no means one-sided. Indeed on their own part it was mingled with a bit of pride that the Association had that day met at the home of its youngest child. They took it also as a compliment that a six-bell tower had been selected, this being only the second time in the history of the Association (the previous instance being Tong in 1881). He paid tribute to their own ringers at home for the zeal and perseverance which they had shewn; he was gratified that they had identified themselves with a society which had worked so much good. He trusted they might have another visit to Oxenhope at no distant date, assuring them of a hearty welcome all round, adding that the Local Board had been pleased to place their room at the use of the committee, and would be equally pleased on any future occasion. He concluded a warm-hearted speech by sincerely wishing God-speed to the Association.

Mr. Dunderdale responded for the churchwardens in a vigorous speech. No one, he said, derived more pleasure from the sound of the bells. That was to him the sweetest music. Ringers, he urged earnestly, should ever remember what a great audience was theirs when engaged in their work. This should incite them to acquire the fullest proficiency in their Art, and devote to it their best abilities. Ringing entered into every phase of life; it was with them in all seasons; whether in joy or in sorrow; or in the regular work of calling the people to the house of God. Let the ringers, therefore, live up to their high calling, and while they summoned others Sunday after Sunday, not neglect those means of grace to which it was their privilege to invite others.

The chairman briefly moved an expression of appreciation to Mr. Whittam for his generosity in adding another ring to those of the county.

Mr. B. T. Copley, Hon. Secretary, seconded this motion, expressing the hope that some time not far away two other inmates would be occupying the tower, making a fine ring of eight.

Mr. Whittam, who was most heartily cheered on rising to acknowledge the vote, responded in a thorough and humorous fashion. He was not, he remarked, an Oxenhope man, though he had lived there some twenty-five years. His native place was Haworth, and could proudly boast that he had the pleasure of close intimacy with the Bronte family. He laughingly remarked that when, some time ago he promised to honour his seventieth birthday with the present of a peal of bells, the people of Oxenhope were impatient, and wanted him to get along quicker with his birthdays. He heartily welcomed the Association, and expressed the pleasure it had been to him to listen to the excellent ringing that day.

Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell) moved, and Mr. C. Jackson (Hull) seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Oxenhope branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies who had so well served tea.

This was acknowledged by Mr. Harland on behalf of the branch, and by Mr. Pawson, on behalf of the ladies.

The Vicar followed with a few supplementary remarks, observing that the visit had a special interest to them, as it occurred on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells; and concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the president. This was seconded by Mr. George Bolland (Tong), and briefly responded to by Mr. Snowdon, which concluded the business.

The bells were ringing merrily as we left school, and leisurely sauntered along the country road, enjoying pleasant chats with one and another till return train time, which came much too soon, as we most of us would fain have lingered till a later hour amongst the good folk of Oxenhope, who had made us so thoroughly welcome and happy on this—to most of us—our first visit to Oxenhope.

I should add that the bells in the tower—the generous gift of Mr. Whitham—are a sweet-toned ring of six from the foundry of Messrs. Shaw, Son and Co., of Bradford. They are in excellent condition for ringing, and altogether a most creditable production of that well-known firm of bellfounders.

RE-OPENING OF MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

The sunniest of sunny weather, says *The Macclesfield Courier*, favoured the re-opening of St. Michael's church on Wednesday, April 24th, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Jayne). The sky was bright, the air was clear, and the town itself presented a gay holiday appearance. Flags and banners were very liberally displayed, whilst a new Union Jack floated proudly from the flagstaff on the restored church tower. The re-opening ceremony was a morning one, and the market place and adjacent streets were early filled with sightseers who passed about viewing and admiring the handsome edifice, which stood bathed in the brilliant sunlight, making up a brilliant picture. Holders of subscribers' tickets were admitted to the church by the side gate opposite the police office and by the south door of the church from 9.15 to 10.30 a.m., and although the ceremony itself did not take place till about 11 o'clock, ladies and gentlemen were arriving in large numbers by half-past nine. The gentlemen intending to take part in the procession, viz., the choir, the clergy, the Mayor and members of the Corporation, the magistrates, the members of the Restoration Consultative Committee and the Freemasons, assembled at the Town Hall.

Among the clergy who accepted the invitation to be present were the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Jayne), the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Ryle), the Venerable Archdeacon Woosnam, Rev. Canon Bell (Rector of Alderley), Rev. Canon Aperton (Chester), Rev. Canon Webb (Crewe), Rev. Canon A. P. Holme (Northwich), Rev. Canon Uperton (Chester) and many other clergy.

The Mayor was present, wearing his robes of office and gold chain, and the Town Clerk, Mr. W. F. Taylor, in his new wig and gown. Several other members of the Corporation were also in attendance, besides county and borough magistrates, and members of the restoration committee.

At about a quarter to eleven the procession moved from the Town Hall, and took a circular route through the Market Place—between large crowds of interested spectators who had assembled to witness it—to the entrance gates, and then proceeded to the west door of the nave.

As the procession moved from the Town Hall the church bells, which had been ringing out a merry peal, were stopped, and the 22nd Psalm, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord," was beautifully chanted to Wesley in E.

After the consecration the Bishop of Chester preached an appropriate sermon.

A luncheon at the drill hall followed, and many speeches by distinguished laymen, which we are unable to publish. *The Macclesfield Courier*, an excellent local newspaper, has a special large supplement dealing very exhaustively with the event. The tower has been restored, and our Macclesfield friends are in ecstasies about their ring of ten bells. Mr. Walsley informs us "that the local company will have an open day, and invite all ringing friends, and probably provide them with a good tea free in the course of a few weeks, of which we shall give two clear weeks' notice in this paper."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at North Elmham, on Wednesday, May 8th. About thirty members attended, including the Rev. H. Townsend, the recently-appointed Vicar of the parish, who presided at the dinner. The only District Secretaries present were Mr. F. R. Borrett, of Pulham, and Mr. George Moy, of Aylsham, the following towers being also represented: Diss, North Elmham, East Dereham, Besthorpe, Hethersett, Fakenham and Wells. The dinner took place at The King's Head at 1.30, the Vicar in the chair, supported by the Hon. Secretary, one of the churchwardens being also present. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the chairman, in proposing that of "The Association," expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the Society to North Elmham, and referred to the fact of his having recently joined the Association as an Hon. Member as a good reason for wishing it all success and prosperity, independently of the good work he was sure it was doing, and which entitled it to cordial support. He understood that it was fifteen years since the Society last held a meeting in Elmham; but he hoped it would not be so long as that before they met there again.

The Hon. Secretary replied, thanking the Chairman for the way in which he had proposed the toast, and also for his presence at the dinner. It was always a matter of gratification to the members of the Association when the clergy attached to the towers they visited would come among them and take an interest in their proceedings. On behalf of those attending the meeting he wished to thank Mr. Townsend and his churchwarden not only for joining them at dinner, but also for the use of the church bells during the day. Referring to the affairs of the Association, he was afraid from the small number of names sent in for election during the current year that they must look for a considerable reduction in their numbers at the close of it; and it behoved all present to do what they could in their respective localities to enlist new members, and to bring other towers into union, which had hitherto held aloof from the Association. Mentioning the change of policy on behalf of the Great Eastern Railway Company, he said there were already indications that it would to a certain extent affect the fortunes of the Association, one or two companies having avowedly withdrawn on that account; though it was curious that they should be companies, the members of which had but seldom attended meetings in the past, when the travelling conditions were more favourable. Some modification of the present system of holding meetings would probably have to be made; and a proposal would be submitted at the annual meeting to limit the general meetings to the annual and one other, and to empower the District Secretaries to hold one district meeting in the year; a share of the expenses of which should be borne by the funds of the Association. The new Report just issued would show that the peal record for the past year was very satisfactory; the attention shewn to the higher methods being much more considerable than it was wont to be formerly. This was good evidence of progress being made in the Art. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Vicar," who briefly responded. Two life members, one performing member, and six probationers were admitted.

NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

The District Council of Newton-in-Makerfield have just accepted the tender of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, for a large chiming clock with four dials for Newton-le-Willows Church. The clock will be fitted with all the latest improvements, and generally made to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. Messrs. John Smith and Sons have recently put up a large chime clock with four dials at Reading Co-operative stores, and they are now making a very large clock for Beverley Minster.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The twelve bells from this noted belfry have been taken down, and are now at Messrs. Taylor's at Loughborough. They are to be tuned and re-hung on an iron frame sometime about the end of the summer.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE.

On Friday evening, April 12th, the members of the above society were entertained by J. E. Jones, Esq., and several members of the congregation to supper, which took place at The Talbot hotel. It was served in the room which contains some very fine specimens of oak carving, and was formerly used as a private chapel, and is known as the Foley Chapel. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Sherrard) occupied the chair, C. W. Wyndham, Esq., Vicar's warden, was in the vice-chair; there were also present the Rev. G. E. Catlin (curate), J. Hopley, Esq., people's warden, J. E. Jones (ex-warden), J. T. Hambrey, and Mr. A. Dallow. After a substantial supper, served up in capital style, the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to. The Vicar referred to the object of their gathering that evening. It was to show how much they appreciated the services of their ringers. He spoke of the great improvement they were making, and how helpful to himself and wardens were in their services to the church, and as recent events had shown they were always willing to give their services to the church and town, and give expression to their feelings in time of joy and sorrow.

Mr. G. H. Pagett responded on behalf of the ringers, and said they appreciated very much the kindness of Mr. Jones, and those gentlemen who had so generously arranged and provided such a splendid evening's entertainment. I afforded them much pleasure at the marked interest that was now being taken in them, this being the first time they had been entertained by the church authorities. He thought they had commenced the new century very well, and trusted they would always be able to command and enjoy a continuance of their kindness and interest for many years to come.

During the evening songs were given by Messrs. Bird, Hambrey, Pagett and Wood; tunes on the handbells and a course of Bob Triples; selections on the gramophone, a special treat being afforded by the recitations "The seven ages of man," and "Wolsey's advice to Cromwell," rendered by Mr. Jones in his well-known style. The usual votes of thanks to the Chairman and vice-Chairman were given and responded to, which brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close, with the promise of the event being made an annual one.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Almondsbury, on Saturday, May 18th, when about fifteen members were present. Service was held at 4.30 p.m., conducted the Rev. G. R. Wood, M.A. Tea was provided at the Institute, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. H. C. Courtney. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Colerne. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the bells.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

At Stroud parish church there are ten beautiful bells, on an iron frame, which go easy. Ringing practice is regularly kept up on Tuesday evenings at 7.30, p.m., on the ring of ten, and also on the ring of eight bells. Ringers from belfries around Stroud often come in, and are invited to take part in the practice. Everything at this belfry is kept in thorough going order—and ringing takes place on all church and other festivals of note—and on Sundays ringing and chiming.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Friday last the Norton ringers and choir men had their annual dinner at The Bagshaw Arms. Twenty-six sat down to an excellent spread. After dinner the choir-master (Mr. Atkins) presided. A good programme of songs and recitations was gone through, Messrs. Dixon, Sarel and Brother Bugar's gave a selection of tunes on the handbells, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Eleventh Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, at the Midland Hotel (adjoining the Station), Derby, at 11.0 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on the same day at the same place.

The bells of St. Andrew's (8) and of All Saints (10) will be at the disposal of members and their friends from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

There will be a social gathering at 9 p.m. at the Midland Hotel, where Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

On Wednesday, May 29th, members and their ringing friends are invited by Sir Arthur Heywood to a garden party at Duffield Bank from 10.30 a.m. till 1, during which time the bells (10) of the parish church close by will be available, and the experimental railway will be shewn at work.

The train service is as follows:—

Derby (dep.)	... 9.45.	10.30.	11.5.
Duffield (arr.)	... 9.57.	10.41.	11.17.
Duffield (dep.)	... 12.52.	1.11.	1.28.
Derby (arr.)	... 1.2.	1.22.	1.41.

The Midland Hotel provides excellent accommodation for visitors. Those who prefer a smaller hotel or lodgings, are requested to communicate with Mr. A. E. Thompson, 52, Silverhill Road, Derby, local Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who will give every information.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last meeting.
- 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
- 4.—To receive a Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
- 5.—To receive a Report from the Committee for the definition of a Legitimate Method.
- 6.—To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
- 7.—To receive any further Report of the Technical Terms Committee.
- 8.—To discuss the following motions:—

- (a) "That in the performance of a Peal of Triples any shift occurring among the bells shall be sufficient to mar the peal, unless it is immediately corrected by the conductor. And that on higher numbers of bells than seven any shift, or other error, that occurs, must be corrected, the bells restored to proper coursing order, and the striking steadied in less than ten changes from the moment at which the error becomes apparent, and, in any case, before the next course-end is reached, or the peal shall be deemed lost. Also that any firing which occurs in the course of ringing a peal shall be held to render the performance unworthy of record."

(In the event of a definite decision being arrived at by the Council on the points covered by this motion, a decision may be invited on the postponed motion of last year, viz.: "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.")

- (b) "That it is desirable to appoint a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (A) an Association, and (B) a Company of Ringers."

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

No contribution up to the present date has been received from the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The Hon. Secretary or Treasurer of this Association is earnestly requested to forward the contributions with all necessary information as to changes (if any) in Representation, to the Hon. Secretary of the Council without further delay.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, May 22nd, 1901.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to form a Collection of Peals beg to report that the object in view has been so far accomplished, that a very large number of compositions in various methods have been gathered together by the untiring and self-denying industry of the appointed collectors, for whose invaluable assistance in collecting, classifying and arranging so great a mass of material, the Committee, the Council, and indeed the whole Exercise cannot be too grateful.

So great a task has necessarily taken a long time to accomplish; and it cannot be said that it is even now completed; as there must still be many compositions in existence which have not reached the hands of the collectors. But enough has been done to enable the Committee to prepare a second Appendix containing a selection of the best and most interesting compositions in each of the methods that have been dealt with. The committee, therefore, await the instructions of the Council as to the preparation and printing of such a selection.

The work accomplished so far by the collectors will be best appreciated by an enumeration of the compositions that have passed through their hands:—

METHOD.	NUMBER OF COMPOSITIONS.
Superlative Surprise	134
New Cambridge	2
London	75
New Cumberland	11
Treble Bob Maximus	81
" Royal	302
" Major	459
Double Norwich Maximus	9
" Royal	12
" Major	128
(and twice as many more in the hands of the Collector)	
Double Oxford	27
Duffield Maximus	1
" Royal	3
" Major	4
Bob Major	(No return, at present, from the Collector; but a large number of compositions known to be in his hands.)
Stedman Cinques	5
" Caters	139
" Triples	4
Grandsire Triples	28
Other Methods of Triples	95

Compositions in Grandsire Cinques and Caters still remain to be taken in hand: and since all the best modern peals of Stedman Triples may be looked for in the forthcoming Treatise on that Method, it is deemed unnecessary to add them to this collection.

It will be recognised that the possession of so large and varied an assortment of compositions will prove a valuable aid to the Council in checking reproduction and disputes about authorship; and it would be well if in future composers would submit their compositions to the Committee for purposes of comparison before publication.

The work of collecting fresh compositions should still go on and it is hoped that the collectors will continue their useful work in the comparatively easy form of booking fresh compositions if true, as they appear, or are sent in by composers.

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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."

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—With respect to Mr. Drake's last paragraph in your last issue, if he will indicate what authorities are likely to be helpful I will endeavour to consult them at the British Museum. I do not know enough about liturgiology to start investigation without such assistance.

Mr. Hume's letter contains much of interest and one statement which seems to me to specially illuminate this subject. I refer to his second paragraph, where he tells us that tenor notes make the most lasting impression. That being so, the fact appears to me to supply an explanation both simple and satisfactory. You have the term treble introduced first, for reasons which are obvious enough, and then some considerable time later, the term tenor. Having introduced one musical term it was most natural to introduce another, and if the tenor voice is of a quality which among voices makes the most lasting impression on the ear, as Mr. Hume says it does, then, having already given to one bell a name applicable to a quality of human voice, it was natural when men wished to name the one whose sound makes the most lasting impression, to name it after the voice that does likewise. No one has suggested that the word treble was borrowed for any other reason than to express a particular kind of sound, and why should tenor have been borrowed for any other reason? The theory favoured by Mr. Trollope seems to me wholly inconsistent with the fact of the term tenor being later than treble in its application to bells, and with the date of its first use in this connection so far as we yet know. Equally, I think, Mr. Hume's statements about the path of the tenor are wide of the mark. The term tenor was applied before anything worth calling composition was done, as anyone can see for himself by looking at the *Tintinnalogia*. For myself, I am much obliged to Mr. Hume for supplying me with a simple and rational explanation which I am able to accept. R. A. DANIELL.

"LAYNGE THE NEPPLES."

SIR,—I think the term "laynge the nepples" means forging up the gudgeons when they are worn oval. To "lay" is a common expression in blacksmith's work. We talk of "laying" the arm of a cart axle, which means welding a piece on to it when worn. This operation was mostly performed, in the case of bell gudgeons which were worn oval, by splitting the nipple (or turned part which works in the brass), and inserting a wedge-shaped piece in the slit, and then hammering the whole together at a welding heat. I may add that gudgeons so treated have sometimes been known to snap off at the neck.

J. R. JERRAM.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of February 2nd there was a peal rung by the St. Stephen's Guild at Bristol; also in your issue of February 9th, a peal at Crawley, Sussex, rung by the Crawley branch. Both these peals were rung on January 23rd, in honour of Queen Victoria's death. Would both Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. J. Rice, who conducted these peals respectively, kindly favour by letting me know at what time these peals were commenced on that day. By so doing they will greatly oblige, and I will also acknowledge their letters. J. J. POWERS.

P.S.—I should like to also state that all ringers when passing through Hatfield, Herts., on Sunday or Tuesday (which is practice night) will be made welcome for a pull at any time on our ring of eight.

PROPOSED NEW BELLS AT GARVESTON, NORFOLK.

SIR,—My friend and Rural Dean, the Rev. W. Cowper Johnson, and I did not see your issue of May 4th with its kind "Practical Suggestion" from "Norvic" until too late to communicate with you in time for your last week's journal. "Norvic" has a little misunderstood the matter; thus—the present two bells B flat and C in the key of F have just been rehung in entirely new framework, this being a part of the first stage in the much needed restoration of the church; this first stage has consisted of the complete restoration of the fine

tower, with the two bells and their framework, the chancel, the heating and lighting, the drainage and gutter work, with temporary repairs to the nave roof, costing altogether nearly £600, all of which has been collected, and the work done in the last eighteen months. In our next step, in the bells, we aimed first at getting the present fine old cracked bell recast into two, and the framework for those two, with the purpose and hope of adding yet two more with their framework later on, because £100 is a large sum to get together in our hard-working poor community, and with our small power and great need. A fifth bell, as "Norvic" suggests, would necessitate about £40 more; my dear brother-workers here with me, love the two bells, yearn for two more, and for yet other two as soon as it shall please God to enable us to get the necessary funds. Our bells fund is now up to just £20; we are praying and working and doing our utmost. And very gladly will we aim at the five bells and the £140 needed, with the full purpose of adding, at least, the sixth. Indeed, I myself will go further still by promising that if, by Easter Day, 1902, this £140 required be supplied for the Bells Fund, I will then add the sixth top bell with its framework at my own cost, gratefully and gladly as a thankoffering and a memorial to dear ones gone forward. A. J. ALPE.

Garveston Rectory, Attleborough, R.S.O., Norfolk.

SIR,—I trust that this reply now made by Mr. Alpe to Norvic's "practical system" in your issue of May 4, will enlist the warmest sympathies, and this most practical expression of the same on the part of all bell lovers, who can help in this good work.

W. COWPER JOHNSON.

Rural Dean of Hingham, Mitford Division.

Subscriptions to the Garveston Bells Fund may be sent either to Mr. Alpe or to myself.

THE RECENT THREE SURPRISE PEALS, ETC.

SIR,—Will you kindly through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" tender the thanks of the St. Stephen's band to all those friends from whom congratulations have been received re the three Surprise peals in one day. The peal of Cambridge reported this week was rung at the third attempt, and the striking (to use Mr. Baron's words), was almost perfect.

JOHN N. OXBORROW.

ELUCIDATIONS BY MR. LINDOFF.

SIR,—The peal of Superlative by Mr. Gofton was included in the collection for the Appendix, as also were the two peals of Double Norwich Royal by Mr. Dench, either in that method or Bob Royal. Regarding the 5184 Treble Bob claimed by Mr. Dains, I am sorry that I intruded on his compositions. As he has a prior claim, I of course withdraw. G. LINDOFF.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, May 12th, the annual sermons to celebrate the Sunday School Anniversary took place in the parish Church of St. Mary—at which the children attended, marching in procession from the schools at each service. At 6.45 in the morning for early Communion the bells were rung, also at 10 a.m. for morning service, several touches in various methods being rung. At 2.30 for the afternoon service, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples had unfortunately to be given up a few changes from home, owing to the time limit, the ringers being stopped while the processional hymn was being sung. The ringers were: John R. Pritchard, J. H. Ridyard, P. Derbyshire, J. Barratt, J. Baguley, F. Derbyshire, R. Ridyard (conductor), and A. Trippier. In the evening at 6 p.m., and again at 8 p.m., various touches were rung by J. R. Pritchard, J. Barratt, T. Grattan, M. Oldfield, H. Trippier, A. Trippier, W. Pyle, H. Croft and R. Ridyard.

The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. Canon Hicks of St. Philip's, Salford, and the afternoon and evening sermons by the Rev. F. Daustini Cremer, Vicar of Eccles.

On Monday evening an attempt for a peal of Grand sire Triples was made, which came to grief after about 43 mins. ringing and was abandoned owing to being too late to start again. M. Oldfield, F. Smith, W. Pyle, P. Derbyshire, C. Cash, A. May, R. Ridyard (conductor), A. Trippier.

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SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1901.

THE Eleventh Meeting of the Central Council takes place next Tuesday at Derby, as we have repeatedly announced of late. Up to the time of going to press only one ringing Association has not responded to the invitation of the Hon. Secretary, but we imagine there is yet bare time for such a breach to be closed if any representatives to the Council by the Association in question have been elected. We suppose that a communication to the Honorary Secretary so late as the morning of the meeting would be in time if it was sent to him at The Midland Hotel, which is advertised as the place of meeting.

One particular item on the agenda paper interests us a little. This is the one referring to the "insufficiently-proved compositions" and "worthless methods" forwarded "from time to time to 'THE BELL NEWS' for insertion." The writer of the words quoted is not aware, of course, of

the extraordinary volume of such effusions which we receive, many of which cannot, for several reasons, be matured by the process of publication. In the list of compositions to be found in the Report of the Peal Collection Committee, on page 40, we find something which at first sight appeared remarkable. This was the information that there was no return of peals of Bob Major from the collector who was dealing with that method! But whatever satisfaction may have been felt at such intelligence, it was neutralised by the note which followed, indicating that the collector had a large number in hand.

As the publication of another peal Appendix is proposed, we think composers will do well to refrain sending us compositions for the present at any rate.

We call attention to an advertisement on another page of a new ringers' badge or jewel, which is being manufactured by Mr. GEORGE COLDWELL, Church Clock Maker, etc., of Mirfield, Yorkshire. The shape of this invention takes the form of a bell, and as Mr. COLDWELL is in active pursuit of the Art of change-ringing, it has the advantage of being made in the exact shape and orthodox form of a Church Bell. It is being made in several kinds of metal, as the advertisement informs us; the specimen we have seen, in silver, being particularly neat, and pleasing to the eye. We should say this little ornament will be patronised most extensively by ringers and others. It is quite suitable for the use or adornment of the gentler sex; and would be a most suitable present for every occasion and circumstance.

It is always a pleasure to do whatever may be in our power to advance the interests of ringing brethren. We believe strongly in the idea that in any wordly concerns "the brotherhood" should be first considered. If we can trade with our fellow-ringers in any way, do business with them, and purchase their wares and manufactures, we ought to do so, if practicable and convenient. That estimable change-ringer, WILLIAM GORDON, of Stockport, is as is very well known, an accomplished musician, and a purveyor of the most celebrated handbell music for many years. For some time he has carried on the business of photography also, and we have an announcement on another page that he will be pleased to receive small photographs for enlargement to any size, at a ridiculously low price, or do anything for his patrons which comes within the business of photography. He and his sons are excellent exponents of the photographic art, we know.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Treble.	FRANK SMITH 5.
WILLIAM H. PRYOR 2.	RICHARD BEVAN 6.
MARK WOODCOCK 3.	HENRY STUBBS 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	HENRY ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

It was intended to ring Caters, but meeting short the above was rung. M. Woodcock was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5012 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 8.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 5.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

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

SILENT PEAL.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

This peal (a birthday compliment to H. R. Pasmore), was accomplished strictly non-conducted. Messrs. W. Baron, of the Royal Cumberlands, and F. Deach, of the College Youths, acted as umpires and testified to the excellent striking.

The Provinces.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 10, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

FRANCIS SMITH Treble.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	W. HENRY SHUKER 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	ALFRED CROSS 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and

Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WALTER JERROM .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 2.	*WILLIAM FORD 6.
HENRY AUSTIN* 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
THOMAS NEVILLE 4.	†CHARLES COX Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. Messrs. Hopgood, Cox, and Osborne hail from Reading; Chapman from Tilehurst; the rest are local men.

HUNSDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

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

ALBERT PEARMAN* .. Treble.	WALTER HOBBS 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 2.	*THOMAS ELLIS 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	ISAAC CAVILL 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER 4.	*JAMES CRABB Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal.

PENSURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE BAKER* Treble.	GEORGE EDWARDS 5.
EDWARD BRIDGES 2.	HENRY SEAL 6.
ARTHUR GODLEY 3.	† WILLIAM SPICE 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	* JOHN RAY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. The ringers of the treble, 6th, 7th and tenor belong to the local band; the rest from the neighbouring parishes of Chiddingstone and Speldhurst. Rung on the first anniversary of the relief of M'eking.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.. 5.
ERNEST HOLT NIXON 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

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

WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor about 9 cwt.

F. P. HOWCROFT Treble.	W. NEWTON 4.
J. W. PASSMAN 2.	J. H. BLAKISTON 5.
T. METCALFE 3.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

This is the first 5000 on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HUNWICK Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK 2.	JAMES NEWMAN 6.
HENRY EVERS 3.	DAVID ELLIOTT 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble.	JOHN ANSELL 5.
WILLIAM H. STREET 2.	GEORGE F. HOAD 6.
GEORGE HUGGETT 3.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
WILLIAM TILLER 4.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

On Saturday, May 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

A. HALLET Treble.	RICHARD E. HAMMOND .. 5.
H. WALKER 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 3.	E. WHITBREAD 7.
J. EARWICKER 4.	H. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE W. CARTMEL.

Rung in honour of the return of volunteers from South Africa.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

(THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.)

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

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

THOMAS MITCHELL Treble.	DAVID TARLING 5.
GEORGE E. PEACE 2.	EMANUEL HALL 6.
EDWARD WALLAGE 3.	WILLIAM A. ALPS 7.
GEORGE THURGOOD 4.	THOMAS COLVERD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

On Monday, May 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Called two different ways. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	H. W. STANLEY 4.
PERCY ARTIS 2.	W. L. DUFFIELD 5.
ARTHUR E. FULLER .. 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

This is the first peal on these bells which were cast by Warner and Sons about twenty-five years ago. Messrs. Fuller and Duffield hail from Tasburgh; the rest from Norwich.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM HICKLING, JUN.*Treble.	GEORGE DAWSON 5.
SIDNEY DAWSON 2.	A. E. THOMPSON 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING, SEN. 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN 4.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

*First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT M. PICK Treble.	*THOMAS NAISBY 5.
ROBERT MILLER† 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
WILLIAM SMALLWOOD* .. 3.	FRANK NAISBY 7.
THOMAS W. DITCHBURN* 4.	THOMAS BRASS Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK NAISBY.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. This is first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

Date Touches.

BOLSOVER (Derbyshire).—On April 23rd, St. George's day, a date touch of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, in 1 hour 10 mins. F. Godber (longest length), 1; S. Coupe, 2; 7. Flint, 3; F. Wagstaff, 4; J. Severn, 5; J. Goodwin (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOP CANNINGS (Wilts.)—On February 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, each called differently. G. Ruddle, 1; W. Drew, 2; S. Hillier (conductor), 3; T. Drew, 4; J. Drew, 5; S. Waite, 6. Also 600 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Ruddle, 1; W. Drew, 2; S. Hillier (conductor), 3; T. Drew, 4; J. Drew, 5; C. Drew, 6. This is the longest length by all except the conductor, and reflects credit on the band learning the method in so short a time under the instruction of S. Hillier, one of the instructors to the Guild.

DEVIZES (Wilts.)—On January 26th, on the occasion of the proclamation of King Edward VII., 504 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Bassett, 1; C. H. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. D. Higginbotham, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. On February 2nd, for the memorial service of the late Queen Victoria, 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Bassett, 1; C. Hampton, 2; T. Raddon, 3; A. Brown, 4; S. Hillier (conductor), 5; A. Draper, 6; F. Merritt, 7; R. Phillips, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts.)—On Saturday, February 16th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob, with the bells deeply muffled except one side of the tenor, as a last tribute of respect to the late W. Gee, Esq., Vicar's churchwarden, and vice-president of the St. Michael's Society. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; T. Newman, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6; W. T. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. The above contains twelve 7-4s, twelve 4-6s and eight 6-7s. Also on Thursday, February 28th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1376 changes, rung on the anniversary of the relief of Ladysmith. G. Jordan, 1; T. Jordan, 2; T. Watts, 3; G. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; W. Watts, 6; W. T. Prior, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. First attempt on a bob bell by W. T. Prior.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On February 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kimberley, W. Keeble, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Moule (conductor), J. Mardell. Also 720 Kent. F. Withers, J. Kimberley, J. Rann, J. Monie, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor). On February 6th, 720 Durham Surprise. H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, W. Doran, T. H. Beams (conductor), J. Mardell, W. Miller. On February 10th, 720 Oxford. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, H. Bottrill, J. Mardell, W. Doran, E. Wightman (conductor). On February 13th, 720 Woodbine. H. Torbie, H. Bottrill, W. Doran, G. Hayden, J. Mardell, T. H. Beams (conductor). On February 24th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Tugwood, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrill, F. Withers, W. Keeble, J. Mardell. Also 720 Kent. F. Withers, H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, H. Torbel, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Miller. Also 720 Oxford. H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Doran, T. H. Beams, W. Keeble (conductor), H. Torbel.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Lincoln Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Watts, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise. H. J. Tucker (first 720 in the method), 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 20th, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 4; J. Luckey, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, for afternoon service, 720 Victoria Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 6th, for practice, 720 Ringer's Surprise (5th the observation). G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Worcester Surprise. H. Little, 1; T. Jordan, 2; W. Watts (conductor), 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; G. Jordan, 6. On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELSTREE (Herts.)—On Saturday, March 2nd, at the church of St. Nicholas, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, being ten 120s, each called differ-

ently, and a 60. H. Eden, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; F. T. C. Nevett, 4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5; F. Brinklow, 6. First quarter-peal by all excepting the ringers of the treble and 5th. Tenor 7½ cwt.

OXHEY (Herts.)—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, a course of Stedman Triples. H. Hodgetts, 1; W. Hodgetts, 2; H. Eden, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Norris, 5; G. N. Price, 6; Walter Norris, 7; F. Brinklow, 8. For evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Eden, 1; *H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Norris, 3; C. George, 4; Walter Norris, 5; *F. T. C. Nevett, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; F. Brinklow, 8. *First touch of Triples.

TBE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset.)—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Gouldstone (first 720), 1; T. Wyatt, 2; A. Gale, 3; L. Moore, 4; G. Tippitt, 5; W. Gillingham (conductor), 6; J. Nisbett covering with the tenor. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Gouldstone, 1; L. Moore, 2; T. Wyatt, 3; A. Gale, 4; J. Nisbett (conductor), 5; W. Gillingham, 6; G. Tippitt covering with the tenor.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

ACTON (Middlesex.)—On Sunday, March 10th, for divine service in the morning, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 42 minutes. G. R. Tasdon, 1; F. Goddard, 2; E. A. Artburton, 3; T. Beadle, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), 6; J. Aldridge, 7; R. Burgess, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAUENNY (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, February 23rd, at the church of St. Mary, 120 Grandsire Doubles. O. Smart, 1; W. Horsington, 2; T. A. Williamson, 3; R. P. Gwynne, 4; F. S. Wilson (conductor), 5; R. Richards, 6. On Sunday, May 19th, 120 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. W. Richards, 1; W. Horsington, 2; T. A. Williamson, 3; R. P. Gwynne, 4; F. S. Wilson (conductor), 5; T. Probert, 6; R. Richards, 7; T. Roberts, 8. Also another 120, with C. H. Baker, 1; W. Richards, 6; the rest as before. And another 120 with W. Williams, 6, the rest as before.

BENHALL (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, April 19th, for service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Avis, 1; A. Wells, 2; R. Wells, 3; F. Watling (conductor), 4; G. Berry, 5; W. Cooper, 6. All are members of the Saxmundham new company.

CASTON (Northants.)—On April 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor, but came to grief after ringing 4200 changes, in 2 hours 40 mins. G. Hollis (conductor), 1; G. W. Bemrose, 2; G. D. Coleman, 3; J. W. Tirrell, 4; A. J. Holmes, 5; E. C. Chasty, 6. G. Coleman hails from St. Neots, Hollis from Bourne, Holmes from Edenham, and the rest from Peterborough.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Sunday, May 5th, 588 Stedman Triples. W. Ireland, 1; J. Smith, 2; C. Moore, 3; W. Salter, 4; J. Souter, 5; — Hayward, 6; G. E. Symonds, 7; G. Archer (conductor), 8.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, May 18th, to commemorate the relief of Mafeking, two 120s of Grandsire Doubles, two of Bob Doubles and 360 Bob Minor. E. Smith, J. Prebble, A. Castle, A. Tanton, E. Bush, J. Andrews, J. Whittall.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, May 14th, at St. Lawrence's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 40 mins. W. Farley, 1; E. H. Tribe, 2; E. Paul, 3; W. Hale (Painswick), 4; H. Scrivens, 5; C. King (conductor), 6; E. J. Garratt, 7; W. White, 8. Ringing also took place on Ascension Day at 6.15 a.m., and again at 6.45 p.m.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Double Court. W. Pannell, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Steggatt, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; H. Kilby, 5; A. Tennant, 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

NOTICE.—After Whitsuntide, the touches now in arrear will be dealt with in a series of supplements to this paper.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A very enjoyable outing was spent by several members of this association on May 4th and 5th. The general order was "Bexhill," on Saturday the 4th, for peal of Stedman; 6.30 sharp; and accordingly at that hour eight good men and true had turned up, some on bikes and some by train, and under the conductorship of the renowned "G.W." "Go" was called at 6.50 and "that's all" at 9.55; the first peal of Stedman by one of the band and the first of Stedman on the bells. A very pleasant social hour was spent together afterwards and arrangements made to meet at Brightling at 9.30 in the morning for Peal No. 2, and then all dispersed to seek repose and I doubt if any required rocking. On Sunday morning the first arrivals were Messrs. Tribe and Turner, who cycled from Bexhill over about ten miles of real switchback country; soon after Messrs. Franks and Williams arrived from Battle also by the bike. But we waited in vain for another expected arrival whom we had despatched to St. Leonards to train to Robertsbridge and then walk to Brightling, so we started on the road to meet him, thinking perhaps some wily Boer might have caught him, but finding no trace of him we retraced our steps and piloted two or three of the local ringers through their first course of Grandsire Triples. Then we attended Divine Service and heard a very able sermon about the bells which to us seemed very appropriate, and learned that the whole peal of eight had been given to the church to celebrate the victories of Lord Nelson. On coming out of church we found our lost man had not arrived, and so again started off to reconnoitre, and after a while we discerned three individuals coming, which we at once concluded were two Boers leading our man a prisoner. Accordingly we laid our plans for action, but before they reached within pipe shot (for that was the only weapon we had) we found they were three other comrades of our regiment who were coming to assist us with the peal. But now we were only seven, and so taking prompt action we commandeered one of the local ringers to ring the tenor, and "go" was called for Stedman about 1.50, when after half-an-hour's ringing down came the rope of the 4th, and left the bell set. However, "up aloft and splice the rope" was soon ordered and accomplished (this is where the handy man comes in again), and another start made at 2.30 and "that's all" was heard at 5.18. This was also the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and considering the local man rang the tenor well for his first peal, we allowed him to return to his own home, for which no doubt he was thankful. The ringers wish to tender their sincere thanks to both the Vicars of Bexhill and Brightling for allowing the use of the bells, also to Messrs. Saker and Franks for making all arrangements, and especially to their pilot Mr. G. Williams, for so ably steering them safely through the rocks and shoals of Stedman and bringing them each time into "That's all port."

THE WALDRON SOCIETY, SUSSEX.—The ringers of All Saints' parish church, Waldron, went for their annual outing on Easter Monday, the route being to visit the churches of Brightling, Salehurst, and Burwash. A pair-horse brake was procured, and although the morning was very dull the band numbering a dozen made a start at 8.0 sharp. After a drive of ten miles the church of Brightling was first visited. Here the bells were merrily raised in peal, and a start for a 574 made, which was successfully accomplished. H. Archer, 1; P. Burgess, 2; E. Jennings, 3; J. Burgess, 4; L. Gaston, 5; A. Reid, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; W. Jenner, 8; conducted by B. Hobbs. Several other little touches were rung and then the party expressing their thanks to the Rector and Mr. J. Winchester for their kindness in meeting them, a start was made for Salehurst arriving there at 1.30. Here an excellent dinner was provided by the host of The Old Eight Bells which was thoroughly appreciated. Then more ringing, and a start was made for Burwash, where tea was provided by Mr. Farley, of The Bell inn. Then a visit was paid to the belfry where touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were indulged in, but as time was getting on a start was soon made for home, arriving about 9.30. After a spending a most enjoyable day, the Waldron ringers were extremely pleased with the kind welcome they received at each church.

THE ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CHELSEA.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, 1901, ten members of the above society met at Victoria

station, L.B.S.C.R., and left by the 7.55 a.m. train for Tunbridge Wells, arriving there at 10 o'clock, where a pair horse-brake awaited us, and then we proceeded to the village of Speldhurst. On arriving we were shown over the rectory and grounds by Miss Macalpine-Leny, which were very interesting. In the afternoon we adjourned to "The George and Dragon," where a good substantial lunch was prepared for us. On finishing we went to the tower and attempted to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples; but after having rung for 1 hr. 40 mins., the 4th rope slipped the wheel and we were unable to proceed. At five o'clock when Miss Macalpine-Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon were present, the secretary proposed a vote of thanks to them for their kindness in providing a splendid repast. Several members of the Speldhurst band and St. Luke's entertained us with songs, &c., and at eight o'clock we set out by brake for Tunbridge Wells to catch the 8.40 train to Victoria, arriving there at eleven o'clock, after spending a very enjoyable day. The members wish to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and the steeple keeper, Mr. Baker, and J. Maynard for having everything ready. J.P.

THE GORING SOCIETY, OXON.—On Easter Monday, the ringers of this village had their annual outing; and meeting a real friend in Mr. N. Spindlow, of Ducklington, everything was left in his hands to arrange, and right well did he do it. All the band met at the station at 9 a.m., and were soon on the way to Oxford, which was reached at 10 a.m., the band at once making for St. Mary Magdalene's church, but owing to there being a little error, and there being service at 11 o'clock, we could not ring. We left for Witney at 12 o'clock, which place was reached before 1 o'clock, and in a few minutes were all seated in a nice brake with a capital pair of horses, and soon on the road to Aston, where a nice ring of six was found in good going order. After spending an hour here we were soon on to Northmoor, where we found a nice ring of six, but which wanted a little attention owing chiefly to want of using and a little oil. Time seemed to be going so fast we were obliged to leave and go on to Stanton Harcourt, where we found everything in splendid order, the go of the bells perfection, but time would not permit of a long stay as we had some distance to go to our last tower, this being Ducklington, where everything was indeed a credit to the Vicar and ringers. Here we found a lady waiting for us, a change-ringer, who had provided a beautiful tea at the vicarage, but not arriving at Ducklington until 6 o'clock, and being a mile or so from Witney station, we had to cut things very short, and, much to every one's regret, to leave where so much interest had been taken on our visit, and the kindness of the Vicar, was deserving of much more ringing than we could give, but we hope to pay another visit at a future time, when we will try to repay his kindness. I can only on behalf of the ringers return our hearty thanks to the Vicars of the churches for the use of their bells, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. N. Spindlow for making such splendid arrangements, everything passing off well and giving satisfaction to all. As Mr. Spindlow has been put to a deal of trouble it was decided to give him a photograph of Goring church, as he was away on that day, and which we all hope he will accept as a small return for his trouble. J. B.

MRS. EZRA CARTER'S FUND.

List of subscriptions received by Messrs. Pettit, Horrex, Springall, Winney and Cockerill, up to May 22nd: J. Pettit, 2s. 6d.; M. A. Wood, 2s. 6d.; W. Prime, 2s.; J. R. Haworth, 1s.; E. J. Comb, 1s.; E. Horrex, 2s. 6d.; F. W. Horrex, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Horrex, 2s.; F. Horrex, 2s.; E. J. Horrex, 2s. 6d.; G. W. Foster, 6d.; A. Garard, 6d.; E. Bishop, 2s. 6d.; W. A. Alps, 2s.; J. Hardy, 6d.; W. Baron, 1s.; J. Basden, 1s.; R. Turner, 2s.; A. Jacob, 1s.; H. Childs, 1s.; T. Langdon, 1s.; Mr. Oliver, 2s.; F. G. Goddard, 6d.; C. H. Phipps, 6d.; H. Browning, 6d.; S. E. Joyce, 1s.; F. J. Shepherd, 1s.; J. W. Rowbotham, 2s.; J. Bonney, 1s.; H. Springall, 2s. 6d.; W. Jones, 2s. 6d.; C. F. Winney, 10s.; R. A. Daniell, 2s. 6d.; W. Weatherstone, 2s. 6d.; A. W. Brighton, 2s. 6d.; The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, £1; A. H. Nichols, Esq., £1; Miss Macalpine Leny, 10s.; A. Hughes 10s.; G. Breed, 10s.; Mrs. J. M. Hayes and family, 7s. 6d.; G. Dorrington, 2s. 6d.; W. Cooter, 2s. 6d.; G. A. Muskett, 2s. 6d.; R. French, 2s. 6d.; F. Bumpstead, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Joyce, 1s.; W. T. Cockerill, 10s. Total—£8 5s. 6d.

Subscriptions received by the other members of the Committee will appear in due course.

Compositions.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.By HENRY DAINS, *London.*

5088.

23456 5 6

42635 -

46235 s

62435 -

24635 -

62543 -

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26543 -

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32564 -

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Twice Repeated.

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53264 -

32564 -

35264 s

52364 -

23564 -

Twice Repeated.

The above two and the following peal are designed upon a new plan—being obtained without the 2nd in 5ths or 6ths places at course-ends and by means of single calls in each course.

5120.

23456 5 6

42635 -

46235 s

62435 -

24635 -

Continued—

5 6

26435 s

64235 -

26543 -

65243 -

52643 -

56243 s

62543 -

25643 -

Three times Repeated.

5040.

23456 1 4 6

54326 -

23654 - s -

36524 - s

65234 - s

52364 - s

63254 -

32564 - s

25634 - s

45326 - - s

53246 - s

32456 - s

54236 -

42356 - s

23546 - s

35426 - s

Twice Repeated.

This peal is also designed upon a new plan, having the 4th and 6th bells exclusively in 6ths place at course-ends, the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th never there, and the 6th bell her extent in 5-6.

DOUBLE YORKSHIRE COURT
MAJOR.By A. T. TEASDALE, *North Shields.*

5056.

23456 1 2 5 7

42356 -

34256 -

25346 -

32546 -

53246 -

24536 -

52436 -

*52364 - -

43265 -

24365 -

32465 -

54263 -

25463 -

42563 -

35264 -

23564 -

*23645 - -

62345 -

Continued—

1 2 5 7

63245 s

26345 -

32645 -

64235 s -

54236 s -

23546 - -

Repeated.

5056.

23456 1 2 5 7

45236 - -

24536 -

52436 -

43256 s -

24356 -

32456 -

*32564 - -

45263 - -

24563 -

52463 -

34265 - -

23465 -

42365 -

53264 - -

25364 -

*25643 - -

36254 - -

23654 -

26354 s

32654 -

63254 -

42356 - -

35246 s -

23546 -

Repeated.

The above peals contain the 6th her extent in 5-6, with the second never in that position. In the first peal the 3rd is never in 6ths place except when the 6th is in 5ths. In the courses marked (*) there are only two leads, a bob at one cutting out five leads of the course. These compositions are believed to be the first two-part peals composed and published in the method containing the above qualities.

Mr. H. Dains writes:—

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—In your issue for May 18th instant, Mr. J. S. Wilde gives us a very good peal in this method, but the peal does not contain the qualities claimed. I think it would take 5488 changes to obtain the desired result, in other words to get a peal according to the specification. In the same issue there is another composition in this method by Mr. J. H. Barrett, with the same complaint. This peal is an excellent example, but the qualities set forth in the conditions of specification are much more so, and it is a question if a peal will be obtained which holds up thereto. I do not remember one at present. Of course these gentlemen, upon second thought, know I am correct, and that I allude to the five lead courses. HENRY DAINS.

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 monthly meeting of this society will be held at Rothwell to-day, Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Swan hotel at 6.30. J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.
5 Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Shifnal, to-day, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. J. MACKAY Hon. Sec.
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Oldbury to-day, Saturday, May 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service in church at 5. Business meeting to follow.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
39, Vauxhall Street Dudley.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Alnwick, the peal of eight in St. Paul's tower being open for use of the members all day. Committee meeting at The Star hotel, 12 noon. Dinner at the same place at 1 p.m.; 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. The Society has arranged cheap fares from Newcastle, 9.30 a.m. express, and will be in the central booking office to book as desired at 9 a.m. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.
Wylam-on-Tyne.

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Ripon, on Whit-Monday, May 27th. Dinner (one shilling each) at The Black Bull hotel, Old Market Place, at 2.15; followed by annual business meeting at 3.15. Committee meeting same place, 1.45. Sharow tower (eight bells), about one mile out, open all day. Ripon Cathedral tower (ten bells), open 12 to 2, and again at 4. REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 28th, at Chelmsford. Service at St. Mary's church at 11.30. Preacher—Rev. P. M. Wathen, Vicar of Barking. Meeting at the Vestry Hall, 12.15. Dinner (price 1s to members who give notice) at the Boys' School, at 2 p.m. Towers open for ringing (except during service and meeting)—Chelmsford (10), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Boreham (6), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6). HENRY T. W. EYRE.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 27th. By special permission the bells of the churches of All Saints eight, St. Giles ten, St. Peter, eight, St. Sepulchre, eight, and St. Edmund, eight, 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 All Saints' church at 1 p.m., with sermon by Rev. R. R. Cobbold, M.A., Vicar of Earls Barton. The luncheon and business meeting will be held at The Peacock hotel, Market Square, at 2 p.m.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.
Wellingborough.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on June 6th, and at St. Michael's Cornhill on June 11th. Business meetings after St. Paul's and St. Michael's. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
"Fr aingham."

Almhuist Stie t, Clapham, S.W.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Cheltenham, on Saturday, June 1st, to discuss the question of holding the annual meeting triennially instead of alternately as at present between Gloucester and Bristol. Cirencester being the centre suggested. A short service at the parish church at 3.30 Tea at 5 o'clock. Members half-price. Secretaries of towers will be advised by post the place decided upon for tea and meeting. St. Mary's (10 bells), Charlton Kings (8 bells), and probably Prestbury (8 bells), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Members intending to be present at tea, please communicate with Mr. F. E. Ward, 10, Royal Crescent, Cheltenham, not later than May 30th. F. G. MAY, Hon. Sec.

Church Road, St. George, Bristol.

Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Dinner in the Schoolroom at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, June 1st. Members intending to be present are requested to send notice to Mr. J. Gilbert not later than Wednesday, May 29th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at Chatham. Application for dinner tickets to be made to FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
Canterbury.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The cup contest is postponed until further notice. E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.
18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The entrance fee for members elected previous to an attempt for a peal must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary within one month of such election, together with their full name and address and name of proposer and seconder, otherwise their election will not be confirmed, and the peal will not be recorded by the Association. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
Cotgrave, Notts.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Loughborough District.—The local Hon. Secretary is now Mr. J. Hutchby, 11, Albert Street, Loughborough.

NOTES TO PEALS.

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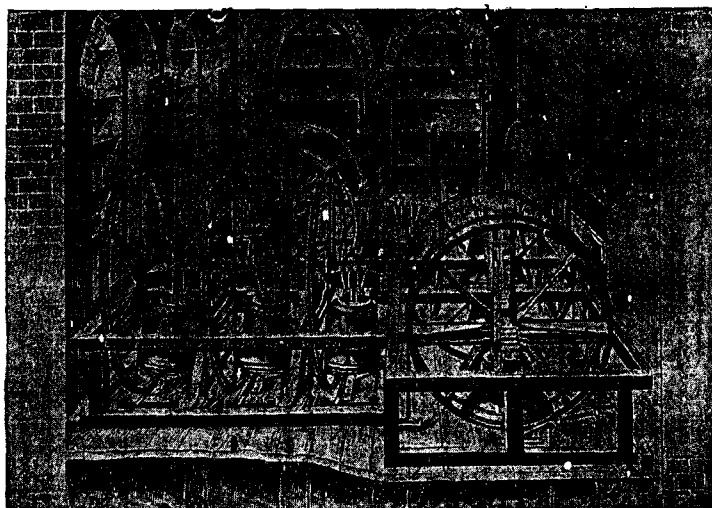
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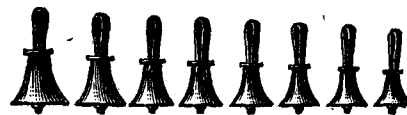
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RE-OPENING OF LUTON BELLS, BEDS.

Originally in this tower there was a peal of five, thought to have been put in about 1340. These were made into a peal of eight in 1741, the tenor bearing that date as coming from St. Neots. After being in a deplorable condition for a good many years, it was thought that something ought to be done. A meeting was held twelve months ago to consider what should be done. Eventually it was decided to re-clapper and quarter-turn the bells, and to put them into a new frame, and Mears and Stainbank were entrusted to do the work. Subscriptions were raised for this purpose by the Vicar, churchwardens, and others, not the least among them being Dr. Pauli. In response to an invitation eight members of the Bedfordshire Association rang an excellent peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday, May 25th. After the peal had been rung the band adjourned to The George hotel, where they were hospitably entertained to a "course of ringers' delight" with the Vicar and churchwardens, after which short speech-making followed, during which ringers were thanked for going, and were invited to go again.

RE-OPENING OF KINGTON BELLS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

These bells were re-opened on Thursday, May 23rd, by a specially united band of the Cheltenham and District Guild, who are also members of the Diocesan Association for Gloucestershire. The ringers were most hospitably entertained by the Rector, the Rev. C. M. Craigie. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles was rung during the service, and after service various 6-scores of Stedman and 720 Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were the Rev. J. Hastings, G. H. Phillott, W. T. Pates, J. Townsend, W. Brinkworth, A. W. Humphris, and F. Musty. The bells have just been rehung by Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, the old frame being repaired and strengthened. Having to wait for two hours at Eardisley on the journey, some ringing was also done there by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Palmer, who very kindly provided refreshment at his house. Kington bells (tenor 13 cwt.), are by Rudhall of Gloucester, and William Evans of Chepstow.

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UNVEILING OF A MEMORIAL TABLET.

On Friday, May 24th, being the anniversary of the birth of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, a special memorial service was held at the parish church, King's Norton, at the conclusion of which a peal-board was unveiled at the west-end of the church recording a muffled peal rung by the members of the King's Norton Guild on the occasion of the interment of the remains of Her Majesty Queen Victoria at Frogmore.

Prior to the service 768 Kent Treble Bob was rung by eight members of the Guild with the bells half-muffled.

The sermon was fully choral, and commenced with the

Dead March in *Saul* rendered by the organist. After evensong with special Psalms and the hymn "Ten thousand times ten thousand," the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A., preached from Proverbs x. 17: "The memory of the just is blessed, the name of the wicked shall rot." He said that the songs of Solomon were pregnant with pointed wisdom, and it would be well if his sayings were more frequently thought upon. They were that evening more closely concerned with the first portion of the text, because all must feel that the memory of the great and good Queen Victoria was both just and blessed. Unfortunately a tinge of regret prevailed since, judging from the meagre response made to the appeal for a National Memorial. It seemed that already there had arisen forgetfulness on the part of her people whom she loved so well, and whose welfare always lay near to her heart. They were met together on a day which used to be a day of universal rejoicing, and still remained a day of joy, because the memory of the just is blessed. They could recall the good work and influence of our gracious Queen, and he wished that all people would enter on the responsibilities of life with the spirit which animated Her Majesty on the day of her accession, when she said that she was supported by a deep sense of her righteous intentions and her reliance on Almighty God. She had elevated and consolidated the British monarchy, and under her wise guidance the nation had passed with ease and safety through crises which might have threatened disruption. The present condition of the country contrasted with sixty years ago fully demonstrated the high principles actuating her whole life. She had done much for the elevation of her people through the simple contemplation of her personal qualities and character. We owed a deep gratitude to the tact, wisdom, and high principle of the Sovereign whom we lamented, and should be thankful to God that He sent her to guide the affairs of the country through the past momentous half-century. A memorial of Her late Majesty was about to be unveiled within these walls, simple and unostentatious. It recorded the privileged labours of those who took part in the peal, and permanently recalled the memory of our good and gracious Queen; a memory we should always cherish. The bells were a feature of the parish, and those who rang them were diligent and consistent in their services. He rejoiced that their efforts to achieve a peal had been successful, and could be associated with the memorial. Justice was an attribute of the British nation. We should not lose our sense of justice nor fail to cultivate its spirit; it was a Divine attribute. It behoved all to leave behind them a reputation for justice so that when they passed away, their memory, like our gracious Queen, might also be blessed.

A collection for the Queen Victoria National Memorial was then made, the clergy and choir proceeding, singing a recessional hymn to the west of the church where the peal-board, veiled in black, had been fixed.

The Master of the King's Norton Guild (Mr. W. S. Pritchett), said that they were indebted for the board to the generosity of the Vicar who had defrayed its entire

cost. They also owed thanks to Mr. William Hale, who designed, and to Mr. Moffatt, who executed and erected the board. It placed on permanent record a tribute of respectful affection, paid by those taking part in the peal, to the memory of our beloved Queen, and it was his privilege to call on Mrs. Barnard to unveil it.

The veil on being drawn away disclosed a beautiful board in fumed oak surmounted by a carved cross. At the apex of the board is carved and gilded a crown flanked by the letters V.R. in vermilion. The following is the text of the record:—

"IN MEMORIAM.—On Monday, February 4th, 1901, being the day of interment at Frogmore of England's Great and Good Queen Victoria, eight members of the King's Norton Guild of Change-Ringers ascended this tower and rang with the bells half-muffled, in two hours and fifty-one minutes, a true and complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5024 changes. Alfred Pritchett, *Treble*; Fred. W. Sumner, 2; Henry Withers, 3; Theodore Pritchett, 4; John Withers, 5; John S. Pritchett, 6; William Palmer, 7; William S. Pritchett, *Tenor*. Composed by H. Rostron, and Conducted by W. S. Pritchett. Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A., *Vicar*; Harry Bloomer, W. S. Pritchett, *Churchwardens*."

UNVEILING A PEAL-TABLET AT MIDDLETON PARISH CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

The interesting ceremony of unveiling a peal-tablet in the tower of the parish church, Middleton, to commemorate the ringing of a peal of Bob Major, by members of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association, took place on a recent Saturday evening. The tablet, which is made of that everlasting material known as "marblette," and framed with oak taken out of the church when alterations were made about 1869, bears the inscription:—

"Perseverance is crowned with success. The Lancashire Association of change ringers, on Saturday, January 19th, 1901, in three hours and three minutes, a peal of Bob Major, consisting of 5040 changes, were rung in this tower, composed by H. Hubbard, and conducted by Dan Renshaw, the ringers standing as follows:—John Hollows, *treble*; W. Schofield, 2; T. Oldham, 3; Jas. Arrowsmith, 4; S. Holt, 5; Jas. Jacques, 6; Dan Renshaw, 7; Tom Wellens, *tenor*. Weight of *tenor*, 12½ cwt. This first peal rung by the local band. H. Heywood, P. T. Dean, *churchwardens*; Rev. T. E. Cleworth, *rector*; Rev. E. Gordon, *curate*."

There were present in the ringing-chamber the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who kindly promised to unveil the tablet; Mr. John Cheetham, and a number of ringers and representatives from other districts. A short collect was said by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who also offered up an appropriate prayer.

Mr. Cheetham said he had been requested by the ringers to ask the Rev. H. J. Elsee to unveil the tablet. He felt proud that they should have Mr. Elsee with them, and they were thankful to him. He was sure there was every credit due to the ringers that they had been able to accomplish that grand peal which he, as clerk, felt proud of. He hoped it would not be the last time they would do it, but by persevering, and occupying the belfry many hours, they would ring with credit to themselves and to the place.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, having unveiled the tablet, said he was very glad to do the office they had asked him to do. There was a motto on the tablet he had not seen before, which he thought was a very good one: "Perseverance is crowned with success." If there was one thing they had to learn—in trying peals very often they did not succeed—it was perseverance that gained them success in the end. He must congratulate the designer of the tablet on the nice bell at the top. He sometimes saw representations of bells painted to resemble anything

rather than the bells they handled up at the church tower. That on the tablet was a good representation of a church bell with all its machinery. He was glad to be there that day, as it was a long time since he was last in the belfry of Middleton church, although he thought he had got some acquaintance with the belfry. He remembered going up the tower when six bells were there, and then when the trebles were dedicated he was present and took part in the ceremony. Three weeks later he had the honour of being there, and was one of those in the band who rang the first peal on the bells. It was Bob Major, and the time was just the same as this one, three hours and three minutes. That was on June 13th, 1891, so that he had an especial interest in hearing that the local band had scored their first peal, having himself been one of the first who rang a peal on those bells. He thought the local band were deserving of all credit. He supposed the motto put at the head of the tablet meant that they did not succeed in ringing their peal the first time—he was afraid that was the experience a great many had to share—that they in Middleton tried a good many times before they succeeded in scoring it. He thought it was all the more creditable to the members that they kept on until they scored it. He supposed by this time Middleton people had got used to the eight bells, and would be sorry to go back to six. He however remembered the time when the eight bells were put in, some of the inhabitants of Middleton shook their heads and said six bells were better than eight. But now he thought most people would be very sorry to go back to the six, and not have a complete octave. He hoped the local band having scored their first peal of Bob Major would go on and persevere to score peals in other methods. Within the last few years there had been a rather marked advance in Lancashire, and perhaps all over the country, in the number of methods rung. Certainly when one had learned one method well, it put a great deal of interest in their ringing to go on and study another method. If one wanted to keep up the interest in ringing, they must not be content with one method, but must try to accomplish all the others. At the same time they must remember that on special occasions and in Sunday ringing they did not want to show off any new method. Learn the new methods, but at the same time let them take pains with the striking. He had pleasure in handing over that tablet, which was considered a work of art, and would do credit to that tower, to the representatives of the church. Mr. Cheetham would perhaps accept it.

Mr. Cheetham said he thanked Mr. Elsee very much for coming so far to perform such a kind act for their ringers in whom he took such an interest. On behalf of the rector and wardens he begged to accept the tablet in the hope that it would still be an incentive to further perseverance, and that they would not be satisfied with Bob Major, or with another along with it, but that they would persevere and keep up the ringing of the church bells. The rector, he knew, enjoyed both a good choir and good ringing. He said he was sorry he could not be present, but it was unavoidable, and Mr. Gordon also wished him to apologise for his absence.

This part of the proceedings then terminated.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association which followed, was presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who was supported by representative from Rochdale, Todmorden, Moorside, Heywood, Milnrow, New Hey, Walsden, and Middleton. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, Mr.

Wm. Henry Ashcroft, of Heywood, was admitted a member. Heeley and Moorside were nominated for the next meeting, and Moorside was chosen by a good majority. On the motion of Mr. G. Hoyle (Rochdale), seconded by Mr. Isaac Schofield (Moorside) a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the rector, wardens, and the Middleton ringers for the use of the bells. A similar compliment was passed to the chairman, on Mr. Schofield's motion, seconded by Mr. S. Holt (Middleton). The meeting then concluded.

During the evening various touches were rung by the mixed bands.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

This famous peal of twelve bells have been silent as regards peals since the Diamond Jubilee year 1897, when two peals of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung. Since that they have only been rung for high festivals and state occasions. The back ten bells have been hanging in the tower since 1731—about 170 years—and have never been quartered, and several of the bells were worn very much, and upon the advice of experts the ringing for practice ceased, the framework in the bell-cage, though fairly sound in places, was very shaky, but where the worst parts were was the under beams which was much decayed, and made the ringing at times very laborious. A peal of Stedman Caters recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" took three men to ring the tenor. The peal of Bob Royal mentioned above was with the greatest difficulty brought round, but being such an historic ring of bells and the old framework and fittings and everything was looked with pride by the parishioners on account of the many good and famous peals rung on them and so much associated with such famous names as the Savoy, Estcourts, Morris, etc., but nevertheless it don't matter how much we admire it, bells and their fittings are not like architecture, when it involves a greater and unnecessary amount of labour to bring about the same results. Young men and good old famous ringers fight shy of attempting peals, and more especially when the bells become worn and may at any time become split. The matter of restoring them in the most conservative manner possible, and also as far as possible keeping to the old traditions and not making too radical a change. When they are to be rehung, as rehung they must be, then is the time to make the very best alteration for the best both as regards bells and ringers. The Vicar and churchwardens acting upon the best local, and also some of the best ringing experts' advice, have decided upon the following. Eleven of the bells were on the level on the old oak frame (the 8th being above). We are substituting a new iron frame, bringing the 8th bell down and removing the bells round, then all twelve will be on the level. The new framework will be open the same as the old oak frame, and except for the alteration for the best no bell will be altered from its original position in the tower. The open framework will be on steel girders. Four of the bells had no cannons, now the outer hanging cannons will be removed, but the centre, wherein the iron staple is cast, will remain; the tops of the bells will not be weakened in the least, hard wood packing will be made to fit the crowns of the bells, and left level on the top to fit the headstocks. The bells have also to be quarter-turned. A new clock is to be placed in the room now occupied by the ringers (formerly the old clock-room) and the ringing-chamber is now to be rather below the, old original apartment where so many of the long peals of Stedman Cinques, etc., were

rung. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the bells have been taken to Loughborough, but (contrary to what has been stated) they are not to be retuned, but in accordance with the wishes of the whole of the inhabitants of Painswick, and many others, to be left as they are. Now the old frame has been brought down, we see it is much worse and more decayed than was imagined, some of the beams breaking during the process of lowering. The parish has the greatest confidence in the work being carried out; nothing has been left to chance; it has been well thought out and the best advice got; and we have no doubt that when completed the bells will compare both with tone and go with any in the country. With such a good and handy ring of twelve bells, Painswick will no doubt make its name heard again in the ringing world, and I trust be often mentioned in the peal columns, as there are many enthusiasts in the Gloucester and Bristol Association who are anxious to have "a whet" at some of the old records. The bells are to be opened about September, and due notice will be given of the same.

WILLIAM HALE.

Hill View Cottage, Painswick.

HEAVITREE RINGERS' CELEBRATIONS.

On Saturday evening, May 25th, an interesting little function, lasting about half-an-hour, was successfully carried out in the Heavitree church tower by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, who kindly attended to unveil the four peal-boards, and design for a fifth, recording the peals which have been rung in that tower.

In opening the proceedings, the Vicar (Rev. T. J. Ponting), briefly referred to the records as being in a sense historical, as they were lasting memorials of two important events—the return of Sir Redvers Buller, and the first visit of Bishop Ryle—the tablets would also be of interest as being entirely the handiwork of members of their own band.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly said he had frequently acted on similar occasions previously, but had never had the pleasure of unveiling so many tablets at one time. Those who knew anything of what a peal means, could appreciate the constant practice and assiduous perseverance that were necessary to accomplish it, and he heartily congratulated both the ringers and their tutor (Mr. F. Shepherd), on the progress that had been made. He always preferred peals to tunes on the bells for their musical effect, a well-struck peal being as great a treat for listeners as it was to the performers. He would also go further, and repeat a point on which he believed he differed from Mr. Daniell and other friends, that a peal was like an offering to the Almighty, it being the best the ringers could give, and he thought all such accomplishments should be devoted to this purpose, and were, very properly, so dedicated by the rules of their Guild. In the same way these boards should act as an incentive to others afterwards to do their best to emulate, or improve upon, former records. He rejoiced to hear from the Vicar that Sunday ringing was so regularly kept up, and that reflected much credit on the band. In conclusion he hoped that in course of time the walls might be surrounded with further records.

A few touches containing some good striking in various methods, were afterwards rung by the members, assisted by Mr. Kelly and Exeter friends.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4th, the half-yearly meeting of this Association was held at Todmorden, which is situated rather strangely in the counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire. Even the parish church, although in the Diocese of Manchester, its churchyard and school are in the Diocese of Wakefield. However, this did not affect the meeting, and a very large number of members put in an appearance from Bolton, Burnley, Bury, Bacup, Horwich, Heywood, Middleton, Milnrow, Newchurch, Padiham, Rochdale, Walsden, etc., together with the local company. Permission had been given for the use of the bells of the parish church and Unitarian Chapel, Todmorden, and the parish church, Walsden. To make the afternoon more enjoyable there was a Lancashire League cricket match between Todmorden and Enfield on the ground of the former, which is situated close to the parish church, and which resulted in a victory for the latter.

At the meeting which was held in the parish church school-room, the President (Rev. H. J. Elsee) took the chair, and was supported by the Vicar of Todmorden, the Rev. Canon Russell, the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Wreaks, Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. Shepherd, and the Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson.

The Chairman addressed a few words to the meeting, but said he would not keep them long, as the half-yearly meeting was more for ringing, and not for talking.

Canon Russell, in giving the Association a most hearty welcome to Todmorden, spoke of the good progress his own ringers had made through being members of the larger body, and said it was to the benefit of all ringers that they should be more joined together by such Associations as this. He concluded by saying that although this was the first half-yearly meeting the Association had held there he hoped it would not be the last.

The Secretary (Mr. Wreaks) then proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the various authorities for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and said he was very pleased to see such a large number present (over 100) which said a great deal for the good fellowship which existed in the county, and for the interest which was taken in change-ringing.

Mr. Barratt, of Eccles, a former member of the Committee, briefly seconded the proposition, and said although it was the first time he had ever been in Todmorden, he hoped the Association would not be long before they had another meeting there.

The Chairman put the proposition to the meeting, and it was unanimously carried. A most cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, and the meeting then terminated.

Members then traced their steps to the various towers and the bells were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and some Minor ringing, until it was time for returning home.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. The gathering was not so large as usual, due undoubtedly to the fact that the Great Eastern Railway has now refused railway tickets at reduced rates. However, there was a fairly good company present.

The proceedings of the day commenced with service at St. Mary's. The address, most appropriate to the occasion, was given by the Rev. P. M. Wathen, Vicar of Barking.

The annual meeting followed, at which the Rev. H. Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, presided. The annual report submitted by the Rev. T. L. Papillon referred to the continued prosperity in numbers and finances of the Association, and of the evidences of activity in the peal-ringing performances and attendances at meetings of the Association. The statistics of the growth and progress of the Association as shewn at its twenty-first anniversary last year showed that in face of much lukewarmness on the part of those, both clerical and lay, having the responsibility and the care of bells and belfries, and the scant encouragement given, that much of the work which had been done was due to the efforts, mainly, of the ringers themselves. There must not be any slackening of such efforts, for much remained to be done. There had been a small reduction of the amount in hand. This was chiefly due to the expenses of the anniversary. The

Savings Bank account showed £68 12s. 2d. Forty-two peals had been rung—the largest record in one year. These comprised Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Double Norwich, 5; Treble Bob, 5; Bob Major, 6; Stedman Triples, 2; Grandsire, 2; Oxford Bob, 1; Surprise Minor, 5; seven Minor methods, 7; Doubles, 1; Handbells: Stedman Triples, 3; Caters, 1. This satisfactory list was to some extent the work of older and more expert members of the Association. It was to be hoped that a larger number of peals of Grandsire Triples might in future appear, as such would be an indication that more young men had helped to distinguish themselves. It was to be hoped that the apparent growing tendency to prefer Major ringing to Triples, and the unwillingness of country bands to take up Stedman did not mean that the younger men would not take the trouble to master difficulties, or that experts were disinclined to help the young. Since the last annual meeting they had lost two of their oldest and zealous members—Mr. H. Sayer, of Witham, and Mr. Jas. Nicholls, of Coggeshall, both well-known and frequent attendants at the annual meetings.

The report was adopted, as was also the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting for dividing the county into districts. The scheme adopted establishes four districts—North-West, North-East, South-East, and South-West. Each district has to elect its own district secretary and Master, who have the power to arrange three district meetings in the year, thus arranging for a monthly meeting of the Association. It was further resolved that the arrangements for calling the first meeting in each district be left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary and Committee. Alterations of rules in accordance with the scheme were also adopted. It was resolved to appoint a Master of the Association, and the Rev. T. L. Papillon was elected amidst applause to the post. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Ezra Carter was passed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. F. Rumens, of Walthamstow, respecting the number present at the tea in connection with the Easter Monday meeting held at Walthamstow. In the course of a discussion it appeared that Mr. Rumens gave a guarantee for a larger number than authorised, and it was pointed out that the local bands were conspicuous by their absence. It was ultimately agreed that payment only be made for the number guaranteed by the Hon. Secretary.

The annual dinner was afterwards held in the schoolroom. A capital spread was as usual provided.

The Rector, in replying to a vote of thanks, remarked that there was now a promising band of ringers at Chelmsford, and he hoped that by the next annual meeting the band would become second to none in the county.

On the proposition of Mr. B. Keeble, it was resolved to draw up a petition for signature by all members of the Association to the Great Eastern Railway asking for the issue of return tickets to the annual meeting at reduced rates, the mover humorously remarking that there would be a large gathering at the next annual meeting to listen to the forthcoming celebrated Chelmsford band of ringers.

FORT WILLIAM, SCOTLAND.

Messrs. Wm. Potts and Son, clock manufacturers, Leeds and Newcastle-on-Tyne, have just completed an illuminated hour striking clock for Messrs. Falkner, Architects, Fort William, and have a new illuminated hour striking clock for Annan Town Hall. Also received instructions to fix a new illuminated turret clock for the Leeds Corporation, at the Armley new Free Library, and a large Cambridge quarter clock, with all gun metal wheels cut from the solid, and steel pinions hardened and tempered. Main striking wheels 20 inches in diameter, going to 15 inches diameter, for the Midland Counties.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—EASTERN DIVISION.

On Saturday, 19th May, the Sussex County Association held their quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division at Christ Church, Blacklands, and the bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, as well as of Christ Church, Blacklands, were placed at their disposal during the afternoon and evening. At 5.30 the members, numbering thirty-two, were entertained at tea by the vicar (the Rev. Alfred Hodges), the Rev. H. H. Breton, the Churchwardens, and some members of the Church Committee, in the schoolroom adjoining the church. Ringers were present from Brighton, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Wadhurst, Battle, Tenterden, Appledore, Rye, St. Clement's Hastings, and Christ Church St. Leonards, and all appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

After tea the secretary of the Eastern Division, Mr. S. Saker, read the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Battle in December last, and congratulated the members on the progress being made in change-ringing in the Eastern Division. Some new members were elected, and a discussion took place as to the desirability of holding the Annual Meeting of the Association at different towns in the county, instead of always at Brighton, in which Messrs. Hill, Watson, Franks, Howse, and Grant took part.

Business being ended, Mr. Watson, of St. Leonards, proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and those who had so heartily welcomed and entertained them. He wished the Blacklands Guilds every prosperity, and hoped they would soon have more members who would take an interest in change-ringing. He could well remember the time when members came from Blacklands to Christ Church St. Leonards, to teach them how to handle a rope.

The Rev. Alfred Hodges, in responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to preside at such meetings in connection with the science of bell-ringing, as he thought they did a great deal of good. He was glad to see the interest taken all over the country in change-ringing, and the great improvement in the belfries. He remembered seeing, some years ago, a country belfry in Hampshire, where there were pots of beer, and some of the ringers smoking, but happily all such things were now changed, the belfry being recognised as part of the church, and, as such, to be regarded as sacred. The ringing gave an interest in Church work to many who would otherwise have stayed away and given no assistance whatever to the Church. He quite agreed with the Dean of Battle when he told them at their recent meeting at Battle to remember that the service commenced in the belfry, and that when they rang the bells for service they were taking part in God's work by calling the people to church. Under the Old Testament dispensation trumpets were used for this purpose by God's own appointment. In the early years of Christianity people were obliged to assemble secretly to worship God from fear of persecution, but from the fourth century downwards bells had been used to gather the congregation for the public service in God's house. He believed that Russia possessed the largest bells in the world, and then came China, Germany, and England. He also mentioned that at the Church Congress, soon to be held at Brighton, a paper would be read on "Bells, Belfries, and Change-ringing."

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archidiaconal branch was held at Sawston on Whit-Monday last. The bells at Ickleton and Great and Little Shelfords were also kindly placed at the service of the members, and various touches were rung at each of these villages during the day. In the afternoon Mr. F. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) presided over some twenty-five members at the tea at Sawston, and the subsequent business proceedings. The Rev. W. W. Crump, Diocesan Secretary, was also present, and gave a brief review of the work done by the Association; at the same time urging all present to gallantly support their new District Secretary Mr. P. Webb (Ickleton) in his endeavours to extend its usefulness in this hitherto somewhat neglected side of Cambridgeshire. Eleven new members were elected, and it was

decided to hold the next local meeting at Barrington on or about the August Bank Holiday.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to the clergy who had kindly granted the use of their bells concluded the business of the meeting, and an adjournment was made to the Church Institute for a little handbell practice, until the tower bells should be again available.

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."

PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—Having seen in your paper that Painswick bells are going to Loughborough and are being "tuned," I beg to say that to the best of my belief and knowledge they are all in the church, are not gone to Loughborough and are not being tuned. They are being rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. As one of the conditions was that they should not be removed from Painswick, and should not be tuned, I think it unlikely that this arrangement has been altered. The bells are as everyone knows an exceptionally beautiful peal, and do not require tuning.

G. H. PHILLOTT.

SIR,—As one of the oldest subscribers to your valuable paper will you kindly correct the report in your last issue of May 25th that the noted peal of twelve bells Painswick, Gloucestershire, were at Messrs. Taylor's foundry. That they are under repair is quite correct, but are still in Painswick Church, where they are to remain until they are rehung. The present vicar called for the opinion of two noted ringers as to what should be done, G. H. Phillott, Esq., and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, when it was decided that the bells were to remain as they were, cannons and all; not to leave Painswick on any conditions, a decision I quite agree with, for I do not myself think any bell founder could make them any better-toned than they are. I am one off the old Painswick youths; they bells are therefore my native bells.

Cheltenham.

FREDERICK MUSTY.

THE "THORPE DRAW" FUND.

SIR,—It is the opinion of a large number of ringers that a balance sheet in connection with the above fund ought to be issued by the committee, who had the working of the thing in hand. I, myself, am surprised not to have seen the same appear in your valuable paper. There is no insinuation of anything being wrong. My only reason for asking is, owing to so many ringers of different towns having helped in the same cause it is only right to inform them how the money has been spent.

RINGER.

"LAYING THE NEPPLES."

SIR,—At Coggeshall and other places in the neighbourhood at the present time, the clappers are as often called "Nipples," and the method of chiming with the ringing rope tied to the clapper is called "nipping." As Writtle is only a few miles away it is, I think, likely that "nepples" are clappers. As to the "layinge," Mr. Jerram is, no doubt, quite right.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1901.

THE brief information which was given last week concerning Painswick bells has caused some little commotion among our friends in Cheltenham. Two of them write to say that the bells have not been removed from the church, yet Mr. HALE, who resides in Painswick, writes, as will be seen, to the effect that the bells have been removed to Loughborough. There is no importance whatever in this conflict of opinion, or fact, it is only referred to as a circumstance somewhat remarkable.

Some time last year the Vicar and Churchwardens of Painswick issued a circular inviting subscriptions for restoring the church bells. If we are correct this appeal for funds for such a grand object was not at first very hopefully entered upon. But what we now read indicates that the attempt has met with success, and that

before the year is out the good folk of Painswick will be gladdened by the fact that their beloved bells will be restored, and in a condition for the efforts of the present generation of Painswick Youths to emulate, if not surpass, their predecessors—men of real might in their generation.

"Why Painswick?" some of the younger brethren may ask. They may possibly have never heard of the village of Painswick, in Gloucestershire, nine miles from Stroud, or Stroud-water, as it is sometimes called. Painswick was, within the memory of many now living, not merely a ringing centre, but a classical (if the word may be allowed) headquarters of the Exercise. The names mentioned in Mr. W. HALE's contribution carried with them a great interest—a feeling akin to reverence—like that of JOHNSON, THURSTANS, or HUBBARD. The names of ESTCOURT, SAVORY, NEWTON, MORRIS, to which may be added the old veterans MUSTY and SWAIN, and others, are regarded with due and affectionate respect by the present Painswick Youths, and they will have a difficulty in finding better examples for imitation.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	JOSEPH BARRY 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bocking, College Exercise, Cambridge, Victoria, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM DALLIMORE .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLER 4.
JOHN MARDELL 2.	GEORGE HAYDEN 5.
T. HERVEY BEAMS 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

The Provinces.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Dewsbury, Victoria, Superlative, Lincoln, Rochester, Ely, and Coventry.

JOSEPH PRESTON Treble.	DANIEL PRESTON 4.
CHARLES PRESTON 2.	WILLIAM WHEELDON .. 5.
GEORGE CLARKSON* 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CLARKSON.

*First peal as conductor.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble.	RICHARD HEALD 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	GEORGE PINCOTT 6.
FRED. MORRIS 3.	TITUS BARLOW 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	PETER NUTTALL Tenor.

Conducted by PETER INCE.

Rung in honour of the return of Bolton volunteers from South Africa.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

A. W. BARRETT* Treble.	*N. KIDD 5.
F. P. HOWCROFT 2.	W. NEWTON 6.
G. J. CLARKSON 3.	*T. METCALFE 7.
J. WALLIS 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. Also the first peal in the method by the Association and the first on the bells.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S.

JAMES PICKIN Treble.	FRANK JONES 5.
JOSEPH WOODS 2.	EDWIN BREEZE 6.
JOSEPH CLIFFE 3.	JAMES DILLON 7.
THOMAS HUGHES 4.	*WILLIAM GRIMMANT .. Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. First peal on the bells unmuffled. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the local men for having everything in readiness.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Thursday, May 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.* .. Treble.	ARTHUR SPITTLE 6.
WILLIAM FISHER† 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN.‡ .. 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 4.	HARRY PRICE 9.
HARRY MASON 5.	HERBERT SHEPPARD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by SAMUEL SPITTLE.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡Fiftieth peal. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the nuptials of the Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland and Mrs. Gray Maitland. Fisher hails from Coseley; Small from Tipton; Mason from Old Hill; Smith and Price from Netherton; the rest belong to Dudley.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	ARTHUR HUGGETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on these bells since being re-hung by Mr. T. Blackburn of Salisbury, the "go" of them now being perfect.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES CLIFF Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5.
JAMES LEIGHTON 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 3.	*ANTHONY MEYERS 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by H. TUCKER, and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

*First peal of Major.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S.

JOSEPH FAYERS Treble.	†GEORGE THURSELLE 5.
THOMAS GWYNNE 2.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 6.
ALFRED CLAYTON 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
ALBERT CALVER 4.	JAMES RUMBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

†First peal in the method. Fayers hails from Mitcham, Gwynne from Morden, Clayton from Beddington, Calver from Carshalton, Thrusell from Tooting, Ferrige from Sutton, Smith from Wimbledon, Rumble from Croydon.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JOHN PAICE Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES 5.
CHARLES HILLS 2.	HARRY MEETEN 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND LINDUP 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	FREDERIC LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Treble.	JAMES NIXON 5.
ALBERT NASH* 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN 6.
ERNEST BONFIELD 3.	†GEORGE BONFIELD 7.
RICHARD BEVAN 4.	*JOSIAH NICHOLLS Tenor.

Conducted by C. B. MARTIN.

*First peal. †First peal away from the treble. This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples on this fine ring since they were re-hung. Messrs. Nash, Nicholls, and G. Bonfield were elected members before starting for the peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. in E.

JOHN BUTLER Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
RICHARD A. JUDD 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. J. Butler was elected a member of the Association and Juniors previous to starting.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

DAVID WHITING Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER 5.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
JOHN WHITTAKER 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

This is the first peal of Grandsire on the bells. First peal by the tenor-man. First peal of Grandsire away from the tenor by F. Barker. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Burley, Leeds; the 5th and tenor from Bradford; the rest from Wakefield.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*ERNEST ALLEN 6.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 3.	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD 8.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	*JAMES HUNT 9.
JOHN J. JONES* 5.	†EDWARD RADDON Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells. This was the first peal of Stedman Caters in the town, and all are local men with the exception of Messrs. Winney and Bennett, who hail from London and Brighton respectively.

BANBURY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	W. J. SMITH 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
F. A. CASTLE 4.	ANTONY STRANGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720s each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

HARRY DAVY Treble.	*WILLIAM ROSE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal of Minor. The 2nd, 4th and 5th ringers hail from Thornham; the rest from Wickham Skeith.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 2.	JAMES DURRANT 6.
EDGAR HICKS* 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. W. Keeble hails from Stratford, J. Durrant from Staines, Middlesex, E. Wightman from Erith, Kent.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.]

ARTHUR HUDSON Treble.	LEWIS CHAPMAN 4.
FREDERICK KNIGHT 2.	JOHN BETTS 5.
CHARLES SWAN 3.	REGINALD LOVEDAY Tenor.

Conducted by REGINALD LOVEDAY.

First peal by Messrs. Betts and Knight; also first peal on six bells by C. Swan.

SWANSEA, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

WILLIAM NORTHEY Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY 5.
FREDERICK ATWELL 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK 6.
JOHN W. JONES 3.	WILLIAM COOMBES 7.
JOHN HARRIS 4.	BENJAMIN TILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBES.

First peal on the bells since they have been recast and placed in the new tower by Mears and Stainbank. This is J. W. Jones's twenty-fifth peal. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Curtis for having everything in readiness.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	ROBERT FIDDIES 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	RICHARD P. HEALD 6.
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER† Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 2.	CHARLES H. WATTS 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
JOHN PERRY* 4.	†THOMAS PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman Triples. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD WARD Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 5.
WILLIAM BALES 2.	SAMUEL SMITH 6.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 7.
EDWARD FRANCIS 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

All the band belong to Norwich, and wish to thank the Venerable Archdeacon Perowne for the use of the bells, and E. Smith for getting them ready; also Mr. C. T. P. Brice, of Alburgh, for his kindness.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES HONEYBELL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM KINSEY 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	GEORGE LILLEY 6.
EDWARD DIAPER 3.	THOMAS KING 7.
SAMUEL SLATER* 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KING.

*First peal in the method. Further reference to this peal elsewhere.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY EVANS Treble.	HARRY MEETEN 5.
RUEBEN STANDING 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
CHARLES HILLS 3.	EDMUND LINDUP 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	JOHN NETLEY Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, first away from tenor by A. Arnell, and first in the method by J. Netley. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Blackman of Arundel. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Blackman for having everything in readiness and kindly providing them with tea at the finish.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble.	FRED G. MAY 6.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 2.	C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER .. 7.
GEORGE DALTRY 3.	F. K. HOWELL 8.
JOHN BURFORT 4.	H. T. HOWELL 9.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

This is the first peal of Bob Royal ever rung in Bristol by a local band, and the first for fifty years, also first by all the band except the conductor.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	CHARLES TANN 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIX-PART No. II. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK WEBB* Treble.	JOSEPH J. PARKER 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	GEORGE ALLDER 6.
GEORGE GUTTRIDGE 3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 7.
WILLIAM CLARK 4.	CHARLES CLARKE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the birthday of our late Queen, also in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt in F.

DOUGLAS HARRIS Treble.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
CYRIL HERBERT 2.	MARK LANE 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
WALTER CHIBNALL 4.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This composition contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 2nd and 3rd never there. Ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th hail from Woburn, the remainder from St. Paul's, Bedford.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, May 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt

GEORGE OATES Treble.	JAMES A. DIXON 5.
THOMAS G. SAREL 2.	GEORGE O. DIXON 6.
WILLIAM BUGAR 3.	ARTHUR SLATER 7.
FRANK BUGAR 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM BIGGIN.

This was the conductor's fiftieth peal.

CODDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. BROWN Treble.	E. RIVERS 5.
W. ROUGHTON 2.	R. W. STANNARD 6.
S. CORNISH 3.	A. G. RIVERS 7.
F. ROLFE 4.	F. MEE Tenor.

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

Messrs. Cornish, Rolfe, and Roughton hail from Ipswich; Stannard from Colchester; the rest from Sproughton.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 6.
SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN 3.	WILLIAM SNOWDON 8.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 4.	REV. H. A. COCKEY 9.
HENRY W. WILDE 5.	JOHN FLOWER Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

HERBERT J. JULIAN† .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTITT 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	WILLIAM GILBERT 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	*JAMES GARRATT Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES GARRATT.

†First peal of Superlative. *First peal in the method as conductor. Messrs. Julian and Hensher hail from Kettering; Gilbert from Raunds; Lilley from Bedford; the rest belong to the local band.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal rung at Shorne, Kent, has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On February 17th, at St. Mary's church, for morning service, a date touch of Bob Minor, in 1 hour 2 mins. F. H. Purton, 1; F. W. Ford, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Dixon, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, January 6th, 1260 Bob Royal in 56 mins. A. Swannack (first quarter-peal), 1; G. F. Clarke, 2; A. T. Winter, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; G. Swannack, 6; R. Miles, 7; H. Warburton, 8; G. R. Winter, 9; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Spurr, for many years a sidesman at East Retford church. On Sunday, February 24th, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. A. T. Winter, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 3; G. F. Clarke, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; K. Miles, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by an East Retford company and by the Association.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Hertfordshire).—On Sunday, December 23rd, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Gale, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 27th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, standing as above. On January 5th, 720 Court Bob, standing as above. On January 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as above. On Sunday, February 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, 1; G. Gale, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Phillips (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Canterbury, with A. Phillips (conductor), the rest as before. On Sunday, February 28th, for service, 720 Court Bob. On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 12th, 720 Double Court. C. Gale, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells also by all the band. On Sunday, March 24th, for afternoon service, 360 College Single, with A. Lawrence (conductor), 6, the rest as before. On Tuesday, March 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Gale, 1; W. H. Lawrence, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Phillips (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 9th, 720 Court Bob. J. Smith, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On April 15th, 720 Oxford Bob. Also on Sunday, 21st, 720 Oxford, A. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6, the rest as before. Also for evening service, at Watton, 720 College Single.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 16th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's). J. Miller, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; R. Charge, 4; C. R. Millway,

5; W. Charge, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; C. Bale, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th. On December 24th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Miller, 1; J. Miller, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Charge, 5; H. W. Newby, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; C. Bale, 8. On December 30th, 1260 Plain Bob Triples. S. Wade (conductor), 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; H. Miller, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; S. Jones, 6; J. Miller, 7; C. Bale, 8. On January 19th, 1280 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong (composer and conductor), 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade, 8. On January 26th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Miller, 1; S. Jones, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. Miller, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; A. Miller, 8. On February 10th, 1280 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade, 7; J. Miller (conductor), 8. On February 24th, 1264 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong (composer and conductor), 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade, 8. On February 28th, 1264 Bob Major. F. H. Purton, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; H. Miller, 3; F. W. Ford, 4; W. Tegg, 5; S. Jones, 6; J. Armstrong, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On March 10th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade, 8. On March 17th, 1260 Stedman Triples (Brook's). J. Miller, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; W. Pickworth, 3; R. Charge, 4; W. Charge, 5; G. Charge, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; H. Miller, 8. On March 31st, 1260 Bob Triples. J. Armstrong, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; W. Tegg, 3; H. Miller, 4; J. Miller, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; H. Balaam, 8. On April 21st, 1280 Kent Treble Bob. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; C. R. Millway, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On April 28th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. Miller, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; H. Balaam, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRACONSFIELD (Bucks.)—On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Wootten, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; P. Wilkins, 3; W. Bagley, 4; A. Bagley, 5; J. Bagley, 6; R. Buckland (conductor), 7; F. Bagley, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, February 19th, at St. Paul's Church, 224 Bob Major. A. N. Wood, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; W. T. Barker, 7; F. Webb, 8; also 168 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, 1; W. T. Barker, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; F. Webb, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. R. L. Wey (conductor), 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. The above touches were rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. F. Hills, M.A., who is leaving Bedford for Leighton Buzzard having been senior curate at the above church for fourteen years. On Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, a course of Stedman Caters. A. N. Wood, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; W. J. Barker, 7; C. R. L. Wey, 8; F. Webb, 9; T. Sear, 10. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, a course of Double Norwich. F. Webb, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; W. S. Barker, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. For evening service, 336 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; A. N. Wood, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; I. Hills, 5; B. Jealous, 6; F. Webb, 7; J. Sear, 8. On Sunday, March 10, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; A. N. Wood, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. S. Cullip, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Webb, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. Also a course of Double Norwich. A. N. Wood, 1; F. Webb, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Hall, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; W. T. Barker, 8. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 140 Stedman Caters. A. N. Wood, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. Chasty, 7; I. Hills, 8; W. T. Barker, 9; J. Sear, 10. For evening service, 287 Grandsire Caters. T. Sear, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; F. Webb (conductor), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. Davison, 8; C. R. Lilley, 9; A. N. Wood, 10. This was F. Webb's first attempt at conducting Grandsire Caters. On Sunday, March 24, for morning service, a course of Kent Royal. C. R. L. Wey, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Webb, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Church, 6; C. Chasty, 7; I. Hills, 8; G. Valentine, 9; W. J. Barker, 10. On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 419 Stedman Caters. A. N. Wood, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Chasty, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; W. J. Barker, 7; I. Hills, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; J. Sear, 10. On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. B. Jealous, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. J. Barker (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; A. N. Wood, 7; F. Webb, 8. On Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 140 Stedman Caters. A. N. Wood, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F.

Webb, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. J. Valentine, 8; W. J. Barker (conductor), 9; J. Sear, 10. This was W. Barker's first attempt at conducting Stedman Caters. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters, J. Sear, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; G. Valentine, 8; F. Webb, 9; A. N. Wood, 10. This was B. Jealous's first attempt at conducting Grandsire Caters. For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. B. Jealous, 1; W. J. Barker (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; G. Valentine, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Church, 6; A. N. Wood, 7; J. Sear, 8. Also 288 Kent Major, A. N. Wood, 1; B. Jealous, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Church, 6; G. Valentine, 7; W. J. Barker (conductor), 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks.)—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 1176 changes of Oxford Bob Triples were rung in 40 mins. W. Cross, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Guttridge, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; C. Clarke, 6; A. Crook, 7; J. Bovington, 8. Also on Sunday, May 26th, 1232 changes of Grandsire Major, in 44 mins. J. Bovington, 1; J. Basden, 2; G. Basden, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; C. Clarke, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; A. Crook, 8.

MARDEN (Kent.)—On Saturday, February 24th, 720 Bob Minor (18 Bobs and 2 Singles), in 28 mins. P. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Also another 720 (14 Singles 4 Bobs), in 27½ mins. G. Hadaway, 1; P. Hodgkin, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 14th, 720 (14 Singles 4 Bobs) in 26½ mins. G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; H. Brown, 3; C. H. Sone, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. On April 17th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (15 Bobs 6 Singles), in 27 mins. G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; H. Brown, 3; C. H. Sone, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. On Sunday, April 21st, 720 Bob Minor (22 Singles), in 27 mins. C. H. Sone, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. On Wednesday, May 1st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (9 Bobs and 6 Singles), in 27½ mins. G. Hadaway, 1; E. Lambert, 2; D. Hodgkin, 3; E. C. Lambert, 4; F. Sharp, 5; C. H. Sone, 6. All the above 720s were conducted by F. Sharp.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks.)—On Monday, May 27, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Goddard, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; J. Haines, 3; C. Edwards, 4; J. Basden, 5; G. Guttridge, 6; H. Chandler, 7; F. Richardson (conductor), 8.

YALDING (Kent.)—On Saturday, February 24th, 720 Bob Major (9 Bobs and 6 Singles), in 27 mins. F. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6; conducted by F. Sharp. Messrs. F. and D. Hodgkin, H. Brown, and F. Sharp hail from Marden; G. Hadaway from Linton; and P. Hodgkin from Headcorn.

A PATRIARCHIAL BELL-RINGER.—St. Paul's Cathedral possesses in the person of J. R. Haworth, who has just celebrated his 80th birthday, one of the oldest bell-ringers in the country. He has been an expert in the art of bell-ringing since the accession of the late Queen Victoria, and it is of interest to note that he helped to peal the bells of Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the accession of Her Majesty, and on each 20th of June since, without a single break. In addition, he was one of the team who rang the bells of St. Paul's not only at the Jubilee of 1887, but on the occasion of her late Majesty's visit to the cathedral on the ever-memorable Diamond Jubilee day. In spite of his advanced years Mr. Haworth is still hale and hearty, possessing, moreover, a vivid recollection of events of long ago. Especially interesting are his reminiscences of bell-ringing in his early days, and of the notable occasions—commencing with the tolling of the bell at St. Clement Danes church on the death of William IV.—on which he has commemorated incidents of national rejoicing and mourning.—*City Press*.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 6th, and at St. Michael's Cornhill on June 11th. Business meeting after St. Michael's.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Cheltenham, to-day, Saturday, June 1st, to discuss the question of holding the annual meeting triennially instead of alternately as at present between Gloucester and Bristol, Cirencester being the centre suggested. A short service at the parish church at 3.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Members half-price. St. Mary's (10 bells), Charlton Kings (8 bells), and probably Prestbury (8 bells), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Road, St. George, Bristol.

Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Blackrod, to-day, Saturday, June 1st. Tower open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Dinner in the Schoolroom at 6 o'clock. Business meeting after.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Cheddleton to-day, Saturday, June 1st.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Annual General Meeting at Chatham, Saturday, June 8th. Central Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry, 10.30 a.m. Service at St. Mary's (address by the Rector, Rev. J. Tetley Rowe) 11.45 a.m., offertory for the Belfry Repairs Fund. Dinner in the Queen's Hall at 1 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after dinner. The bells of St. Mary's, Chatham, 8, St. Margaret's, Rochester, 8, Gillingham, 8, Rochester Cathedral, 6, and Rainham, 6, will be open for ringing. Application for dinner tickets to be made immediately to the Hon. Sec.,

Canterbury. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Wimborne Minster on Monday, June 3rd next. Service at the Minster about 11.30 a.m. The usual meeting for the election of officers immediately after service in the Lecture. It is particularly requested that all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1901 (and which was due on 1st January last), will do so as soon as possible, and if convenient before the annual meeting. More honorary members are needed.

THOMAS BLACKBOURN,
General Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.*
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 8th. Meeting to commence

at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Butcher's Arms.
WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, June 15th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above, will be held at Petworth, on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly inform me by Thursday, June 6th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Mary, Staines, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 15th. The bells of the parish church, recently rehung, will be at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The cup contest is postponed until further notice.

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

The Midland Counties' Association.—The entrance fee for members elected previous to an attempt for a peal must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary within one month of such election, together with their full name and address and name of proposer and seconder, otherwise their election will not be confirmed, and the peal will not be recorded by the Association.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
Colgrave, Notts.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Loughborough District.—The local Hon. Secretary is now Mr. J. Hutchby, 11, Albert Street, Loughborough.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CLARE, SUFFOLK.—This was the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Honeybell and Slater hail from Glemsford, Gladwell and Kinsey from Felsham, King and Symonds from Lavenham, Lilley from Fornham and of St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds, and Diaper from Stowmarket, who was elected prior to starting for the peal. The band wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. J. Vatcher for placing the bells at their disposal.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the church of St. Mary, for Divine Service in the evening, 1260 Stedman Triples, 41 mins. J. Hinton, 1; J. Aldridge (conductor), 2; G. R. Fardon, 3; W. T. Meaton, 4; C. Charge, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; R. Charge, 7; A. S. Ough, 8. First in the method on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, March 24th, for Divine service in the morning, 1260 Grandires Triples, in 46 mins. T. J. Cast, 1; J. Cottis, 2; E. G. Fenn, 3; G. W. Faulkner, 4; A. T. Morris, 5; A. J. T. Carter, 6; C. Fenn (conductor), 7; T. Faulkner, 8. A. T. Morris hails from Harwich.

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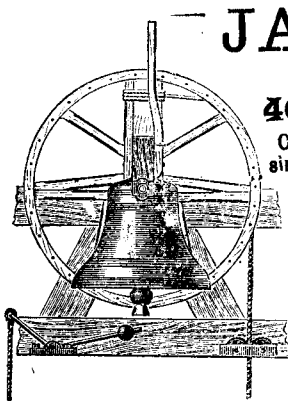
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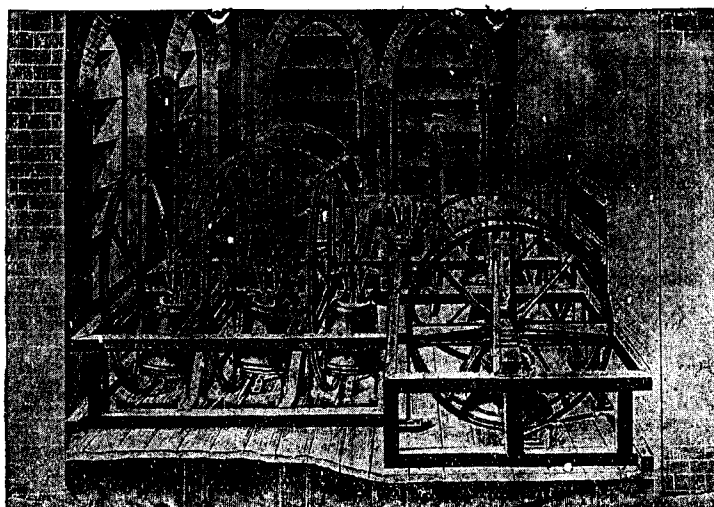
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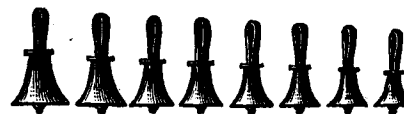
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NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

History tells us, says a local paper, that in its time, Broughton has seen many important events, some of these connected with its ancient parish church, and the recent event adds one more very interesting page to the records of the ancient sacred pile, and to the history of Broughton itself. The new tower has been built at the sole cost of the Right Hon. Viscount Cross, G.C.B., from designs by Messrs. Austin and Paley, of Lancaster. It is handsome in design, and in keeping with the architecture of the church. A ring of bells has also been added. The seven smallest bells are new, and have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have also rehung the whole peal. The tenor was cast by John Warner, and given by Viscount Cross in 1869, in exchange for an old bell which had become cracked. The weight is 10 cwt. 19 lbs. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

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John Garner gave me,

When he was Churchwarden here,

In the Nineteen hundredth year."

4th.—Te Deum Laudamus.

5th.—X Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam X in memory of William Henry Cross, died 1892.

6th.—Presented by T. Butler.

7th.—Venite Exultemus Domino.

The dedication service was preceded by a procession consisting of the Boys' Brigade (who looked particularly smart in their uniform), and the school children headed by the Broughton Brass Band. The streets having been paraded, the procession proceeded to the church, which was already fairly filled by a congregation assembled to take part in the service. There was a large attendance of the clergy, among those present being the Bishop of Carlisle, Ven. Archdeacon Philips, Canon Ayre (Ulverston), Rev. C. Cropper, Vicar of Broughton, Rev. S. Falle, Vicar of St. James's, Barrow, Rev. F. Byard, Vicar of Dalton, Rev. S. A. Adams, Vicar of Rampside, Rev. J. Park, Vicar of Woodland, and others. The Rev. C. J. Cropper took the first portion of the service, the special psalms being the 84th and 150th. The Ven. Archdeacon Phillips read the first lesson and Canon Ayre the second.

The Bishop of Carlisle, in the course of a brief address, said some of his hearers might not be aware that Sunday was a remarkable anniversary in the history of the Church of England, for it was in 1549, or 352 years ago, that the service of the Church of England was first rendered into the language of the people. Through the influence of Cranmer and Ridley, and those associated with them the people had now the Prayer Book. Previously the prayers had been in Latin, but 552 years ago the English people for the first time heard the prayers said in their own tongue. He thought they ought to be deeply thankful that they had the Bible and the services of the church

rendered in the tongue which they had spoken from childhood. He thought they would be surprised, as he was, at the number of times the word "tower" was mentioned in the Prayer Book. It was referred to as a strong place—a place of defence. In different parts of the Prayer Book they found it referred to as "a strong tower of defence against the face of their enemies," and the phrase must have come home to our forefathers with a familiar and comfortable sound. In the North of England they found many towers which had been used as places of refuge for those in high places. There was such a tower at Rose Castle. But the common people had their places of refuge too, and they naturally resorted to the Church. At Great Salkeld and Brough there were great massive towers, and in the days of Border forays and disturbances the people found these and similar towers a place of refuge, and thus they were taught that Jesus Christ was the true and only refuge for sinners in times of trouble. In earlier times—that is in Saxon days—the church tower was not so much a place of defence as a place for giving light. There were small windows below but high up there was an opening for the light. His lordship instanced the Lantern Tower of Ely Cathedral. In later times a change came about, and the tower and steeple were utilised for peals of bells. In the days of the Reformation, and very soon afterwards, there were more peals of bells in England than were found at the present time. When the Reformation came, however, the bells were not spared, and in the troublous times of war, the bells were cast into cannon, so that many churches were robbed of their peals and left with a single bell. Bells were consecrated and were just as much a part of the church as any other. He was sure all their hearts were full of thankfulness to him who had been the generous donor of the new tower. When he (the Bishop) saw it from Foxfield, he was very much impressed with its beauty, its proportion and symmetry, and adaptation to the other architectural lines of the church. With regard to the bells they would hear them by and bye; but he had no doubt for years to come they would call together the people to the House of God. His lordship referred to the importance of having a good set of bell-ringers, and pointed out that to ring a bell was no easy task. During a part of the last century he was afraid church bell-ringing was associated with carousal and debauchery. From the belfry the ringers often went straight to the public house. That had now been done away with, and the bell-chamber now really formed part of the church. He trusted the young men of Broughton would have the ambition to aspire to be bell-ringers. God grant that when these earthly services were over we may be assembled before the face of Christ Himself, in that House, not made by hands, and we may take our part in that worship that is the highest. His lordship concluded with an earnest appeal on behalf of the bell fund on which there was still a deficit of £50.

The Bishop then proceeded to the tower and repeated the dedicatory prayers, after which a short peal was rung. The service was then concluded.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The six bells in Barwell church tower which were hung by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough in 1877 were so musical and tuneful that there has been for several years a feeling that the peal ought to be increased to eight. The advent of the twentieth century, marked as it has been by the close of the long and glorious reign of our much loved Queen, and by the Accession of his most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., was thought a fitting and appropriate time to carry out this idea. A committee was formed for this purpose. The work was placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, and they responded so promptly that on Thursday, May 9th, the dedication service took place. Many of the neighbouring clergy attended, among whom were the Hon. and Rev. A. Byron, Rural Dean (Kirkby Mallory), Revs. R. Titley and Alf. Titley (Barwell), H. Fisher (Higham), H. Bryan (Stoke Golding), La Grange Leney (Hinckley), T. B. Hardy (Narborough), W. G. Cole (Newbold Verdon), W. Dampier (Nailstone), and C. L. Robinson (Huncote). The clergy robed at the rectory, and as they entered the church the processional hymn "O worship the King" was sung by the choir and congregation. In the belfry, prayers of dedication were read by the Rural Dean, after which a short touch was rung on the new bells for the service of the day. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. A. Titley. The first special lesson was read by the Rev. W. G. Cole, and the second by the Rev. La Grange Leney. The Hon. and Rev. A. Byron addressed the congregation on the subject of religion in common life, and dwelt upon the change which had taken place in the manner of conducting all things pertaining to the worship of God in His Sanctuary of late years, and especially in the conduct and demeanour of the choir and the ringers. He alluded to the occasions on which the bells were usually rung, and the appropriateness of their ringing.

The first bell bears the inscription "Victoria, A.D. 1837 to A.D. 1901." The second bell, "Edward VII." in commemoration of his Accession, A.D. 1901." The weight of each bell is about 5½ cwt. During the evening the bells were rung by members of the Midland Counties' Association from Nuneaton, Earl Shilton, Stoney Stanton, and other places.

The services were continued on the Sunday following. In the morning the preacher was the Rev. A. Titley, and in the evening the Rev. Hugh Bryan, who has taken a great interest in bell-ringing and in the establishment of bell-ringing Associations. He spoke of the good that such Associations have done in the matter of belfry reform, Short touches were rung at intervals during the day, and the peal was pronounced highly satisfactory.

THREE NEW BELLS FOR RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

For some time there has been a strong feeling among the ringers and their friends that the addition of three bells to the five bells of All Saints' church so as to complete the octave, would have an enormous effect on the music of the peal. The church is about seven miles from Duffield, and would be an excellent place for peal-ringing.

At the Easter vestry held on April 11th, the matter was brought forward, and was heartily assented to by all present. Mr. A. L. Wright, the Vicar's warden, has generously offered two bells, and the ringers are desirous to raise as many subscriptions as possible, so as to cover

the cost of another bell, the parishioners undertaking the cost of repairs. Change-ringers and friends of the ringing world are earnestly invited to assist us by sending any small contributions to Mr. J. W. G. Pickering, Alfred Street, Ripley, Derbyshire, who is the Hon. Secretary to this special ringers' fund. Several ringing friends have already sent subscriptions, and their names will appear in this paper. Cheques and P.O. should be made payable to the Rev. W. E. Bradstock, M.A., Vicar, and crossed Nottingham Joint Stock Bank Limited. The order has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, and will be completed in August.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its third annual meeting on Whit-Monday, May 27th, at Ripon, and a most enjoyable and highly successful one it proved to be. Members began to arrive at 9.53, and we found Mr. W. Pick, of the Cathedral and Sharow towers, on the railway platform to welcome us, having kindly seen that all was in readiness for the visitors. A pleasant walk of rather more than a mile soon brought us to Sharow church, a village pleasantly situated on the outskirts of the Cathedral City. Here there are eight bells, which the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cust Nunn, kindly placed at our disposal for the day. They were soon swinging to the music of Kent Treble Bob, and a touch of 1056 came round in due course in good style. Another band soon had them in hand to Bob Major, and then a mid-day service necessarily stopped further ringing for a time. In the meanwhile the reserve forces had arrived and detrained, and found their way to the Cathedral, and as we stood in Sharow churchyard we heard the ten bells rising nicely in peal. Ringing was kept up here till 2 p.m. by such members as were not obliged to attend the committee meeting held before dinner at 2.15.

At the dinner at The Black Bull, the President (Mr. G. J. Clarkson) took the chair, supported by the Vice-presidents (Messrs. J. H. Blakiston and J. Wrightson), the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Rev. W. P. Wright), and Rev. F. L. Perkins, Vicar of Thirsk, whom we were all very glad to have amongst us. The dinner was well done and quite acceptable to all after the early morning start.

The usual toast list was gone through, beginning of course with "The King and the Royal Family."

The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy" was coupled with the name of the Vicar of Thirsk, who made a most happy speech in reply, which greatly helped to brighten up the day's proceedings.

The Secretary then read the annual report, which showed the Association to be in a prosperous condition as to membership and financially also, having a balance of £12 odd in hand, and a membership of 160.

The election of officers for the year resulted in the unanimous return of all the old ones, or I should say of all the retiring ones, who in every case were proposed in highly flattering terms.

After dinner members returned to ring at the Cathedral until such time as the railway company compelled them to return home, having most thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Letters were read from the Dean and the Vicar of Sharow expressing great regret at being unable to be present at dinner, the former on account of the very serious nature of Mrs. Freemantle's health, the latter on account of slight personal indisposition. With regard to the Very Rev. and Honourable the Dean's family anxiety, the members present at dinner showed their sympathy by standing up, at the Secretary's request, whilst he moved a vote of sympathy with the Dean and his family, which was afterwards forwarded to him.

An account of the ringing done during the day is enclosed with this report of the proceedings, which are scribbled in the lovely city of Oxford, where the writer would thoroughly enjoy a ring on one or more of the many grand peals with which he is surrounded.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit-Monday meeting was held at Alnwick, and was very well attended, considering the distance it is from the ringing centres of the two dioceses. The bells in St. Paul's church, a fine peal of eight, tenor 18 cwt., were kept going throughout the day in Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Triples, Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major. Dinner was held at The Star hotel at one o'clock, followed by a general meeting, the President, R. S. Story, Esq. being in the chair, and Mr. Ernest Ferry in the vice-chair. There were also present the Rev. G. Brown, curate of St. Paul's, Mr. E. A. Weightman, etc.

The chairman proposed the toast of "The King," which was loyally honoured. He then read a letter from the Vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. J. J. M. Perry, regretting inability to attend through indisposition. The President also said they were glad to see one of the clergy with them that day; it shewed the interest they took in their young and persevering band of ringers at St. Paul's.

The Rev. G. Brown welcomed the members to Alnwick, and hoped they would have a pleasant time of it. He had heard that Mr. Weightman had secured passes to the Castle and grounds, and he (Mr. Brown) now offered to escort a party to see Brislee Tower in the Duke's park. A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. T. Whinney, of Shotley Bridge, an old member and committeeman of the Association, was proposed in feeling terms by the President and sympathetically agreed to.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to the Alnwick ringers for their kindly preparations, and to Mr. E. A. Weightman for obtaining passes to the castle and grounds.

Among the new members elected at this meeting were Councillor R. B. Annison, J.P., and the Rev. Dr. Randell, of Sunderland, the Rev. W. H. A. Willmer, of Cramlington, the Rev. Alfred Boote, Vicar of St. George's, Newcastle, etc.

The President was chosen from among the three representatives on the Central Council to attend the meeting at Derby.

The rest of the day was spent in the Duke of Northumberland's grounds at Alnwick Castle and in ringing, the weather being fine, and every one had a very pleasant time. There were thirty-four members present during the day from Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, Durham, Newcastle, North Shields, Whickham, Whitley, Wylam, and Alnwick.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Rothwell, on Saturday, May 25th, the attendance, although not large, was a fairly representative one, ringers being present from the following places: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Calverley, Headingley Holbeck, Leeds, Pudsey, Wakefield, and the local company. An attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but after ringing for some time the composition was found to be false, and "stand all" was called much to the regret of all taking part, as the performance had so far been satisfactory and had every appearance of being a success. Ringing in various Minor and Major methods followed until time for the business meeting, which was held at The White Swan hotel, the President, Mr. Tom Lockwood, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Holbeck were passed as read, on the motion of Mr. Chas. Pratt (Calverley), seconded by Mr. E. Wheeler (Bradford). No other business being forthcoming, the meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements. Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell) responded, giving all present a hearty welcome.

The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, June 29th.

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Obituary.

JOHN ORLANDO BENNETT.

In the above-named ringer the Kidderminster company, with deep regret, lose one of their most respected members. Mr. Bennett passed away on Sunday, May 26th, in his thirty-sixth year, and was interred in St. George's churchyard, Kidderminster, on Wednesday, May 29th. The members of St. Mary's society attending the funeral were: J. Crane, W. H. Smith, J. Pagett, N. Davis, R. E. Grove, and T. J. Salter; the first-named four officiating as bearers.

The usual whole pull and stand was rung in the afternoon immediately before the funeral, and in the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major with the bells half-muffled, but unfortunately the muff came off the tenor and the bells were allowed to run round at the half-way. J. Addleton, 1; N. Davis, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Crane, 6; J. Pagett (composer), 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. Some ten years ago the deceased had a very severe illness from which he never fully recovered, but his interest in change-ringing never flagged, and so long as he could climb the steps he was willing to take his place in a peal, his pluck carrying him through where a less determined man would easily have failed, as an instance, two peals were to be attempted the same day, but it was agreed he was only to stand in the first one, the member to make up for the second peal was not available, and Mr. Bennett at once took the place of the absentee. The peal was rung (Cambridge Surprise), and he always declared that it was the best peal he ever rang or ever heard. He was quiet, unassuming, honest almost to a fault, well-liked by his colleagues, and a great favourite with ringers who knew him. Each winter appeared to leave him a shade weaker, but the end came rather sudden and unexpected. His last peal was one of Stedman Triples rung on December 27th, 1898, and strange as it may seem, he rang twenty peals during that year, quite double the number of any previous year. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Midland Counties' Association, the Sussex County and Worcestershire Associations. The following is a list of his peals: seven methods on six bells, 2; Grandsire Triples, 8, conducted 1; Grandsire Major, 1; Bob Triples, 2; Bob Major, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Stedman Triples, 18; Superlative Surprise Major, 16; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; total—78.

THE LLAFFDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLAFAFF.—On Sunday morning, February 3rd, for Divine Service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Northey, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; F. Pitcher (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; W. Coombes, 6; A. Rowley (first as conductor), 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8.

LATE PEAL.

BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

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Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. G. D. Scott, M.A., a member of the local company, to Miss C. Barrington of Limerick.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 24th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's one-part. J. Parker, P. Darlington, J. Waghorn, R. Goodchild, W. Bennett, A. W. Darlington, W. Ward (conductor), W. Anderson.

A TRIP TO IRELAND.

VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE OUTING.

There is a story told of a schoolboy who when asked in an examination for what Ireland was chiefly noted, promptly replied "Taters and Agitators," and perhaps there are not a few persons of maturer years who even to-day associate with the Emerald Isle little more than these two facts. Ignorance such as this, however, cannot be laid at the door of any of England's ringers, for the whole-hearted good nature of the Irish, the beauty of the scenery of Erin's Isle, and the grandeur of many of the peals of bells to be found dotted about Ireland are facts that have been told and retold to ringers up and down the country by those who have had the good fortune to visit that land across the channel. There is a well-worn proverb which says the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the old adage applies to a great many things other than a mysterious conglomeration of comestibles. Certain it is that the three excellent points above-named have just recently been proved to have been by no means exaggerated by those who previously have written glowing dissertations on the impressions made upon them when visiting Ireland. For right down genuine hospitality, for magnificence of scenery, and for noble rings of bells, Ireland would be hard to beat—that is, in the opinion of the band of ringers who, under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, visited the sister Isle during the Whitsun holidays. This trip was not one thought of and carried out on the impulse of the moment, but planned months before and the details thoroughly worked up so that all the arrangements worked with the utmost smoothness. No small measure of the success achieved and the whole pleasure of the outing was due to this, and it may be said at once that the whole of the band recognise that it is Mr. W. H. Barber, of Birmingham, and Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin, whom they have primarily to thank for the enjoyment of the tour. Seven peals in nine attempts, as the result of six days' outing, is not a bad performance, comprising as it does and as the records in another column show, five ten-bell peals—two of Stedman Caters on handbells, and one of Treble Ten, and two of Stedman Caters on church bells—and two on eight bells—one of Superlative and one of New Cambridge. About every peal, too, there was some point of interest, which makes the tour the more noteworthy.

It was at a quarter to two on the morning of Friday, May 24th, that the first arrivals at Holyhead boarded the steamer "Hibernia." These were Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. Short and J. Buffery, of Birmingham, and J. S. Goldsmith, of Lewes. It was a tedious wait till the arrival of the boat express from London which brought the brothers William, Ernest, and George R. Pye, together with the evergreen Isaac George Shade, of Greenwich, and the departure of the steamer at a quarter to four. Just however as the boat cleared Holyhead the sun peeped over the Welsh hills, lighting up the placid sea and warming those who had been shivering on the deck in the cold of the early morning. It was not long before the handbells were brought out, and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, and Double Norwich Major were tapped off with charming effect, much to the delight of the passengers who crowded round to witness what, to them, was a unique entertainment. At Dublin Mr. Lindoff met the party and conducted them to their respective "diggin's." There being no ringing till the evening, a long morning was spent in looking round the city and making a tour of the famous Guinness's Brewery—an item in "doing" Dublin which has now come to be a conventional part of any ringer's visit to the Irish capital. Some of the visitors had been about since four o'clock on the previous morning, and not one had been to bed on the preceding night, so on reaching St. Patrick's during the afternoon they made the most of a few spare minutes to snatch just "forty winks." On tables, chairs, and boxes they laid themselves out, and hard though the couches, slept the sleep of the just for an hour or more. About six o'clock, after the various preliminaries, the bells began to turn to Treble Ten, and a grand tale they told. One thing, however, the company sought for in vain. The long sleek rat came not—he must have been poisoned, one hinted, and another one suggested that the very thought of the peal killed him—but it made no difference to the way in which the course-ends rolled up, and in

3 hrs. 51 mins. the first peal of Treble Bob Royal in Ireland was completed.

On Saturday morning the five handbell ringers of the party met in St. Patrick's belfry, and were soon hammering away at Stedman Caters. The going-off course was a bit of a stumbling-block, but once this was passed the courses were tapped off with the regularity of clockwork and the bells spun round as if rung by machinery till the peal was finished—the first peal of Stedman on handbells out of England. That morning the party had been augmented by the arrival of Mr. James George, of Rugby, and Mr. Philip Davies, of Lichfield, and these two gentlemen filled the post of referees. Christ Church Cathedral was the order for the evening, and with two good men hooked on the tenors, Stedman Caters was not much trouble. Ringing at St. Patrick's for service on Sunday morning brought the visitors again to the Cathedral, and among the touches rung was a course of Double Norwich Royal. The instruction to be at 27 by 12 at half-past one, appears somewhat like a problem in Euclid to the uninitiated, but the order was implicitly obeyed, and the ten turned up to time at the Roman Catholic church of SS. Augustine and John. The tower takes its novel designation from its measurements—twenty-seven feet long by twelve feet wide, and the belfry is approached by a tall spiral staircase. A bell running away from the slow upset the Stedman Caters that had gone merrily on for two hours and a quarter, and spoiled the unbroken run of successes that had hitherto attended the efforts of the visitors. The next business was getting down the staircase. Nine of ten had no difficulty, but the remaining one, whom it would be unfair to "give away" by mentioning names, found the greatest difficulty. The dizzy height made him rather giddy he said, so having handed his hat to one, and his umbrella to another, got a third to walk just in front of him, and a fourth to come behind in case of emergency, he commenced the descent. Backwards he came, almost on hands and knees, clinging, as if for dear life, to the handrail and the open ironwork of the steps. At length after a desperate struggle lasting about ten minutes he safely reached the landing gallery, more dead than alive it is said, and with the perspiration pouring from him. The effort had cost him much more than ringing any heavy bell would do, while to the lookers-on, it caused a corresponding amount of amusement. At the meeting-house of the St. Augustine's men, the first course of Stedman Cinques in Ireland was rung on handbells by the brothers Pye and Messrs. Barber, Lindoff and Short, while the local ringers played several tunes with a precision and finish that greatly delighted all who heard them.

Whit-Monday was the day fixed for the annual meeting of the Irish Association at Arklow, and the visitors who were to be the guests of the society had to be stirring before five o'clock in order to reach the Wicklow town in time to ring a peal before the service at half-past twelve. The railway lies through the beautiful vale of Avoca, which rivals even the scenery of Killarney. At Arklow the party were met by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who conducted them to the very fine church, which is as complete in detail as it is possible for such a structure to be. Thousands of pounds were lavished on it by Lord Carysfort, who does nothing by halves. The magnificent ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 22 cwt., were soon beating away at Superlative, but in the third course the tenor rope gave out at a splice, and "stand" had to be called, and some little time was lost before things could be put straight. Permission was kindly given to complete the peal if possible, and about ten o'clock the bells went off again. The ringing was of the very best—and there were competent judges listening outside to express an opinion—but unfortunately in the fifteenth course one of the bells straight through from the front was missing when he ought to have been behind, and so the second loss occurred. The bells as mentioned before are very grand in tone and go like the proverbial fiddles; and when the ringing ceased, Earl Carysfort came into the belfry to congratulate the band on the excellent striking. Throughout the day the visitors were received with the greatest cordiality and were entertained right royally. In the afternoon they rung the first courses of London and Cambridge ever brought round in Ireland. Some further details of the ringing at Arklow will be found in the report of the Irish Association, so it is unnecessary to give them here. Probably not many readers of "THE BELL NEWS" have experienced the delights of travelling on the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford

Railway. If they have'nt they need not wish to, if they have, without doubt, they do not wish to do so again. Most of the third class carriages would be despised by any respectable country Irishman as a place in which to keep his pig, while the pace even rivals that for which the Chatham and Dover Railway has made itself notorious. Arklow to Dublin—forty-nine miles in 3 hrs. 20 mins.,—why, a London cab horse would knock spots off it.

Bray was the rendezvous for Tuesday morning, and here another superb ring of eight were found. The lost Superlative was again attempted, and in 3 hrs. 34 mins. along came that ever-welcome "this is all," signalling the completion of the first peal in a Surprise method ever rung out of England. This success put the party upon very good terms with themselves, but it was only the first of an unbroken series of successes that attended the tour thence to the end. After the peal Archdeacon Scott very generously entertained the visitors to dinner at The Royal Hotel, two friends from Yorkshire, who happened to be staying in Ireland for the holidays, also sitting down. An opportunity of attempting a second peal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, having been very considerably given, a start was made at 6 o'clock for the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Except in the going off and turning, every course was reeled off with singular regularity—five minutes was the time, no more, no less, and so at the end of 3 hrs. 56 mins. the bells ran round, finishing another performance upon which the band congratulated themselves. The visitors then, at the invitation of R. R. Cherry, Esq., K.C., who had taken part in the peal, adjourned to that gentleman's residence at St. Stephen's Green, and partook of a bountiful supper, to which, as may be imagined after four hours' ringing, ten hungry men did full justice. 'Twas in the early hours of the morning that all reached their respective temporary abodes, to meet again on the 10.15 a.m. boat for Holyhead. Regrets that the enjoyable trip was nearing its close were deep and sincere, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung going down the Liffey as a farewell touch. The sea beyond was lake-like in calmness, and so the five men of handbell fame bethought themselves of attempting another unique performance, that of ringing a peal on the sea when they were quite assured that the qualms of *mal de mer* would not upset the bells in the slow. Getting the ears of the steward they stowed themselves away from the crowd in the corner of a saloon on the lower deck, and with the two Georges—the George and Isaac George—to see that all was square and above board, away they went for Stedman Caters. But the sound of bells has an enchanting effect, and the curiosity of the passengers could not be restrained. A gate across the companion hatch would not stop them, and it was all that the "shadow" could do to keep them at a respectable distance. But neither the pertinacity with which the passengers hung about the cabin, the buzz of the boat's machinery, nor the roar of the guns of the Channel Fleet practising at targets some thirty miles from land and close to whose lines the well-found "Cambria" passed and dipped her ensign to salute "The flag that's braved a thousand years, the battle and the breeze," could upset the ringing, and as the engines slowed to half speed off the breakwater head, round came the bells and the business was done. The visitors, who were minus Mr. Davies, who left on Monday for the Central Council meeting, were snap-shotted on the deck before leaving the ship, by Mr. John Wickens, of Bangor. A wire sent the day before to the Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, had, it was anticipated, put things right for a peal at that church, and on reaching the place such was found to be the case. New Cambridge was the method decided upon, and after a couple of false starts a first-rate peal was knocked off, making a splendid finish to a magnificent outing. The parting of the ways had begun, Mr. Buffery had earlier been whirled away to Birmingham, Mr. Goldsmith was now left behind to complete a holiday in North Wales, at Crewe Messrs. Barber and Short were dropped for Birmingham, and the Londoners were left at Rugby by Mr. George to complete their journey alone. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable and successful ringing tours it is possible to conceive.

Where so much has been done by so many individuals to make the comfort and pleasure of a party so complete, it is difficult to know where to begin with the thanks. The debt of gratitude which the ringers owe to all concerned cannot be re-

paid in mere words. The plainer the expressions used, perhaps the better, and heartily and sincerely the ten visitors wish to return their unbounded thanks to all, but especially to the following: the Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Archdeacon Scott of Bray, Rev. R. Hallows of Arklow, Rev. T. Lewis Jones of Bangor, North Wales, and the Reverend Fathers of SS. Augustine and John, Dublin, for the use of the respective peals of bells; to Lord Carysfort, Archdeacon Scott, and R. R. Cherry, Esq., for their hospitality, and the bands of the three Dublin towers for their kindness throughout the tour. And in conclusion it is the wish of the visitors to again thank Mr. Lindoff for his continued kindness and attention, and for the capital arrangements made by him.

AN ENGLISH VISITOR.

WIRKSWORTH TAP DRESSINGS.

The historic town of Wirksworth, the ancient metropolis of the lead-mining industry, nestling under the hills at the head of the pretty valley of the Ecclesbourne, was *en fete* on Whit-Wednesday, the occasion being the annual observance of the time-honoured custom of tap or well dressing, that is, the decking of the sources of the water supply with flowers. Originally this custom was the accompaniment of a service of thanksgiving to God for the return of spring and the blessing of water, and possibly in the near future the religious ceremony may be reintroduced.

The town was early astir, and visitors poured in by road and rail. Headed by the Wirksworth Volunteer Band, a procession was formed for inspection of the various "taps," and afterwards excursionists enjoyed a stroll amid the lovely scenery of the surrounding neighbourhood.

Amongst the holiday-makers were a number of change-ringers from Sheffield, Rotherham, Chesterfield, Derby, Nottingham, and Ripley, who were attracted to the tower of the parish church, and being heartily welcomed by the Wirksworth men, enjoyed some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major.

The concluding touch of the day was a well-struck 1064 Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. F. Johnson, 1; C. Allsop, 2; B. Greatorex, 3; W. Fox, 4; J. Wardman, 5; A. H. Ward (conductor), 6; S. Wesley, 7; C. Bartlett, 8. The local society hope that their visitors spent an enjoyable day, and will be glad to see them on a future occasion.

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."

PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—Let me express my unfeigned pleasure at the purport of the letters of Mr. Phillott and Mr. Musty. To attempt anything in the nature of "tuning" in connection with the glorious bells of Painswick would, I am persuaded, be a fatal and disastrous mistake. The very thought of it simply makes one shudder.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—A year or so ago there was a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Irthlingborough containing 9312 changes; and later a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung with the bells muffled on the day of the interment of our beloved Queen. Certainly they are not performances worthy of being classed with the silent London, etc., of the St. Stephen's band of the College Youths. But I do think they ought to be recorded on something more substantial than paper. If the ringers themselves cannot see their way clear to get a tablet erected in their belfry, why not approach the Association about it. I feel sure their worthy Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, would help them. I believe other Associations do so.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1901.

WHEN, some years ago, eight members of the College Youths rang the first peal in Ireland—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Waterford Cathedral—it was little thought the time would come when the Emerald Isle would possess so many excellent rings of bells, or that so many peals in intricate methods would be rung upon them. Ireland itself, and its church bells, have of late progressed very rapidly in favour with the Exercise. Across St. George's Channel is now held to be the "grand tour" by all ringers who desire an holiday wherein ringing shall form a distinctive feature. And if the reception accorded to visiting ringers by their brethren, and churchmen generally, is any criterion, it may be imagined that the popularity of a visit to Ireland will long endure.

The recent visit to Ireland, full particulars of which,

with the record of the splendid work done, will be found in this number, ought to give a fillip not only to change-ringing in itself, but to the erection of new peals, and the restoration of old ones. Interest in bells and ringing seem to grow in the country. The appearance of Mr. LINDOFF upon the scene has not only led to the establishment of "The Irish Association," but he has been instrumental in "making" ringers, and thus proved his worth for the position he holds.

A peal of Stedman Caters in hand is now fast losing its novelty; but when such a thing is performed on a vessel while in the trough of the Irish Sea, it is quite out of the common. We have read of some Grandsire Doubles being rung on the Sea of Azov; but the idea of a peal of Stedman Caters on the water takes one's breath away. This performance should certainly be recorded in a tangible manner.

A few weeks ago the number of peals of 5040 and upwards rang in memory of Her late Majesty Queen VICTORIA was remarked upon, and it was plainly hinted that it was the duty of the various Church authorities throughout the kingdom to erect in their churches records of such peals in a substantial manner as memorials. This week a correspondent writes on the subject. If those who took part in these memorial performances would bestir themselves, and impress the matter upon either incumbent or churchwardens, or both, it is highly probable that their representations would be effectual. The allusion which was made in this column has had its required effect in more places than one. Sometimes the Vicar, sometimes one of the Wardens, has readily fallen in with the idea. There is every hope the church authorities generally will consent to the necessary expense if they are shown its propriety.

THE YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

The ringers of York Minster will be glad to see any ringers visiting York during the gala week, as they will be ringing on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 12th, 13th, and 14th. Meeting the first two days at 12.30 and 5.30, and Friday at 12.30 only.

W. H. HOWARD, *Secretary*.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
GEORGE R. PYE 5.	JOSEPH BARRY } Tenor.
	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. }

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The tenor was rung by the conductor for 1 hour 20 mins., but owing to one of the band being a little distressed, Mr. Barry took the tenor and the conductor took the other rope and thus finished the peal. Mr. Barry kindly sat in the tower in case assistance was required.

The Provinces.

SHORNE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

G. BARDEN* Treble.	C. WATERMAN 4.
F. HAYES 2.	*F. STICKINGS 5.
C. H. SCRIVEN 3.	G. MORRAD Tenor.

Conducted by G. MORRAD.

First peal on the bells. *First peal.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	JOHN MATTHEWS 5.
HARRY G. JUDGE 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	JAMES FRANKLIN 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK PARSONS Treble.	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. 5.
FRED HOLLINGWORTH 2.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 6.
LEWIS HOLLINGWORTH 3.	CHARLES DRAPER 7.
WILLIAM EARLE 4.	HARRY SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY HOLLINGWORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Earle, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Beadsmore and Smith hail from Ashby; Draper from Derby. The band wish to thank Mr. Friend for the use of the bells, and Mr. Brooks for having everything in readiness.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES

Tenor 17 cwt

JOSEPH ALLEN Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN* 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	*HARRY A. HORREX 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

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

†First peal with a bob bell in the method. *First peal of Double Norwich.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 30, 1901, 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.

WILLIAM STAPLETON* .. Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
GEORGE VALENTINE 2.	ALBERT ROBINSON 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	JOHN WM. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

*First peal. Ringers of 1 and 5 belong to the St. Peter's company; the rest to St. Paul's, Bedford.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PERVIN Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE 5.
FRANK PERVIN* 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 3.	*GEORGE DOUGHTY 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 4.	H. W. ABBOTT Tenor.

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE, and Conducted by F. G. BURLEIGH.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Doughty and Pervin (2) belong to the local company; the remainder to Loughborough.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 6.
JAMES HUNT 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
GEORGE FOSTER 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Foster, it being also his first peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT PRESTIDGE* .. Treble.	*CHARLES SMITH 5.
JOHN W. SMITH 2.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	HARRY PRICE 7.
HORACE SMITH† 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Prestidge, he having attained his majority, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM STATE Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 4.
GEORGE CONDECK, JUN. .. 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 5.
RICHARD A. JUDD 3.	OWEN C. LEHANE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

AMOS COOPER Treble.	WILLIAM JOHNSON 5.
GEORGE MORGAN 2.	EDWIN J. TYLER 6.
OLIVER BROWN 3.	JOHN MALPASS 7.
ALFRED PLANT* 4.	THOMAS COOPER Tenor.

Composed by JAMES BRUERTON, and Conducted by WM. JOHNSON.

This peal was rung to commemorate the fifty-first birthday of G. Morgan. *First peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND
THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 15½ cwt.

BENJAMIN S. HILL Treble.	GORDON CHECKETTS 5.
GEORGE HINTON 2.	HENRY WILKES 6.
WILLIAM POWELL 3.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 7.
ALBERT HILL 4.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

First peal on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 4, 1901, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED MILES* Treble.	SAMUEL COOMBS 5.
JOHN PEIRCE* 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE BARTLETT 4.	WALTER LONGSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Rev. Henry Barter, for thirty years Vicar of the parish.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEO. W. STEEL Treble.	J. W. T. HOLGATE 5.
CHAS. PRATT 2.	WM. ABBISHAW 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW 3.	PRATT CORDINGLEY 7.
TOM LATIMER 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.
Latimer and Cordingley hail from Pudsey, Pratt from Calverley, and Holgate from Bramley, the rest belong to the local company.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES L. WELLS Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP 5.
THOMAS ROBINSON 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 7.
FRANCIS S. WILSON 4.	SIDNEY PALMER Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

F. S. Wilson hails from Abergavenny.

Handbell Peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MOULE, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD,
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

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

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

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires—W. H. Doran, G. Haydon and H. Bottrill. *First peal on handbells.
The above is E. Pye's 202nd peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

The following are the results of the ringing tour by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham:—

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, May 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. in C.

JOHN BUFFERY Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY 8.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9.
ERNEST PYE 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
This is the first peal of Treble Bob Royal rung out of Great Britain.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM SHORT 9-10.	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Referees—Philip W. Davies, and James George. First peal in the method on handbells rung out of England.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qrs. in B.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 4.	WILLIAM PYE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	JOHN BUFFERY Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains sixty-nine short courses and has 7-6-8-9 and 6-7-8-9 alternately. It is also the first of its kind conducted from a non-observation bell.

BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

THE MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

JOHN BUFFERY Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

First peal in a Surprise method ever rung out of England.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 28th, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	RICHARD R. CHERRY 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
WILLIAM PYE 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. This composition has the 6th 23 courses behind the 9th, in the titmums and the extent behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position, and is now rung for the first time.

ON THE IRISH SEA.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

ON BOARD S.S. CAMBRIA,
ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5173 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM SHORT 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Referees—James George and Isaac G. Shade. This peal was rung while crossing the Irish Sea from Dublin to Holyhead and is the first ever accomplished on the water. The composition has the 6th the extent behind the 9th in the titmums and the extent behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

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

This is the first peal in a Surprise Method ever rung in Wales and the first peal of New Cambridge out of England. It is also the first peal in the method by all except Messrs. Short and Barber.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Stedman Caters at Duffield on May 20th was 3 hrs. 23 mins., not 12 minutes as stated last week; and it was not a Midland Counties' Association peal, some of those who rang in it not belonging to that society.—The peal rung at Oxtou, Cheshire, and published in last week's issue, was conducted by James Dillon.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Albans Cathedral on Saturday, May 18th, was rung by members of the Hertfordshire Association and the St. Albans Cathedral Society.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Appleton, Berks., has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, April 16th, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 10 mins. J. Broadley, 1; T. Thompson, 2; T. B. Kendall (conductor), 3; J. Ross, 4; J. Schoefield (E.R.A. H.M.S. Pembroke), 5; J. Joyce, 6; W. Joyce, 7; G. A. Nettleton, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAFFENHALL (Cheshire).—On January 6th, two 477s of Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; S. Spence, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8. On January 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Fairhurst (first 504), 1; the rest as before. On January 12th, 840 Grandsire Triples. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; S. Spence, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; Jos. Hughes, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; S. Moston, 8. Also 504 Grandsire. F. Spence, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. Spence, 4; W. Hughes (conductor), 6; S. Moston, 7; J. W. Booth, 8; the rest as before. On January 13th, two 504s of Grandsire. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; S. Spence, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8. On February 12th, 720 College Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; S. Jenkins, 2; J. E. Ashcroft, 3; S. Spence, 4; F. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. First in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. On February 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Fairhurst (first 720), 1; the rest as before. Also another 720 with A. Kinsey, 1; the rest as before. On February 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. Fairhurst (first 504 with a bob bell), 2; J. E. Ashcroft, 3; S. Jenkins, 4; S. Spence, 5; J. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8. Also another 504 standing as before. On March 10th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Fairhurst, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. J. Jenkins, 3; S. Spence, 4; F. Spence

(conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On March 21st, 720 College Single. J. Mainwaring, 1; the rest as before. On March 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; S. Jenkins, 2; J. E. Ashcroft, 3; S. Spence, 4; F. Spence (gooth 720), 5; J. Booth (conductor), 6. First in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, also was rung at the first attempt. On March 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Fairhurst, 1; S. Horsfall, 3; J. E. Ashcroft, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On March 31st, 447 Grandsire and 504 Plain Bob Triples. J. Mainwaring, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; S. Spence, 3; S. J. Jenkins, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6; F. Spence (conductor), 7; A. Kinsey, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (FYLDE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On January 23rd, at the church of St. John, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; John Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 24th, 720 College Single Minor. W. Bamber, 1; J. Moore, 2; R. Seddon, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping (conductor), 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 28th, 720 in the same method, 18 bobs 2 singles, composed by E. J. Gale. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; W. Gillet, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 29th, another 720 in the same method. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; R. Seddon (first 720 as conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On January 30th, 720 College Single Minor, 22 bobs 18 singles (N. Spindlow's). John Fell, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping (conductor), 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On February 3rd, 720 Oxford Single Bob. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. All the above were rung as a last token of respect to the late Queen Victoria. On February 24th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Bamber, 1; John Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; E. Tipping (conductor), 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On March 8th, 720 in the same method. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; E. Tipping (conductor), 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On March 10th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. A. E. Wilson, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; E. Tipping (conductor), 3; J. Fell, 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On March 31st, 720 College Single. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping (conductor), 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; R. Seddon, 5; T. Allanson, 6. On April 5th, 720 Plain Bob, 30 singles, (E. J. Gale's). W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. On April 7th, another 720 in the same method. J. Fell, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. E. Wilson, 4; T. Allanson, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. On May 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; E. Tipping (conductor), 4; C. H. Keer, 5; T. Allanson, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, February 12th, for practice, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. N. Wood (first in the method), 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; G. Valentine, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; W. J. Barker, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. A. N. Wood (first in the method), 1; W. J. Barker, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; I. Hills, 6; G. Valentine, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also 192 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; G. Valentine, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 192 Stedman Triples. C. R. Lilley, 1; S. S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; A. N. Wood, 4; B. Jealous, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Sear, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters, J. Sear, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Chasty, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. J. Barker, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; A. N. Other, 10. For evening service, 336 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; S. S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Webb, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; J. Sear, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. F. C. Saker, 1; J. Livermore, 2; — Harvey, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; G. Watson, 5; A. E. Barrow, 6; A. L. May, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, 1; E. Brant, 2; S. F. C. Saker, 3; A. L. May, 4; F. Lock (conductor), 5; A. E. Barrow, 6; S. Saker, 7; W. H. Swain, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Sunday, February 3rd, at the Priory church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; T. Best, 3; W. Kerby, 4; G. Vey, 5; S. Best, 6; G.

Preston, 7; H. Bagshot, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Bagshot, 1; M. Stewart, 2; E. Hinton, 3; S. Best, 4; W. Kerby, 5; G. Preston, 6; T. Best, 7; W. Saffery, 8. On Monday, February 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. A. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; T. Best, 3; G. Plummer, 4; W. Kerby, 5; S. Best, 6; G. Preston, 7; W. Saffery, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; T. Best, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; W. Kerby, 6; G. Preston, 7; W. Saffery, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method, but called differently. A. Best, 1; T. Best, 2; E. Hinton, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; W. Kerby, 6; G. Preston, 7; H. Bagshot, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Friday evening, February 22nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hoare, 1; F. Mustow, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; M. Miller, 6; B. Hawkins, 7; D. Leary, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. J. I. P. Wyatt, who was interred in the churchyard during the afternoon. The deceased gentleman had been connected with Hawley church for upwards of half-a-century.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Saturday, February 2nd, after the memorial service for the late Queen Victoria, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Powell, 3; C. Jones, 4; G. Hinton, 5; R. Knowles, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; E. Watkins, 8; G. Checketts (conductor), 9; W. Johnson and J. Hardiman, 10. On Wednesday, February 6th, at the residence of C. Jones, 504 Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand. A. Hill, 1-2; C. Jones, 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; G. Checketts (conductor), 7-8. On Sunday morning, February 10th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Powell, 3; C. Jones (conductor), 4; G. Hinton, 5; G. Checketts, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; E. Watkins, 8; R. Knowles, 9; W. Johnson and J. Hardiman, 10. On Sunday morning, March 24th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Powell, 3; A. Hill, 4; C. Jones, 5; G. Checketts, 8; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; R. Knowles, 8; W. Johnson, 9; T. Malin, 10. On Sunday evening, March 31st, at the church of All Saints, 828 Grandsire Caters. J. H. Hill, 1; G. Checketts, 2; A. Hill, 3; G. Hinton, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. Johnson, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; C. Jones, 8; E. Watkins, 9; T. Malin, 10. On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, 1; A. Hills, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Hinton, 4; C. Jones (conductor), 5; G. Checketts, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; E. Watkins, 8; W. Johnson, 9; T. Malin, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, (15 bobs). J. Dear, 1; R. Fenn, 2; E. Lucas, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; A. Neale, 5; J. Dale, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; A. Carter, 3; J. Dear, 4; J. Dale, 5; C. Fenn (conductor), 6. 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Cast, 4; G. Cottes, 2; A. Hardy, 3; A. Carter, 4; C. Fenn, 5; E. A. Davis, 6. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. A. Neale, 1-2; C. Fenn, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6. A. Hardy, 7-8; E. Lucas, 9-10. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. A. Kerrick, 1-2; A. Neale, 3-4; A. Hardy, 5-6; H. Boar, 7-8. Several tunes were played on the handbells by the East Ham band.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, March 4th, for practice at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr (City), 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Poole, 1; W. A. Cave (conductor), 2; R. Leaker, 3; V. O'Brien, 4; F. G. Leaker, 5; A. Lewton, 6; F. Cooper, 7; G. Roberts, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. This is the first touch of Triples by the newly-formed guild of St. Thomas.

STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, March 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. Brindley, 1; F. J. Steele, 2; A. Clewes, 3; T. Mountford (conductor), 4; G. Woods, 5; J. Titterton, 6; S. Churton, 7; T. Austin, 8.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

This branch, which was established in 1892, and since 1895 has held half-yearly meetings, met on a recent Saturday at Charlbury, where a muster of about 40 put in appearance, the following towers being represented: Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Enstone, and Hook Norton. There were also present Messrs. Packer and Bond (Burford), Large (Todenham), Powell (Witney), and Druce (Moreton-in-Marsh). The day's proceedings commenced at 2.30 with ringing, which was continued until 4.30, when a service was held in the parish church. Among the clergy present were the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), J. E. Philipps (President of the Branch), C. W. O. Jenkyn, R. E. W. Cozens, W. J. Palmer, and A. C. Smith. Mr. J. F. Barlow (hon. sec.) was also present. The service was taken by the Rev. R. E. W. Cozens, the lessons being read by the Revs. J. E. Philipps and A. C. Smith. The hymns were 12 and 302.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who took his text from Peter iv. 11. In the course of his remarks he said: How was it they gave so much time and attention to bell-ringing? Was it because they enjoyed it, for they derived pleasure from it? They ought to remember they had received a distinct gift from God, and the exercise of such a gift successfully depended upon certain powers of body and mind which cannot be brought to perfection without diligent training. This was why so much time and attention was given to the art of change-ringing. They should not do this in an ambitious spirit, but in all reverence, not only because it is a duty in the world, but because they believed that this particular effort improved the mind and prepared them for other services hereafter. This was the spirit in which they ought to get on. It was impossible to glorify God unless they were particularly careful about obedience, which should be from the heart. Were they obedient to their Lord and Master? Another very obvious way in which they could glorify God had been alluded to by the Master in the sermon on the Mount: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." They glorified God in a special way by setting a good example. He knew of no class of men whose example had more influence than bell-ringers. He feared that sometimes bell-ringers called people to the House of God by the bells they rung and then walked away without attending the service themselves. Such conduct only served to stagger people; it seemed they were contradicting with the one hand what they did with the other. They should always seek to live true and consistent lives. Outwardly rendering praise was of little value if mere words; the heart should be in tune with God's praises. A right state of the heart was needed with bell-ringers, as with all other Christian men, and women, to praise God. These things should be considered more frequently, that each one had received strength from God, of mind and body, by which they were able to pursue the art of bell-ringing. They were given not only to serve in this world, but also as a preparation for some special service within His kingdom.

Shortly after the service, 41 members and friends sat down to a meat tea, provided in the town hall. A business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. E. Philipps. Letters regretting inability to attend were read from the Rev. T. W. Lee (Leafeld), and also from the Rev. Chas. F. Garratt (Little Tew), who desired to become an hon. member of the Guild. The chairman said they were very pleased to welcome him as one of their members. The following were elected life subscribers: Messrs. W. M. Butler, Albert White, Samuel Ralph Roberts, Ernest Henry Rouse, and Eli Thomas. The following were elected as probationary members: Messrs. Frederick Candy, James Henry Jarvis, and William Henry Tanner. Several certificates were handed to new members.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting in November, at Hook Norton, the chairman remarking they had done well at Hook Norton, having collected money for the belfry. He felt sure all the members would have much pleasure in going there.

The chairman then said he had a very pleasant duty to per-

form, that of proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. C. Smith for having received the guild so kindly that day. He also wished to thank the members of the choir and the organist, who so kindly presided on the occasion, as their singing had made the service much brighter than it would otherwise have been, though the representation of the choir was not a very large one.

The Rev. A. C. Smith said he had very great pleasure in receiving the bell-ringers at Charlbury. They were glad to have them there if only to point out the defect in the machinery. As it had been pointed out, the bells and the clock needed repair. He wished the choir had been a much larger one that day. At Charlbury they were not as energetic members of the guild as they had been, but they were pleased to extend a hearty welcome to the guild. He had a very pleasing duty to perform, that of proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the master of the guild for so kindly coming amongst them and giving such an excellent sermon. They all knew that no one took more interest in furthering the position of the guild than Mr. Robinson.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thanked them for the very kind welcome he always received at every tower in the diocese when visiting them in order to assist in furthering the art of bell-ringing. He would remind the members that the annual meeting this year would be held at Reading, on July 13th, and although it was perhaps a long distance, he hoped there would be a good gathering. He had thought of resigning the mastership of the guild but he had been persuaded not to. He had laid his case before the committee and pointed out what the expenses were in getting about the country, and they had met him in a most generous manner.

Mr. J. F. Barlow, the indefatigable hon. sec. of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch, said he had one little complaint to make. He had sent out circulars inviting all the towers to be present, but regretted to say he had not received a reply from one tower representing those present. This made it very awkward for him and the caterer, as they did not know how many to provide for. He hoped it would not occur again. He would also like to say that all the towers in that part of the diocese were delighted to find that the master had re-considered his decision, and that they would continue to have Mr. Robinson as master. There was another thing. They had lost one or two towers, which was a very great pity, because change-ringing must certainly be nicer to the ear and far more interesting to those taking part in the ringing. He thought it was a great pity these towers should have left the guild. Charlbury was going on very well at one time. He hoped Mr. Smith would be able to induce the ringers to take it up again, and assured him that they would be only too pleased to help them in any way they could. He hoped they would have a good meeting at Hook Norton in the winter, as he was satisfied Mr. Russell would give them a hearty welcome.

The chairman wished to endorse all the secretary had said. He really did not know how they could get along without him. He would urge them to do all they were able to encourage change-ringing. He did not know any better way in which a man could glorify God and help forward the work of the Church than by consecrating ability to the art of bell-ringing. He would not like to go back to what was called those good old days; he would call them those dreadful old days, in which all sorts of games were carried on and the belfry was more like a bar in a publichouse than a portion of God's sanctuary. They never could go back to such days. He did not think it was too much to expect all towers to come into union. He looked forward to a happy meeting at Hook Norton, and hoped they would all do their best to get every member and everyone interested in bell-ringing to attend.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. There was also some ringing at Spelsbury, which terminated a very successful meeting.

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Notices.

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The Kent County Association.—Annual General Meeting at Chatham, to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Central Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry, 10.30 a.m. Service at St. Mary's (address by the Rector, Rev. J. Tetley Rowe) 11.45 a.m., offertory for the Belfry Repairs Fund. Dinner in the Queen's Hall at 1 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after dinner. The bells of St. Mary's, Chatham, 8, St. Margaret's, Rochester, 8, Gillingham, 8, Rochester Cathedral, 6, and Rainham, 6, will be open for ringing.
CANterbury. FREDK. J. O. HELMORE.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Aughton to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary.
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Heavy Woollen District Association. The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Butcher's Arms. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above, will be held at Petworth, to-day, Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.30.
H. EVANS, Hon. Dist. Sec.
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 11th. Business meeting after.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
"Frodingham,"
Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, June 15th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.
T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Mary, Staines, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 15th. The bells of the parish church, recently rehung, will be at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening.
G. W. CARTMEL, Asst. Hon. Sec.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday, June 15th. Members intending to be present must send word to Mr. J. Moreton, Kingsley, not later than Wednesday, June 12th.
W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Thomas's church, Pendleton, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.
JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Festival at Ledbury on Wednesday, June 19th. Church Service at 11 a.m. with sermon by the Rev. H. B. Walton, Rector of Coddington. Offertory on behalf of the Guild. Business meeting at 12 noon, in the Barrett Browning rooms. Dinner 2s. at 1 p.m. at The Feathers hotel. Ringing also at Eastnor, Colwall, and Coddington towers, and brakes found as far as possible. Eastnor Castle and grounds open by kind permission of the Lady Henry Somerset. Parties of eight at 1½ railway fare by previous notice.
AUGUSTUS C. LEE, Hon. Sec.

Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, June 22nd. Further particulars next week.
Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, 1901, at Lichfield. The bells of the cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the cathedral at five o'clock. Tea at the Coffee House at 5.40. Tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry, between the hours of two and four.
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Essex Association.—A special meeting of this Association will be held at Witham, on Saturday, June 29th, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Master and Secretary for the north-eastern division of the county. Tea will be kindly provided by Canon Ingles, at the Vicarage. The tower will be open for ringing after 4 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify me before June 26th.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.
Great Totham.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Archibald Day, M.A., at Malvern Link, on Saturday, June 29th. Service in the church, with short address by the Rev. H. B. Wrey, at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.
JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Dorset.—It is proposed to hold meetings to start branches for the two halves of Dorset around Wimborne and Dorchester on a Saturday afternoon in July. Any ringers in or near the county who have not been communicated with, are asked to write at once to
REV. H. DRAKE, Secretary for Dorset.
Verwood, Wimborne.

Hornchurch, Essex.—There will be meetings at the above church the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in the month for practice, when all ringing friends will be welcome. Meeting time 6 p.m.
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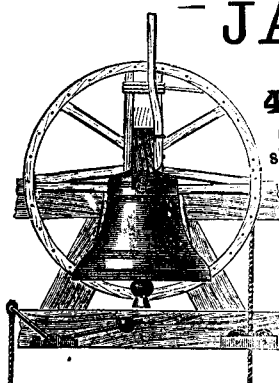
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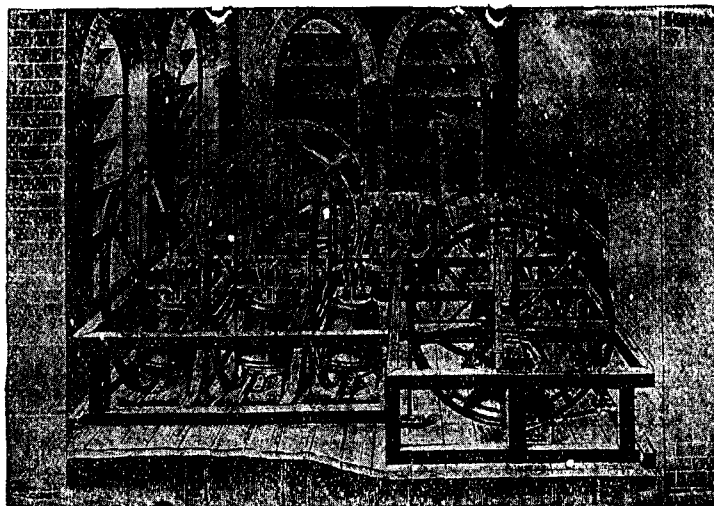
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Chatham on Saturday, June 8th. The attendance was small, in fact smaller than at any annual gathering since the early days of the Association's existence. The slender attendance is to be regretted, as in two particulars the meeting may be said to have been of an unique character. First, the Association this year celebrates its "coming of age," and therefore should have given, in an important centre like Chatham, some evidence of the goodly proportions to which it has grown since its birth in 1880. Secondly, the annual service was held in St. Mary's, the nave of which, a hideous structure of the 17th or 18th century, is now closed for demolition. A new nave is to be built in keeping with the chancel erected some years ago, and with the Victoria Tower which was put up in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Victorian reign. The service was therefore almost the last held in the old nave. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. A. P. Hall, assistant-curate; Psalms 121, 122 and 125 were sung; the lessons (2 Chron. xxix. 20-30 and Rev. xiv. 1-7) were read by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. Three hymns were sung, viz.: "O worship the King," "Through all the changing scenes of life," and "To the Name of our Salvation," and the offertory was given to the Belfry Repairs Fund. The Rector, the Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, took as a text for his address the words from 2 Cor. vi. 1.—"Workers together with Him." First he sketched in an interesting manner the history of St. Mary's, Chatham, from early Saxon times to the present day. Passing to the special object of the day the preacher expressed his long-continued interest in ringers, emphasizing the mutual duties of clergy and congregation towards the ringers, and of the ringers towards the clergy and congregation, and mentioned particularly the valuable help he himself had received from the ringers when working in the parish of St. George, Camberwell. Lastly, he exhorted the members to consecrate their services to God, to recollect that in their work they should be "workers together with Christ" for the eternal good of His Church and people.

The dinner was held in the Queen's Hall, the Ven. Archdeacon of Rochester presiding, and was supported by the Revs. Tetley Rowe, Thorndike (St. Margaret's, Rochester), Hall, C. H. Scrivens, Esq. (Shorne), the Hon. Sec., Messrs. Osborne, Palmer, Spice, Barnett, etc. The company present numbered only seventy-four. After the toast of "King and Queen" had been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed "The Healths of the Archbishop, Bishop of Rochester and Clergy," with special thanks to the preacher for his address. Being reminded that this was generally a layman's task, the Archdeacon in an amusing manner apologised for the mistake, and called upon Mr. Harper (Swanscombe) to support the toast he had inadvertently proposed.

The Rev. J. Tetley Rowe briefly returned thanks.

The Hon. Secretary then said the Archdeacon had shortly to leave in order to fulfil another engagement, and

therefore before reading the Annual Report he would call upon the company to drink "The Health of the Chairman," and to thank him for presiding. It was part of the work of the Association to bring the clergy and ringers together, and they always appreciated the kindness of those who in the midst of their manifold engagements would find time to come amongst them.

The Archdeacon, in the course of his reply, gave some of his earliest reminiscences of church bells and ringers, and dropped a very useful hint both for clergy and ringers, viz.: that "a man did not always do *well* even when acting within his *rights*."

From the Report it appeared that the Association was still progressing, though its advance might not be so rapid as some might wish. There were sixty-seven towers in union, and the total number of members was 774. They had lost by death since the last annual meeting the Rev. Prebendary Tate (Sevenoaks), H. Martin (Tunbridge Wells), H. Harman (Woolwich), and Harold Marchant (Sevenoaks), who fell a victim to enteric fever in South Africa. Two bands had retired, viz.: Hollingbourne and Rodmersham, while six had joined, viz.: Leeds, Ashford, Margate, New Romney, Teynham and St. Michael's Maidstone. The finances were in a satisfactory state, the balance in hand being £39 10s. 2d. as compared with £35 10s. 3d. A grant of £2 2s. had been made to St. George's, Gravesend, from the Belfry Repairs Fund, which amounted to £35 14s. 4d. as compared with £32 1s. 9d. at the end of 1899. The bells at Margate and Hunton had been rehung by Messrs. Taylor; Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had rehung the six at Tunstall; while Messrs. Warner had rehung the eight at Gravesend, and recast a new ring of eight out of the old lot at Appledore, the old 3rd, a 15th century bell, being retained as the hour bell for the clock. Sixty peals were rung in 1900, the chief honours going to the brothers Pye and their friends. The six-bell ringers at Tunstall and Upchurch were congratulated on their success in scoring 5040s in seven methods, and the Swanscombe band for being the first to score a peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the historic occasion of the funeral of the late Queen Victoria. The Vice Presidents and other officers were re-elected, and it was announced that at a meeting that morning the Committee had co-opted Messrs. E. Barnett (Crayford), J. W. Leonard (West Malling), W. Martin (Swanscombe), W. Spice (Penshurst), J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe), and L. Silver (Gravesend).

A vote of thanks to the Secretary, proposed by Mr. W. Harper, concluded the proceedings.

The towers of St. Mary's Chatham, St. Margaret's Rochester, Gillingham, Rochester Cathedral, and Rainham were open for ringing during the day. Some good touches in various methods were executed. The weather was delightfully fine, and for those who attended the day was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th, at The Midland hotel, Derby, when the following representatives were present: Archdeaconry of Stafford Association—Mr. S. Reeves; Birmingham Amalgamated Society—Messrs. J. Carter and G. Walker; Bedfordshire Association—Rev. W. W. C. Baker; College Youths—Mr. W. T. Cockerill; Cumberland Youths—Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell; Central Northamptonshire Association—Mr. T. P. Hensher; Chester Diocesan Guild—Messrs. W. Gordon and F. T. Spence; Devonshire Guild—Rev. Maitland Kelly; Durham and Newcastle Association—Mr. R. Story; Essex Association—Messrs. B. Keeble and W. J. Nevard; Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Rev. H. A. Cockey and F. G. May; Kent Association—Mr. F. W. Thornton; Lancashire Association—Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. R. Ridyard; Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Rev. H. Law James and Mr. G. Chester; Leeds and District Association—Mr. J. W. Holgate; Midland Counties' Association—Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., Messrs. S. Cooper, J. Griffin, and W. Wakley; Middlesex Association—Messrs. A. T. King and J. Waghorn; Norwich Diocesan Association—Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Messrs. C. Mee, W. L. Catchpole and J. Motts; Oxford Diocesan Guild—Revs. F. E. Robinson, G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and W. E. Yates; Sussex County Association—Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. G. Williams; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham—Mr. W. H. Godden; Surrey Association—Dr. A. B. Carpenter; Winchester Diocesan Guild—Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. H. White; Worcester-shire Association—Messrs. R. E. Grove and J. Smith; York-shire Association—Messrs. C. H. Hattersley and W. Snowdon; Hereford Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. E. Groves; Hon. Members—Mr. J. W. Taylor, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President, presided.

HON. MEMBERS.

The following hon. members were elected: Rev. A. H. Boughey, and Mr. W. H. Thompson.

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts which showed a balance in hand of £66 10s. 8d. had been before the Standing Committee and were approved.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the following: Revs. T. L. Papillon, H. C. Courtney, A. H. Boughey, Messrs. Pitstow, Rees, and Saker.

PEAL COLLECTION.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Secretary, presented the report of the Peal Collection Committee which has already appeared in the columns of this paper.

Mr. Pritchett proposed, and Mr. Taylor seconded, that a selection of the same be published.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Mr. Walker seconded, that the Peal Committee be authorised to issue a complete collection of the best and most characteristic peals in each method.

The Rev. H. Law James asked if the original collection that was published was out of print.

The Hon. Secretary replied that he had a number of copies on hand.

The Rev. H. Law James asked if it was intended to include in the new publication any of the peals already published.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said what he desired was to have a selection of the very best and most characteristic peals.

The President said it might not be within the recollection of all present that the original Appendix was not altogether satisfactory, and was open to criticism. The new one would be on a much better plan, as each method had been entrusted to a separate collector. There had been much care exercised by these gentlemen, and the result would be much more valuable than the original issue. There appeared to him, however, good grounds for adopting Mr. Robinson's motion which would enable the Committee to include, if thought desirable, some of the best

peals in the original issue. In the Snowdon series there was a work on Grandsire, and there was now one in preparation on Stedman. He did not think that anything should be done to run against these publications.

Mr. W. Snowdon trusted that the Council would come to the decision which would be the best for the Exercise. He thought that the new publication would, like his late brother's works had done, stand upon its own merits. All works had hitherto been published at a loss, but that was a matter for those who published them. The aim was to benefit the Exercise. If any peals from the work on Grandsire were desired in printing this new issue, they could be included.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies endorsed Mr. Snowdon's remarks.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson did not think that anything in the collection would do harm to the forthcoming work on Stedman. He thought it quite time something was published that would be a credit to the Council. He would add to his motion the words "not necessarily excluding those that have been already published."

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if the work upon calls could not be re-published, adding the collection as an appendix.

The Hon. Secretary said the report on calls was the original document. There were, he thought, only a few peals of Grandsire Caters and also a few of Union Triples worth reproducing. He had a number of copies upon hand, and thought it a pity to publish anything further which might hang on hand.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if the old stock could not be disposed of at a reduced price.

The Hon. Secretary suggested it might be desirable to give each purchaser a copy of the original document who purchased the new.

Mr. Pritchett said if the Council would publish a representative selection of the peals he had no objection to the motion.

The motion as amended was adopted.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if under the resolution adopted Holt's ten-part peal would be included?

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge: Yes, and the one-part peal as well.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson: It would be a characteristic peal.

The Hon. Secretary asked what instructions were to be given to Mr. Tom Lockwood, who had devoted a great amount of time to the Treble Bob collection. Was Mr. Lockwood to take out all the characteristic peals in part 2 of Snowdon's "Treble Bob" and reprint them?

Mr. W. Snowdon said he was willing for anything to be done that would be for the benefit of the Exercise.

DEFINITION OF A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

The following draft report was submitted by the Committee:

The Committee, after a careful examination of all those Systems which have been most esteemed and practised by the Exercise, is of opinion that, for the purpose of this report, all Systems must be divided into two classes.

Class 1, consists of all those Systems in which all the bells do the same work.

Class 2, consists of all those Systems in which one or two bells (called hunts) do different work from the others (called working bells).

These all obey the following two rules:—

- i. No bell may change places with any bell except one next to it,
- ii. No bell may lay more than two consecutive blows in the same place except at a call, where permitted to do so in the Report on calls.

Class 2 also obeys the following rule:—

- iii. The Plain Course must consist of as many Plain Leads as there are working bells, so arranged that the working bells are in the same coursing order at all the Lead Heads and Lead Ends in the Course.

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- i. The word "System" is used in this report in the same sense as it is employed by Shipway.
- ii. A Plain Lead consist of a group of rows so arranged that at the Lead Head and the Lead End the working bells are in the same coursing order, and it reverses true to itself.

- iii. That is to be deemed a "Bob" which alters the coursing order of three working bells.
- iv. That is to be deemed a "Single" which alters the coursing order of two working bells.

The Rev. H. Law James said the work had involved a great deal of trouble and a great deal of correspondence. The Committee had no sooner commenced work than it got into difficulties with respect to the word method; a word which had never been used in a technical sense, and did not apparently come into use before the 19th century. The Committee attempted to define the word, but as this did not appear part of their business it was discarded, and he had made use of the word system in the same sense as Shipway employed it. As shown all systems must be divided into two classes. Both classes obeyed rules 1 and 2, which had been drafted, but class 2 required an extra rule as shown.

Mr. Story asked what the Committee were appointed for.

The President replied that the Committee were appointed at the Norwich meeting to report as to the definition of a legitimate method.

The Rev. H. Law James said that in using the word system instead of method a word has been adopted which covered the whole ground without any classification.

The President suggested that the thanks of the Council be given to the Committee for their labours and that they be requested to publish the result in "THE BELL NEWS," and invite criticism, and so enable the Council to consider the whole question at the next meeting. He thought there should be a fuller understanding of the question before the Council came to a decision.

The Rev. H. Law James said the draft had gone round five times.

The President thought it would be well if a short preface was written and inserted in "THE BELL NEWS" so that there should be something to form an opinion on.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson supported the suggestion of the President for publication in "THE BELL NEWS," and pointed out this would enable the Exercise to give an opinion.

Mr. Pritchett said at present the draft report was open to criticism. The word system had been used instead of method. Method was a mode of producing changes. System was used in the wrong sense, besides which there were other objections. He thought the Committee should look through the report again, and in publishing it in "THE BELL NEWS" invite criticism before the Council came to a decision.

Mr. Daniell said Shipway not only used the word system, but also method, while in the *Clavis* there was a method of calling.

Mr. H. Dains considered the word method should come forward and be used as it had been for many years.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said the word method was now always used, and he supported Mr. Dains that it should be brought forward, and further considered it a pity to use the word system.

The Hon. Secretary thought that the Council should be consistent, and should adhere in the future to what it had settled in the past. If Mr. James' theory was adopted, the Council would be deciding one thing at one time and another thing at another time. The Glossary was now ready, and in it an attempt had been made to group all methods and all systems.

The Rev. H. Law James pointed out that, while the classification in the Report on calls was perfectly satisfactory for the purpose of the report, it had not been of use to the Committee for the purpose of this report. No classification could be found which could be used for both purposes. Classification must be with reference to the object in view.

The President agreed with the Hon. Secretary that it was important for the Council to be consistent. There should be no mistakes in that which was issued to the public. He considered it very desirable that the draft report should be referred back to the Committee.

On the proposition of Mr. Pritchett, seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, it was resolved to postpone further consideration of the report to the next meeting, and to request the Committee to publish in the mean time their report in "THE BELL NEWS" inviting criticism. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee.

THE CONDITION OF RINGS.

The President said it was now two years since a circular was sent out to the Secretaries of the various Guilds and Associations asking for the names of representative ringers to whom circulars could be sent for information, and it was only within the last few weeks that the last Secretary had replied to the request. A very large number of forms had been sent out, and the Committee had to thank many Secretaries and ringers for the assistance they had rendered, yet at the same time it would be seen how difficult, through the delay, it had been to carry the work thus far. There were 1020 rings of eight and upwards so far known about which it was desired to obtain information. Out of the 1020 circulars that had gone out, 745 had up to the present been returned, leaving still 275 to be accounted for. It was, however, considered useless to go on delaying the work any longer. As soon as possible, therefore it was proposed to commence to publish the list of those towers in respect to which information was to hand, in alphabetical order. This should first of all appear in "THE BELL NEWS," and as some of the information had been in hand a long time there would be corrections to be made, and where a tower had been omitted it could be inserted if the information was forthcoming before the completion of the list, so as to have the whole up to date and as perfect as possible. The work had already taken some considerable time to reach its present stage, and would take still further time before being finally completed. He had the assistance necessary to push it forward and this would be done.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee asked if it was intended to give any information respecting rings other than those in a church tower. There was a peal at the Manchester Town Hall, one at a Roman Catholic church, and he believed there were two or three chapels each with a ring. Would there be any opportunity to furnish information as to these? He believed that there were altogether twenty-one bells at the Manchester Town Hall. If any information was given, would it be confined to the bells that could be rung, or include the whole? There was also an instance of two towers to one church; one had a ring of five, the other a ring of eight.

The President said the Council was there as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Its primary interest in bells was in respect of those in church towers. He saw no reason, however, why information with respect to such rings as that at the Manchester Town Hall should not be given in an appendix. Information as to the ring at the Imperial Institute had been sent in, but it was not proposed to put this in the body of the work.

Mr. A. T. King asked if rings in Scotland were not to be included.

The President said if this was to be an Imperial enquiry he must retire from the Committee (laughter). He did not think that it was contemplated to take in Scotland, nor did he think their interest lay in any but the bells which were in Church of England towers.

Mr. Story thought the Committee were appointed to inquire with respect to the bells in church towers.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies suggested that the list should include rings in church towers that were in communion with the Church of England.

Mr. Daniell asked what form the report would take when published, and if no other than rings were to be reported upon.

The President replied that there were a few historical rings of six upon which information would be given. Abbreviations would be used in the report; the particulars of each ring must come within one line.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee on the motion of Mr. Catchpole, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker.

In answer to Mr. Snowdon, the President said no names of those giving information would be published.

GLOSSARY.

The Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the Technical Terms Committee reported that the Glossary was now complete, a few copies having arrived that morning. It was a more extended work than was at first anticipated, when it was thought that it might be sold for 1d. The Standing Committee considered the work well worth 6d. It was intended however, to offer it at 4d. to individual members of the Exercise, but when purchased at

the rate of 100 copies by an Association, the book would be sold at 2d. per copy.

Mr. Snowdon trusted that Associations would afford their members an opportunity of becoming owners of the work by ordering copies 100 or more at a time, and if necessary by giving to each member a copy. In his own Association the matter had yet to come before the Committee, but it was hoped to purchase sufficient copies to give one to each member. Under ordinary circumstances a member, through his Association, would be able to secure a copy 2d. cheaper than otherwise if the Associations made a point of taking the matter up. The man who would not take the trouble to purchase the work was the very man who ought to be made to have it.

In reply to a question as to the number to be printed, the Hon. Secretary said there would be 6000 copies.

On the proposition of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. Gordon, a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Hon. Secretary for his work in connection with the preparation of the Glossary.

(To be continued.)

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

Members of the Devonshire Guild from all parts of the county visited North Devon for the annual excursion and meeting. The morning and early afternoon and some portion of the evening were devoted to ringing at Great Torrington, Bideford, Northam, Westleigh, Abbotsham, and Fremington. The annual meeting and tea were held at Bideford. At the former the report of the Committee, which dwelt with the year from March 26th, 1900, to March 25th, 1901, was submitted. It stated that the resignation of the See of Exeter by Dr. Bickersteth had been received with very real regret by members of the Guild. As patron, he evinced a great sympathy with the objects of the Guild, and both in diocesan addresses and official capacity endeavoured to promote its interests to the best of his power. Dr. H. E. Ryle having consented to become a member, and, therefore, as Bishop of the diocese, patron of the Guild, the Committee extended to his lordship a hearty welcome, feeling assured that favourable recognition of Church Bell Ringers and promotion of the objects of the Guild would always receive his warmest support. The Committee recorded with satisfaction distinct proofs of an enlivened interest and progress in the various methods of change-ringing by members of the Guild. Seven peals (all Grandsire) had been recorded during the past year. There were nineteen bands in union, with a total of 193 performing and associate members. One new band, Northtawton, had been admitted, and taken in hand for instruction. The number of honorary members remained at forty-eight, whereas lady associates had increased to eight. Five of the latter had qualified under the new rule, having proved their ability to ring a changing bell through a six-score on handbells. The Committee again desired to express gratitude to honorary members for continued support. During the year a special Committee meeting was held to consider the question of selecting bands for bell openings, exception having been taken by some members to the action of the sub-Committee in choosing individual members for this purpose instead of asking bands as a whole to represent the Guild on these occasions. The majority of bands were in favour of the present policy of the Committee. The sub-Committee, however, being anxious to meet the wishes of the minority as far as possible, the following resolution was passed: "That the Committee have confidence that the Bell-opening Committee in selecting bands will have regard to the desire of bands who wish to be represented as a whole." The Committee desired to call the attention of the clergy and others who might be interested in church bells to the fact that the Guild was prepared to offer assistance to bands of ringers who might wish to be incorporated with the Guild, or to send a competent man to report on the condition of the bells, point out defects, and offer suggestions for improvements in the belfry generally. Considering the large proportion of six-bell towers in the country there ought to be a larger representation of such bands in the Guild, and they hoped that the clergy schoolmasters, professional men, and others would assist in advancing

the art of change-ringing. The Committee recorded thanks to Mr. C. Pearson for the gift to each band of his supplement to the "Ringers' Guide to the Bells of Devon," giving a brief history of the Guild and containing a revised list of the church bells in the county. They deplored the loss of two Vice-Presidents (Dean Cowie and Mr. R. B. West), also of Mr. C. Norrington, who had been an hon. member since the constitution of the Guild.

The accounts showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £24 11s. 5d., and ended with one of £24 17s. 11d., the receipts having been £30 10s. 11d., and the expenditure £30 4s. 5d.

The Hon. Secretary, in moving the adoption of the report, said the Guild was really only holding its own as regarded strength. He welcomed the presence of the members of the bands of Bideford and Little Torrington, which were not at present connected with the Guild, and pointed that, although members of the Guild were change-ringers, the latter did not wish to keep aloof from round-ringers. The object of the Guild was to promote the best ringing. He suggested the ordinary members should endeavour to get hon. members among the clergy, churchwardens, and others, because the present list was decreasing. Mr. Laver seconded the motion, which was supported by the President, and carried unanimously.

The accounts were also adopted.

It was proposed that the following new rule be made: "That where a band in union with the Guild is in active operation in a parish, the Guild will not lend any support to the starting of a new band unless in cordial co-operation with the existing company." The President, however, held that, as under the rules already in force no new band could be admitted to the benefits of the Guild without approval, there was no need for the proposed addition. Partly in consequence of this and partly owing to want of time the motion was not very closely pressed, and was not passed.

Mr. Wollaston gave notice of his intention to move an addition to Rule 14, requiring notice to be given of any alteration in or addition to rules.

Thanks were passed to the Vicar of Bideford for granting the use of the parish hall for the tea and meeting, and to all incumbents of churches where bands had rung for the use of the bells. About 100 attended the meeting. Service was held at Bideford parish church in the evening.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association took place at Blackrod on Whit-Saturday, June 1st. Representatives were present from Blackrod, Chorley, Deane, Leyland parish, St. James's Leyland, Preston, Penwortham, and Standish. After ringing had been done during the afternoon, at six o'clock all adjourned to the schoolroom, where a very excellent dinner had been prepared, to which thirty-five sat down. Full justice having been done to the repast, the President (Mr. J. Banister), expressed the great pleasure it gave both himself and the Blackrod ringers to welcome the Association to their tower.

The Secretary (Mr. Higson) next read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. The chairman then called on one of the auditors, Mr. Taylor, 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 them. Nine new members were then admitted into the Association.

Votes of thanks to all the officers for their past services, and to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and school brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and some touches of Plain Bob, College Single, London Single Bob, and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, June 3rd, at Wimborne, and was well attended despite the fact that this picturesque Dorset town is not easy of access to Wiltshire ringers, who largely predominate in the Guild; there were however about a hundred members attending, representing the towers of Devizes, Marlborough, Westbury, Warminster, Salisbury, Sherborne, Combe Bisset, Verwood, Berwick St. John, Horningham, Charminster, Cranborne, Downton, Ebbesbourne Wake, and Ogbourne St. Andrew. It was most gratifying to see so many clergy testify by their presence their interest in ringing and ringers, viz.: Revs. Canon Whytehead, S. Dugdale, C. Wood, J. A. Jacob, C. F. C. Knapp, C. C. Snell, H. Drake, and H. E. Tilney Bassett.

Ringers began to arrive in force soon after 10, among the first being that staunch supporter of the Guild—Mr. A. Grist. Service was held in the grand old interesting Minster at 11.30, which the President of the Guild, Earl Nelson, and all the ringers attended; it was commendably short, and a suitable address was delivered by the Rev. C. C. Snell, senior curate of Wimborne.

Immediately after the service the business meeting was held, Lord Nelson presiding, who called on the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Blackburn first read a letter from the Master—Mr. H. H. Palaret—regretting his inability to be present, which was also greatly regretted by all, then the minutes of the last annual meeting were confirmed. The Hon. Secretary reported advance in change-ringing at Devizes, Melksham, Bishop Cannings, and Bromham, and deeply regretted that there was not more enthusiasm amongst ringers in the diocese to master the fascinating art; that death had removed some good friends, chief among whom was Captain Wiltshire, who fell in the South African campaign, and was Hon. Secretary of the Guild, that a letter of sympathy and sorrow had been sent by the Guild to Mrs. Wiltshire, whose kindly reply was read. The election of officers was then proceeded with, the vice-presidents being re-elected with the addition of the Earl of Shaftesbury. Mr. H. H. Palaret was re-elected Master, and Mr. Pinckney Treasurer. The Rev. H. Drake was appointed Hon. Secretary for Dorsetshire, and the Rev. C. W. Hony for Wiltshire, and the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett as General Secretary of the Guild in the place of Mr. Blackburn, who did not desire re-election, having taken on the duties at request of the Guild during the absence of Captain Wiltshire. The scheme, worked out in detail chiefly on the lines of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, for dividing the diocese into branches, and brought forward by the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett at the last annual meeting at Marlborough when it was referred after discussion to the general committee to advise upon, was again brought forward. The general committee after considerable discussion, and realising the far-reaching effect it would have on the Guild, referred it to the special committee, who after close examination unanimously recommended the formation of four branches: Devizes, embracing the archdeaconry of Wilts; Salisbury, containing that of Sarum; Dorchester, with her surrounding rural deaneries; and Wimborne with her rural deaneries. After some further discussion it was carried without any opposition, and with many expressions of approval as to the excellency of the scheme.

An adjournment was now made for dinner, which was well served at The King's Arms hotel, with the noble president in the chair, who after dinner proposed the King's health, which was loyally drunk, and then "Success to the Guild," which was of course well received, and called forth many short speeches. The Rev. C. Wood then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," who had so ably presided. This was seconded by every one eagerly rising and passing a cordial vote of thanks. The President replied in happy terms of thanks, and saying it gave him great pleasure to be with them. Votes of thanks were also passed to the preacher of the day, the Vicar for the use of his bells, and choir for brightening the service. After dinner round ringing was the order of the day; a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged for on the Minster bells, but owing to one man arriving at the wrong destination, it was only possible to obtain 300 Grandsire Doubles with 468 behind. Later a 6-score was rung at Canford parish church, which is situate in Lord Wimborne's beautiful park. It seems an anachronism that at

the present day so large a number of ringers can assemble together and yet find so few change-ringers among them. It remains to be seen what the new scheme, hard work, and perseverance, will accomplish. H. E. T-B.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, June 1st, a gathering of ringers comprising members of the above Association took place at St. Mary's, Cheltenham. The proceedings opened with a short service, conducted by the Rev. T. Longley, senior curate, the lesson being read by the Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Westbury-on-Trym, Master of the Association. The Rev. T. Longley, in a brief address, gave some useful and helpful advice to those engaged in church work in its various phases. The organist and junior members of the choir kindly gave their services, and thus added greatly to the effect of the service. At the conclusion some of the members adjourned to the belfry, where they were welcomed by Messrs. Phillott and Pates. After several touches on the bells and the inspection of the beautiful copper tablet which had been prepared to commemorate the ringing of the deeply-muffled funeral peal for the late Queen, a move was made to the Imperial Cafe for tea. This was followed by a business meeting under the presidency of the Master of the Association. There were also present the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. G. May, Bristol), and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. E. Ward, Cheltenham), and members from Bristol, Gloucester, Painswick, Swindon, Cirencester, Bitton, Lydney, Worcester, and Cheltenham. A resolution to admit of the annual meeting being held triennially at Bristol, Gloucester, and Cirencester was passed, the 1902 meeting to be held at Cirencester. The Hon. Secretary read the copy of the loyal address to the Crown, expressing the deep sympathy of the change-ringers of the joint dioceses in the sorrow caused by the lamented death of the late Queen, and presented the reply thereto which had been graciously sent by the King. It was resolved that both of these should be inserted in the society's peal-book and duly recorded in the minutes. Several other matters of lesser importance were discussed, after which hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and churchwardens of Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, and Prestbury for placing their bells at the disposal of members; to the Rev. T. Longley and the organist and choir for their valuable aid at the service; and to Messrs. Phillott and Pates for the ready way in which they made the visiting ringers so welcome in the belfry.

The evening was spent in more touches of a more or less harmonious nature, until those from a distance had to hurry off to catch their respective trains, carrying with them pleasant memories of their visit to the "Garden Town of England."

Obituary.

HENRY PEARCE.

On Wednesday, June 3th, there was laid to rest all that was mortal of Henry Pearce, of Taunton, Somerset, who passed away on the 31st of May after seven days' suffering from inflammation of the lungs, at the early age of 31, leaving a widow and four young children to mourn his loss. Deceased had been employed by Messrs. Easton and Bessemer for the past nine years, being a brass and iron moulder by trade. For the past eight years he had been an enthusiastic ringer at St. James's church, and was a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. He was an excellent ringer and striker, having rung in all twenty peals: Grandsire Triples 10, Bob Major 5, Treble Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 3, Minor methods on six bells 1. The last time he rang was for the late Queen's birthday on May 24th, at 5.30 in the morning, and his last peal was a full muffled one after the funeral service to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria at the above church. Deceased was borne upon the shoulders of his brother-ringers to his last resting-place. Muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. James' after the evening service on Sunday, June 2nd, and again after the interment, as a tribute of respect to the deceased, one and all feeling that they had lost a true friend and ringer. H. J. P.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1901.

IN sending for publication an account of the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on the 3rd instant, at the old town of Wimborne, in Dorset, the Honorary Secretary of the Guild, the Rev. H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT, remarks: "It seems an anachronism that at the present day so large a number of ringers can assemble together and yet find so few change-ringers among them." It is pleasing to see that the rev. gentleman is desirous that all ringers, i.e. those able to ring a bell, should become change-ringers without delay. If they continue perverse, and remain outside in the cold shade of non-recognition, they are guilty of perpetrating, and perpetuating, this anachronism. It is to be feared that many of our brethren of the counties referred to will

hardly understand the phrase, but we invite them in such case to get it explained, and then act accordingly.

What are the reasons for the existence of round-ringers, or "stoney" ringers, as they are called? In the present day when something about change-ringing is known in every parish wherein there are bells, their existence in any number must be held to be an anomaly, *i.e.* an anachronism. It is a fact that they are found more numerous in some counties than others. But this says nothing; many who have been reared in the most obscure agricultural scenes have become the cleverest of ringers. At the present time this fact is most patent.

Have the past, and are the rising generation of round-ringers dismayed by the seeming great difficulties involved in the attainment of change-ringing? We have all heard of the man who, anxious to know how to ring, was frightened away from the pursuit by being shown a copy of SOTTANSTALL'S work. Round-ringers find an enjoyment in the little they do in the belfry. Are there not instances in which they have been prevented going further by the (to them) terrible ordeal of an education which requires a knowledge of dodging, place-making, snapping, slow and quick work, far and near places, and such-like technicalities?

We are asked to point out that Messrs. CASPAR and Co. of 33, King's Road, St. Pancras, London, have taken to the business of "Marblette" manufacture recently carried on at St. Helen's, Lancashire. This "Marblette" is one of the best possible substances for the manufacture of peal-tablets, on account not only of its handsome appearance, but also for its imperishability. The Rev. H. J. ELSEE unveiled a tablet made of this material the other day at Middleton, Lancashire, and spoke in warm commendation of the work. Messrs. CASPAR have also made a tablet for St. Margaret's, Westminster, which we hear has given complete satisfaction. We should like to urge upon our readers who have rung muffled peals for the late Queen to impress upon the church authorities the necessity of such peals being recorded in the usual way, and using this marblette for the purpose.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

THOMAS G. MILLER.. ..Treble.	HENRY G. MILES 5.
ALBERT V. SELBY 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 3.	WILLIAM FOX 7.
GEORGE R. FARDON.. .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ..Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

First peal of Major by a local band, and on the bells. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. L. J. Percival to Miss Margaret Douglas Pilkington, which took place at the above church on that day. Mr. Percival, who was one of the founders of the present Guild, also its first Secretary and Chaplain, has always taken special interest in the Guild and its progress.

The Provinces.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.)

On Tuesday, June 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. ..Treble.	GEORGE SMART 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER.. .. 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE F. ATTREE.. .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
This was the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

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

On Wednesday, June 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
*First peal of Oxford Surprise; also the first in the method on the bells.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E Flat.

THOMAS ALSOP .. ..Treble.	FRANK HOWELL 5.
WILLIAM SOMERVILLE .. 2.	*JAMES POOLE 6.
CHARLES GORDON 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
HENRY FUSSELL 4.	HENRY HOWELL.. ..Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by JAMES POOLE.
*First peal as conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5003 CHANGES.

SAMUEL REEVES .. ..Treble.	ARTHUR PEGLER 6.
JOHN JAGGAR 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	REUBEN HALL 8.
ROBERT PICKERING .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
JOHN PERRY* 5.	ERNEST BROWN .. ..Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times and the 5th twenty-one times behind the 9th, without a double call. *First peal of Stedman Caterers.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ..Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
CHARLES GEORGE 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM NEWELL Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 6.
G. L. BODDINGTON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES STONE 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Rev. Henry Barter, sometime Vicar of the parish.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE RUTLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 6-scores of Canterbury, eight 6-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty 6-scores of Grandsire.

EDWARD HORNBuckle* .. Treble.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 3.
GEORGE PEPPER* 2.	JOSEPH MURRAY 4.
*JOHN HY. PRESTON Tenor.	

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. First peal in the newly-formed Rutland County Association. R. H. Bartram hails from Melton Mowbray; J. Murray from Wymondham.

OUNDL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WALTER GILBERT Treble.	*WALTER PERKINS 5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 2.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	HENRY STUBBS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*Fiftieth peal. This is the first peal on this magnificent peal of eight, which are without doubt one of the finest-toned peals in the country, although they require the serious attention of the bell-hanger very badly. Messrs. Gilbert (2) and Stubbs hail from Raunds; Perkins from Pinedon; W. R. Hensher from Kettering; T. R. Hensher from Rushden; J. Houghton, jun. from Irthlingborough; C. R. Lilley from Bedford.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES CASH Treble.	ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS .. 5.
JOHN EACHUS 2.	EDWARD CASH 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 7.
WILLIAM PYLE 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

W. Pyle was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths previous to starting. This is believed to be the first College Youths Major peal rung in Lancashire.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	CHARLES BAKER 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	CHARLES TANN 7.
FREDERICK ROOPE* .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

*First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED ROWLEY* .. Treble.	HARRY PRICE 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 6.
HARRY MASON 3.	†JOSEPH FAULKNER 7.
JOHN W. SMITH 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to John and John W. Smith, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER J. SMITH .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the first peal in the method ever rang in the county and by the Association, and by all the band. It is H. Flanders' rooth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Called two different ways. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	ROBERT HUTTON 4.
ARTHUR E. FULLER .. 2.	W. L. DUFFIELD 5.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

This is the first peal on the bells, which are a very musical ring cast by Osborn of Downham in 1787. Messrs. Duffield and Fuller hail from Pasburgh; Hutton from Bunwell; the rest from Norwich. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. — Skinner for the use of the bells.

Handbell Peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART, 19, MOLINEUX STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

ALBERT H. WARD .. 1-2.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE .. 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE .. 3-4.	CHARLES DRAPER 7-8.

Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

Referee—Mr. Chas. E. Hart. This peal was arranged for J. W. Moorhouse, who hails from Wakefield.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The number of changes in the peal rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, should have been 5008 not 5088 as appeared in last week's issue.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service in the morning a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, Brook's Variation, in 44 mins. E. G. Fenn, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; G. W. Faulkner, 3; A. C. Hardy, 4; A. J. T. Carter, 5; C. Fenn, 6; R. Fenn (first quarter-

peal of Stedman as conductor), 7; E. A. Davis, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 48 mins. T. J. Cust, 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; J. Cottis, 3; C. Fenn (composer), 4; G. W. Faulkner, 5; A. J. T. Carter, 6; R. Fenn, 7; A. C. Hardy (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. J. Cust.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Thursday, April 11th, on handbells retained in hand, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Doran, 1-2; J. Moule, 3-4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5-6; G. Hayden, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. J. Moule, 1-2; W. Keeble 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. Doran, 7-8; C. Hopkins, 9-10. 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Keeble, 1-2; C. Fenn, 3-4; R. Fenn, 5-6; J. Dale, 7-8. 112 Bob Major. W. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; C. Fenn, 5-6; R. Fenn, 7-8. Also a course of Stedman Triples. C. Fenn, 1-2; R. Fenn, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Sunday, January 23rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brinkley, 1; W. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; H. Elliot, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. On Sunday, April 7th, two 720s of Bob Minor, one for morning service, and one for evening service. H. Gazzard, 1; H. Elliot, 2; J. Elliott, 3; W. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On March 6th, 720 York Surprise. G. Hayden, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Doran, W. Miller, W. Keeble, J. Moule. On March 10th, 720 London Surprise. G. Hayden, W. Miller, E. Wightman, W. Keeble, J. Mardell, J. Moule. This was non-conducted. Also 720 New London Pleasure. W. Keeble, H. Bottrill, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule, G. Hayden, T. H. Beams. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, W. Miller, G. Hayden, W. Keeble (conductor). On March 13th, 720 College Exercise. H. Bottrill, J. Mardell, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor), G. Hayden, T. H. Beams. On March 20th, 720 College Pleasure. H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, J. Mardell, W. Miller, J. Moule, T. H. Beams (conductor). Also 720 London Surprise. W. Doran, W. Keeble (conductor), T. H. Beams, W. Miller, J. Mardell, G. Hayden. On March 24th, 720 Double Court. E. Tugwood, W. Miller, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Keeble, J. Moule, G. Hayden. Also 720 Leytonstone. H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, W. Miller, J. Mardell, J. Moule, T. H. Beams (conductor). On 720 Worcester Surprise. H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Mardell, T. H. Beams.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Wednesday, February 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 College Single, (5 the observation). J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Jordan, 3; T. Jordan, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Wells Surprise. H. Little, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, February 24th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York (5 the observation). J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Coventry Surprise. W. Watts (conductor), 1; H. Little, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6. And on Wednesday, February 27th, for practice, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Luckey, 1; H. Little, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor) 6. Also 720 London Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Bob, 42 singles. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob Minor (5 the observation). W. Watts (conductor), 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6. This makes 2000th 720, rung in eighty-five different methods. On Wednesday, March 6th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 York Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; T. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor). Tenor 13 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks.).—On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Sherman, 1; J. Batting, 2; P. W. Wilkins, 3; W. Bagley, 4; F. Bagley, 5; J. W. Wilkins composer, 6; R. Buckland conductor, 7; A. Bagley, 8. Messrs. Wilkins belong to Wycombe, the remainder being the local band.

WITNEY (Oxon.).—On Sunday, February 24th, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; G. Room, 2; T. Bull, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 6; J. Monk (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; T. Bull, 3; F. P. Powell, 4; J. Monk, 5; J. Brooks, 6. On Monday, February

25th, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; G. Room, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; N. Spindlow, 6; J. Monk (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8. Also 378 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; H. Druce, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; G. Room, 5; J. Monk, 6; F. P. Powell (conductor), 7; T. Bull, 8. Also a plain course of Grandsire Major. F. Pounds, 1; H. Druce, 2; G. Room, 3; T. Bull, 4; H. Brooks, 5; F. P. Powell, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Monk, 8. On Thursday, February 28th, a plain course of Bob Major. F. Pounds, 1; G. Room, 2; H. Brooks, 3; T. Bull, 4; N. Spindlow, 5; F. P. Powell, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Monk, 8.

WINKFIELD (Berks.).—On Wednesday, March 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Druce, 1; A. Furrell, 2; D. Moir, 3; G. Worsfold, 4; W. Bailey, 5; J. Brant (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. J. Druce, 1; W. Bailey, 2; G. Worsfold, 3; D. Moir, 4; J. Brant (conductor), 5; J. Bunce, 6. On Saturday, April 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carder, 1; J. Druce, 2; W. Bailey, 3; G. Worsfold, 4; D. Moir, 5; J. Brant (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, April 16th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 336 Bob Major. G. Dawson, 1; W. Miller, J. Mardell, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. Also 672 Double Norwich. J. Mardell, 1; W. Miller, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Monday, April 8th, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrill, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Doran, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), G. Hayden, 5; J. Mardell, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Keeble, 1; G. Hayden, 2; H. Bottrill, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Mardell (conductor), 5; E. Wightman, 6. These are the first 720s on the bells since rehangng by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GOSFORTH.—On Monday, April 8th, at the opening of the Gosforth bells, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Hogg, 1; —, 2; A. Davidson, 3; T. Teasdale conductor, 4; E. Hern, 5; J. Hern, 6; W. Sheraton, 7; G. Dix, 8. All the above hail from North Shields except the ringer of the 7th, who comes from Chester-le-street. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Willis, 1; A. Gasson, 2; G. Beeken, 3; L. Woodworth, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; E. Waghorn, 6; J. Dyson (conductor), 7; W. Ansell, 8. On Tuesday, April 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Wenham (first 720), 1; A. Gasson, 2; E. Waghorn, 3; G. Beeken, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; W. Everett, 6; J. Dyson (conductor), 7; L. Woodworth, 8. On Tuesday, April 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Gasson, 1; J. Dyson, 2; G. Willis (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; L. Woodworth, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Everett, 6; E. Waghorn, 7; C. Pearson, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. P. Harman, 1; G. Darling, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; J. Craft, 5; H. Dickens, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; W. James, 8. This quarter-peal is in one-part taken from Thurstan's, and was arranged and conducted by H. P. Harman. H. Dickens hails from Birmingham.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On March 27th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob, in 24 mins. *G. Willis, 1; *L. Woodworth, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Waghorn, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. *First 720 in the method. On Wednesday, April 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. G. Willis, 1; L. Woodworth, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Waghorn, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; E. Dixon, 6. Messrs. Goodwin, Woodworth, Waghorn, and Willis are members of the Ashford band, and Messrs. Hills, Dixon, and Clapson, are members of the local band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, March 31st, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich, but was lost after ringing 1860 changes. R. Jordan, 1; J. Rice, 2; G. Thompson, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; F. G. Hoad, 5; A. D. Mills (conductor), 6; G. Paice, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. A 560 and 416 were afterwards brought round, standing as above.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY (North Yorkshire).—On April 23rd, for practice 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Clark, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright conductor, 5; W. Clarkson, 6.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, April 9th, for practice, at the church of St.

Mary, Islington, 853 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Winney, 1; J. Barry, 2; H. Frank, 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; H. Langdon, 5; T. H. Taffender conductor, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; J. Lewis, 8. This is the first on the bells since being recently rehung by Messrs. Warner and Co.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY (Hants.)—On Thursday, April 25th, at Holy Trinity church for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Hoare, 1; C. H. Pearce, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins conductor, 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Easter Sunday, April 7th, for 8 a.m. service, at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr 685 Grandsire Triples. A. Stowell, 1; W. A. Cave conductor, 2; R. Leaker, 3; F. G. Leaker, 4; W. Stowell, 5; A. Lewton, 6; F. Cooper, 7; V. O'Brien, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of St. Nicholas with St. Leonard, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Downing, 1; A. Stowell, 2; V. O'Brien, 3; F. G. May, 4; J. Richmond, 5; W. Stowell, 6; H. Howell conductor, 7; R. J. Drew, 8. After service, 1232 Bob Major in 55 mins. V. O'Brien, 1; A. Downing, 2; A. Stowell, 3; H. Howell, 4; W. A. Cave, 5; F. G. May conductor, 6; J. Richmond, 7; W. Stowell, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. First quarter-peal of Bob Major on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, April 13th, at the Minster, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. A. N. Wood, 1; F. Osgerby conductor, 2; T. Yeuney, 3; W. Gibson, 4; C. P. Bradley, 5; H. Blyth, 6; T. W. Stickney, 7; G. Hare, 8.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Thursday, April 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, an attempt was made for Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately after ringing two hours and four minutes, a change-course occurred which brought the attempt to grief. A. N. Wood, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; J. Dixey, 4; F. Osgerby, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; C. Jackson conductor, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. First attempt for a peal of Stedman by F. Osgerby.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, April 21st, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 1260 Plain Bob Triples, in 44 mins. J. Simons, 1; J. Kettle, 2; R. T. Holding, jun., 3; G. Crawley, 4; R. Langford, 5; A. Crawley, 6; R. T. Holding conductor, 7; J. Dentith, 8. The above was rung was also rung as a farewell touch to the brothers Messrs. George and Albert Crawley, who have volunteered for active service as railway engineers in South Africa, their brother ringers wishing them a pleasant journey and a speedy and safe return home.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 13th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Hardy, 1; F. G. Perrin conductor, 2; G. Thrussel, 3; W. Charge, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; R. Charge, 7; C. Charge, 8. Also on Saturday, May 4th, at St. Peter's church, Walworth Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Charge, 1; H. G. Mills, 2; A. Jacob, 3; T. Langdon, 4; G. Thrussel, 5; G. Charge, 6; F. G. Perrin conductor, 7; W. Charge, 8. Both the above were rung after unsuccessful attempts for a peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAXHALL (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday at St. Peter's church, 730 Bob Minor. J. Wardley, 1; H. Baskett, 2; R. Smy, 3; A. Ling, 4; W. Sawyer, 5; H. Puttock conductor, 6. After evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Baskett, 1; W. Sawyer, 2; G. Savage, 3; A. Ling, 4; R. Smy, 5; H. Puttock conductor, 6. On Monday, April 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Baskett, 1; A. Ling, 2; G. Savage, 3; W. Sawyer, 4; R. Smy, 5; H. Puttock conductor, 6.

TUNSTALL (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 23rd, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Sawyer (conductor), 1; G. Jaye, 2; G. Savage, 3; A. Ling, 4; R. Smy, 5; H. Puttock, 6. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Daniels, 1; A. Ling, 2; G. Savage, 3; J. Starling, 4; G. Jaye, 5; H. Puttock (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, March 27th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Daniels, 1; A. Ling, 2; G. Savage, 3; W. Sawyer (conductor), 4; R. Smy, 5; H. Puttock, 6. Also another 720 in the same method. H. Baskett, 1; A. Ling, 2; G. Savage, 3; J. Starling, 4; W. Sawyer (conductor), 5; H. Puttock, 6. This being the first of Treble Bob by G. Jaye, J. Daniels, and J. Starling.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEFTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 27th, at St. Helen's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. B. Hale, 1; G. Voas, 2; J. Hale, 3; S. Hopwood, 4; J. W. Rimmer, 5; J. Watts conductor, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Jno. Pilkington, 1; W. Fairclough, 2; J. Hale, 3; W. Benthams, 4; J. W. Rimmer, 6; J. Watts conductor.

BRETENHAM (Suffolk).—Recently at the parish schoolroom, for practice 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. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Levett conductor, 1; J. Manning, 2; J. Francis, 3; G. Levett, 4; H. Poulson, 5; A. Grimwood, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Hollocks, 1; G. Lewett, 2; A. Grimwood, 3; F. Pearl, 4; H. Poulson, 5; W. Proctor conductor, 6.

DONCASTER (Yorkshire).—On the evening of St. George's day, at the parish church, 1280 Treble Bob Major, in 53 mins. R. Bales, 1; C. Scott, 2; G. Halksworth, 3; H. Marwood, 4; H. Brock, 5; H. G. Wilson, 6; C. Armitage, 7; R. Pease, 8. This was the first ever rung in Doncaster by the local band in the method.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 9th, for Divine Service in the evening, at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. E. Judd, 1; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 2; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 3; T. G. Miller, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. Fox, 6; G. R. Fardon, 7; J. Judd, 8.

SMETHWICK (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 21st, at the old parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," in 40 mins. G. Wiggins, 1; J. Jaggard, 2; A. Hughes, 3; H. Mills, 4; A. Jayner, 5; J. Piggott, 6; E. Brown, 7; J. Hughes, 8.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On February 28th, at the church of St. Paul, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Somerville, 1; O. Brown, 2; C. Tyler, 3; E. J. Tyler, 4; J. Malpass, 5; J. Lawton, 6; W. Johnson, 7; A. Cooper, 8. Also 560 Grandsire Major. A. Cooper, 1; C. Brown, 2; C. Tyler, 3; E. J. Tyler, 4; J. Malpass, 5; J. Lawton, 6; W. Johnson, 7; J. C. Adams, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. A. Cooper, 1; O. Brown, 2; T. Miller, 3; E. J. Tyler, 4; J. C. Adams, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Dawson, 7; J. Malpass, 8. This is the longest touch by the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 8th. J. Somerville and J. Lawton hail from Wallsall, and J. C. Adams from Bloxwich. T. Miller from Birmingham, the rest belong to the local band. On Saturday, April 6th, at St. Paul's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Cooper, 1; E. W. Turner, 2; C. Tyler, 3; A. Plant, 4; O. Brown, 5; E. J. Tyler conductor, 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. Longest length by A. Plant. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—The two previous peals on these bells were a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Watford Youths in 1816, and a peal in the same method by the St. James's Society, London, in 1884. The following is the record of the first peal on the bells from the peal-book of the Ancient Society of College Youths: "No. 166. RICKMANSWORTH, in Hertfordshire. December 27th, 1788. The Society of College Youths rang at the above church a complete peal of 5152 Treble Bob, in three hours and twenty-seven minutes. Being the first PEAL ever rung there, by Richard Wilson Treble, William Wilson second, James Worster third, Israel Johnson fourth, John Povey fifth, George Webb sixth, Edm. Sylvester seventh, Joseph Holdsworth Tenor. The peal was call'd by John Povey."

H. FLANDERS'S 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 2; Stedman Triples 20; Stedman Caters 11; Stedman Cinques 1; Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 15; Kent Treble Bob Royal 6; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Duffield Major 1; Double Norwich Major 15; Superlative Surprise Major 16; Cambridge Surprise Major 5; New Cumberland Surprise Major 1; London Surprise Major 2.—Total 100.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following letter, which has been sent to every parish in the county of Dorset, addressed to "the conductor of the ringers, care of the rev. the incumbent," explains itself:—

"June 4th, 1901.

"DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Guild held at Wimborne yesterday it was decided to divide the Guild into four branches, two of which would contain the Archdeaconry (and county) of Dorset; so that while the present Annual Meeting of the whole Guild (three weeks before Whitsuntide) remains unaltered, each branch will have three meetings of its own at least; besides those of as many local sub-divisions as might be arranged; each branch will retain one half of the members' annual subscription of one shilling towards its own expenses. It now becomes necessary to arrange a preliminary meeting for the election of officers, etc. It has been suggested that this be held at Wimborne on a Saturday afternoon in about a month's time. It is proposed to have ringing practice, together with a tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. It would therefore be a great convenience if you would lay this matter before your band of ringers either on Sunday next, or at your next practice. In any case I should be glad of an answer within a week in order that arrangements may be made for the meeting, at a time most convenient generally during July. If you have no bells which can be rung, it might be convenient for you to start a band of handbell ringers as we have done in this village. If so, we should be glad to afford any help or instruction that might be possible. I shall be glad to have the address of a correspondent in each parish to whom notices may be sent; and also to be informed of any bands who are likely to desire instructors during the next twelve months; and of any districts where it would be possible to form local sub-division of the Guild. It would also be convenient if those to whom Dorchester would be a better centre than Wimborne would mention this at once.—Yours very faithfully, H. DRAKE,

Secretary for Dorset."

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Oldbury on Saturday, May 25th. Evensong was said in church at 5 o'clock. The Rev. J. E. Brown conducted the service, and delivered a short address from Numbers x. part of verse 29: "Come now with us, and we will do thee good." The preacher illustrated his subject by the idea that the ringing of the bells for Divine Service was a call from the ringers to all within the sound of the bells to come with them to the House of Prayer, and they would do them good. How could that be, if, when the ringers had sent forth the call, they themselves walked away from the church; where would the good come in? He also pressed home the anomaly of calling others to worship and not attending themselves.

After service the company, at the invitation of Mr. J. W. Parish, adjourned to the Town Hall where a bountiful tea was provided. Unfortunately a number of members who had promised to attend, failed to put in an appearance, consequently a large quantity of the good things Mr. Parish had provided was not consumed, much to his disappointment.

After tea the business meeting was held in the same room, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the annual meeting were read, and after the various items requiring explanation had been answered, confirmed, six new members from Oldbury and one from Tipton were added to the roll. Wollaston, near Stourbridge, was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting. Arrangements were made for peals to be attempted at Dudley, Oldbury, Netherton, and Coseley during the ensuing quarter, and any other special peal by arrangement with the Master.

Votes of thanks were given to Mr. Parish for his kind hospitality, to the ladies who assisted at the tea, the organist, and the choir boys who left their game of cricket in order to be present at the service, also to the Vicar for his kind reception, the service, and address in church, and the use of the bells, who in responding said how pleased he was to meet the members of the St. Thomas's Guild at Oldbury. He was quite at

one with them in the objects they had in view, and should they again feel disposed to hold a meeting at Oldbury, if he was Vicar at the time, he would use his best endeavours to make them welcome.

During the afternoon touches were brought round in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, by mixed bands from Dudley, Netherton, Tipton, Coseley, and Oldbury.

Correspondence.

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

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

A QUERY.

SIR,—On noticing the recorded peal of Stedman Caters at Stepney on June 1st, I observe in a footnote that Mr. Sharman, the conductor, rang the tenor for 1 hr. 20 mins. and then went and took another rope to relieve one of the band, described as being a little distressed. Now Mr. Barry, who took the tenor for the remainder of the peal, is bracketed with Mr. Sharman on the tenor, but Mr. Sharman is not bracketed with the distressed one on another rope, the distressed gentleman apparently being credited with having rung in the whole peal without manual assistance. Could this discrepancy kindly be cleared up?

W. E. PITMAN.

Lyminge, June 11th, 1901.

IN EXTREMIS AND OTHER MATTERS.

SIR,—I have been very busy lately with local ringing matters, but I am sorry I cannot help Mr. Daniell. In fact I have been quite unable to find the words in *extremis* in the books I have at hand. The technical term in liturgical and similar books seems to be *in agonia*. This somewhat bears out my expression that *in extremis* was a loose popular phrase; we know it was so in its connexion with "Extreme Unction"; this expression simply means the "Last Anointing" (Baptism and Confirmation and Coronation being the former anointings) and has nothing whatever to do with "last moments."

Mr. Jerram's letter is most interesting, and he is clearly right in his application of "laying the nipples," to adjusting the gudgeons.

With regard to Mr. Baker's definition of consecutive places I can hardly agree. Consecutive means "following after"; while adjacent means "lying next to." Therefore if two bells make adjacent places it will only occupy two changes; while if one bell makes consecutive places it must take four, two in one place and two more "following after" in the next. The former might, by stretching the meaning of the word, be included under the term "consecutive"; but the latter could not possibly be termed "adjacent," as the places do not "lie next to" one another, but are only next in *succession*. I fancied there was something wrong in Mr. Baker's suggestion some years ago; but he did not make his meaning quite so clear as he has done now (*i.e.* if I have now grasped what it is he intends).

H. DRAKE.

THE NEW RINGERS' BADGE.—Mr George H. Coldwell, of Mirfield, Yorks, has made, we hear, a change in the manufacture of this little article, by affixing cannons to the bell instead of a head-stock. Intending purchasers can of course have the article in any shape they please—they pay their money and they take their choice, as the old showman used to say. If they would like a wheel affixed, and a stay, they can have them. Mr. Coldwell, being a ringer, is anxious to oblige and please all his friends and patrons in this and in every other article of jewellery they require. The badge in question has become popular, notably, we suppose on account of the correct shape of the bell.

BELL WANTED.—Our college bell having cracked, we are anxious to obtain a small turret bell. Will any one able to give us one communicate with the Vice-Principal, Dorchester College, Wallingford.

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Notices.

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The East Derbyshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Tibshelf to-day, Saturday, June 15th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Mary, Staines, to-day, Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Luton to-day, Saturday, June 15th. The bells of the parish church, recently rehung, will be at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Kingsley, to-day, Saturday, June 15th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at St. Thomas's church, Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Festival at Ledbury on Wednesday, June 19th. Church Service at 11 a.m. with sermon by the Rev. H. B. Walton, Rector of Coddington. Offertory on behalf of the Guild. Business meeting at 12 noon, in the Barrett Browning rooms. Dinner 2s. at 1 p.m. at The Feathers hotel. Ringing also at Eastnor, Colwall, and Coddington towers, and brakes found as far as possible. Eastnor Castle and grounds open by kind permission of the Lady Henry Somerset. Parties of eight at 1½ railway fare by previous notice.

AUGUSTUS C. LEE, *Hon. Sec.*

Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, June 22nd. The peal of ten at All Saints' church, and peal of eight at the bell foundry, will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.15. Tea, followed by general meeting at 4 p.m., both in the Fearon Hall. The towers will be closed at 4 o'clock until after the general meeting. The tea will be free, but will only be provided for those who have notified Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., not later than Thursday, 20th inst., of their intention to be present. All subscriptions for 1901 should be paid in at or before this meeting.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cotgrave, Notts.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, 1901, at Lichfield. The bells of the cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the cathedral at five o'clock. Tea at the Coffee House at 5.40. Tickets sixpence each to all

members who have paid their subscriptions; to others one shilling. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry, between the hours of two and four.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Hertford County Association.—Berkhamsted District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, June 22nd. The bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of members and friends during the afternoon and evening.

W. H. NEWELL, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Saffron Waldron Society.—Established 1623. The anniversary of the above Society will be held as usual on Thursday, June 27th.

F. J. PITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A special meeting of this Association will be held at Witham, on Saturday, June 29th, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Master and Secretary for the north-eastern division of the county. Tea will be kindly provided by Canon Ingles, at the Vicarage. The tower will be open for ringing after 4 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify me before June 26th.

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

Great Totham.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Archibald Day, M.A., at Malvern Link, on Saturday, June 29th. Service in the church, with short address by the Rev. H. B. Wrey, at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. A free tea will be provided for all members sending their names to me on or before Tuesday, June 25th.

JNO. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, June 29th. A peal and will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms, at 6.30 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist church, Tunstall, on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 4.30. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Clive Road, Rochester.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Ryde, I.W., on Monday, July 1st. Annual meeting at 11 a.m. in the mission room. Service at 12.15 at All Saints' church, preacher, Rev. J. Shearme, M.A., Vicar of Ryde. Dinner in the Town Hall at 1.15 only provided for those ordering beforehand and supplied with tickets. The bells of All Saints' will be available from 10 to 11.30 a.m., 2.30 to 4, and 5 till 6 p.m. For other towers available, see programme. All claims for expenses must reach me by July 31st.

REV. C. E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Usk, on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.45 sharp. Bells available after mid-day.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Dorset.—It is proposed to hold meetings to start branches for the two halves of Dorset around Wimborne and Dorchester on a Saturday afternoon in July (probably July 13th at Wimborne, and July 27th at Dorchester). Any ringers in or near the county who have not been communicated with, are asked to write at once to

REV. H. DRAKE, *Secretary for Dorset.*
Verwood, Wimborne.

Hornchurch, Essex.—There will be meetings at the above church the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in the month for practice, when all ringing friends will be welcome. Meeting time 6 p.m.

J. DALE, *Steeple-keeper.*
5, Victoria Cottages, South Hornchurch, Essex.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—On Friday, June 21st ringing commences at 6.30 a.m. Any ringing friend will be made welcome who may visit the tower during the day.

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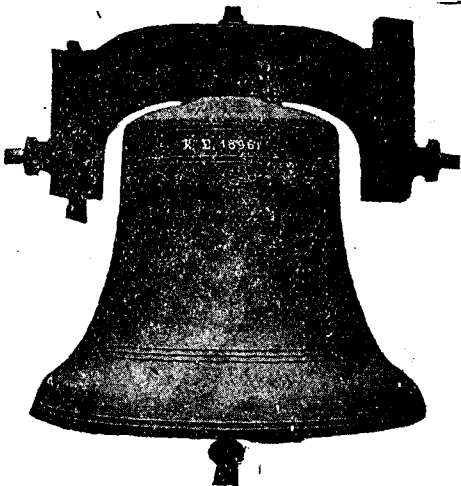
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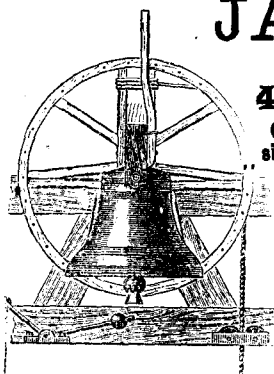
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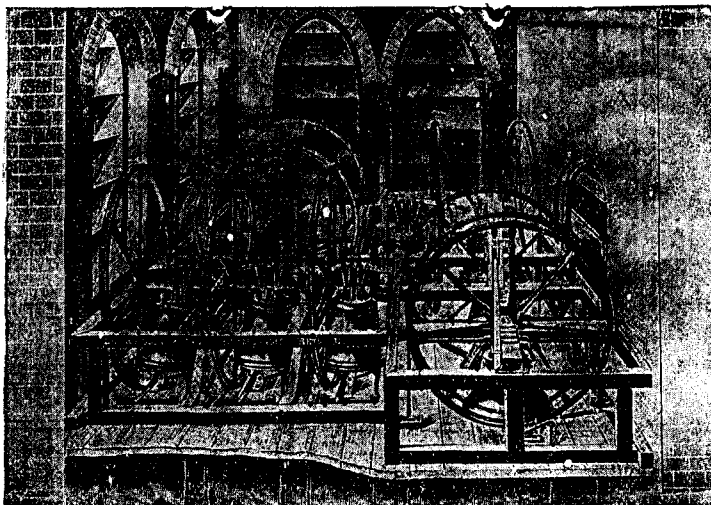
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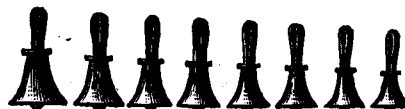
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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT ARKLOW.

To establish interest, yea, even enthusiasm in ringing where interest did not before exist, or if it did, then only in the shallowest form, is no easy task, but it was to this end that on going to Ireland to take charge of St. Patrick's belfry, that Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, with just one or two other keen spirits, set about to accomplish. With what measure of success they laboured was revealed at the annual meeting of the Irish Association, which was held at Arklow on Whit-Monday. It cannot be denied that the Irish have taken kindly to the Exercise, and not only in numbers, but in skill in ringing there is great promise of the society taking the shine out of not a few English societies. There were some sixty or seventy persons present at the meeting which, thanks in no small measure to the kindness and generosity of Lord Carysfort, who, it may be remembered built the beautiful church of which Arklow now boasts, and gave the fine peal of bells which hang in the steeple, was of a very successful nature. The majority of the members arrived about half-past twelve, representatives attending from St. Patrick's and Christ Church, Dublin, Bray and Arklow, while the members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who were touring in Ireland at the time, were also present, as well as a number of ringers not affiliated to the Association. A short service was first held, and the company then adjourned to a large marquee erected in the Glenart demesne, near the Aubertain entrance, where Lord Carysfort, who come purposely from London to attend the meeting, entertained the Association to dinner, R. R. Cherry, Esq., K.C., President of the Association, being in the chair. A splendid repast was provided to which, it is almost needless to say, full justice was done. The arrangements for ringing were that each tower represented should have half-an-hour. This scheme worked remarkably well, preventing the overcrowding of the tower at one time, or the keeping of the bells idle at another. The Christ Church (Dublin) men had the first turn, and then the Arklow ringers had the use of the bells, and brought round touches of Grandsire Triples. St. Patrick's (Dublin) followed, and turned the bells to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. The men from Bray next brought round some touches of Bob Triples, and during the remainder of the time till tea the bells were utilised by the English visitors, who rung the first courses of London and Cambridge in Ireland. For the London they stood as follows: W. Pye, 1; W. Short, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. S. Goldsmith, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; W. H. Barber, 8. The Cambridge was rung by J. George, 1; W. Short, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. S. Goldsmith, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; W. H. Barber, 8. Those ringers who were not engaged in the belfry had the opportunity of inspecting the magnificent grounds in which Lord Carysfort's residence stands, and also of walking through the beautifully-kept gardens, and the well-stocked range of glass-houses. During the afternoon, also, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on

handbells by J. W. Washbrook, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye, 5-6; W. H. Barber, 7-8; E. Pye, 9-10; W. Short, 11-12. A touch of Stedman Caters, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob was rung in addition, as well as several tunes, in which Lord Carysfort evinced much pleasure.

After tea the business meeting took place, Lord Carysfort being in the chair. He was supported by the President of the Association (Dr. R. R. Cherry, K.C.), A. Tailyour, Esq., J.P., Rev. R. Hallows (Arklow), Rev. D. Wilson (St. Patrick's Cathedral), Rev. G. D. Scott (Bray), Mr. C. Marchant, Mr. W. Champney, and Mr. G. Lindoff, Hon. Secretary.

The report, as put in the hands of the members, was in very useful form, for in addition to the usual review of the work, the financial statement and the list of members and performances, it contains an abridged treatise of change-ringing, and dealt with the first principles of Grandsire and Plain Bob. The explanations were given in lucid style, and will no doubt prove a considerable help to those beginners into whose hands it may fall. The Committee's report was as follows: "In presenting this, our first report, we can but congratulate the members upon the steady progress of the Association, which was formed at a meeting in St. Patrick's Schools, Dublin, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1898, by about twenty-five ringers from Dublin and district, nearly all of whom knew very little of change-ringing. Since that time our list of membership has been gradually increasing, the number now on the books being sixty, with a likelihood of a still further increase this coming year. During these first two years three complete peals of 5000 changes have been rung by members." The report then gives the details of these performances, together with those of a muffled peal rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral as a memorial to the late lamented Queen Victoria, which will be included in the records for 1901. Two general meetings have been held, the report adds, the first in 1899 at Dublin, when the members were entertained at tea by W. Champney, Esq., and the second in 1900 at Bray, when the members were the guests of the Ven. Archdeacon of Dublin. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £8 10s. 6d.

The President in moving the adoption of the report said he thought they would all agree that the report indicated very great progress by the Association during the past twelve months, and he thought that for this progress they were deeply indebted to their host of that afternoon, Lord Carysfort. It was to the interest he had shown in change-ringing, and the very valuable gift of a peal of bells which he had erected in the parish church, that they owed much of the increased interest taken in the subject of change-ringing, one of the most interesting sciences studied at the present day. Until coming there that day he had never had the opportunity and pleasure of hearing the Arklow ringers ring, and knowing that they had been only a short time formed as a band, and that when they started they were entirely ignorant, even he believed of the means of ringing a bell not to say of change-ringing, until they were taken in

hand by that capable instructor, Mr. Washbrook, he was greatly astonished at the excellence of their performance. It made him, as coming from St. Patrick's, a little apprehensive of the future, because he thought their ringers had the reputation of being the first band in Ireland. If, however, the Arklow ringers made as much progress in the next twelve months as they had in the past year, they at St. Patrick's would probably be beaten. However that might be, it was always well to have competition. There was nothing that stimulated science or art so much as good, healthy, temperate competition. It was to promote this competition that they started that Association of change-ringers. The four churches, or towers that belonged to the Association had turned out good companies of ringers to whom they had that day had the pleasure of listening. They had also had the benefit of hearing a band of ringers from England as good, he supposed, as all England could produce. He did not think there was in the whole of England a set of men, who could ring better than the band they heard ringing that morning. And he thought he might say on behalf of the Association, and on behalf of all the Irishmen present that day, that they welcomed them to the meeting, and thanked them very much for coming. He hoped that when the Association next met in some other place that they might again have the pleasure of their attendance, that they (the visitors) would be able to see on their return some progress in change-ringing among the Irish ringers.

Mr. A. Tailyour seconded the motion.

Lord Carysfort said he felt he must thank Dr. Cherry for the kind remarks he had made about him personally, and also thank the ringers for having come there for their meeting, and giving them the pleasant opportunity of hearing bell-ringing such as they had not heard since the church was built. It was a great encouragement to him, having presented the bells to the town of Arklow, to think they should have such interest taken in them, that in less than two years they should have so favourable a meeting. It had been a great pleasure to see them all there, not only the Irish, but the English also, and he was glad to see the two joining together, for he believed a good deal might be gained by the English and Irish joining in a brotherly meeting like that.

Mr. George, on behalf of the English ringers, thanked all concerned for inviting them to luncheon and tea, and for the kindly manner in which they had been received in the tower, and the courtesy shown to them throughout the trip. The ringers had thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and would be very pleased to accept the invitation to again visit Ireland at some future date.

The report was then adopted, and the officers of the Association re-elected.

On the motion of the Rev. D. Wilson, seconded by Mr. W. Champney, Lord Carysfort was, amid applause, elected a member of the Association. About twenty other honorary and active members were also elected.

On the motion of Mr. Green, Drogheda was selected for the next annual meeting, and Whit-Monday was the day fixed.

Mr. Champney having apologised for the absence of the Dean of St. Patrick's, proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Carysfort for the generous manner in which he had entertained the Association, and for presiding at the meeting. He also heartily thanked Mr. Tailyour for carrying out the arrangements for the meeting, and Rev. R. Hallows for the way in which he had received the ringers at the church, and for putting the tower at their disposal for the day.

The Rev. G. D. Scott, in seconding, said Lord Carysfort, by erecting the beautiful church and hanging the peal of bells at Arklow had added greatly to the debts which the county of Wicklow and, in fact, the whole of Ireland owed to him. They were all very grateful to him for what he had done to encourage change-ringing. They, as ringers, knew the difference between a good bell and a bad one, and between the encouragement of change-ringing and the throwing of cold water upon it. They were all very grateful to Lord Carysfort for what he had done in this way, to say nothing of the hospitable manner in which he had received them.

The vote was carried with "three times three," and Lord Carysfort, in reply, expressed the hope that at some future date the Association might see fit to again visit Arklow.

Mr. Tailyour and the Rev. R. Hallows also acknowledged

the vote, the latter remarking that no one two years ago would have believed that it was possible that there would be such a meeting of bellringers at Arklow. It showed not only how generous Lord Carysfort had been, but how wise he had been in the selection of a tutor for the band. They would not now find a parish where there was a more loyal band of bellringers than they had at Arklow. Not merely in connection with bell-ringing but in everything connected with the Church Lord Carysfort had been exceedingly generous, and it would be a good thing for Ireland if it had a few more landlords like him.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and in the time to the departure of the train the English visitors rang a course of Double Norwich Major and a touch of Stedman Triples on the tower bells. Thus ended what may without exaggeration be termed the most successful meeting held by the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District of the above Association was held at Luton, on Saturday, June 15th, the bells of the parish church, recently rehung, being placed very kindly at the disposal of the ringers. The visitors were met at the belfry by Mr. Churchwarden A. Pilgrim, Mr. Bonner, the Secretary of the Luton band, Mr. Vickers and many others. After touches of Grandsire Triples, Doubles and Bob Major had been rung, a short business meeting was held in the belfry. Mr. H. L. Waddington, of St. Albans, was voted to the chair, there being also present Messrs. E. J. Comb (London), W. Duckworth (Tottenham), the assistant Secretary of the Association (G. H. Cartmel), W. H. L. Buckingham (Bushey), H. Parkins, Lightfoot, E. Whitbread, E. Arnold (St. Albans), Mr. A. Pilgrim (churchwarden), B. Wilson, A. Sharp, R. Gutteridge, T. Gutteridge, F. Bonner, A. Brightman, J. Shaw, C. Vickers, H. Shaw (Luton), J. Hare (Hitchin) and others. The Secretary made a brief statement as to the meeting, it being the first under the new organisation. Mr. Lightfoot of St. Albans was elected a probationer. Mr. Whitbread proposed, and Mr. Vickers seconded, that the next district meeting be held at Harpenden, provided the necessary permit was obtainable. Carried. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells. The Chairman eulogised the very kind reception extended to the Association by the Luton band. After tea the bells were again rung in various methods.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

The members of the above, by the kind invitation of their captain, Mr. W. Biggin, together with the members of St. Mary's and the parish church, Sheffield, sat down to an excellent spread at The New Inn on Saturday last. Covers were laid for eighteen, the occasion being to celebrate the fiftieth peal of Mr. Biggin, rung on May 28th. After supper Mr. E. James was voted to the chair, the company being now joined by a number of friends who, though not being ringers, take a great interest both in the ringers and their Art of rope-pulling.

The chairman congratulated Mr. Biggin on obtaining his fiftieth peal, being a performance which he (the speaker) had not yet had the pleasure of doing. Taking into account the miles travelled, and failures, which are seldom ever recorded, it was a good performance. He was also proud to think that their Vicar had presented him with a splendid silver medal to mark his appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Biggin.

The chairman now having said so much about the Vicar's medal, said he must pass on to another medal, which had been subscribed for by the friends spoken of in the first part of this report, to mark their respect to Mr. J. Oates on ringing his first peal as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he had great pleasure in calling upon Mr. J. Mulligan—being the oldest College Youth present—to present the medal on behalf of the friends to Mr. Oates.

Mr. Mulligan, with some fitting remarks regarding the old and ancient society which he was proud to be a member, pinned the same on Mr. Oates, which was the signal for a hearty cheer for our old friend, who often talked about the time when he served his Queen and country. The remaining time was spent in songs and tunes on the handbells, a very pleasant evening being had,

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from page 76.)

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

Upon the re-assembling of the Council for the afternoon session the President said it might be a convenient time to decide where the Council should meet in 1902. The Birmingham meeting was followed by Oxford, the Sheffield meeting by Brighton, and Bristol was followed by Norwich. It had been suggested that now Worcester should be fixed for next year's meeting. In 1903 the meeting would again be in London, and possibly the Council might, after going to York, go to Canterbury; if so the same geographical plan would be adopted as had proved satisfactory in the past.

On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, next year's meeting was fixed to be held at Worcester.

WHAT SHOULD BE A TRUE PEAL.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved the following:

"That in the performance of a peal any shift occurring among the bells shall be sufficient to mar the peal, unless it is immediately corrected by the conductor. And that on higher numbers of bells than seven any shift, or other error, that occurs, must be corrected. The bells restored to proper coursing order, and the and the striking steadied, in less than ten changes from the moment at which the error becomes apparent, and, in any case, before the next course-end is reached, or the peal shall be deemed lost. Also that any firing which occurs in the course of ringing a peal shall be held to render the performance unworthy of record."

This, the rev. gentleman said, was a very delicate question; one which the Council had hitherto abstained from taking in hand. There were many points to be considered, and he was not altogether responsible for the wording of the motion. In theory a peal ought to be rung without a mistake. How many peals would be rung under such conditions? Were they going to lay down a hard and fast line? Was no one but the conductor to say a word? Was the conductor to only call the bobs and singles? If the conductor saw one of the band about to make a mistake, was he to be permitted to keep him right? Or supposing one of the band—not the conductor—saw a brother-ringer about to make an error, was he to be permitted to make an effort to keep the other straight? All these points required consideration. If such things were not to be permitted, they would not have many peals rung, for there were occasions when it was necessary to keep even a good ringer from making mistakes. There was also another point in regard to mistakes which were made on the quiet. These were among the most difficult to detect. When it was discovered that a mistake had been made and had been going on, was the ringing to be immediately stopped, or in other words, must a mistake be immediately put right when made? As he had already said he was not directly responsible for the wording of the resolution in which ten changes had been inserted as the limit within which an error on eight or more bells should be corrected. As to firing, no peal should be recorded when this took place, but he thought some latitude should be allowed. The question was how far was a conductor to be permitted to keep a band right. Take Stedman for instance. If there was a muddle through a bell going in slow instead of quick, but it came out all right, was that to be allowed? Or if the conductor, having called a bob, saw that the bell that should make it was not doing so, was he to be permitted to put the ringer of the bell right? Or taking the dodging in 6-7, if this was started in the wrong order, was he to be permitted to put the bells right? He did not think that a distinct shift in which the bells left their places in the wrong order should be permitted. Neither did he consider that a peal should be recorded if an error occurred, and the bells were not put right within ten changes. If asked at the end of forty years what absolutely faultless peals he had rung, the number would not be many beyond the non-conducted peal of Stedman upon his own bells when every member of the band knew his work and the peal was perfect. A conductor of a peal should be a man who knows his business, and if he does, he can stop a ringer from making a mistake, and he thought such

latitude should be permitted. If not, he was sure that a great many peals of the sort now rung would not pass muster. He thought that some consideration should be allowed for a band that for the first time rang a peal, as the bells might not be very well struck or kept at times in proper compass. He thought however it would be best for the Council to first decide how much latitude should be allowed to a conductor; having settled that there would be many more points which would have to be considered, some of which would no doubt occupy their attention in the future.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies formally seconded.

Mr. J. W. Taylor desired to know if it was proposed that no one but the conductor was to speak. A brother ringer, besides the conductor, could often put another right.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson replied that this was one of the points for consideration.

The President said he should like the discussion to start with a clear grasp of this important problem. He should like to see the Council come to a decision which would be practicable. It was very desirable that there should be set up a standard of excellence. It would perhaps be wisest to suggest this standard at first for adoption in the case of peals intended to be record ones. It would be welcomed by every man who had taken part in record peals, and the regulations would gradually filter down to less important performances until it finally became the recognised standard for all peals. As time went on men able to criticise a peal would draw attention to performances not up to the standard for records. Thus it was to be hoped that eventually there would come to be a general standard of excellence recognised for all peal ringing. As regarded record performances he considered there ought to be at least fourteen days' notice given of the attempt in "THE BELL NEWS," and also notice to the conductor or representative of the band whose record was to be surpassed, or in cases where the previous performance had taken place many years ago the notice should be given to the secretary of the Association or Society to which that band belonged, in order that he might send a representative if desired to criticise the performance. It was also most necessary that the figures of any new composition should be sealed and lodged with some responsible person. It would not be fair to give the figures otherwise than under seal, as in case of a failure, some other band, getting hold of the composition, might go and ring the peal first, thus taking it out of the hands of the original band. This sealing up of the figures and the holding of the same by some responsible person would be but common sense and common fairness to all. With respect to umpires he would not make any suggestions, for it must be remembered, as he had said some time back, that the Exercise had not the men in the present day who could vouch for the accuracy of calling as formerly. He thought that there should be a declaration signed by the whole of the band that a record peal was accurately and properly rung. This would ensure prompt disownment on the part of any members of the band who were not prepared to vouch for the peal. Among other points requiring consideration was that of one ringer changing bells with another. Was this to be allowed? Or take the case of the conductor missing a bob and one of the company calling it, or that of the conductor, who having called a bob and suddenly finds he is in error and calls out "no bob," was this to be allowed? Or should the conductor call a bob instead of a single or *vice versa*, and the next change put the bells right. Was this to be allowed? There were many ways among conductors of putting bells right, and this was a matter which ought to be dealt with. There should be laid down a standard of excellence, and the right thing to do in regard to each possible eventuality. Bad striking and firing were points that required consideration. As to firing, that especially required a clear rule to be laid down, for someone might say that only seven bells out of eight struck at the same time, therefore it was not firing. Take the case of a muffled peal. Suppose a muffle comes off. To continue ringing was an imposition on the ears of the public outside, and such a performance should not be called a peal. There was the question whether feeding, in a long peal, should be allowed (laughter). It was essential that all these and other difficulties should be faced, and defined regulations put forth, which in the end could not fail to be appreciated by the Exercise at large.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said the first point to be considered

was what latitude was to be permitted to a conductor; secondly was any one else to be permitted to speak during a peal.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker asked if the Council was going to confine its resolution to record performances only.

The President questioned whether it would be wise at first to go beyond record performances.

Mr. Pritchett said the question for the Council was to lay down some rule to regulate shifts in peal-ringing. He did not agree with the terms of the resolution, nor could he see why whatever resolution the Council adopted should not apply to all peals upon any number of bells. It should therefore be a general resolution, and at the same time simple and easy of application. He would admit that there must be some latitude allowed to a conductor in keeping bells straight. There might be some misunderstanding between two of a band. A conductor who sees this and can immediately put each one right should be allowed to do so, if not, the ringing should come to a stand. The resolution was much too long and much too elaborate. There should not be any distinction laid down specially for Triples. According to the resolution "the striking must be steadied in less than ten changes from the moment the error became apparent" but the error might have taken place some time previously and a number of wrong changes might have been rung. He did not see how the Council could adopt such a resolution if it wanted to set up a general standard. He should move as an amendment "That in the performance of any peal any shift that occurs among the bells shall be sufficient to invalidate the performance unless such shift is immediately corrected by the conductor." He did not approve of any limit of time for correcting a shift, but thought the only course open was to insist upon the words "immediately corrected" otherwise the peal should not be recorded.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that in recording peals instead of making use of the words "conducted by," the old method of recording "who called bobs" should be adopted.

Mr. H. Dains pointed out that there were ringers who could call a peal but not conduct it, yet a band who rang such a peal would have rung a true one.

Dr. Carpenter did not see why a peal should be lost if someone else than the conductor put the bells right.

Mr. Pritchett agreed to leave out the words "by the conductor."

Dr. Carpenter did not think that the Council should give its sanction to such latitude as was given in the resolution. There was no doubt that many of the peals recorded were not absolutely true, hence the greater value of peals which were perfectly true.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly asked what was a conductor if he was not someone who could not only call a peal but keep the bells right if required. Did the word conductor simply mean someone who called the bobs only. He considered a conductor should be one who could keep the bells right as well as call.

Mr. Daniell pointed out that this did not affect the question.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee pointed out that the amendment referred to all peals and not to record performances only. If the opinion of the Council was in favour of adopting it no one would rejoice more than himself, but it did occur to him whether the time was ripe for the adoption of such a regulation. He thought the best the Council could do would be to raise a higher tone among ringers and rely upon them as honourable men to do that which was right. If the Council laid down a high standard there would be a danger of its being evaded. It would be impossible for the Council to send referees to all peals, but this might be done in the case of record performances. Having set up a standard of excellence for record performances he agreed with the President that it should be allowed to filter down to all peals. He thought if the Council adopted such a proposal it would be loyally supported, but to attempt to lay down a standard for all peals he did not think would as yet be acceptable.

Mr. A. T. King thought the question of record performances upon church bells might well be left out, for it was making the ringing of church bells too much of a sport; neither did he agree in ringing for points. If, however, the Council did consider it well to pass a resolution, he was in sympathy with Mr. Pritchett, and considered any resolution adopted should be as simple as possible. He did not, however, see how they were

going to fix such a resolution unless it was by some of the band making an affidavit before a magistrate. He was one of those who thought it better to trust people, and did not think there were worse men among ringers than among others, and it looked to him that to adopt such a resolution would be casting a slur upon an honourable body of men. He saw no reason why the Council should legislate for those who ring shaky peals. If the Council was going to establish a system by which peals would be recognised as belonging to either first, second, or third class, it would be doing a great deal of mischief.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley considered that if bells came up wrong at the course-end no attempt should be made to correct them, but that the ringing should come to an end.

The Rev. C. P. Davies said he had only formally seconded the resolution. He thought it would be better as the President had suggested that whatever resolution was adopted should be in connection with record performances only, which would commend itself to the Exercise at large much more than attempting to lay down a resolution for all peals.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker agreed with the last speaker, but at the same time would there not be a danger of bands claiming to do what they liked in other performances than record ones?

The President did not think that this would be the effect.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said if it would not be best to set up a standard which should be aimed at in all peals. There was one difficulty which occurred to him. There was in some places considerable jealousy among ringers. To lay down as a standard a hard and fast line might cause more jealousy in some places and not be much help in others.

Mr. Pritchett objected to the Council going off the track. The Council had met to consider the resolution as it had been printed; let them keep to that. His amendment was much more simple and easy, and intended to apply to all peals.

The Hon. Secretary said he agreed with the President that whatever resolution was adopted should apply to record performances only, because that was the pressing question of the hour, and he considered that the time had come when the Council should come to some definite settlement of the question, and arrive at a decision which would commend itself to the Exercise at large. He was partly responsible for the wording of the resolution. He was aware that the question must come before the Council, and be if possible dealt with. He thought that the rev. gentleman who moved the resolution, from his long and varied experience of peal ringing and conducting, would be able to deal with the whole question, and therefore had asked him to move it, not thinking that the wording of the resolution would stand, but that by it the whole question could be raised. He had himself had the opportunity of speaking to a conductor whom he asked for an opinion. The conductor said that no shift in peal-ringing should take place, if it did, the ringing should be at once stopped. He thought if the President's suggestion was adopted, and the resolution passed to apply to record performances, it would be one which in time would be ultimately received for peals in general.

Mr. Pritchett's amendment with the words "by the conductor" omitted, was then put and carried *nem con.*

The Rev. H. J. Elsee moved a further amendment as a preamble to that just adopted. "That in the opinion of this Council all peals ought to aim at a standard of absolute accuracy, and in order to assure this in cases of special interest, such as peals intended to establish a record, any shift," etc., etc.

In moving the above the rev. gentleman said he did not think that it was practicable for the amendment which had been carried, and therefore now became the substantive motion, to apply to all peals yet. He would suggest to the Council that they should be sure that they were doing that which was practicable. As to record performances upon church bells one gentleman had said that he disliked them. Let the Council take care that it was not misunderstood. Let them see that there was such a danger. Some one might say that the Council had met to discuss records. There was a Yorkshire journal that took that view of the discussion last year. Let them show that this was not the principle they had in view, but that they as ringers did what they did in ringing for the glory of God.

Mr. Wakley thought Mr. Pritchett's amendment should refer to all peals, and opposed the preamble.

The President pointed out that the amendment by Mr.

Pritchett might apply to record performances with an indication that the Council considered it should apply to all peals.

Mr. Pritchett said the preamble was vague, and would serve no useful purpose.

The preamble was put to the meeting and lost.

Mr. H. White moved that notice of intended record performances should be given, and that the President and Hon. Secretary of the Council should depute competent ringers to be present. In support of the proposal Mr. White expressed an opinion that this course would be a wise one to adopt, and if previously done would have avoided considerable ill-feeling.

Mr. Williams seconded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said this was launching out in a new direction which he did not consider desirable, as it might lead the Council to become unpopular if such a proposal was adopted. He agreed that notice of any attempt to break a record should be given in the ringing journals, and thought such notice should appear at least fourteen days before the attempt.

Mr. Pritchett said if such a resolution was adopted it would be necessary for the Council to draft some rules to define what was a record performance.

The President said he could not undertake any such office as that contemplated in the resolution. He had no authority apart from the Council.

The rider having been withdrawn, Mr. Pritchett's amendment was put as the substantive motion, and carried *nem con.*

(To be continued.)

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 RECENT PEAL AT OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.

SIR,—I was much gratified to see in your issue of last week an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples being rung at Oundle by members of the Central Northamptonshire Association. I hope this visit of change-ringers will lead to a revival of the art of ringing by method in this old town, and the proper repair of its beautiful ring of bells. The noted schools at Oundle are under the control of the Grocers' Company of London, and they, surely, would help in such a desirable object. Some years ago a boy belonging to the schools (which are situate near the church) climbed the tall spire (mounting it by means of the crockets) and placed his cap on the weather vane. Oundle bells as at present hanging are dated as follows: Treble, second and third all cast by Mears and Stainbank, 1869; fourth by Thomas Eayre, 1735; fifth by same founder, 1742; sixth by Joseph Eayre, 1763; seventh by Thomas Osborne, 1801; tenor by Mears and Stainbank, 1869. The exact weight of the present tenor as given by the founders is 26 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs. The old tenor was cast by Thomas Eayre, 1748. A fire occurred in the tower in August 1868, which, amongst other damage, cracked the three first bells and the old tenor. Hence the recasting in 1869. Previous to 1780 there were only six bells at Oundle. In that year two trebles were, evidently, added to the old ring of six by Thomas Osborn of Downham. The old third bell (the treble of the old ring of six) was dated 1688, and was cast by Henry Bagley. That well-known and popular ringer (in this district) Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, is a native of Oundle. It is, therefore, nice to see that the Bedfordshire Association was represented in the first peal ever rung on Oundle bells.

Wellingborough, June 16th.

E. J. DENNES.

WHAT ARE CONSECUTIVE PLACES?

SIR,—I am quite willing to break a lance with the Rev. H. Drake on the above question. Mr. Drake in his letter says that consecutive means "following after." Just so; therefore, if second's place follows after first place in the same rows, these must be consecutive places, and I thank Mr. Drake for corroborating my theory. In composing a method we write down a row of figures from left to right, the second row is picked from the first row also from left to right, therefore, places that are

made in any two rows must according to my idea be considered from the same standpoint. It matters not whether there be two or four bells lying still, the places if together and considered from left to right are undoubtedly consecutive, as the following examples will show:—

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In six different works that I have means of referring to, the meaning of "adjacent" is given as "*lying near to*," not as Mr. Drake says "*lying next to*," and for this reason I chose "adjacent" as a definition for places made in consecutive order by a single bell which are near to one another but not actually touching, and occupy four rows, whereas, consecutive places as shown above occupy two rows only. In conclusion I may say that I do not wish to force my views on anyone, but when I am writing and have occasion, I shall keep to the definitions that I have used after giving the matter careful consideration.

GEORGE BAKER.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Re peal rung by the St. Stephen's Guild at Bristol on January 23rd, 1901. Would either Mr. W. A. Cave, who conducted it, or one of the band, kindly inform me at what time this peal was commenced. By so doing they will greatly oblige

Fore Street, Hatfield.

J. J. POWER.

THE PEAL AT STEPNEY.

SIR,—In reply to the letter which appeared in last week's issue by Mr. W. E. Pitman, in reference to the peal of Stedman Caters rung by eleven members of the Middlesex County Association at St. Dunstan's Stepney, on June 1st, 1901, I should like to say that I finished the peal on the 8th bell, but I did not consider it was necessary to insert any ringer's name more than once in the record of the peal. In the footnote I unintentionally omitted to say Mr. Berry took a turn for a few minutes at the tenor. This would have made it quite clear which bell I took.

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JOHN R. SHARMAN.

SIR,—The Queries of Mr. Pitman on the peal at Stepney renders it necessary that those who know the facts should speak out, although it is an unpleasant duty. I am sorry to say I heard the peal (?) all through. They started into changes just after 4 o'clock. About the quality of the ringing caused by changing bells and men several times I would rather not make any remark, but what I want to say is that at 7.20 the bells seemed to totally collapse. Firing then began, and continued for 2½ minutes, and although the course-end was hardly due, one was forced up, after which three more courses, the bells came home. It would be better for the honour of the Middlesex Association (if not for the conductor) for the Society to withdraw the peal, or investigate this, as it can be substantiated by others.

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Glensford, Suffolk.

SAMUEL SLATER.

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"WHAT should be a true peal?" This was a subject introduced at the meeting of the Central Council, and the discussion upon it, a report of which will found elsewhere, will prove very interesting indeed to the reader. The question embodied in the subject—"What should be a true peal?" seems at the outset very easy indeed to answer. A true peal it may be rejoined, should be a peal rung true. A peal not rung true cannot be a true peal. But ringers know there are various matters worthy of consideration which tend to soften such a dictum. If two bells clashed or fired, during a peal of Triples for instance, it may be said with correctness that all the changes were not rung, because that change in which the "fire" occurred was no change at all. But who on earth would object to such a peal being regarded as true? No one.

The resolution dealing with the subject was placed in the hands of the REV. F. E. ROBINSON for proposal, who in his opening observation said it was a very delicate question. "In theory," said he, "a peal ought to be rung without a mistake." A critic might have intervened with the remark that an ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory, and the rev. gentleman established the value of the axiom before he came to the end of his speech.

It is not to be expected for one moment, we should think, that the Council will ever lay down a rule that in the performance of a peal no one is to speak but the "conductor." It could not be carried into effect. This part of the subject is alluded to on account of the enquiry put by Mr. TAYLOR. The conductor, so-called, is frequently one of the least qualified to "conduct." He may have the calling of the peal thoroughly in his mind, and do his work of "calling" in a proper manner, but we know that in many cases he is unqualified to keep wayward ringers in the right path, or to put them in order when from neglect or indolence they go astray.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

NOBLE SPINDLOW Treble.	EDGAR HUMFREY 6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	C. R. LILLEY 7.
FRANCIS P. POWELL 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 8.
FRANK TUBB 4.	JOHN MONK 9.
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 5.	HARRY BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 9th, and tenor hail from Witney; 7th from Bedford; the rest are local men.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY EVANS Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE H. LEE 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 6.
REUBEN STANDING 3.	JOHN H. BLAKE 7.
CHARLES HILLS 4.	JOHN NETLEY Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

Rung as a quarterly peal for the western division; also to celebrate the return of the Sussex Volunteers from South Africa. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 6th hail from Heene, Worthing; 2nd and tenor from Pulborough; 4th from Angmering; 5th from Midhurst; 7th from Chichester.

HUNSDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	GEORGE DENT 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	HENRY J. TUCKER 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ISAAC CAVILL 7.
WALTER HOBBS 4.	JAMES CRABB Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.)

On Wednesday, June 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BAKER Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	*JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome back from South Africa of the Brighton contingent of the Volunteer Company of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6.
WALTER J. SMITH 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	WILLIAM HARPER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GOSLING* .. Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 5.
JOSEPH WOOLLEY* 2.	JOHN HICKMAN 6.
EDWARD ROBINSON 3.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON 7.
JOHN HOLMAN 4.	WALTER C. HUNT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

*First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble who is now in his seventy-fourth year. J. Holman hails from Sheffield; Craven from Chesterfield; Gosling is a member of the local band; the rest belong to Nottingham. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal in the method on the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM IVES Treble.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
F. SWEETZER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ERNEST BRUCE 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY 6.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2.	*CHARLES JACKSON 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 8.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 4.	*GEORGE DAVIES 9.
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE* .. 5.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent is 6ths place, without the 2nd or 3rd in that position, and is now rung for the first time

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATLING .. Treble.	CHARLES SAMSON 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	EDGAR BAILEY 6.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
CHARLES BAILEY 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

F. Watling hails from Saxmundham; Hardy from Kelsale; the rest belong to the local company.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

ALBERT D. STONE .. Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
ALFRED TOMSETT* 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
JOHN RICE 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT W. BROWN .. Treble.	THOMAS RADDON 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
SYDNEY HILLIER 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 7.
OWEN W. LAYNG 4.	ALBERT DRAPER Tenor.
	JOHN DREW

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

First peal by the treble, 5th, and tenor ringers. First peal with a bob bell by the ringer of the 7th. A. W. Brown hails from Bromham; Raddon from Potterne; Hillier and Draper from Devizes; J. Drew is a local man; the rest from Swindon.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BIRD .. Treble.	W. FREEMAN 4.
GEORGE VALENTINE 2.	JOHN W. BARKER 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	JOSEPH CHURCH Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES BAKER 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS 2.	HENRY ADCOCK 6.
ERNEST LINCOLN 3.	JAMES BETTS 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	ERNEST POPPY Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES:
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt

ALBERT GILLINGHAM* .. Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
SAMUEL CORNISH* 2.	*FRANK ROLFE 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. 8.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN* .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
WILLIAM MOTTS 5.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Samuel Cornish, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. W. V. Newman hails from Irthlingborough.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday evening May 24th, at the parish church of St. Peter, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 10 mins. William Webster, 1; John Roberts, 2; Peter Ball, 3; Frederick Thomas, 4; Henry Fyles, 5; George Hislop, 6; Thomas Kay (conductor), 7; Joseph Boustead, 8. Composed by John Aspinwall of Liverpool. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 8th, at the church of St. Bartholomew, a date touch, 1901 changes, in 58½ mins. James Maycock, 1; W. Holland, 2; W. Goodge, 3; Jno. J. Cook, 4; F. Marshall, 5; Jno. Goodwin (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALSE (Somerset).—On Thursday, June 6th, the Milverton ringers rang at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. F. Norman, 1; H. Norman, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; I. Richards, 4; A. J. Andrews, 5; W. Chapman, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells, which have lately been rehung and a new treble added making a very nice ring of six.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts.).—On April 8th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Wilson, 1; G. Iles, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; S. Hillier, 5; T. Ricketts, 5; C. J. Gardiner, 6; H. Roberts (conductor), 7; T. Lawrence, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On May 5th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Fuller, 1; T. Hammond (conductor), 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Ruskin, 4; C. Ballard, 5; H. Seager, 6. On May 6th, on the anniversary of our first peal, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as before. Also an attempt was made for a 720 Bob Minor, but failed after ringing into fifth part. W. Newton, 1; T. Hammond, 2; H. Brown, 3; J. Seager, 4; P. Sayers, 5; S. Rushen (conductor), 6. This was the longest length by W. Newton with the treble, and S. Sayers with a bob bell, and also the conductor. On May 26th, 720 Canterbury. A. Brokis, 1; S. Rushen, 2; H. Brown, 3; T. Hammond (conductor), 4; C. Ballard, 5; H. Seager, 6. On May 21st, 720 Bob Minor. F. Fuller, 1; H. Seager, 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; G. Sayers (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. On June 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Newton (first 720), 1; T. Hammond (conductor), 2; H. Brown, 3; S. Rushen, 4; C. Ballard, 5; H. Seager, 6. On June 4th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Newton, 1; Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, 2; H. Brown, 3; H. Seager, 4; C. Ballard, 5; S. Rushen (conductor), 6. This was the first 720 rung and conducted without the help of T. Hammond, who has been helping and teaching for this last four years, which since then ten others have commenced ringing but have given it up, not having taken to the Art of change-ringing.

ROYDON (Essex).—On Friday, June 7th, for practice at the church of St. Peter, 720 College Single. W. Littlechild, 1; W. Marrable, 2; A. Pearman, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; J. Crabb, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. W. Littlechild, 1; W. Marrable, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; J. Crabb, 5; A. Pearman (conductor), 6.

Also 720 Plain Bob. W. Littlechild, 1; W. Marrable, 2; J. Crabb, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; A. Pearman, 5; Isaac Cavill (conductor), 6. This was rung on our last practice night for the summer season, as there will be no more practice until after harvest.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

BIDEFORD (Devon).—On May 27th, at the church of St. Mary, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Shepherd, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; F. Murphy, 5; F. J. Shepherd (conductor), 6; W. Moggridge, 7; J. R. Sandover, 8. The above are from the Heavitree Branch, and this is the longest length on the bells since they were ringing.

On Saturday, April 27th, at Pinhoe, by the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, 720 Bob Minor. W. Drake, 1; C. Carter, 2; A. W. Searle, 3; T. Mudge, 4; J. Moss, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 29th, at St. David's, Exeter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; J. Vanstone, 4; F. Davey, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; T. Roberts, 8. On Monday, May 6th, 336 Bob Major. W. Drake, 1; C. Carter, 2; A. W. Searle, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. Mudge, 5; F. Davey, 6; J. Moss, 7; E. Shepherd (conductor), 8.

On Saturday, June 8th, several Devonians residing in London met the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, and rung with him at St. Peter's, Walworth, S.E. He was most pleased to have had the opportunity of ringing with the Devonshire Guild men in London, and on hearing from them that it was proposed to form a Society of Devonians in London, he gave it his most cordial support, and it is hoped shortly that the same will be formed and be attached to the Devon Guild. The following took part in the ringing. Rev. M. Kelly (Kelley, Lifton), A. C. Newman (Dartmouth), J. Dart (Ilfracombe), S. H. Godfrey (Ottery St. Mary), E. H. Oxenham (Bampton), W. Shepherd and F. J. Shepherd (Exeter), and Mr. Gummer kindly rang the tenor for us, one of the Devonians having been unable to come at the last moment. All enjoyed their ring in spite of the warm weather.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 19th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. C. Ingram (longest in the method on the treble), 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; J. Harper, 3; A. C. Collins, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. J. Symons (conductor), 6; J. Harris, 7; C. Groves, 8. On Sunday evening, February 24th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, 1; C. Groves, 2; F. S. Bayley, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; A. C. Collins, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Sunday evening, May 12th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; J. Harris, 7; E. J. Harding (first touch), 8. On Sunday, June 16th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Harris, 7; E. J. Harding, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. Martin's church, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ellis (first 720 in the method), 1; N. Alderman, 2; E. Young, 3; J. Nixon, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; W. J. Nudds (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—On April 9th, on handbells, 252 Bob Triples. J. E. Gofton, 1-2; J. A. Gofton, 3-4; T. T. Gofton, 5-6; J. J. Leighton (conductor), 7-8. On April 14th, 720 Kent. J. A. Gofton (conductor), 1-2; T. T. Gofton, 3-4; A. F. Davidson, 5-6. On April 21st, 688 Bob Major. G. R. Holmes, 1-2; J. A. Gofton (conductor), 3-4; T. T. Gofton, 5-6; A. F. Davidson, 7-8. On April 29th, 336 of Bob Major. J. E. Gofton, 1-2; J. A. Gofton, 3-4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5-6; T. D. Gofton, 7-8.

SUNDERLAND.—On April 13th 720 Bob Minor. W. T. Robson, 1-2; J. W. Parker, 3-4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5-6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On March 17th, at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; D. Hayes, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Redman conductor, 7; F. G. Pollard, 8. Also 672 Bob Major. J. Birtwistle, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; A. E. Pollard, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. On Sunday, March 24th, 672 Bob Major. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Heys, 3; E. A. Pollard, 4; C. Parkinson, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Kent. W. Walton, 1; T. Burrows, 2;

D. Campbell, 3; J. R. Eastwood, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; R. Hartley conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 7th, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; T. Burrows, 2; J. R. Eastwood, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley conductor, 6. Also another 720 Kent. T. Redman conductor, 1; J. R. Eastwood, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 6. At the dedication of the bells on Easter Day, at St. Leonard's, Padiham, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Burrows, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Hartley, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. On Sunday, April 14th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; R. Hartley, 2; J. R. Eastwood, 3; T. Burrows, 4; W. Walton, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. Also 704 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; J. R. Eastwood, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. On Thursday, April 18th, 720 Victoria. T. Burrows, 1; J. R. Eastwood, 2; R. Hartley, 3; D. Campbell, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman conductor, 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, April 21st, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; T. Burrows, 2; R. Hartley, 3; J. R. Eastwood, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. Also 704 Kent. D. Campbell, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; J. R. Eastwood, 4; N. Townend, 5; J. W. Stirk, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 47 mins. J. W. Driver, 1; R. Charge, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. Hardy, 4; G. R. Fardon, 5; G. Thrussell, 6; T. Langdon, 7; G. Charge, 8; C. Charge (conductor), 9; A. Jacobs, 10. On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. Alfred Jones, 1; J. Hurbert, 2; Arthur Jones, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; W. Charge conductor, 7; S. How, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 27th, 1008 Bob Major. E. Lincoln, 1; E. Borrett, 2; J. Adams, 3; R. Algar, 4; R. Rayner, 5; F. Barber, 6; A. Riches, 7; F. R. Borrett conductor, 8.

FULHAM ST. MARY (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, 704 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Tann conductor, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; J. Boughton, 3; E. Borrett, 4; F. R. Borrett, 5; C. Baker, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Surridge, 8.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Manser, 1; E. Borrett, 2; A. Wier, 3; E. Lincoln, 4; E. Coleman, 5; F. R. Borrett conductor, 6. Also after service, 360 Plain Bob.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday evening, June 9th, for Divine Service, by the All Saints' company a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. W. Smithson, 1; Frank Wilby (conductor), 2; Walter Hammond, 3; William Smithson, 4; Edwin F. Rippon, 5; Joseph Rowley, 6; Thomas Chown, 7; Frederick Glaseby, 8. Longest length by F. Glaseby, who was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association after the performance.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARD-ON-SEA (Sussex).—On Tuesday, April 30th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Thorpe, 1; C. Hill, 2; T. Waterhouse, 3; H. Harvey, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; F. A. Kennett, 6; G. Watson conductor, 7; H. Denman, 8. Also 216 Stedman Triples, standing as before. All the above are members of Christ Church Guild and it is their longest touch in the method.

BAGLAN (Glamorganshire).—On Thursday, May 23rd, for practice at St. Catherine's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. J. Pitman (thirteen years of age), 1; D. Lewis, 2; W. J. Neale, 3; W. Williams (conductor), 4; H. Church, 5; A. E. Pitman, 6. This is the first 120 by all except the conductor, who belongs to Aberavon.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, April 21st, before service, two 252s Stedman Triples. B. Witchell (conductor), T. Ward, W. Ward, G. Swann, E. Stringer, F. Hales, P. Finney, A. Ward, J. Jennings, F. Fay. After service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by the late Henry Johnson, in 45 mins. T. Ward, 1; F. Fay, 2; A. Ward, 3; E. Stringer, 4; G. Swann, 5; W. Ward, 6; B. Witchell (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor. On Monday, May 27th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins., composed by the late H. Johnson. T. Ward, 1; J. Jennings, 2; A. Ward, 3; F. Fay, 4; E. Stringer, 5; W. Ward, 6; B. Witchell (conductor), 7; P. Trinity, 8. All the above are members of the St. Thomas's Society. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN DIVISION.)

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at the ancient town of Petworth on Saturday, June 8th, about twenty members being present from the following towers: Arundel, Angmering, Heene, Midhurst, Portsea, Pulborough, and Petworth; also the Rev. F. A. Bromley (curate), the Hon. Secretaries (Messrs. Bennett and Evans), and Mr. Tompkins the Treasurer. The bells were started soon after the appointed time, and touches of Grandsire Triples and several courses of Stedman Triples were rung, this being the first attempt at Stedman by the Pulborough members. Tea was held at 5.30, kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. H. E. Jones), the curate (Rev. F. A. Bromley) presiding.

There being no new members to elect, business was short. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was then resolved that a quarterly peal should be attempted at Chichester on the following Tuesday to celebrate the return of the Sussex Volunteers from South Africa, it being expected they would arrive in the town on that day.

Mr. Tompkins proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for providing tea, and hoped the chairman would convey these remarks to him.

Mr. Bennett seconded.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till eight o'clock, when the members returned to their respective destinations, some on bicycles, and some by rail.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15th, a very successful meeting was held at St. Mary's church, Staines, about thirty members being present. At six o'clock the members were kindly invited to the vicarage, and were most hospitably entertained at tea by the Vicar, the Rev. S. T. Wood, who was ably assisted by the curate, the Rev. A. J. Judson. After tea the members were invited to walk round the gardens and help themselves to buttonholes.

Mr. Basden proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, which was heartily accorded by the members. The tower was revisited, several touches being brought round. New members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Bedfont on Saturday, July 13th.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterley meeting was held at Tibshelf, on Saturday, June 15th. Members were present from Ault Hucknall, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, Ripley, South Normanton, North Wingfield, and Pleaseley.

The members were entertained to a splendid tea by the Rev. E. A. Morgan, Vicar, to which forty-one sat down.

Hearty votes of thanks were given to the Vicar for the tea, use of room and bells for the day, &c. Mr. Morgan suitably replied, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to again welcome the Association to Tibshelf.

A new clock, in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and those who had fallen during the South African war, was started on Thursday, 13th. The Vicar's daughter ascended the tower after tea, and wound it up for the first time. This clock is a great boon to the inhabitants, and reflects great credit on the makers, Messrs. Smith and Sons, Derby.

The bells were kept merrily going till 9.50 p.m. by mixed bands, several 720s being tapped off in good style, notably one of Oxford by a mixed band from Ripley, North Wingfield, and Bolsover. At 10 p.m. the members dispersed to their respective homes, one and all having spent a most enjoyable day. T. A.

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The monthly meeting of the above was held at Kingsley, on Saturday, June 15th, when about thirty-seven members were present from the following towers: Bucknall, Norton, Cheadle, Tunstall, Stoke, and Kingsley. By the kindness of the Rector, Rev. H. E. Beech, M.A., tea was partaken of on the lawn of the rectory, after which permission was granted to stroll round the gardens. The Rector said how pleased he was to see the Association at Kingsley, also to see from the Report how flourishing the Association was, and hoped that it would continue to be so, and said that he thought it was to a great extent owing to the management of the two energetic Secretaries, the Rev. — Frith, and Mr. W. Twigg.

Mr. Geo. Forrester (churchwarden), said he always enjoyed being in the company of ringers, as he was an old ringer himself some thirty-seven years ago, but he thought ringing had so much advanced in recent years that he felt he would be quite out of his latitude if he attempted to ring in the methods which were now rung by the Association. He hoped at some future date to again be in the company of the Association, which wish was reciprocated by every member present. Ringing at the tower was kept up until 9 o'clock, when the various members wended their way homewards after a very pleasant meeting.

DEATH OF A VETERAN BELLRINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. H. Harman, who was connected with the ringers of St. Mary's church, Woolwich. Mr. Harman had been a ringer for sixty years, thirty-six of which he was associated with the Woolwich band. He was in touch with the well-known Banister family of ringers, and his name appears among the records of peals in the ringing-chamber. Formerly Mr. Harman was employed in the Royal Arsenal, but was pensioned some seven years ago. Lately he had been laid aside by sickness, and passed peacefully away on Monday, June 3rd, at the age of 71. He was interred at Plumstead Cemetery on the following Thursday, the Rector, the Rev. C. E. Escreet, conducting the service in the presence of those ringers who could make it convenient to attend. A beautiful wreath was sent in memory of the deceased, and as a last tribute of respect, on Saturday, 8th June, the following rang a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled: A. R. Sandiford, H. Harvey, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, A. Phillips, R. G. Carter (conductor), W. J. Aldridge, H. Beckford.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.—On Saturday, June 1st, the members of this society, ten in number, had their first ringing outing. Leaving Reading by the first train for Wallingford, which town was reached about 10. Arriving at St. Mary's church we found service about to be held, so rang short touches before and after, falling the bells in peal. A brake was then had for Dorchester and Benson. Dorchester boasts of a splendid old abbey church, with a fine ring of eight in its very large tower. We rang a few touches of Triples and Doubles, and then took a hurried look over the ancient abbey, which is a very interesting fabric. At Benson also is a ring of eight bells, hung the reverse way, upon which were rung some Grandsire Triples and Doubles. We arrived at Wallingford at 3 o'clock, and soon were deep in the discussion of a repast of good sandwiches and liquid concomitants, which improved us wonderfully. Having to wait for the train we walked a short distance to the river, and watched the boats, etc.; then off to Goring, where at 5 o'clock we were met by one of the local ringers, who conducted us to Strealey, where after having our photographs taken at the base of the tower, we soon found our way into the belfry, where was found a good ring of six bells, upon which we rung some Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, one or two of the Goring ringers taking part. Back to Goring for tea, and then to the belfry, where we found the Goring men waiting patiently for us. This belfry and staircase thereto is electric lighted, a pleasurable improvement on the old order of things. With the local men some Grandsire Doubles and Bob and Treble Bob Minor were tapped off. Then to the railway-station for home, several of the Goring friends accompanying us, and enjoying a pleasant chat upon bells and ringing till the moment for departure arrived. Reading was reached just before 10 o'clock, every member of the party being satisfied with their outing, and passed a vote of thanks to W. P. Routh, esq. for his kindness in making up the party, which added much to its pleasure. We wish to convey our thanks to all the clergy and ringers who helped to make the day such a successful one, in giving permission to ring, and rendering assistance when required. A. O.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.—The annual outing in connection with this Guild was fixed for Whit-Monday, and at 3.45 a.m. the members left Worcester for Cardiff and Weston-super-mare. Arriving at Cardiff they were met by Mr. Biss and other local ringers. Arrangements had been made for a pull at St. John's church, and at 9.30 the bells were raised, and a touch or two of Grandsire Caters rung before leaving by boat for Weston-super-mare. The little sea-trip over, a pleasant afternoon was spent in looking round, and a ramble on the beach. Then back to Cardiff, to spend a few more hours in and about the docks, which soon brought up 9 o'clock, the time to start on the return journey home, where we arrived about 12.30 midnight. Though this outing did not extend to three or four days as in previous years, the members can testify to a very enjoyable time, and they take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Biss and his brother-ringers for their kindness in meeting them, and arranging for a ring at St. John's church, and also the Vicar for the use of the bells. J.

ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—It having been decided to have the annual outing to Worcester and Malvern, seven members of this society met at 1.30 on Saturday, May 25th, at Wednesbury station, and after a pleasant journey Worcester was reached. After tea a walk was had around the grand old Cathedral, and along the bank of the queen of English rivers, a charming prospect. About 7 the picturesque town of Malvern was reached, and a ramble around the foot of the justly-celebrated hills gave us a wonderful appetite for supper. In the morning a jaunt was had round what is called The North Hill, getting back to our lodging with no slight longing for breakfast. This important feature having been successfully negotiated, and that renowned individual whose Sunday name we have been told is "Jupiter Pluvius," being in evidence, we sat discussing current topics until dinner-time, and after the repast, a short walk, and then to the church of St. Matthias, with its handsome tower. Here, with the assistance of Mr. R. Knowles (of the adjoining parish of Madresfield) some touches

of Grandsire Triples were rung, and arrangements were made for a peal on the following day. At 6.50 a.m. we ascended the Worcestershire Beacon, from the summit of which views of parts of several adjoining counties can be obtained. The peal attempt unfortunately failed through a change-course, after ringing 1 hr. 32 mins. This was a great disappointment, as it would have been the first peal on the bells, which go splendidly. This neighbourhood being celebrated for its loveliness, we took every opportunity of enjoying the pleasures it afforded us. We thank the Vicar (Rev. A. Day) for granting permission to ring, and the rev. curate for making arrangements for the ringing. "A great success!" was the verdict of all who took part in this outing. O. B.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS.—Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire had been talked about for the last few weeks by some of the members of this society, and accordingly on the afternoon of Whit-Sunday, Messrs. N. Alderman, J. Nixon, R. Bevan, and E. Bonfield, left London by the 2.15 train from Euston, arriving safely at Leighton. After partaking of tea with Mrs. Bonfield the church was visited and some touches of Grandsire Triples rung for evening service. On Monday morning the writer of these lines arrived at Leighton after some difficulty, and made for the church of St. Barnabas, Linslade, where a 700 of Plain Bob was in progress. Afterwards the company met at the church of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard, where a peal had been arranged, which was successfully accomplished, and recorded in a previous number. The London contingent then visited the home of Mr. E. Bonfield, where a capital dinner awaited them; then a walk through the fields to Grove Hill, from which a most beautiful view of the surrounding country is had; old Linslade church nestling among the trees at the foot of the hill, with the regents canal running by the side of it, makes a very pretty picture. A final 700 of Plain Bob was rung at Linslade; the bells are very light, tenor 7 cwt. The members of the party who reluctantly returned to London wish to thank all those who contributed to their enjoyment. M.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WOKINGHAM.—LIST OF J. HUNT'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 9, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 2; Stedman Triples 16; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Major 6; Kent Treble Bob Major 8; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 6; Superlative Surprise Major 1. Total 50—conducted 1.

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Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough, to-day, Saturday, June 22nd. The peal of ten at All Saints' church, and peal of eight at the bell foundry, will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.15. Tea, followed by general meeting at 4 p.m., both in the Fearon Hall. The towers will be closed at 4 o'clock until after the general meeting. All subscriptions for 1901 should be paid in at or before this meeting. **W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.**
Cotgrave, Notts.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 22nd, at Lichfield. The bells of the cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the cathedral at five o'clock. Tea at the Coffee House at 5.40. Tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others one shilling. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry, between the hours of two and four. **S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Saffron Waldron Society—Established 1623. The anniversary of the above Society will be held as usual on Thursday, June 27th.
F. J. PIRSTOW, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—A special meeting of this Association will be held at Witham, on Saturday, June 29th, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Master and Secretary for the north-eastern division of the county. Tea will be kindly provided by Canon Ingles, at the Vicarage. The tower will be open for ringing after 4 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify me before June 26th.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.
Great Totham.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Archibald Day, M.A., at Malvern Link, on Saturday, June 29th. Service in the church, with short address by the Rev. H. B. Wrey, at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. A free tea will be provided for all members sending their names to me on or before Tuesday, June 25th.
JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, June 29th. A peal and will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms, at 6.30 p.m.
J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist church, Tunstall, on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 4.30. Committee meeting 6.30.
A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.
Clive Road, Rochester.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Killamarsb, on Saturday, June 29th. Peal of six bells open to visitors during the afternoon
E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawbridgeworth, on Saturday, June 29th. The bells of St. Mary's will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringing friends are cordially invited.
W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., business meeting at 6 p.m.
**REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
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The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colerne, near Chippenham, on Saturday, June 29th. There will be a short service and business meeting.
C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Hertford County Association.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Kings Langley, on Saturday, June 29th. The bells at Langleybury will also be at the disposal of members. **E. E. HUNTLEY, Hon. Dist. Sec.**

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Ryde, I.W., on Monday, July 1st. Annual meeting at 11 a.m. in the mission room. Service at 12.15 at All Saints' church, preacher, Rev. J. Shearme, M.A., Vicar of Ryde. Dinner in the Town Hall at 1.15 only provided for those ordering beforehand and supplied with tickets. The bells of All Saints' will be available from 10 to 11.30 a.m., 2.30 to 4, and 5 till 6 p.m. For other towers available, see programme. All claims for expenses must reach me by July 31st.
REV. C. E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.
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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Usk, on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.45 sharp. Bells available after mid-day.
**REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.
J. H. ALDRIDGE, Assist. Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Any ringer desiring tea, please notify Mr. H. Barlow, 705, Ripponden Road, Moorside, Oldham, by the previous Thursday.
JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Heptonstall, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready from dinner, business meeting in the schoolroom at 6 o'clock.
WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual Festival will be held at Reading, on Wednesday, July 10th. Mattins at St. Laurence's at 11.30. Business meeting in the Town Hall 12.30. Dinner in small Town Hall 1.15. For dinner tickets, 2/-, apply on or before July 3rd, to A. H. Cocks, Esq., Poyntets, Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames.
R. H. HART-DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Dorset.—It is proposed to hold meetings to start branches for the two halves of Dorset around Wimborne and Dorchester

on a Saturday afternoon in July (probably July 13th at Wimborne, and July 27th at Dorchester). Any ringers in or near the county who have not been communicated with, are asked to write at once to

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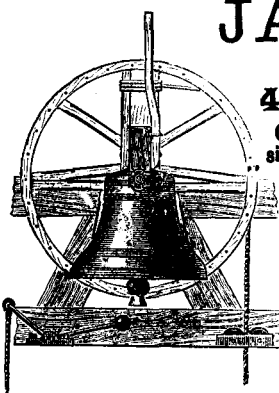
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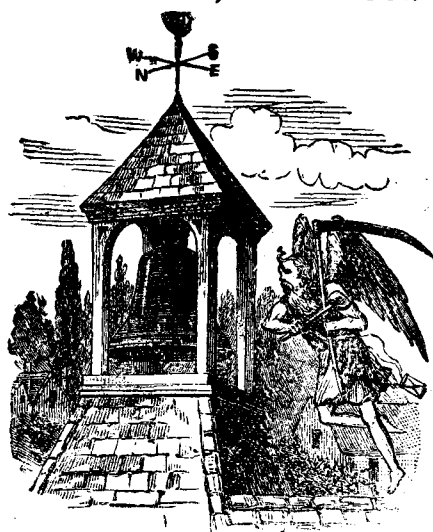
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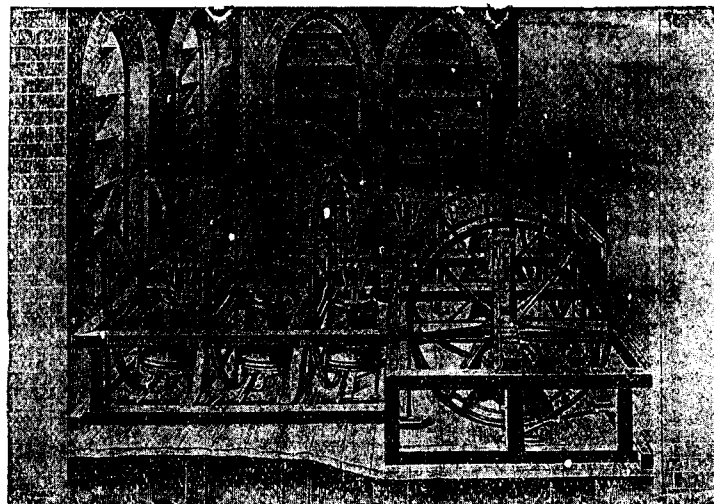
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OPENING OF A NEW RING OF TEN BELLS AT ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GLASGOW.

On Saturday, June 8th, the new ring of ten bells which has recently been erected through the munificence of Mr. Isaac Pearson in the tower of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Glasgow, was opened by the ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, assisted by three members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. At 8 a.m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, and at noon a short but most impressive service was held, at which the bells were formally dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the Lord Bishop of Glasgow. At the conclusion of the processional hymn the bells were chimed, and again after the dedication prayer, their sweet and subdued tones, as heard inside the church, being much appreciated. It is interesting to note that at this service the music for the anthem which was sung was composed by Miss Pearson, in whose memory the bells were given. In the afternoon the bells were rung for the first time, several short touches of Grandsire Caters being accomplished. At 3.30 a service of praise was held, and a most appropriate and interesting sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Dawson, of Aberdeen. During the singing of the recessional hymn the ringers ascended the tower, and just as the congregation were about to leave the church the bells again rang out in a course of Grandsire Caters. Ringing was kept up till 6.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to The Alexandra hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided. The Rector of St. Mary's, the Rev. K. Howel Brown, occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr. Isaac Pearson, the donor of the bells, Mr. Pearson, jun., Mr. John Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, Mr. Arthur T. King, Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex County Association, Mr. C. C. Ellis, of St. Mary's, Edinburgh, and also by Mr. John Murray, who has had the prospective ringers for St. Mary's under tuition for some weeks past. The company also included the Edinburgh and Newcastle ringers, and those gentlemen who have formed themselves into a society for the purposes of studying the Art of change-ringing in connection with St. Mary's, Glasgow. After dinner the chairman proposed "The Health of The King," remarking that although His Majesty was not, he believed, enrolled among the ranks of ringers, there was no other person who called forth the services of ringers on so many occasions. His birthday, his marriage, in fact every notable feature of his life was marked by the ringing of bells.

The chairman then proposed the toast of "The Donor," which needless to say was most enthusiastically honoured. He said that Mr. Pearson was the last man in the world to wish that his name should be eulogised for anything that he had done for St. Mary's, but he (the chairman) could not refrain from expressing the great obligation that he and the congregation of St. Mary's—indeed he might

say the citizens of Glasgow—must always feel for the magnificent gift of that noble ring of bells which they had heard for the first time that day.

Mr. Pearson suitably replied.

The next toast was that of "The Bell-Ringers," along with which the names of Mr. Murray and Mr. Ellis were coupled. Mr. Murray was an active member of the Edinburgh Cathedral band until he left Edinburgh to take up business in Glasgow. On hearing of the proposed start of a ringing society in Glasgow, Mr. Murray must willingly offered his services, and the progress which those gentlemen who have been under his tuition have already made in the Art of change-ringing, reflects much credit both on teacher and pupils.

The chairman spoke very highly of Mr. Murray's services, and said that their hearts were so full of gratitude that they felt they must ask Mr. Murray to allow them to present him with some token of their appreciation of what he had done. He then handed to Mr. Murray amid loud applause a beautiful gold chain.

Mr. Murray suitably thanked them for the handsome gift.

Mr. Ellis on behalf of himself and the ringers, said that any small service he or his fellow-ringers had rendered, had been done with a hearty good will, and he expressed the hope that the members of the Glasgow Society would always remember that they had friends in Edinburgh who would be willing at all times to help them in any way they could.

Mr. Ellis then proposed the health of "The Founders." In proposing this toast he said that for some reasons he wished Mr. Taylor was not present, because if he said all he thought of Mr. Taylor and his bells he was afraid he would feel too much flattered. He said however that he believed that the ring of bells which they had that day opened were as good a peal as it was possible to produce. The "go" of the bells, and the manner in which the work had been performed, were worthy of that high reputation which the Loughborough Taylors had secured throughout not only the United Kingdom but the world at large.

Mr. Taylor, in replying to the toast, gave some useful hints to the gentlemen who were now proposing to study the Art of Change-ringing in Glasgow. He warned them of the difficulties that had to be overcome, and urged them not to lose heart, but to persevere until they obtained that success which was the sure reward of persistent effort.

Following on the toasts a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by five members of the Edinburgh band, and last, but by no means least, a course of Bob Doubles was rung by members of the newly-formed Society. The proceedings were then brought to a close by Mr. Pearson, jun. proposing the health of the worthy chairman.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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OBJECTIONS TO PEALS.

The next notice of motion upon the agenda was the following: "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 shall be accepted as final."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson in moving the above said something of the kind was very necessary. Rumours with respect to false peals generally arose through each person to whom something had been told about a peal adding a little, till at last some one publicly condemned it. He considered that three months was a reasonable time within which all objections should be made, otherwise a peal should not be disputed. The rumour respecting the peal of London Surprise arose through some one saying that one of the band had been cautioned not to set his bell. From this it was ultimately stated that one of the band did set his bell. He considered, that unless something came out in the course of three months, any peal should be recorded as a true one.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee seconded.

Dr. Carpenter pointed out the discussion last year was chiefly upon the truthfulness of a peal.

Mr. Daniell asked if it was intended to limit the questioning of the truth of the composition to three months.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies could not see how any limit could be placed upon the question of the composition of a peal. If this was found at any time to have been false, the performance could no longer be recognised as a true peal.

Mr. Daniell agreed with the last speaker.

Mr. King asked why wait three months for any protest to be made. If the performance was worth protesting against, it should be done at once.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said it might, in some cases, be beyond the period of three months before the real facts respecting a performance came out.

Mr. Dains suggested that the question of a limit of time be abandoned.

The President did not think it desirable to strike out the limit of time except in regard to composition, and suggested the insertion of the word "objection" in lieu of "protest."

Mr. W. Snowdon said it was well-known that a band could keep a secret for some time. If outside objection was made it should be within a reasonable time, so that someone who heard the performance might be forthcoming. This should be within the three months.

The Rev. Law James advocated that the question of time should be entirely struck out.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey suggested that any objection should be made public within the limit of time.

Mr. Pritchett thought the resolution useless unless the Council appointed umpires to receive objections. He also thought that there should be a limit of time, otherwise the Council should not endeavour to lay down any rule.

The President said the Council existed largely for the purpose of laying down rules. It had already adopted rules as to what was and what was not a peal, but it was not constituted to act as a court of enquiry.

Mr. Snowdon contended that when an objection was made it was for the local Association to which the band belonged to adjudicate upon the matter. He did not think that the Council should become a laundry for the washing of dirty linen.

The President suggested that the resolution should read "That in the opinion of this Council any objection to a peal, except in regard to the composition, should be made within three months."

The Rev. J. A. Elsee thought it would be well to leave the matter here. It might be necessary at some future time to give further direction. At present there did not appear to be any body to which reference could be made for a decision. He thought the discussion had gone as far as it was well it should do that day.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested the local Association for a decision.

The President did not think anything further was required. If the Council adopted the amended resolution it would be discharging what it had been asked to do for the last two years.

The resolution as amended upon the suggestion of the President, was adopted *nem con.*

THE NEED OF A MODEL CODE OF RULES FOR ASSOCIATIONS AND BELFRIES.

The Hon. Secretary in moving that it was desirable to appoint a Committee to draw up a code of rules for (a) an Association, and (b) a company of ringers, said he was bringing the matter forward as one of business. His reason for doing so was because of the want felt for such a code, and because the Council should be in a position to give advice and help, when asked for it by those forming an Association or company, on the strength of its corporate authority, and so not only assist in the formation of new Societies but in improving and strengthening the organization of ringing companies and the management of belfries generally. The desirability of possessing such a code was shown by the fact that he had been applied to more than once as Secretary to the Council, for the Council's rules for an Association and also for a company, and he had been compelled to confess that the Council had no corporate ideas on the subject. He thought that when the Council was asked to give advice of this kind it should be in a position to do so. The object of the motion was not in any way to interfere with the rules of the existing Societies, nor to suggest any arrangement of details that must necessarily be left to local settlement, but to supply a skeleton or framework, so to speak, embodying all essential points of organization which those engaged in forming an Association or Company might clothe as most suitable to local circumstances. All such details as constitution of the executive body, terms of membership, appointment of officers, arrangements for meetings and practices, would be left open and merely indicated in their proper position by headings. With respect to each branch of the motion, he had made a note of four points upon which there was at present much diversity of practice and a certain want of uniformity and agreement. While not presuming to dictate, the Council might usefully suggest a greater uniformity of purpose and practice in some particulars in which at present there is diversity, with the possible effect that in course of time Societies would come more into line in these particulars. The rules of some Associations were excellent in many respects, and could hardly be improved, but there was very little agreement among them upon certain of the following points: (1) aims and objects (2) qualification and admission of members, (3) conditions and regulations for instruction, (4) system of recording peals. As to aims and objects, most of the Associations agree in including the promotion of the science of change-ringing and belfry reform in one or other of its aspects; but there are other aims upon which there is no general agreement apparent, and the moral and political value of the federation of isolated bands of ringers is hardly touched upon by any. In qualification for membership some Associations differed very much from others. In some the admission of members was regulated by stringent rules, especially in the matter of casual elections in the tower; others allowed greater laxity. In some Associations there was little if any provision for instruction of learners, while in others it was regarded of great importance and careful provision made for it. The manner of recording peals was in some Associations hardly satisfactory: the practice, for instance, of the Association for whose procedure he himself was responsible being abominably loose, the mere fact of a peal having been published in "THE BELL NEWS," being considered sufficient proof of the respectability of the performance; while some Associations took considerable precaution and insisted on some form of voucher. The form of admission of members, the formation and management of a belfry club, control and maintenance of discipline, regulations for keeping up a supply of qualified ringers by the training of recruits, were the four chief points in connection with a code of rules for a company. How many companies of ringers fell to pieces through a split upon the financial rock which often might be avoided by proper management and regulation of the financial affairs of the company. By the existence of a well-organized belfry club the danger of a company breaking up would in many

cases be removed. How important was the question of training recruits to keep up a supply of qualified ringers, and how very few companies had any definite rule upon this point upon which to work. There should be greater and more constant efforts made to enlist young boys and lads, and to hold out greater inducements to them to learn, if qualified bands were to be kept up. The elementary school was the place to which those who want to get recruits should go. Get intelligent lads from ten to twelve or from fourteen to fifteen, and you have the very best material to work upon for the production of good ringers. Boys of that age will pick up a knowledge of the Art much sooner than the lad of nineteen or twenty. He had known bands composed of lads of the age mentioned which had rapidly acquired considerable proficiency. These were some of the points in the organization of ringing companies upon which greater uniformity of action was imperatively required for the strengthening of companies, and therefore for the benefit of the Exercise at large.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding the motion, said he had himself received inquiries as to such a code of rules, but had been able to shield himself by referring the writers to the Hon. Secretary.

The motion was agreed to, and the following committee appointed: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. H. E. Bulwer, R. A. Daniell, A. T. King, and R. S. Story.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the President.

In the evening, at the invitation of the President, a considerable number of the Council and their friends assembled at The Midland Hotel, and a couple of hours were passed in friendly talk, handbell ringing, etc.

The following morning a goodly gathering assembled at Duffield Bank, where they took trips on the miniature railway and otherwise enjoyed the beautiful scenery and weather.

In the afternoon the Derby meeting of the Central Council was fitly brought to a conclusion with a peal of Stedman Caters under the able conductorship of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the band being composed of Sir Arthur Heywood, his guests, and two of his employees.

(Concluded.)

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at Lichfield on June 22nd, altogether about eighty members being present. During the afternoon touches were rung on the Cathedral bells (10), and on the peal of St. Mary's (8). At five o'clock the members present attended the usual short service in the beautiful Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, when a suitable address was given by the Rev. Canon Mortimer, an honorary member of the society. After tea at the Coffee House the usual general business meeting followed. The report which showed a record of thirty peals rung during the past year was adopted, and the balance-sheet passed. The latter gave proof that the financial position of the society was satisfactory. Altogether eleven new members were admitted, and the Rev. C. Dunkley, Vicar of Breewood, was elected as an honorary member, whilst the Rev. Canon Southwell, of Newcastle, who has for some years been an ordinary ringing member, was elected a non-resident life member on his leaving Lichfield for the north of England.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, the Rev. O. W. Steele, the Hon. Secretaries, who were re-elected, and to the preacher, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

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After a cold dinner at The Cock inn, and another visit to the tower, during which the Master and Hon. Secretary each had a pull, we started at 3.30 for Dunmow, arriving there about 4.45. The Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Roberts, was waiting for us at the church, which stands quite outside the town and a mile from the station. It has a good peal of six, tenor 22 cwt. But the doing away with the ringing chamber, and bringing the ropes down to the floor, has not made them easier to ring, the tenor especially giving very hard work when rung in for a 720 of Minor. After this had been accomplished, the Vicar hospitably entertained the visitors, with some of the local ringers to tea at the neighbouring inn; and in reply to a short speech of thanks by the Master, said that it gave him much pleasure to welcome us. The Master and Hon. Secretary then left to catch the train back to Witham and Chelmsford, the rest of the party remaining to drive home to Stansted and Bishops Stortford.

Our best thanks are due to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Eyre, and Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, for arranging so pleasant a trip. To those who had never seen Thaxted church the opportunity was welcome. And if any of those who think that Essex is all flat and unpicturesque could take the same route that we did, they would be once for all undeceived.

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

UNION AND DARLASTON BOB.

SIR,—In the course of collecting peals of various Triple methods other than Grandsire and Stedman, I have been led to compare the methods Union and Darlaston Bob. There are some very curious correspondences between the two methods, which I think may be of sufficient interest to warrant me in sending you this letter.

If we compare the B-block containing rounds in the two methods, we at once see that

UNION.	DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES.
234567	234567
752634	573624
467352	647253

(1) 6th place in the one corresponds to 4th place in the other, e.g. when the 2nd goes out of the hunt, and (2) 7th and 5th are interchanged, as is shown by the bell going into the hunt, and also by the fact that in Union the bell in 5th place becomes "before" at the next lead, while in Darlaston the bell in 7th place does so. If we now compare the P-blocks, the same facts are apparent, and also the—

UNION.	DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES.
234567	234567
256734	273645
273456	257436
245673	265374
267345	246753

fact that (3) the 5th and 7th bells are interchanged and also the 4th and 6th, as we see by comparing the bells "before." We may therefore say that the corresponding places are as follows:

In the hunt corresponds with In the hunt.
Before corresponds with Before.
4th place corresponds with 6th place.
5th place corresponds with 7th place.
6th place corresponds with 4th place.
7th place corresponds with 5th place.

Hence, if we take any composition in the one method containing plain leads and bobs only, and apply it to the other method, keeping the same intervals between the calls, any resulting row will be the row which corresponds to that similarly brought up by the first method; and if a lead of the plain course is produced in one method, a lead of the plain course will turn up in the other; and if rounds, then also rounds in the other.

In order to determine what row will correspond with a given row, first exchange the bells in 6-7 with those in 4-5, then change the figures 4 to 6 and 5 to 7, 6 to 4, and 7 to 5; thus taking Queen's for example—

	357246
1st exchange	354672
2nd exchange	376452

I assert that the calling which produces Queen's in one method will produce 376452 in the other. There are eight rows each of which is its own correspondent, viz.:

234567	324765
235476	327456
236745	326547
237654	325674

On comparing the effect of singles we find at once that the common Grandsire single will not correspond with the single of Darlaston; but on the other hand the single adopted by the Central Council for Union is exactly analogous in its effect to the Darlaston single; the two singles bringing up corresponding rows.

UNION.	DARLASTON.
756234	573642

The result is that all peals of Union without special calls without special calls will run true in Darlaston Bob Triples, and all peals of the latter will run true in Union.

Croydon, June 20th, 1901.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

WHAT SHOULD BE A TRUE PEAL?

SIR,—Your report of the Central Council discussion on this subject is inaccurate. The amendment I proposed, and which was ultimately unanimously carried, was as follows:—"That in the performance of a peal any shift that occurs among the bells shall invalidate the performance unless such shift is noticed at the time and immediately corrected." It follows (1) that a shift unobserved when it occurs, but afterwards found out, cannot then be corrected, and (2) that being noticed at the time it must at once be put right. It does not follow that the bells can be put right all at once, but the effort to right them must be continuous until either the ringing again becomes smooth with the bells in proper order, or the conductor calls stand. It is entirely in the discretion of the conductor to decide how far the effort to right the bells should be carried, and in practice there never has been any difficulty. The adoption of the above rule, however, makes one thing quite clear: that under no circumstances can a conductor suddenly becoming conscious that two bells have shifted direct them, at the course-end or elsewhere, to change places, and subsequently claim to have rung a true peal.

J. S. PRITCHETT.

Hill Top, King's Norton, June 22, 1901.

SIR,—I think it would be more satisfactory if a referee was in the tower during a peal and noted the amount of speaking (other than the calls) and the striking, and published his report with the peal, and the points allowed according. It should be understood that no one but the conductor was to speak (except under special circumstances), and he should only cry the calls of the composition, the peal to be lowered in points for any extra speaking he may have to do. The effect of this would be to lessen the number of peals recorded, but the efficiency of the ringer who had rung a peal would be better, and the ringer more self-reliant than at present. The question of striking need not be much considered, as every band for their own pleasure would strike as well as possible, but if speaking was allowed only under a penalty, bad striking would soon terminate the attempt for a peal.

Bristol.

G. T. DALTRY.

P.S.—Peals without a referee would be still admissible, but lower in point value than one with a referee.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—The question is not what are consecutive places but how does a bell make consecutive places? According to Mr. George Baker's theory the bells are all in consecutive places in rounds. This is quite true, but does not help us much. Where however he is incorrect, is in saying that two bells make consecutive places according to his definition: thus in his second example 3 makes 3rds, while 4 makes 4ths; one might say that the places made by 4 are consecutive to those made by 3; this would be quite true, though it would be inaccurate to say that 4 made consecutive places. It is however obviously inapplicable to 3, whose places are not consecutive at all, either to its own or another bell's work. Therefore as the definition is only half applicable to the case it breaks down. On the other hand 3's places are just as adjacent to 4's, as 4's are to 3's.

Again with regard to the definition of adjacent as "lying near to" I admit it is better than "lying next to" generally, as the latter could not always be applied (as it can here). Again the latter is included in the former, which may include more than adjacent does. In the best authority I can get, the definition reads: lying at or near, contiguous to, bordering upon. Thus Mr. Baker's idea of near, as opposed to next is excluded by the qualification which follows that word. But I may go further and allow his definition; for he does not use it as of all places that are near to the particular place referred to, but to those that bear one especial relation, i.e. not an adjacent place but the adjacent place. This means the most adjacent place, or the place lying most near, and as most near is equivalent to next, his definition becomes the same as mine. Or to put it another way: places that are completed in two rows are nearer to one another than those that require four rows, i.e. they are more adjacent; therefore, according to Mr. Baker's own argument, more completely described by the word adjacent. Again, adjacent always calls to mind something lying near something

else, while consecutive rather recalls something following on in its own course; therefore adjacent more naturally refers to the relation of the work of two bells, and consecutive to the path of one. I might also point out that "following after" refers to the way changes are rung, not *pricked*, and that lying a whole pull at either end of the row, differs from place-making.

I should indeed be sorry if any words of mine should interfere with Mr. Baker's liberty of using whatever words he thinks best, but perhaps I may be allowed to point out that the object of using a word is to convey an idea, and that on each occasion on which Mr. Baker has used this word in your columns, someone (not myself) has drawn attention to the fact that he has conveyed the wrong idea.

H. DRAKE.

TUNING BELLS.

SIR,—When one reads the words that the very thought of tuning certain well-known bells makes Mr. Davies shudder, one is inclined to ask whether he has ever heard any bells that have been tuned by the method discovered by the late Canon Simpson. When under the old system even the best bell-tuners had to go to work more or less blindly by rule of thumb, and often could not tell whether they were making matters worse or better, one might well be disinclined to let bells get into the tuner's hands. But now that scientific instruments can be used by which one can detect a defect, indistinguishable to the unaided ear, but which alters the whole tone and effect of the bell; and not only can detect it, but can remedy it without injuring any other part of the bell, one need no longer have such a feeling. It is like a man who has learnt half-pull ringing, refusing ever to ring more than rounds, for fear he might have to ring a method by call-changes.

I had the pleasure of hearing and ringing on such a peal at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, last year. Although there are several pleasant-toned bells in the neighbourhood, I have heard it often remarked that all other bells sound cracked while the Brierley Hill bells are ringing.

Even those tuners who do not use such elaborate machinery are much more reliable now than formerly; I have lately seen in one local foundry a peal of bells in such perfect tune that the ear could detect no flaw; this would not have been expected three or four years ago.

H. DRAKE.

Verwood, Wimborne, Dorset.

THE 1000 NUMBERS OF "THE BELL NEWS."

SIR,—Our old friend Mr. Slater in last week's "BELL NEWS" says he should like to know who has taken in and got by them all the 1000 "BELL NEWS." I may say that I have got the whole of them, fifteen volumes of which are bound, and the others are ready to be bound. I take great care of them and they have been used as a reference by many ringers at my house. I have also been a regular subscriber to *Church Bells* since it was first published, and shall continue to be so, but I do not keep them as I do "THE BELL NEWS." I hope to hear of many more ringers who take a like interest in our ringing paper, and who can say they have got them all.

W. R. SMALL.

Tipton.

SIR,—I was very much pleased to see a letter from our old and esteemed contributor Samuel Slater, on the above subject, but I think he has made a slight mistake for the first (fifteen numbers I think) are not reckoned in the 1000 he mentions. I, like Mr. Slater, commenced to take "THE BELL NEWS" in at its commencement, and have every number by me excepting the loss of two leaves of one copy for September, 1891—the 19th, I think. So I shall be very pleased, Sir, if you can carry out Mr. Slater's suggestion.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

Headcorn, Kent.

[The first fifteen numbers appeared monthly; the weekly issue commenced "No. 1."—Ed.]

SIR,—I see a letter in "THE BELL NEWS" from Mr. Slater having taken 1000 copies of "THE BELL NEWS." I have taken the same and have had a copy every week ever since they started. I cannot say as he does, as having them all by me, as I have gave some away to get other ringers to take them, as I think they ought to do.

J. WOODS.

Ouidenham, Norfolk.

P.S.—I think I have 960 copies by me, if not more; I have not had time to count them.

THE PEAL AT STEPNEY.

SIR,—On reading "THE BELL NEWS" of June 22nd I noticed a letter by Mr. Springall respecting the above peal, which it is necessary for me to answer. He commences by saying "The queries on the above peal render it necessary that those who know the facts should speak out, although it is an unpleasant duty." What a pity he did not spare himself this. It seems to have been a very great effort on his part. This peal criticising business is no good to anyone. Mr. Springall goes on to say, "he heard the peal (?) all through." If he did (?) Sir, I have great pleasure in informing him that he heard a true peal of Stedman Caters, 5008 changes, also that the bells never "seemed to totally collapse," that there was no "firing," and no "course-end forced up before it was hardly due." I am greatly surprised at this last assertion, as anyone who has a slight knowledge of calling knows this would be impossible to do, and ridiculous to think of doing it. Perhaps it might do with anyone who has no knowledge of composition, in-and-out-of-course, etc. By the latter part of his letter Mr. Springall is under the impression there was no coming-round course to this peal. I may say there was such a course, and it was rung in a proper manner. In conclusion, as the peal is recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 8th, I would like to ask why that letter was not written and published earlier? It seems as though he waited for someone else to take up the running first, or perhaps he had not the courage, as was the case after the completion of the peal.

JOHN R. SHARMAN.

37, Hornsey Park Road, Hornsey, N., June 24, 1901.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Could you or any of your correspondents kindly inform me how many peals of Grandsire Cinques have been rung on handbells, retained in hand.

CHAS. H. WATTS.

SIR,—Having had several arguments as to the number of changes constituting a true peal, I wish, through the medium of your paper, to gain information with regard to what it really is. I contend that a peal is the greatest number of changes possible on the bells in the tower without repetition. Thus, with only two bells the peal will consist of two changes; three bells peal equals six changes, and so on until you come to a peal on twelve bells numbering 479001600 changes.

A RINGER.

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The Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Kirton on Saturday, June 15th, and was attended by ringers from Boston, Frieston, Frampton, Friskney, Kirton and Surfleet. The bells were raised in peal shortly after 2 p.m., when short touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung. Service was held at 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. J. Sutton, who gave the ringers a hearty welcome and a cordial invitation to pay another visit at an early date. Tea was provided at The King's Head by host Sellars, to which full justice was done, the business meeting, which was of the usual character, being held immediately after, presided over by the President, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, Vicar of Friskney, who was supported by the Rev. — Sutton, Vicar of Kirton, and the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet. After thanking the Vicar for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, a move was made to the belfry and a 720 was rung on the back six by the following: E. Sellars, A. Staffurth, A. O. Barber, Rev. H. J. Cheales, Flatters, Rev. H. Law James (conductor). This was followed by 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Clayton, J. M. Rylatt, A. O. Barber, Rev. H. Law James (conductor), Barker, F. Devoto, T. Boyer, Bishop. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the ringers dispersed to their various homes well pleased with the result of the meeting, and take this opportunity of thanking the churchwardens and the local company for the arrangements made for their comfort.

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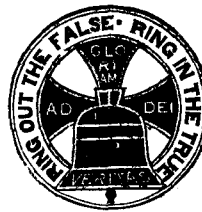
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SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1901.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD.

The village of Tunstall, Kent, was the scene of an interesting ceremony which took place on Saturday, June 15th, in the belfry of the parish church. This was the unveiling of a peal-board, which the Rector (Rev. H. E. T. Cruso), who is President of the Society, kindly consented to perform. Before the ceremony a 720 of Kent Treble Bob and a 720 of Canterbury was rung by C. E. Smith, J. E. Grensted, W. T. Hyland, W. J. Walker, A. J. Day, and W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor). Also a course or two of Stedman Doubles. Messrs. Hyland and Walker hail from Upchurch; the rest are local members. These were C. E. Smith's first 720s in the methods.

The Rector, on unveiling the board, said that he regarded himself as an instance of a man who took very great interest in what he knew nothing about. He knew so little about bell-ringing that he had found it difficult to produce the sound on a bell necessary for his induction into the living, yet he derived much pleasure from the sound of the bells, and congratulated himself and the parish on having so loyal and skilful a band of ringers as those of Tunstall. They had shewn their interest in

the bells by their subscription to the cost of rehanging them last year, and now the handsome board just affixed to the wall was a further testimony of their affection for their Art and for the church. Only let them remember that all such gifts should be not for the glorification of self, but for the glory of God. He had great pleasure in accepting the gift, because he believed it was given in a right spirit, and would be a valued addition to the belfry.

The Vice-President (Mr. H. Greensted), after having endorsed the remarks of the Rector, said that he was very pleased to be present at such a pleasant ceremony, and as the Rector had accepted the board as a gift to the church, he, being churchwarden, would do all he could in having it took care of in such times as he held his present position, and he would also impress upon his successors to do the same. He was very pleased to know that there was such a good band of ringers belonging to the church that took a delight in that part of the services in calling people to God's House on Sunday, and was pleased to know that the money which had been spent on the bells had not been spent in vain, and that they would still cling together and keep the bells going.

After the members had thanked them for their kind remarks, a little more ringing brought the pleasant evening to a close.

The board, which was of black with gold writing, was made by one of the members, and written by Mr. Reeves, of Sittingbourne, bore the following inscription:

"THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUNSTALL.—On Saturday, December 22nd, 1900, the following members rang a true and complete peal of Minor, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. in seven methods, being 720 each of College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. *Edmund G. Hollands, Treble; †William G. Kitchingham, 2; Joseph E. Greensted, 3; William J. Walker, 4; Albert J. Day, 5; William H. B. Wilkins, Tenor. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells.—On Wednesday, December 26th, 1900, in 2 hrs. and 45 mins., a peal of Minor, 5040 changes, in seven methods, being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, and Plain Bob. William G. Kitchingham, Treble; *Edmund J. Hyland, 2; Joseph E. Greensted, 3; William T. Hyland, 4; Albert J. Day, 5; William H. B. Wilkins, Tenor. Both peals were conducted by William H. B. Wilkins. *First peal with a bob bell. Rev. H. E. T. CRUSO, Rector; H. GREENSTED, Churchwarden."

The Metropolis.—Handbell Peal.

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WILLIAM H. PASMORE..	1-2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE..	5-6.
HARRY R. PASMORE ..	3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING ..	7-8.

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Conducted by W. WEBBER, JUN.

First peal by all, and on the bells.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MILLER* ..	Treble.	JOSEPH W. PARKER ..	5.
ROBERT M. PICK ..	2.	THOMAS H. NAISBY ..	6.
WILL SMALLWOOD* ..	3.	*FRANK NAISBY ..	7.
THOMAS W. DITCHBURN* ..	4.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON ..	Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by J. J. LEIGHTON.

*First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM PRICE..	Treble.	ARTHUR HADLEY ..	5.
WALTER S. EVANS ..	2.	FRED. SMITH ..	6.
JAMES THOMAS ..	3.	HENRY W. ALLEN ..	7.
CHARLES LAYTON ..	4.	CHARLES THOMAS ..	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK SMITH.

First peal by W. Price, and first peal as conductor by F. Smith. A. Hadley was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to the peal, which was commenced at 6.30 in the morning and concluded at 9.29, after which the ringers attended the annual meeting and festival of the Guild, which was held at Ledbury, Herefordshire, on the above date.

HELMESHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY J. STEFF ..	Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK..	5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD ..	2.	JOSEPH BANKS ..	6.
JOSEPH FOSTER ..	3.	WALTER HASLAM ..	7.
JOHN H. ENTWISTLE ..	4.	JAMES H. BANKS ..	Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. J. H. Oldroyd, to Miss M. Oldacre, of Southport. Also the first peal in the method by the above branch.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM ROGERS* ..	Treble.	ARTHUR MOORE..	5.
FRED. HOPPER* ..	2.	FRED. WILFORD ..	6.
HARRY L. KEY ..	3.	ARTHUR O. STEWART ..	7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY ..	4.	*ELIJAH JAMES ..	Tenor.
		JOHN FREEMAN ..	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. C. R. Lilley hails from Bed ord. A. Moore belongs to All Saints' company, the rest belong to the local band. This is the quickest peal on the bells. It is 118 years since this composition was rung on these bells, when they were first hung.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ..	Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS ..	5.
GEORGE BAKER ..	2.	*EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ..	6.
GEORGE A. KING ..	3.	ROBERT J. DAWE ..	7.
GEORGE SMART ..	4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL..	Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal, who hails from Leek, Staffordshire, and for whom the peal was arranged.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE JAYNE Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6.
HENRY PRING 2.	FREDERICK MAY.. .. 7.
HERBERT TUCKER 3.	JOHN BURFORD 8.
RAYMOND WILKINS 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 9.
RICHARD CLARK 5.	FREDERICK COOPER Tenor.

Composed by HERBERT TUCKER, and

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

*First peal. This composition is now rung for the time. The bells have just been re-hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the last peal was rung on them in 1855.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HORACE J. SAYER Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 2.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Prince Edward of York. This is Charles Wilkins's 202nd peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	*HARRY A. HORREX 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE LUFF* Treble.	THOMAS ATTWELL 5.
WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT 2.	GEORGE FOSTER.. .. 6.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3.	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	†SEPTIMUS RADFORD Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor. The ringers of the 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, hail from Guildford, the rest belong to the local company.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor about 22 cwt.

HARRY WITHERS Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 2.	HARRY MIDDLETON 6.
NOAH DAVIS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal in the method on the bells. This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY DAVY Treble.	FREDERICK POTTER 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in five methods by Messrs. Youngs and Symonds, who also hail from Thornham.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY REEVES.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM ARGENT 5.
HENRY F. EWINS 2.	THOMAS SPARKS 6.
THOMAS BROWN.. .. 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. —. Davies, late of St. Stephen's, Norwich.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-four 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 10 cwt.

ALPHAUS PERKINS Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 4.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER 5.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

JAMES GARRATT.. .. Treble.	JOHN J. MAWBY 5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor.

Composed by T. T. GOFTON, and

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, June 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Called two different ways.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

ALBERT G. WARNES Treble.	ARTHUR E. FULLER.. .. 4.
PERCY ARTIS 2.	W. L. DUFFIELD 5.
HERBERT W. STANLEY 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. KNIGHTS.

This is the first peal on the bells which are a musical ring by Mears and Stainbank. Messrs. Fuller and Duffield hail from Tasburgh; the rest from Norwich.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES ROBINSON Treble.	FRED HOLT 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	SAM RUTTER 6.
ALFRED BARNES* 3.	WILLIAM MARSHALL .. 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. THORPE, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

First peal on the bells since the addition of two new trebles by Messrs. Taylor in April last. First peal of Major by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and tenor. *First peal in the method. H. Chapman hails from Pendleton; Barnes from Reddish; the rest belong to the local band.

Date Touches.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD.—On Sunday, May 26th, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1901 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. S. Mason, 1; J. Parkman, 2; G. Atkins, 3; J. Ligdon, 4; J. Pugsley, 5; S. Mason, 6; H. Moore (composer and conductor); 7; R. MacDonald, 8. [Our correspondent complains that he has sent this report twice. So he has; and omitted the method each time.]

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Easter Sunday, April 7th, for evening service at St. Michael's church, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; P. Holmes, 4; E. F. Slade, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Coote, 7; W. Grimwade, 8. On Monday, April 15th, 360 Bob Minor. B. Wiffen, 1; F. Webb, 2; P. Holmes, 3; G. Williams, 4; H. Coote, 5; W. Hammond, 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. G. Leonard, 1; the rest as before. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Sentance, 1; F. Webb, 2; P. Holmes, 3; G. Williams, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Hammond, 1; W. Farrow, 2; P. Holmes, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Pilcher, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Coote, 7; H. J. Collins, 8. For evening service, 704 in the same method. W. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; P. Holmes, 3; H. Collins, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Coote, 7; W. Grimwade, 8. On Tuesday, April 23rd, St. George's Day, at 6 a.m., 720 Bob Minor. G. Sentance, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; G. Williams (composer), 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. Collins, 6. In the evening, 1792 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; P. Holmes, 3; H. Collins, 4; E. Chaplin, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Coote, 7; E. F. Slade (conductor), 8. G. Sentance hails from Edenham, Lincoln, and this was his first attempt on six bells. On Monday, April 29th, at the church of St. Michael, on the occasion of the return of Mr. W. Parmenter, Vicar's Warden, and his wife from their honeymoon, 1344 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; P. Holmes, 3; H. J. Collins, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Coote, 7; E. F. Slade, 8.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Monday, April 8th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Doran, 3; E. Wightman (conductor), 4; G. Hayden, 5; J. Mardell, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Keeble, 1; G. Hayden, 2; H. Bottrell, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Mardell (conductor), 5; E. Wightman, 6. On Sunday, April 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Withers, 1; K. C. Fox, Esq., 2; T. H. Beams (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Mardell, 5; G. Hayden, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On April 8th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. F. Head, 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; J. Howes, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; F. Thorpe, 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Thorpe, 1; J. Howes, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; F. Hull, 5; G. F. Head, 6.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Easter Monday, April 8th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters for the conductor's birthday, but was lost in the last course after three hours and seven minutes' excellent striking. — Goby, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; — Ewins, 3; F. T. Head, jun., 4; J. Howes, 5; W. Argent, 6; T. Sparkes, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8; G. F. Head, 9; F. Hull, 10.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, March 28th, in St. Paul's belfry, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. C. R. Lilley 1-2; J. W. Barker, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. On April 13th, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. R. Lilley, 1-2; J. W. Barker, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; W. Freeman, 7-8. On April 28th, a course of Double Norwich. J. Church, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; J. W. Barker, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. Also 416 Stedman Caters. A. Wood, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; J. W. Barker, 7; F. Welde, 8; C. R. Lilley, 9; J. Sear, 10. On May 5th, 140 Stedman Caters. C. R. Lilley, 1; S. Cullip, 2; C. Christy, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; J. W. Barker, 7; J. Hills, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; J. Sear, 10. On April 16th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which came to grief through a rope breaking after ringing for two hours. J. Hills, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. Church, 3; H. Sear, 4; C. Chasty, 5; T. Hensher, 6; J. W. Barker, 7; G. Valentine, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; B. Jealous, 10. Tenor 29 cwt.

BIDDENHAM (Bedfordshire).—Recently 720 Double Oxford Minor, W. West, 1; C. West, 2; W. Davidson, 3; J. W. Barker, 4; H. King, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court Minor. W. West, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; F. Webb, 4; W. Davidson, 5; J. W. Barker, 6. On May 3rd, 720 Double Court. W. West, 1; F. Trueman, 2; C. West, 3; H. King, 4; J. Maxey, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6.

OLD WARDEN (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, April 27th, an attempt for a peal of Minor, which was lost after ringing 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, and Oxford Bob, through the conductor missing a call. F. J. Bird, 1; J. W. Barker, 2; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 3; W. Trueman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. Church, 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, May 4th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to grief after two hours of excellent striking, owing to a change course. C. Herbert, 1; H. Sear, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; J. Church, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. W. Barker, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8. Tenor 26 cwt in D. The band wish to thank the Rev. G. F. Hills for use of the bells, and Mr. J. Nicholls for having everything ready.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Monday, April 22nd, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; W. Wilkinson, 2; G. Barnes, 3; W. Butler, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; T. Stroud, 6; J. Arthur conductor, 7; W. Down, 8. A. B. Bennett and T. Stroud hail from Midhurst, the rest are members of the local band.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, BRISTOL.)

BRISTOL.—On Monday, April 15th, for practice at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr (City), 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Poole, 1; G. Capwell, 2; R. Leaker, 3; F. G. Leaker conductor, 4; V. O'Brien, 5; A. Lewton, 6; F. Cooper, 7; W. Hanson, 8. On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, 377 Grandsire Triples. H. Poole, 1; F. G. Leaker, 2; V. O'Brien, 3; R. Leaker, 4; W. A. Cave conductor, 5; A. Lewton, 6; F. Cooper, 7; G. Price, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; W. T. Elson composer and conductor, 2; W. T. Herbert, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; H. Adams, 5; G. Thrussell, 6; W. Charge, 7; R. Charge, 8; J. Aldridge, 9; S. How, 10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

KIDLINGTON (Oxon.).—On April 13th, at the parish church, an attempt for Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman Triples, which was lost just after the half-way single, in 1 hour 40 mins. William Bennett, 1; Job House, 2; Fred. Castle, 3; William Jeffery, 4; Alfred Fox, 5; William Finch, 6; Harry G. Judge conductor, 7; William Franklin, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, April 14th, 720 Canterbury Minor. J. Taylor, 1; G. Phillips, 2; W. Duckers, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett, 6. On April 15th, for practice, 720 Minor, standing as before. On Sunday morning, April 21st, 360 Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Taylor, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Duckers, 3; G. Phillips, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W.

Bennett, 6. On April 22nd, 720 Canterbury Minor. J. Stanley, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. Druckers, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. J. Taylor, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. Druckers, 3; G. Phillips, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett conductor, 6. J. Stanley and H. Rogers hail from Bidston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT.—On Thursday, February 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Fuller (first 720 in the method), 1; P. Artis, 2; P. Sadler, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; F. Knights conductor, 6. Also another 720 with W. L. Duffield, 1; S. Moore, 6; conducted by F. Knights and A. G. Warnes. Messrs. Artis, Sadler, Stanley, Warnes, and Knights, hail from Norwich, Fuller and Duffield from Tasburgh.

ST. FAITHS (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 27th, 720 Bob Minor. H. W. Stanley, 1; H. Hayes, 2; A. Rought, 3; —. Woodcock, 4; G. Moy conductor, 5; —. Woodcock, 6. The ringer of the first hails from Norwich, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th from Aylsham, the rest belong to the local company.

TIBBENHAM.—On Thursday, April 25th, after ringing for 1½ hour in an attempt for a peal of Minor, the tenor rope pulled out. A. G. Warnes, 1; A. Fuller, 2; P. Artis, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; W. L. Duffield, 5; F. Knights conductor, 6. Also touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. L. Duffield, 1; A. Fuller, 2; P. Artis, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; F. Knights, 5; A. G. Warnes conductor, 6. Also with A. Manser, 3; and W. Jones.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 7th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. Curling (first 720), 1; E. Newman, 2; H. Goodwin, 3; E. Verrier, 4; H. Denne, 5; T. Tabrett conductor, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. A. Curling hails from Walmer, and H. Goodwin from Ashford.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts).—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Baldwin, 1; J. Wittey, 2; W. Charge, 3; W. J. Dell, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; Geo. Charge (conductor), 6; Reuben Charge, 7; Arthur T. King, 8.

BENGEO (Herts).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Weston, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Austin, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. Parcel, 5; D. Bennett conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, 720 College Single. T. Watson, 1; T. Barker, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Austin, 4; W. Parcel, 5; D. Bennett conductor, 6. On April 12th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Weston, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Austin, 3; W. Abbey, 4; W. Parcel, 5; D. Bennett conductor, 6. The bells were fully muffled after a funeral service. On April 18th, 720 Plain Oxford Bob. H. Austin, 1; T. Barker, 2; G. Barker, 3; A. Phillips, 4; D. Bennett, 5; A. Lawrence conductor, 6. On April 25th 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Weston, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Austin, 3; W. Abbey, 4; D. Bennett, 5; J. Pomfret conductor, 6. On May 5th, 720 4; Plain Bob. F. Bennett, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Austin, 3; W. Abbey, 4; J. Pomfret, 5; D. Bennett conductor, 6. On May 12th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Weston, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Austin, 3; W. Abbey, 4; G. Barker, 5; D. Bennett conductor, 6. On May 19th, 720 Plain Oxford Bob. H. Austin, 1; T. Barker, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. Abbey, 4; W. Parcel, 5; D. Bennett conductor, 6. On May 30th, 720 College Single. F. Bennett, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Austin, 3; W. Abbey, 4; W. Parcel, 5; D. Bennett, 6. On June 9th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Weston, 1; T. Barker, 2; H. Austin, 3; W. Abbey, 4; W. Parcel, 5; D. Bennett conductor, 6. Each 720 of Plain Bob conducted by D. Bennett was called differently.

GLDOWICK (Oldham).—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. Mark's church, being the twenty-fifth anniversary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Dyson, 1; E. Geary, 2; W. Clegg, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. W. Taylor, 5; J. Lees, 6; A. Clegg (conductor), 7; F. Buckley, 8. The donor's son, Sir Elliott Lees, M.P., read the same lessons in church that his father read the first Sunday it opened.

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Richardson, 1; H. Bedlow, 2; E. Townsend, 3; F. Suckling, 4; W. Gould, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also another 180, with G. Williams (conductor), 4; F. Suckling, 6; the rest as before. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Richardson, 1; H. Bedlow, 2; E. Townsend, 3; F. Suckling, 4; W. Gould, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also an 120 standing as before. At the residence of W. Gould, a course of Oxford Bob on handbells. H. Richardson, 1; G. Williams, 2; E. Townsend, 3; H. Bedlow, 4; W. W. Gould, 5; F. Suckling, 6. For evening service, a 720 of Oxford

Bob in 24 mins. H. Richardson, 1; H. Bedlow, 2; E. Townsend (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Williams (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Gould, 5; F. Suckling (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. During the past few years the Bardfield company has suffered severely through several of its members leaving the district, so that great credit is due to Mr. F. Suckling for bringing this band to its present state of efficiency.

LUTTERWORTH (Leicestershire).—On Wednesday, June 12th, 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; A. Dubber, 2; R. Watson, 3; F. Sear, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. Holmes, 8.

MAISEMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, May 5th, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. T. Brunson (conductor), 1; R. A. Judd, 2; G. Condict, jun., 3; E. J. Webb, 4; T. Newman, 5; W. T. Pegler, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

NEWBOLD (near Rugby).—On Sunday evening, June 23rd, after service, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Holmes, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; J. George, 3; J. W. Shotton, 4; A. Bramall, 5; A. Dubber, 6.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Algate, 1; G. Pye, 2; G. Roughton, 3; H. Catterall, 4; H. Dawkins (conductor), 5; W. Watson, 6; L. W. Copsey, 7; A. Sorrell, 8. On June 9th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Catterall (first 720), 1; G. Roughton, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; H. Dawkins, 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; W. Watson, 6.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, June 23rd, for morning service, 490 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. Coales, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. Holmes, 8. For evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; J. George (conductor), 4; A. Dubber, 5; A. Bramall, 6; J. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8.

WAKEFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Monday, April 15th, the Cathedral company attempted a peal of Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing for three hours owing to a change-course. G. Cheesbro, 1; T. L. Moorhouse, 2; A. Scott, 3; J. T. Eason, 4; J. Moorhouse (conductor), 5; J. E. Hartley, 6; F. Barker, 7; D. Whiting, 8. On Monday April 8th, on handbells, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. F. Eason, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; J. Moorhouse, 5-6; T. H. Ormond, 7-8.

WRAXALL (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, April 27th, at the church of All Saints, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. G. May, 1; W. Sommerville, 2; J. Richmond, 3; S. Thomas conductor, 4; V. O'Brien, 5; R. H. Leaker, 6; F. J. Cooper, 7; W. Knight, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. F. G. May, 1; W. Sommerville, 2; S. Thomas, 3; W. Knight, 4; C. H. Gordon, 5; F. W. Elles, 6; W. A. Cave conductor, 7; A. N. Other, 8. Rung on the occasion of the Bristol change-ringers' cycling club's first run to Wraxall.

LATE NOTICE.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 6th, at New Mill, near Huddersfield. It is requested that as many members as possible attend as there is some important business in connection with the bell contest, to be held at New Mill, on Saturday, August 3rd. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house, The Rose and Crown. 47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. WALTER IDLE, Hon. Sec.

The popular Belle Steamers, under the auspices of the Coast Development Company, have started the season well, and are now making daily trips from Fresh Wharf at 9.15 a.m., to Southend, Walton, Clacton, Harwich, Southwold, and Yarmouth. Walton-on-the-Naze has been provided with a splendid pier by this enterprising company, and the town is rapidly becoming a favourite seaside resort. Excursions are also made daily to Margate and Ramsgate from Fresh Wharf at 9.35; while on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, one of the company's steamers makes afternoon trips round the Nore Lightship. Fares are reasonable and refreshments excellent.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.

One of the recognised events in Northampton on Whit-Monday is the Annual Meeting of the above Association. This year the gathering was characterised by an unusually large attendance, ringers being present from thirty different churches, and made good use of the bells of St. Giles' (10), St. Peter (8), St. Edmund (8), All Saints (8), and St. Sepulchre (8). This is the sixth year in succession that the members have had this privilege, for which hearty thanks are due to the clergy, churchwardens and ringers of the respective churches.

At one o'clock a service was held in All Saints' church, which was well-attended by the ringers and others interested. The prayers and the first lesson were read by the Rev. G. W. Morrison, senior curate of All Saints, and the second lesson by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Vicar of Earls Barton. Mr. Brook Sampson presided at the beautiful organ, and was assisted by his choir of young ladies. This was a unique experience for the ringers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, who based an excellent and appropriate discourse on the following text: "A faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord," part of the 7th verse of the 4th chapter of Colossians.

As usual, luncheon was subsequently held in the large room at The Peacock hotel, and an excellent repast was served by Mr. and Mrs. J. Porteous. The company, with the honorary members, numbered 118. The worthy host and hostess were congratulated on the satisfactory manner in which they accommodated and catered for this "over the average" attendance. The Rev. J. Dun, Vicar of Higham Ferrers, Hon. Treasurer of the Association, presided, and was supported on his right by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Mr. E. J. Dennes, of Wellingborough, Hon. Secretary, the Rev. E. E. Law, Raunds. On his left were the Rev. E. C. Channer, Ravensthorpe, Mr. J. Abbot, Earls Barton, the Rev. H. G. Holmes, Northampton, the Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell, Wilbye, and the Rev. A. R. Harrison, Northampton. The vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, Cranford, vice-president. At the after-dinner proceedings the Rev. A. S. Lindsay presided, and gave the toast of "The King," which was right loyally received, and the National Anthem sung with great heartiness. The Hon. Secretary read a letter of apology from the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, the President, in which he expressed his great regret at not being able to be present, and his sincere desire for the well-being of the Association. He congratulated all connected with the Association on the success which had hitherto attended its efforts.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, in his annual report referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of several members and friends, and to many points affecting the interest and welfare of the Association. He stated that the receipts for the year amounted to £16 5s., and the expenditure to £12 15s. 6d., leaving a balance to the good of £3 9s. 6d. The balance in hand at the end of last year was £4 13s., and the total balance at the bank and in hand at the end of the year was £37 12s. 3d. Mr. Dennes wished to thank the hon. members for the manner in which they had supported the Association, and hoped the ringing members would thoroughly appreciate how much they were indebted to those gentlemen and ladies. He also spoke of the momentous events that had occurred since their last annual meeting. Not a single ringer in that room had until this present year taken part in muffled ringing for the death of a English monarch or the joyful peal for the accession of a King. It was gratifying to know that a similar Association to theirs had been formed for the neighbouring county of Rutland. They wished this new Society every success. Their President, the Archdeacon of Oakham, had been good enough to become President of that Association as well.

The Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell moved the adoption of the report, and also that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Dennes for the valuable services he had rendered to the Association during the nine years he had held the office of Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Mackay, Northampton, who with his old friend Mr. White, of St. Edmund's, were the first two Northampton ringers to join the Association, as far back as 1893, seconded the resolution, which was carried with musical honours.

Mr. Dennes in briefly responding, said that such a gathering as they had that day was an ample return to him, and was most

encouraging to him in his work. He felt that he had a "perpetual vote of thanks" from them in the shape of the beautiful clock they gave him last year, which, as it chimed out the quarters so musically day and night, was a constant reminder to him of their kind appreciation of anything he had done, or tried to do for the Association.

Then followed the election of a representative for the Central Council, which resulted in Mr. T. R. Hensher being chosen.

Mr. Hensher returned thanks for the honour, and said he would endeavour to do his duty in that position. He also initiated an interesting conversation on a question to come before the Central Council. Several present took part in the discussion, and the general opinion elicited was that the Central Northamptonshire Association was in favour of any measure that would tend to improve the quality of peals rung (and of ringing generally), even if it reduced the quantity. Some remarks by Mr. Clarke, of Bedford, on this subject met with general approval.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Earls Barton, at the invitation of the Rev. R. R. Cobbold.

The Rev. A. R. Harrison, St. Giles', was elected an honorary member, and the following as ringing members: C. Pettit, E. Horton, Wellingborough; T. Wooding, E. Hitchcock, Wilbye; J. Mills, Irthlingborough; G. Mabbutt, Mears Ashby; A. Beckwith, St. Sepulchre's, Northampton; W. Butlin, Ravensthorpe; A. Taylor, H. Carter, W. Busby, S. Baker, Broughton; T. Harris and B. Clithero, St. Edmund's, Northampton.

The Rev. E. C. Channer moved a hearty vote of thanks to the preacher, the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, and to the clergy, the churchwardens, and the ringers for the assistance they had given to the Association.

This was seconded by Mr. Dennes, who took occasion to express the hope, from what he had seen and experienced that day, that the bells of All Saints' church would soon be taken out and rehung, as the frame was very weak, and the stonework needed being examined.

The Rev. H. C. Holmes replied to the vote, and said he hoped the Association would continue their visits to Northampton.

Mr. Hensher proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. S. Lindsay for presiding, and a brief reply from that gentleman concluded the proceedings.

Members were pleased to see present during the day their old friends Mr. Clarke of Bedford, Mr. Barrow of Long Eaton, Mr. Avis of Haverhill, and Mr. Freeman of Olney.

The bells of All Saints were a matter of considerable conversation at the meeting. It has been well known to ringers in the district for some time past that they are sadly in need of re-hanging. It would be better for the bells that they should be quarter-turned and put in a new frame, and better too for the tower, which must suffer from the "movement" and "thrust" of the old one, dating from 1782, when the bells were recast or replaced by the present ring of eight (still all there) which shows the care that has been taken of them in the past. It would be a sad pity if lack of proper attention and repair should cause one of them to be cracked, after being kept intact for so many years. The ringers connected with All Saints' church deserve credit for sticking to their work so well under such discouraging circumstances.

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A large clock with two illuminated dials, with Cambridge chimes, has just been fixed at this church. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have carried out the work.

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The Essex Association.—A special meeting of this Association will be held at Witham, to-day, Saturday, June 29th, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Master and Secretary for the north-eastern division of the county. Tea will be kindly provided by Canon Ingles, at the Vicarage. The tower will be open for ringing after 4 p.m. **HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.**
Great Totham.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Archibald Day, M.A., at Malvern Link, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. Service in the church, with short address by the Rev. H. B. Wrey, at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. **JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.**
36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Calverley, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. A peal and will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms, at 6.30 p.m.
J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist church, Tunstall, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 4.30. Committee meeting 6.30.
A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.
Clive Road, Rochester.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Killammarsh, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. Peal of six bells open to visitors during the afternoon.
E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawbridgeworth, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. The bells of St. Mary's will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All ringing friends are cordially invited.
W. H. LAWRENCE, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Ormskirk, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., business meeting at 6 p.m.
REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
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The Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colerne, near Chippenham, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. There will be a short service and business meeting.
C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Hertford County Association.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Kings Langley, to-day, Saturday, June 29th. The bells at Langleybury will also be at the disposal of members. Tea 6d. each.
E. E. HUNTLEY, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Ryde, I.W., on Monday, July 1st. Annual meeting at 11 a.m.

in the mission room. Service at 12.15 at All Saints' church, preacher, Rev. J. Shearme, M.A., Vicar of Ryde. Dinner in the Town Hall at 1.15 only provided for those ordering beforehand and supplied with tickets. The bells of All Saints' will be available from 10 to 11.30 a.m., 2.30 to 4, and 5 till 6 p.m. For other towers available, see programme. All claims for expenses must reach me by July 31st.
REV. C. E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Usk, on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.45 sharp. Bells available after mid-day.
REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.
J. H. ALDRIDGE, Assist. Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Any ringer desiring tea, please notify Mr. H. Barlow, 705, Ripponden Road, Moorside, Oldham, by the previous Thursday.
JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Heptonstall, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready from dinner, business meeting in the schoolroom at 6 o'clock.
WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leek, on Saturday, July 6th. Members intending to be present are earnestly requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, 8, Jubilee Terrace, West Street, Leek, not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. An address will be given in the parish church at 7.30 p.m., by the Rev. T. H. B. Fearon, Vicar. **W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.**

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in St. John's parish room, Devizes, on Saturday, July 13th, to form a branch for the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire and to elect officers. Business meeting 4.30. Bells of St. John's (8) and St. Mary's (6) available.
REV. H. E. FILNEY BASSETT, Hon. Sec.
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual Festival will be held at Reading, on Wednesday, July 10th. Mattins at St. Laurence's at 11.30. Business meeting in the Town Hall 12.30. Dinner in small Town Hall 1.15. For dinner tickets, 2/-, apply on or before July 3rd, to A. H. Cocks, Esq., Poynetts, Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames.
R. H. HART-DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting, unavoidably postponed from June 29th, will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday afternoon, July 13th.
W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Dorset.—It is proposed to hold meetings to start branches for the two halves of Dorset around Wimborne and Dorchester on a Saturday afternoon in July (probably July 13th at Wimborne, and July 27th at Dorchester). Any ringers in or near the county who have not been communicated with, are asked to write at once to
REV. H. DRAKE, Secretary for Dorset.
Verwood, Wimborne.

Pettistree, Suffolk.—Re-opening of the church bells after rehanging, will take place on Tuesday, July 2nd. Ringing to commence at 10 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Q.—There is no doubt that the number of readers vastly exceed it. From information received it is about one in ten or more.

COPIES OF "THE BELL NEWS" WANTED.—Mr. E. J. Dennes, Hon. Sec. of the Central Northamptonshire Association particularly wants two copies of No. 948. Address:—"E. J. Dennes, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire."—Mr. John Steddy, of Alma House, Edenbridge, Kent, wants either or all of the following:—1894: June 16th, August 25th, September 15th, November 10th and 24th, December 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th. 1895: January 5th, February 9th and 16th, March 23rd, April 20th and 27th, May 4th, July 27th, August 17th, 24th, and 31st. 1899: October 14th and 21st. 1900: January 6th. Both the above gentlemen will pay good prices and postage.

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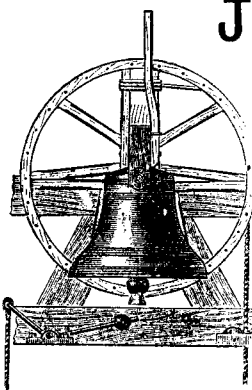
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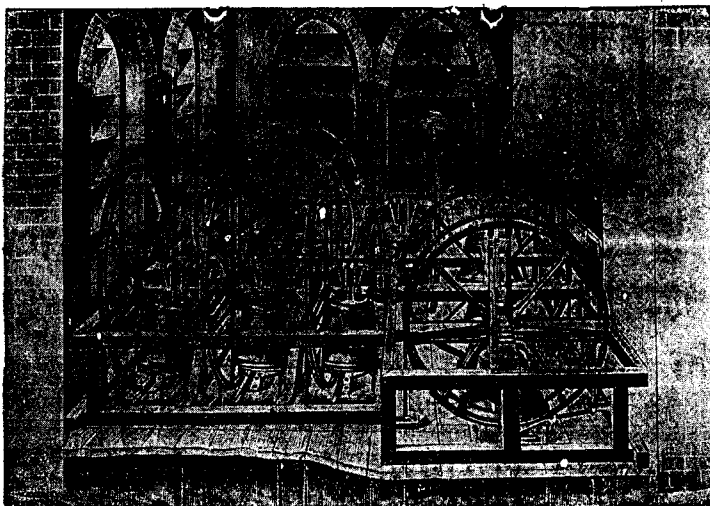
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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild held their annual festival at Ledbury on Wednesday, June 19th. At eleven o'clock a short service was held in the parish church, the ringers alone numbering about 100. The choir was present, and the service, which was fully choral (Tallis), was sung by the Rev. C. B. Caldicott. The special lesson was read by the Rector (Acts iii.), and the Rev. A. C. Lee said the latter portion of the prayers. The other clergy present were the Rev. G. W. Turner (Madley), the Rev. S. H. Cubitt (Ludlow), and the Rev. H. B. Walton. The special Psalms (96 and 150) were chanted to Boyce in D, and the Benedictus to Barnby in D. The hymns were "All people that on earth do dwell," "Come ye faithful raise the anthem," and during the offertory in aid of the Guild funds (which realised £2 4s.), "Now thank we all our God." The Rev. G. M. Custance, Rector of Colwall, who was the founder of the Guild, was unable, through a previous preaching engagement in London to be present. The Rev. H. B. Walton delivered a very instructive discourse on the words: "First they gave their own selves to the Lord"—2 Cor. viii. 5. The rev. gentleman delivered a most edifying and suitable address, which to our regret space prevents us from giving.

At twelve o'clock the annual business meeting of the Guild was held at The Barrett-Browning Institute, the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. G. Buchanan), occupying the chair. The Master and Secretary were unanimously re-elected.

Subsequently the members of the Guild, to the number of 100 met at The Feathers hotel Assembly Room, where Mrs. Edwards, the hostess, had prepared a capital hot dinner, which was much enjoyed.

Mr. J. G. Buchanan presided, and he was supported by the Revs. E. M. Mayler (Ross), C. B. Caldicott, H. B. Walton, G. W. Turner, S. H. Cubitt, A. C. Lee, and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol). The Rector was in the vice-chair.

The dinner over, the chairman submitted the loyal toast.

Mr. Boutflower said that he had the greatest possible pleasure in proposing "The Hereford Diocesan Guild." He hoped at the same time that they would excuse him if he did not do duty to such an important toast. He was indeed very glad to be present, for he would be able to take back with him to Bristol an account of the way they did things in Herefordshire. He did not mind saying that the Hereford Guild certainly set them in Bristol an example in the way they attended their annual festival. He did not want to let out any secrets, but he would just say that in Bristol they did not as a rule get such a large and representative gathering, although they had good bells and some good ringers. He was immensely pleased to see such a large congregation in their beautiful parish church, and he was pleased to have such a splendid sermon from the Rev. H. B. Walton. He was quite sure none of them could have listened to the words uttered without being the better for what they heard. He (Mr. Boutflower) was quite sure that if he could only persuade

Mr. Walton to go to Bristol, and give them a few similar sermons, they in Bristol would be all the better for his coming. He had received a hint from the chairman that long speeches would interfere with the afternoon's programme, so he would not detain them any longer. He would propose "Prosperity to the Hereford Diocesan Guild." Long may it flourish, and good work may it accomplish. He coupled with the toast the name of their good and valued secretary, the Rev. A. C. Lee, and also the Master of the Guild, Mr. Buchanan.

The Rev. A. C. Lee, in returning thanks, said he was delighted to see such a large gathering, and he believed it was the best meeting he had ever seen. It was a beautiful church they had visited, and the sermon was worthy the grand old edifice. He was glad to tell them that the Guild was in a better financial position than it ever was. It was a great satisfaction to him not to have any names printed in italics in the report, which meant that all the subscriptions were paid up. He would ask their forbearance if the instructor was not sent to them as often as desired. He (the Hon. Secretary) sent him wherever possible, and if they would only kindly wait, the instructor would visit them in time. Continuing, Mr. Lee said that they had expected the founder of the Guild (the Rev. G. M. Custance) to be present, but they knew the reason of his enforced absence. So far they had had a very pleasant day, and now he had to inform them the Rector of Eastnor (the Rev. Henry S. Sanders), had written to him to say that he would be very pleased to see all who rang at Eastnor at tea at his house, and inquiring how many he might expect. He (Mr. Lee) had written telling him there would be about thirty, but he knew that there were more ringers who would like to go to Eastnor. Also arrangements had been made for a party to go to Colwall, where the Rev. G. M. Custance had arranged for the ringers to have tea. Mr. Bickham had very kindly consented for those who were walking, and who were of a botanical turn of mind, to walk through his flower garden on their way to Eastnor.

The chairman also returned thanks, and said they had with them another giant in the ringing world, Mr. Godden, of Handsworth, Birmingham, whose health he had much pleasure in proposing, and also in proposing him as an honorary member. The Rev. A. C. Lee seconded the proposition, which was carried amid cheers.

Mr. Godden returned thanks, remarking that he would endeavour to be a loyal member; and afterwards paid his subscription.

The company then rose, and brakes conveyed the ringers to Eastnor, where touches were rung, and tea partaken of at the rectory. Rain began to descend just after dinner, which marred somewhat the enjoyment of the ringers. A good number took advantage of Mr. Bickham's invite to stroll through his beautiful gardens at Underdown.

This was the largest gathering of the Guild since it was started some sixteen years ago. We might add that the last Guild festival was held at Ledbury on June 23rd, 1892: also that it was through the instrumentality of the

Rev. G. M. Custance (Colwall), that the Guild was founded. With Mr. E. J. Beatley and the Rev. G. J. Curtis (Coddington), the late Canon Musgrave (late of Ledbury), and other neighbouring clergy and ardent ringers, a meeting was called at Hereford, where the Society was formed, and it has progressed and done good work ever since. According to the report for last year, the Guild pursues an even tenor of its way. Mr. James Groves, who has served five years' efficient service as instructor, has sent in his resignation, and some difficulty is expected in finding a successor. As his assistant, Mr. Charles Layton has done good work in the six-bell towers visited by him.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT HERSHAM, SURREY.

On Saturday afternoon, June 29th, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Guildford dedicated a peal of eight bells which have been presented to St. Peter's church, Hershams, by Mr. F. L. Vaux. The proceedings took the form of a service at the church, at which the Bishop and a number of clergy were present, and then members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild opened the bells, which have been cast by Mr. Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury, who has hung them in the best possible manner. They are beautifully toned, but none of them bear any inscription, with the exception of the tenor, and on which is inscribed: "Ad majorem Dei gloriam (to the greater glory of God) D.D.—F. L. Vaux, 1901. Rev. W. F. Fagan (Vicar), F. L. Vaux, T. S. Paine (churchwardens)." This bell weighs 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs. There is a chiming apparatus added. The bells naturally meet a long-felt want, and will be a source of pleasure to church people and the parishioners generally.

The service at the church was well attended, the clergy present, in addition to the Vicar, being the Revs. E. J. Hone (Esher), A. C. N. Lukyn, and J. H. Townsend (Oatlands). The service commenced with the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God," followed by shortened evensong, and Psalms 122 and 150. The special lesson was Numbers x. 1-11, and after the third collect the clergy and choir proceeded to the north door, when the Bishop said several dedicatory prayers. Then the bells rang a short peal, during which the Bishop, clergy, and choir returned to the chancel, where a special hymn was sung, and the Bishop gave an address.

In the evening the ringers, choir, and other friends were entertained by Mr. Vaux at the Parish Room to a substantial cold collation. The Rev. W. F. Fagan occupied the chair, and among those present were the Rev. A. C. N. Lukyn, Mr. F. L. Vaux, Mr. W. A. Wigram, Mr. Chittenden (who was at the harmonium, and played the accompaniments to several capital songs which were given during the evening), etc. After the repast,

The Rev. W. F. Fagan rose and remarked that it was generally admitted to be rather a difficult thing to say much about a benefactor when he was present. Hershams, though a poor and insignificant place, not very far removed from the City of London, and somewhat removed from the distinguished town of Walton-on-Thames, had nevertheless grown a bit, and had had its benefactors. The Village Hall owed a great deal to him, and the church had profited much on account of the time, interest, and trouble he had devoted to it. And recently he had capped that kindness by the magnificent gift of the peal of bells which had been opened that day. He was quite sure that they would join with him in thanking Mr. Vaux for his

splendid gift to the parish, and in hoping that he would live for many years to hear those bells, and to be, as he always had been, a kind and good friend. "Here's to our good friend, Mr. Vaux," said the Vicar, in conclusion, raising his glass, "and let us drink his jolly good health."

The toast was accorded musical honours, the company singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Vaux, whose reception was most cordial, thanked the Vicar for his remarks, and the company generally for the enthusiastic manner in which they had drunk his health. The Vicar had said more than he need have done about the gift he had presented to the church, because the circumstances of his (the speaker's) life enabled him to do more than some of his neighbours who were differently situated. It had been a source of great pleasure to him to spend his money in the way he had done. His main object in presenting the bells was, of course, to aid in the completion of the church, and to assist as far as he could in making it more suitable for and more worthy of the great services for which the church itself was erected and consecrated. Speaking of the ceremony that day, Mr. Vaux said it was one which he immensely enjoyed, the service being beautiful, and the address from the Bishop very impressive. They had had many festivals in Hershams of one kind and another in connection with the church, but he had always noticed that some head had been at work exercising any amount of careful organisation, and strict attention to those little details which tended to make a success of the ceremony. He had noticed the same thing that day; but he would not mention anybody by name, because he might not care about it. He was sorry that Mr. Blackburn was not present that evening, because he should have liked to thank him for the excellent way in which he had carried out his work. As far as he (the speaker) could hear, everyone was satisfied at the part which Mr. Blackburn had taken in the matter. He also wished to express his hearty thanks to those gentlemen who had come over that day, in order to show them what their bells could do. They had given an exhibition of skill which was most interesting, and which he hoped would be a standard to their own ringers as to what they could attain in the future. In fact, he trusted that they would try and work up to that standard, and that before long they would be able to compete with their visitors. Thanks were also due to those gentlemen who had come forward to form a local guild of ringers, without whose voluntary services his gift to the church would be of no effect.

Several other toasts followed, and the company separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

The popular Belle Steamers, under the auspices of the Coast Development Company, have started the season well, and are now making daily trips from Fresh Wharf at 9.15 a.m., to Southend, Walton, Clacton, Harwich, Southwold, and Yarmouth. Walton-on-the-Naze has been provided with a splendid pier by this enterprising company, and the town is rapidly becoming a favourite seaside resort. Excursions are also made daily to Margate and Ramsgate from Fresh Wharf at 9.35; while on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, one of the company's steamers makes afternoon trips round the Nore Lightship. Fares are reasonable and refreshments excellent.

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A band of the Three Towns Branch of the Devonshire Guild visited the parish church of Launceston on Wednesday, June 26th, to open a ring of eight bells, formed by the addition of two new bells to the old ring of six. As new ropes had been put in on the previous day and had not been stretched, change-ringing was very difficult under the circumstances. However, the band were able to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Legg, W. Richards, W. Hopley, J. Richards, H. Myers, E. Taylor (conductor), W. Ford, J. Jordan. Having to leave Launceston by the 6.25 p.m. train, the band called at Tavistock, and attempted a quarter-peal on the parish church bells.

After ringing upwards of 600 changes the rope of the 3rd bell broke. W. Legg, E. Taylor, J. Richards, W. Hopley (conductor), J. Steed, H. Myers, W. Ford, J. Jordan and W. Richards. Tenor 35 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Loughborough on Saturday, June 22nd. Tea was provided in the Fearon Hall, at which 135 members and friends were present. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the President, Sir A. P. Heywood, in the chair. Four life and fourteen ringing members were elected. The President in his address gave a very interesting account of the late meeting of the Central Council.

Derby was chosen as the place for the next meeting, on the proposition of Mr. J. Needham, seconded by Mr. T. Draper; a motion by Mr. J. George, seconded by Mr. S. Cooper, that it should be held at Rugby being rejected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Loughborough (Rev. T. Pitts) for the use of the parish church bells and the Fearon Hall for holding the tea and meeting therein was passed, and on the motion of the President, a similar vote of thanks to the Taylor family for their hospitality in providing the tea and making arrangements for the meeting was accorded with acclamation. In addition to the bells at the parish church, the peal of eight at the bell foundry of Messrs. Taylor were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Through the kind generosity of Miss Macalpine Leny, twelve members of this society were enabled to spend a most enjoyable day in one of the prettiest parts of Kent on Saturday, June 22nd. Arriving by train at Tunbridge Wells soon after 10 a.m., the party was met on the platform by Miss Leny, Mrs. Mackinnon, the Comtesse de Bussey, and Miss Kitchener, and the next stage of the day's proceedings terminated at Cranbrook, which was reached at 12.35, by one of the well-equipped brakes belonging to the Tunbridge Wells Omnibus Company. Cranbrook tower and bells are being put into excellent order, so that for another generation or two the ringers there should have golden opportunities. On Saturday, the old frame, wheels, etc., packed up outside the tower, gave evidence of long service, and according to one of the local's remarks, the renovation has come none too soon, the old beams and floor being in a very weak condition.

After luncheon in the garden of "The Limes," touches were rung on handbells, and at three o'clock the return

journey commenced by driving to Speldhurst. Here complete justice was done to strawberries and cream in the rectory garden, and then touches were rung both on the tower bells and handbells. The Rector and his son, Mr. George Mackinnon, R.N., joined the party at dinner at 7 p.m., and immensely enlivened the proceedings.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon for their charming hospitality, and a stroll on the spacious lawn listening to an excellently struck touch of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Winney, Newton, Wood, and W. D. Smith, made a fitting close to a magnificent entertainment. Throughout the day the weather was perfect, and thanks to the previous nights' rain the lovely scenery was quite at its best. The 9.55 train was caught at Tunbridge Wells, and after an uneventful journey, London was reached in due course, and tracks made for home in the small hours.

THE INSURANCE OF CHURCH BELLS.—It may reasonably be expected that the fabric of most if not all of our churches are protected by insurance. In many cases special parts of these buildings, such as the chancel and organ loft, with their contents, are insured separately. But does any one know of a solitary instance where the belfry, with its occupants, has been dealt with in this way; i.e. specially and separately insured? And yet in the majority of cases the bells are the most costly of the Church's furniture; the most prominent and valuable of her ornaments; her only "loud cymbals." There are many rings of bells throughout the land, bells, we mean, of a superior "timbre," which if destroyed by fire could not be replaced but at the cost of several thousands of pounds. All our readers know of such instances. A ring of twelve bells with a tenor of 44 cwt. on which some good performances had been rung, were destroyed by fire, and have not been replaced. Is it unreasonable to suppose that had these bells been specially insured, as they ought to have been, we should have seen another ring of twelve bells of the same weight and excellence erected in their stead, instead of the somewhat miscellaneous ring of eight which the church now has? What we desire to point out is that Church Bells should be specially and separately insured. A church possessing bells is, let us suppose, accidentally burnt down. The fabric has been adequately insured, and is rebuilt again within a reasonable period. But what about the bells? No special insurance for them was ever thought of, and what is the consequence? The cost of renewing the bells is too great; their necessity is not, by an apathetic churchwarden or other authority, deemed sufficiently apparent to work up a subscription-list for them. The supposition will appear reasonable to all, aye, and more than reasonable. The protection of our Church Bells from the ravages of fire is no light question. We conceive it the duty of all interested to make inquiries if their respective Church Bells are adequately protected by a special insurance.

WRAXALL (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, April 27th, at the church of All Saints, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. G. May, 1; W. Sommerville, 2; J. Richmond, 3; S. Thomas conductor, 4; V. O'Brien, 5; R. H. Leaker, 6; F. J. Cooper, 7; W. Knight, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. F. G. May, 1; W. Sommerville, 2; S. Thomas, 3; W. Knight, 4; C. H. Gordon, 5; F. W. Elles, 6; W. A. Cave conductor, 7; A. N. Other, 8. Rung on the occasion of the Bristol change-ringers' cycling club's first run to Wraxall.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Council was held at The Midland hotel, Derby, on Tuesday, May 28th, 1901. Forty-seven representative members were present out of eighty-four; representing twenty-six out of thirty-two societies; and of Hon. Members three out of eleven.

The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Secretary announced the receipt of letters of apology for unavoidable absence from the Revs. T. L. Papillon, H. C. Courtney, A. H. Boughey, and Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, F. W. J. Rees, and S. Saker.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the Rev. A. H. Boughey, and Mr. W. H. Thompson were re-elected Hon. Members of the Council for the ensuing three years.

The Hon. Secretary produced the accounts and balance-sheet for the past year, which showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £66 10s. 8d., the receipts during the year being £11 6s. 9d., making a total of £77 17s. 5d.; against which there was expenditure £2 18s. 8d., leaving a balance in favour of the Council of £74 18s. 9d.

On the motion of Mr. R. S. Story, seconded by Mr. R. E. Grove, the accounts were passed.

The Hon. Secretary presented the Report of the Peal Collection Committee. It was proposed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. G. Walker and carried, "That the Peal Collection Committee be authorised to issue a complete collection of the best and most characteristic peals in each method, not necessarily excluding those that have been already published."

The Rev. H. L. James presented the Report of the Committee for the definition of a "legitimate method." After discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, to postpone the question of the adoption of the Report to the next meeting, the Committee in the meantime to publish the report in "THE BELL NEWS" and invite criticism.

On the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the thanks of the Council were given to the Committee for the work done.

The President reported the progress of the Committee on the Condition of Rings. On the motion of Mr. W. L. Catchpole, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the thanks of the Council were offered to the President for the trouble he had taken in the matter.

The Hon. Secretary presented to the Council the completed "Glossary of Technical Terms," and announced the terms upon which the book would be supplied to Associations and to individual purchasers.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. W. Gordon, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Hon. Secretary for his prolonged and valuable labours in connection with the preparation of the Glossary.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded, and it was carried, that the next meeting should be held at Worcester.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, "That in the performance of a peal of Triples any shift occurring among the bells shall be sufficient to mar the peal, unless it is immediately corrected by the conductor. And that on higher numbers than seven any shift, or other error, that occurs must be corrected, the bells restored to

proper coursing-order, and the striking steadied, in less than ten changes from the moment at which the error becomes apparent, and, in any case, before the next course-end is reached; or the peal shall be deemed lost. Also that any firing which occurs in the course of ringing a peal shall be held to render the performance unworthy of record."

The President having pointed out the bearings of the question on "record peals," Mr. J. S. Pritchett moved, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill seconded as an amendment "That in the ringing of a peal any shift occurring among the bells shall invalidate the performance unless it is perceived at the time and immediately corrected."

The amendment was carried, and subsequently agreed to unanimously as the substantive motion.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett moved, Mr. H. White seconded, and it was carried "That it be an instruction to the Standing Committee to draw up a definition of what constitutes a 'record' peal, and the conditions under which it should be performed."

It was moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. H. J. Elsee and carried "That in the opinion of this Council any objection against a peal, except in regard to its composition, should be made public within three months of its performance."

The Hon. Secretary moved, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, "That it is desirable to appoint a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (a) an Association, and (b) a company of Ringers."

The motion was agreed to unanimously, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. R. S. Story, R. A. Daniell, A. T. King, and the Hon. Secretary were appointed a Committee accordingly.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the President.

[The Schedule of attendances will be found on the opposite page.]

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the newly-formed North Eastern division was held at Chipping Hill on Saturday last. Canon Ingles not only most kindly granted the use of the bells of the parish church, but also threw open his extensive grounds, and hospitably entertained the ringers at tea. There were about thirty-five present, besides the Rev. H. T. Eyre, Hon. Secretary. At the conclusion of tea a business meeting followed, when the following gentlemen—Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and Mr. E. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, were unanimously elected to the new offices of Master and Secretary for this division.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, June 29th, the bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Hillen, son-in-law of Mr. W. Taylor, our esteemed honorary member, and we wish to express our deep sympathy with him and his daughter in their sad bereavement. A 1008 Bob Major was rung. H. J. Button, 1; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 2; *A. Friend, 3; C. Bailey, 4; C. Samson, 5; E. Bailey, 6; H. Last, 7; G. Thompson, 8. Messrs. Friend and Last hail from Peasenhall. *Longest touch and first attempt at Major. A. J. L.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, June 30th, at the church of St. Andrew, for evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. And at Birmingham on the same day, at the church of St. Chad (R.C.), after evening service, 688 Bob Major. C. Mackenzie, 1; T. Miller, 2; W. Ellis, 3; F. Sear (Rugby), 4; C. H. Watts, 5; H. Middleton, 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. George (composer and conductor), 8. Both touches were rung by Sear and George the same evening, the distance being thirty miles between each church.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

SOCIETY.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	W. T. Cockerill ..	M. A. Wood .. E. P. O'Meara .. T. H. Taffender ..
Royal Cumberland Youths ..	R. A. Daniell .. H. Dains ..	H. Barton .. A. Jacob ..
St. James's Society, London ..	(Unrepresented) ..	C. F. Winney .. W. Weatherstone ..
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	Rev. H. C. Courtney .. F. N. Quantock-Shuldharn .. H. W. Tomkins ..
Bedfordshire Association ..	Rev. W. W. C. Baker ..	
Birmingham and District Society ..	G. Walker ..	
Birmingham St. Martin's Guild ..	W. H. Godden ..	
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	W. Gordon .. F. T. Spence ..	
Devonshire Guild ..	Rev. Maitland Kelly ..	F. Shepherd ..
Durham and Newcastle Association ..	R. S. Story ..	T. Hudson .. W. Holmes .. C. Sillitoe ..
Ely Diocesan Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	Rev. T. L. Papillon ..
Essex Association ..	B. Keeble .. W. Nevard ..	N. J. Pitstow ..
Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	Rev. H. A. Cockey .. F. G. May ..	Rev. E. B. James ..
Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	J. E. Groves ..	
Hertford County Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	E. P. Debenham ..
Kent County Association ..	F. W. Thornton ..	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. Rev. E. W. Carpenter .. W. Haigh ..
Lancashire Association ..	Rev. H. J. Elsee .. R. Ridyard ..	Rev. C. A. Clements .. J. Eachus ..
Leeds and District Society ..	J. W. T. Holgate ..	
Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild ..	Rev. H. L. James .. G. Chester ..	Rev. H. J. Cheales .. C. W. P. Clifton ..
Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	(Unrepresented) ..	W. Bentharn ..
Middlesex Association ..	A. T. King .. J. Waghorn ..	J. Basden ..
Midland Counties' Association ..	Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. .. W. Wakley .. J. Griffin .. S. Cooper ..	
Central Northamptonshire Association ..	T. R. Hensher ..	
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	Rev. H. Earle Bulwer .. W. L. Catchpole .. C. Mee .. J. Motts ..	
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	Rev. F. E. Robinson .. Rev. G. F. Coleridge .. F. W. Hopgood .. W. E. Yates ..	
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	(Unrepresented) ..	H. H. Palairat .. A. Smith .. T. Blackburn .. R. Cartwright ..
Stafford Archdeaconry Society ..	S. Reeves ..	
Surrey Association ..	Dr. A. B. Carpenter .. C. Dean ..	
Sussex County Association ..	G. Williams .. Rev. C. D. P. Davies ..	G. F. Attree .. S. Saker ..
Winchester Diocesan Association ..	Rev. C. E. Matthews .. H. White ..	Rev. R. C. M. Harvey .. J. W. Whiting ..
Worcester and Districts Association ..	J. Smith .. R. E. Grove ..	
Yorkshire Association ..	W. Snowdon .. C. H. Hattersley ..	W. Stainthorpe .. G. Bolland ..
Hon. Members ..	J. Carter .. J. S. Pritchett .. J. W. Taylor ..	Rev. J. H. Pilkington .. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey .. F. W. J. Rees .. W. H. Thompson .. F. E. Ward .. J. Pettitt .. T. Lockwood .. J. A. Trollope ..

Societies represented ..	26
" unrepresented ..	6
Representatives present ..	47
" absent ..	37
Hon. Members present ..	3
" absent ..	8
Total Members present ..	50
" absent ..	45

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

TIMBERLAND (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, January 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Curtis, W. Elkington, F. Cobb, A. West, A. Sharpe, G. Elkington conductor. On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Kent, in 25 mins. T. Curtis, W. Elkington, F. Cobb, A. West, A. Sharpe, G. Elkington conductor. On Sunday, February 3rd, 720 Oxford. F. Curtis, A. West, F. Cobb, W. Elkington, A. Sharpe, G. Elkington.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the Cathedral, 386 Grandsire Triples. W. Northy, J. Harris, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, A. Rowley conductor, J. H. Aldridge. On Sunday morning February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Northy, J. Harris, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, A. Rowley, first as conductor, J. H. Aldridge. First quarter-peal by W. Northy and F. Pitcher.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On January 30th, 260 Plain Bob and 720 Canterbury. On February 2nd and 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. On February 17th, 720 Plain Bob, and for evening service, another 720. On March 3rd and 17th, 720 Plain Bob. On March 24th, 720 Canterbury, composed by W. Wilcox. The following ringers took part in the above: J. W. Parkinson, H. Rogers, G. Rogers, J. G. Povall, C. Rimmer, J. Griffiths, W. Wilcox. This is the 500th 720 by W. Wilcox.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. R. Gowers, T. Garwood, A. Papworth, G. Smith, W. Fitch, A. J. Clarke conductor. Another 720. S. Slater, A. J. Clarke, G. Smith, T. E. Slater, P. Garwood, R. Gowers conductor. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater, A. J. Clarke, A. Papworth, G. Smith, P. Garwood, R. Gowers conductor. On Sunday afternoon, February 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. R. Gowers, T. Garwood, A. Papworth, G. Smith, P. Garwood, A. J. Clarke conductor.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, January 27th, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, W. Mullett, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, J. Roberts, E. Goodreds, W. Fisher conductor, Albert Fletcher. On Saturday, February 2nd, 1008 Bob Triples. W. Jeavons, E. Goodreds, S. Baker, S. Jesson, B. Gough, W. Fisher, G. Hughes conductor, A. Law.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of All Hallows, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Ellis, H. Barnett first quarter, R. Spooner conductor, W. Gibson, H. Ellis, W. Dickinson, C. Button, W. Martin.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1901.

We print to-day the Official Minutes of the recent meeting of the Central Council. Here, divested of the haze of discussion, appear the important resolutions adopted in reference to the ringing of peals. It is noteworthy that the far-reaching pronouncement as to "shifts" was, without a single dissentient, made to apply to all performances, notwithstanding that the President and other leading members of the Council advised that only peals intended to surpass previous records should be dealt with at present. We look upon it as a very healthy sign, and as indicative of a desire to raise generally the standard of peal-ringing, that a body composed of elected representatives from all the chief ringing Associations should unanimously adopt so comprehensive an instruction. The

frequent objections taken in our correspondence columns to the manner in which some record peals have been performed shewed clearly that the time had arrived when it was absolutely necessary that defined conditions under which such performances shall be conducted should be laid down. Not, however, until the recent unequivocal expression of the Council's views was it recognised how widely the need for regulation was felt in regard, not only to record peals, but to all. The Council have done wisely in attempting no more, in their first pronouncement, than to meet two of the many points of difference that are liable to arise. No informed ringer will for a moment question the common sense view taken by the Council both as to shifts during the progress of a peal, and as to the limit of time within which subsequent objections if any, should be taken. It is not for a moment to be supposed that every conductor does not desire that his performance shall be a true one. The difficulty has lain in the necessity for a certain latitude, or not one peal in fifty would stand; but there has been no consensus of opinion as to the exact extent of this latitude. We welcome the first instalment of a complete series of conditions under which peals should be rung, and particularly the prospect of ensuring that before long all record attempts will be made in compliance with regulations which, as far as human forethought can go, will free such performances from anxiety on the part of the band within and cavil from critics without the tower.

The Council have our best wishes for an early completion of this valuable work so opportunely begun.

The Provinces.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

On Saturday, June 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK PITSTOW .. Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS .. 6.
E. LEONARD TAYLOR .. 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR .. 5.
WALTER PRIOR .. 3.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. 4.	ALFRED PITSTOW .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt

THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 5.
GEORGE ARCHER .. 2.	*ERNEST POPPY .. 6.
WILLIAM IRELAND .. 3.	JOHN SOUTER .. 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 4.	FREDERICK DAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

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On Thursday, June 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-four $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Treble.	HARRY WITHERS .. 5.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 6.
HARRY MIDDLETON .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS .. 4.	JAMES DOWLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Friday, June 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 6.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON* .. 2.	*THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 4.	*ROBERT S. STORY .. 9.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

R. S. Story and the brothers Gofton hail from Newcastle-on-Tyne. *First peal in the method.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER, AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt

JAMES GRATRICK .. Treble.	TITUS BARLOW .. 6.
THOMAS PEERS .. 2.	JOHN EACHUS .. 7.
HENRY MOSS .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 8.
EDWARD CASH .. 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD .. 9.
E. J. COCKROFT .. 5.	JAMES BRIERLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by A. E. WREAKS.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Peers, Moss, Cockroft, Barlow, and Brierley.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD* .. 2.	JOSEPH SHARP .. 6.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE .. 4.	THOMAS PRICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. The Rev. H. G. Bird, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Uxbridge.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HARRY FLANDERS .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 5.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage at Barnet of Constance Marian, eldest daughter of Arthur T. King, Esq., Hon. Secretary of the above Association, with Edward Margetts, Esq. Also as a birthday compliment to G. R. Pye.

CASTOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	JOSEPH W. TIRRELL.. .. 4.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 2.	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES CHASTY Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLLIS.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

T. HAIGH Treble.	J. THOMPSON 5.
G. WORTH 2.	T. HODGSON 6.
LEO WOODCOCK 3.	A. HAIGH 7.
T. F. EARNSHAW 4.	W. HAIGH Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by T. HAIGH.

This peal was arranged for W. Haigh, who hails from Gillingham, Kent, and who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. W. WILLSHIRE Treble.	J. HUNT 5.
FRANK BLONDELL 2.	G. WOODISS 6.
T. W. RADFORD 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	B. B. WICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. WILLSHIRE.

This peal was rung after the opening ceremony when the bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

JOHN MAIN* Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5.
THOMAS ABBOTT† 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	FRED. WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

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

On Sunday, June 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WICKENS Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
FREDERICK WICKENS .. 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR 6.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	JAMES WORSFOLD 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and
Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

On Monday, July 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. in G.

WILLIAM WEST Treble.	FRANK TRUEMAN 4.
HARRY KING 2.	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON .. 5.
CHARLES WEST 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by W. West.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

THOMAS PRICE Treble.	ROBERT C. MAYO 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD 2.	JOSEPH SHARP 6.
ARTHUR MILES 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 7.
ARTHUR GOWER 4.	BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GABRIEL S. GOLDSMITH.

This peal, which is in twenty parts, is now rung for the first time, and it is also the first twenty-part peal accomplished.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, January 12th, for evening service at the church of St. Augustine, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; A. Hadley, 2; D. Thomas conductor, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; W. B. Biss, 5; H. V. Wilkins, 6. First in the method with a bob bell by A. Hadley, who hails from Worcester. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Jones, 1; W. T. Northey, 2; D. Thomas conductor, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; W. Coombes, 5; T. Northey, 6. On February 2nd, on the day of the late Queen Victoria's funeral, the bells were rung at intervals throughout the day. The memorial service took place at 2 o'clock, the church being crowded in every part, several hundred persons being unable to gain admission. The bells were deeply muffled except the tenor which was open at backstroke, and were kept going in Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, and also on Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service, the following taking part: J. Jones, T. Northey, W. T. Northey, F. Bartlett, W. Visey, and D. Thomas. W. Buckland and C. Northey took part in rounds and the usual whole-pull and stand.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 11th, in honour and to welcome home from South Africa, Mr. A. Johnson, of the 16th Worcestershire Imperial Yeomanry, 1008 Grandsire Triples, at the parish church. S. Reeves, 1; T. Orton, 2; S. Astbury, 3; J. Hall, 4; E. Brown, 5; J. Tilley, 6; J. Jaggar conductor, 7; R. Hall, 8. Also 580. G. Wiggins, 1; S. Reeves conductor, 2; J. Key, 3; A. Hughes, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; J. Hall, 6; E. Brown, 7; G. Piggott, 8. On Thursday, June 13th, during the entertainment to lunch of the whole of the local volunteers from the front, about 800 Grandsire Triples on the church bells. S. Browett, 1; S. Reeves, 2; R. Hall, 3; J. Hall, 4; T. Orton, 5; J. Tilley, 6; J. Jaggar conductor, 7; G. Wiggins, 8. Afterwards, the ringers, who were joined by about a dozen more local ringers, took the handbells and joined in the great procession around the town and suburbs in a gaily decorated brake, kindly provided for them by Mr. J. H. Parish. On the Sunday following, for morning service, which was a special one for the attendance of the corporation, officials, volunteers, &c., 1036 Grandsire Triples. S. Bowcutt, 1; R. Hall conductor, 2; S. Astbury, 3; J. Hall, 4; T. Orton, 5; J. Tilley, 6; F. Bennett, 7; F. Harris, 8. After service, the last 720 of Holt's Original, conducted by J. Jaggar.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BRAY (Ireland).—On Saturday, June 15th, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Rickerby, 1; G. Matthews, 2; T. Smith, 3; D. Towson, 4; J. Lambert, 5; J. H. B. Hesse, 6; G. Lindoff conductor, 7; W. Smith,

8. J. H. B. Hesse hails from St. Thomas's, Belfast. On Sunday, June 16th, that gentleman had the pleasure in taking part in the ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Bob Royal.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Sunday evening, May 12th, at the church of St. Mary, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Kessell, 1; J. W. Hodder, 2; M. Davies, 3; J. Tregoning, 4; T. Hicks conductor, 5; J. Symons, 6; H. Williams, 7; T. Kessell, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service at the church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks's), conducted by W. Bedwell. On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by G. Daynes. On Sunday, April 21st, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, composed and conducted by George Daynes. On Sunday, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's), conducted by W. Bedwell. The following took part in the above: W. J. Jeffries, J. Rose, J. Law, W. Bedwell, A. C. Bedwell, E. H. Nixon, S. G. Deal, H. Dickens, George Daynes. On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 38 mins. A. C. Bedwell, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; J. Law, 6; G. Daynes composer and conductor, 7; H. Dickens, 8. This is believed to be the quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday evening, June 14th, for practice at the church of St. John, Deritend, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans's four-part. J. Porter, 1; C. Mackenzie, 2; E. Alloway, 2; W. Ellis, 4; J. Neal, 5; W. H. Barber, 6; H. Middleton conductor, 7; G. Brookes, 8. On Sunday morning, June 16th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Martin, 328 Stedman Cinques. W. H. Godden, 1; J. Piggott, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; J. Joyner, 4; A. Walker, 5; H. Middleton, 6; J. Barber, 7; A. P. Smith, 8; J. Neal, 9; W. Page, 10; W. H. Barber conductor, 11; S. J. Jessop, 12. Tenor 36 cwt in C. W. Page hails from Worcester.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 5th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1260 of Stedman Triples. W. E. Garrard, 1; W. S. Pennyfather, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; J. T. Kentish, 5; H. G. Miles (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8. On Sunday, May 12th, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. G. T. Miller, 1; H. G. Miles, 2; W. E. Judd, 3; A. V. Selby, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; A. E. Bradley, 6; J. T. Kentish, 7; J. A. F. Harris, 8; W. Fox, 9; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 10. Longest length of Royal by the local band. On Sunday evening, June 23rd, 1120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. T. Miller, 1; A. V. Selby, 2; W. E. Judd, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; H. G. Miles, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; W. Fox, 7; W. E. Garrard conductor, 8. Longest length by all except the conductor. On June 30th, for evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. V. Selby, 1; W. S. Pennyfather (first in the method), 2; W. E. Judd, 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; G. T. Miller (conductor), 6; W. Fox, 7; W. E. Garrard, 8.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service, 994 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, 460 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service, another 1050, by the local company. On Saturday, May 4th, 714 Grandsire Triples. — Green, 1; J. M. Rylett conductor, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; F. Devoto, 4; J. Dickinson, 5; T. Boyer, 6; F. Blakley, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. First in his method by Green, who hails from Hale Magna, and J. Dickinson from Heckington, the rest belong to the local band.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, before morning service, 567 Kent Treble Bob Major. Richard Perkins, 1; Alfred Whatmore, 2; Arthur E. Whatmore, 3; Fred Plant, 4; Wm. Potter, 5; Noah Hollyoake, 6; Jno. Piper, 7; Jos. Smith conductor, Before afternoon service 576 Treble Major. R. Perkins, 1; Wm. Potter, 2; A. Whatmore, 3; Wm. Fryer, 4; F. Plant, 5; Wm. Hartshorne, 6; J. Piper, 7; J. Smith, 8. After afternoon service, 864 Treble Major. R. Perkins, 1; F. Plant, 2; W. Potter, 3; N. Hollyoak, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. Hartshorne, 6; J. Piper, 7; J. Smith conductor, 8. Before evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Whatmore, 1; W. Potter, 2; A. E. Whatmore, 3; W. Fryer, 4; F. Plant, 5; N. Hollyoak, 6; J. Smith conductor, 7; W. Fletcher, 8. Also 168 Canterbury Triples. A. Whatmore, 1; W. Potter, 2; A. E. Whatmore, 3; W. Fryer, 4; F. Plant, 5; N. Hollyoak, 6; J. Smith conductor, 7; W. Fletcher, 8.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Scobell, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Burrough, 4; F. Murphy, 5; W. Mogridge, 6; J. R. Sandover conductor, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. On Easter Sunday morning, another 1260. J. Ford, 1; T. Laver, 2; F. Murphy, 3; W. Burrough, 4; W. Milfin, 5; J. R. Sandover conductor, 6; W. Mogridge, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. Also for evening service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. T. Bartlett, 1; F. Murphy, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Burrough, 4; W. Mogridge, 5; W. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd, jun., conductor, 7; W. Lowton, 8. On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Hancock, 1; J. Ford, 2; T. Laver, 3; J. R. Sandover, 4; F. Shepherd, sen., 5; W. Scobell, 6; W. Mogridge conductor, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service, two parts of Holt's Ten-part. W. Hancock, 1; T. Laver conductor, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Burrough, 4; W. Mogridge, 5; J. R. Sandover, 6; F. Murphy, 7; W. Lowton, 8. Tenor 26 cwt. And at Exeter St. David's, on Sunday, May 5th for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Hancock, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Burrough, 4; F. Shepherd, sen., 5; F. Murphy, 6; J. R. Sandover conductor, 7; W. Lowton, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, July 1st, at the church of St. Andrew, 576 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; T. Holmes, 6; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 7; J. Holmes (composer and conductor), 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples. A. Dubber, 1; F. Sear, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; J. George, 5; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 6; J. Holmes, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

THRAPSTON (Northamptonshire).—On Sunday evening, February 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; M. Booth, 2; H. Short, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Nickerson conductor, 5; W. Yates, 6; J. Carter, 7; G. Ellison, 8. On February 19th, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. Also another 720 with 6-8 covering. A. Baxter, 1; W. Yates, 2; H. Short, 3; M. Booth, 4; J. Nickerson 5; J. Carter, 6; D. Redhead first 720 as conductor, 7; R. Bland, 8. On February 26th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 2; H. Short, 3; M. Booth, 4; D. Redhead, 5; J. Nickerson conductor, 6; W. Yates, 7; G. Ellis, 8. On March 12th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; W. Yates, 2; H. Short, 3; M. Booth, 4; D. Redhead, 5; J. Carter, 6; J. Nickerson conductor, 7; G. Ellison, 8. On March 26th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; D. Redhead, 2; H. Short, 3; M. Booth, 4; W. Yates, 5; J. Nickerson conductor, 6. On April 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; M. Booth, 2; A. Kingsford, 3; D. Redhead, 4; W. Yates, 5; J. Carter, 6; J. Nickerson conductor, 7; G. Ellison, 8. On Sunday evening, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; H. Short, 2; A. Kingsford, 3; D. Redhead, 4; W. Yates, 5; M. Booth, 6; J. Nickerson conductor, 7; S. Ellison, 8. On Tuesday, April 28th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Dean of Peterboro, who dedicated the new peal of bells on May 6th, 1897, 720 and 360 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; D. Redhead, 2; A. Kingsford, 3; H. Short, 4; W. Yates, 5; J. Carter, 6; R. Loveday conductor, 7; R. Bland, 8. On May 9th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; D. Redhead, 2; H. Short, 3; M. Booth, 4; W. Yates, 5; J. Carter, 6; J. Nickerson conductor, 7; G. Ellis, 8. Rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, November 4th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Pittam, 1; A. Hill, 2; A. Tennant, 3; F. Side, 4; H. Kilby, 5; Wm. Steggall conductor, 6. On Sunday, December 9th, for service, 720 Albion Bob Minor. W. Pannell, A. Tennant, W. Steggall conductor, H. Kilby, A. Hill. On December 16th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Pannell, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, A. Tennant, A. Hill, W. Steggall conductor. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Double Court Minor. W. Pannell, A. Hill, W. Steggall, A. Pittam conductor, H. Kilby, A. Tennant. First in the method by all. On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Side, A. Hill, A. Tennant, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, A. Pittam conductor. On Sunday, April 28th, 720 Double Court Minor. J. Jackman, A. Hill, W. Steggall, A. Tennant, H. Kilby, A. Pittam conductor. First in the method by J. Jackman. On Sunday, May 12th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Pannell, W. Steggall conductor, H. Kilby, R. Kilby, A. Hill, A. Pittam.

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Correspondence.

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

ABOUT PEALS.

SIR,—Your last issue, I see, contains three letters referring in differing ways to this subject.

Your correspondent, "A Ringer," raises the question what a peal really is. The natural place nowadays to look for an answer is "The Glossary," just appearing, where peal is defined to be "The 'true' performance on bells of a 'true composition' in any 'method' of 'change-ringing' of not less than 5040 'changes' in length for seven bells; and of not less than 5000 changes on eight and all higher numbers." And also a true composition of a peal whether rung or not.

The word peal is one of those which during a long course of years has had its meaning sometimes extended by association of ideas, and sometimes again restricted. Consequently it does not at all times mean the same thing. As to what it means as a ringing term *now*, I should imagine no objection can be taken to the definition in the Glossary. But it did not originally mean anything of the kind, because it is a much older term than the invention of change-ringing.

Professor Skeat in his dictionary tells us that the word originally means a loud sound, and as such was applied to the sound of trumpets and to a "chime of bells." Of course this last expression is misleading, as peal was never used of chiming, and a set of bells is properly called a ring. But I suppose that until learned writers of books of reference will take the trouble to find out from change-ringers something about the elements of English ringing, they will continue to mislead ordinary readers. Probably the new Oxford Dictionary will stereotype as much error as it can about ringing matters unless Mr. Papillon, or some other prominent Oxford man familiar with the Exercise, sets about preventing it. I ought, however to say that I am writing without the opportunity of consulting the new edition of "Skeat," and it may be that some Cambridge ringer—Mr. Boughey, perhaps—has taken the learned Professor in hand and coached him up.

The word peal, then, was obviously applied to ringing, as distinct from chiming, because ringing produced the greatest tone—the loudest sound—of methods of sounding English bell metal. It is used of ringing by Stow, who of course wrote long before the invention of changes. And it seems to me that in that connection the word got extended by association of ideas so as to apply to anything rung on any number of bells—e.g. the ringing up of the curfew would be a peal within the meaning of the term as then used.

With the introduction of changes came the definite arrangement of how peals—i.e. ringing performances—should be performed. Consequently a further extension by association of ideas naturally ensued, and accordingly the word is used by Stedman in the sense of method as we now term it; and this of methods which would not even run the extent, as of Cambridge eight and forty on five bells; and this use of the word was followed by subsequent treatise writers down to and including Mr. Hubbard, and perhaps later. The figures of a composition which if rung would be a 5000 performed are still, as we know, called a peal. There is no doubt that ringers in the eighteenth century used the term very widely—Laughton, for instance, who rang in many 5000's, certainly considered a performance of the extent on the lower numbers to be a peal, if indeed he even regarded the extent as necessary. I imagine that the gradual restriction of the term has arisen from the practice of ringing societies in recording peals of 5000 changes, which in the course of time has had the effect of making performances of less length of comparatively small importance.

I think, therefore, that your correspondent's contention is not applicable to our days, and would be in fact misleading, though it might have passed muster a century and a half ago.

With reference to Mr. Pritchett's letter, may I suggest that the valuable resolution he proposed which was passed unanimously by the Central Council, be printed prominently in your centre page for two consecutive weeks at least, and officially signed by the Hon. Secretary to the Council.

I should much like to see Mr. Attree's views on Mr. Daltry's

proposal. But at present it seems to me that Mr. Daltry confuses two things which are quite distinct—conducting and striking. Surely if a peal is struck true it matters not whether it be non-conducted and rung in silence or whether all the band take part in conducting. In neither case could any individual claim to have conducted the peal; but if the peal be rung true why is it to be penalized, no matter what expedients have been resorted to to procure the result? The conductor is subsidiary to the peal, and if the members of the band have rung a true one they ought not to be handicapped in points because the conductor is not equal to the occasion. Indeed in such a case they surmount greater difficulties than if he is.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE "JOHN THORPE" FUND.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" a short time back appeared a note asking for a statement from the Committee of the John Thorpe Testimonial Fund, emanating from a ringer who did not sign his name. I was talking to one of the Committee and he said the writer was with the Secretary at Glossop when they made him a presentation. Why did he not ask him? he knew he was going to Australia. He said it was all spite, and he would not reply to any one who had not the manliness to sign his name. I said to him he should make a statement. He said he would do his best if a ringer would write who had the manliness to sign his name.

WILLIAM FAWCETT.

Stalybridge.

WHAT IS A PEAL?

SIR,—It would seem from the letter of "A Ringer" that in the minds of some the Central Council and its decisions have no existence. The Council long ago decided what should be deemed a peal on seven or more bells, both in theory and practice; and it has now been decided (broadly) what should constitute a true peal performance. A peal in either case is not less than 5000 changes involving no repetition of any one change. A *complete* peal is that which embodies all changes possible on the number of bells engaged, when such number is more than six; but it is not necessary for a peal to be complete in order to be a peal at all.

Your correspondent confuses "peal" with "extent." Hence he has permitted himself to fall into the absurdity of calling the two changes possible on two bells a peal.

The number of changes possible on two to six bells inclusive are not "peals" but "extents." We do not arrive at the region of peals till we get to the "extent" on seven.

H. EARLE BULWER.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—In reply to the Rev. H. Drake I must ask him to refer "THE BELL NEWS" of May 11th, 1901, and he will there find that the question at the end of Mr. Hoskins' letter was "What are consecutive places?" In his last letter Mr. Drake alters the question altogether by asking "how does a bell make consecutive places," he will find an answer to his question by reading my reply to Mr. Hoskins in "THE BELL NEWS" the following week.

Until fourteen months ago I had been in the habit of using the word "contiguous" to describe what I now call "consecutive" places, and I was taken to task for using that word. Now Mr. Drake takes me to task for not using it (or the equivalent word "adjacent"). Truly it is impossible to get everyone to think alike on one subject. By referring to "THE BELL NEWS" vol. 18, pages 190 and 268, it will be seen that better men than I have used the word "consecutive" in the same sense that I do, and previously to my having done so.

Mr. Drake's idea that places at the end of two rows either in front or behind differ from places inside the rows is *utterly wrong*. In actual ringing we all know that a place in front or behind is called the whole pull at lead, or the whole pull behind as the case may be, but in method composition these are places just as much as places inside of two rows, and each place is dependent on the other.

In Major we cannot have *three rows* in any method without making two places, and these places can (in any two rows) be made consecutively either in 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, or 7-8; or non-consecutively in 1-4, 1-6, 1-8, 3-6, 3-8, or 5-8; and whether con-

secutive or non-consecutive, two rows only are occupied, in contra-distinction to two places made by a single bell in which four rows are occupied.

If Mr. Drake wishes to make ringing terms fit in with terms used in method composition, I am afraid he will find (as in the "bob-lead" question), that he has a task unsurmountable.

GEORGE BAKER.

A SAD POSITION OF AFFAIRS.

SIR,—I am sorry to inform you that owing to an unfortunate difference of opinion between the ringers and choir and the Rector of St. Mary's church, Bucknall, both the above bodies have received from him a fortnight's notice of dismissal. The facts are as briefly as follows. Some few weeks ago the Rector asked me, as leader of the ringers, if we took beer at our dinner when we went away on our annual outing, and also at any supper we might have in the village. I answered "Yes, we did." He then stated that he objected to us and also the choir doing so, and requested us to meet him on the Wednesday evening following, as he was meeting the choir at the same time. So on that night the ringers and choir met him as he requested, to hear his views, which were as I have stated above, with this difference, that two or three of us may go after dinner or supper and have a glass of beer, but we must not go all of us at the same time, nor must we have a glass altogether at any time as ringers. Now because we will not agree to be coerced into being total abstainers, which he says he hopes to make us in time, he has told us we must not ring after July 13th. Now Sir can you advise me as to whether the Rector has the right to dismiss us, as several people has asked us to keep on ringing and take no notice of him. Should we be safe in doing so.

W. TWIGG.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

At the invitation of the Vicar of Bardfield, a party of the Essex Association paid a visit to this village, on Thursday, June 20th. Despite the dull evening, punctually at 6 p.m. Messrs. Howard, Slade, and Collins of Braintree, and Williams of Rayne, met at the appointed meeting-place. Grave doubts were expressed as to the advisability of undertaking the journey (nine miles out) by cycle, the long looked for rain was just beginning to fall. A start was however made, with a hope that the weather might improve. At Great Saling we were joined by W. Farrow of Felstead. By this time the rain was falling in torrents. Nothing daunted, five miles scorching brought us one by one at the tower of this pretty country church, all of us well nigh wet through, the nine miles being covered in thirty-two minutes. The bells were at once raised, and we struck off in Kent Treble Bob, and ere twenty-five minutes had passed, the first 720 of Treble Bob was accomplished, in which a Bardfield had ever taken part. C. H. Howard (conductor), W. Farrow, H. J. Collins, G. Williams, F. Suckling, E. F. Slade. This was F. Suckling's first attempt and Treble Bob; at his ringing was almost faultless. Afterwards 720 Oxford Bob. G. Williams, C. H. Howard, E. Townsend, H. Bedlow, J. Gould, E. F. Slade (conductor). By this time we had worn the daylight out, and while the lamps were being lighted, 120 Grandsire Doubles was tapped off. H. Bedlow, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard, F. Suckling, Geo. Williams (conductor), H. J. Collins. To conclude, 720 Bob Minor was attempted and came to grief just before the third part end, conducted by G. Williams.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. Lampet, who was indisposed, sent a message by his nephew, the Rev. T. Cartwright, thanking us for our visit, and hoping we should come again during the summer.

The local ringers, who have just joined the Essex Association, are to be congratulated on their excellent striking. They have mastered change-ringing, with very little instruction, and introduced the Art into a part of the county where it was practically unknown.

By 8.45 p.m. the weather had much improved. We then bid our ringing friends good-bye, promising the Rev. T. Cartwright that we would pay another visit during August, at which time his father, a former Braintree Vicar, would be staying in the parish. Braintree was reached at 9.45 p.m., everyone being much pleased with their short excursion, and take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Bardfield for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for meeting them.

DEATH OF DR. KING, OF OUNDLE.

The hand of death, says a local paper, has taken another old inhabitant in the person of Francis King, Mus. Doc., who died at his residence, Haydn House, after a lingering illness, at the age of seventy-four. Deceased, who was the last of his family, was born in Oundle. His father was a musical man, and so were his three brothers, vocalists and instrumentalists, all of whom are dead. The subject of our memoir showed his inborn talents at an early age, and before he was ten years old he was able not only to play the piano but to compose music. He was the delicate boy of the family, and this, with his great ability for music and penmanship, caused his parents anxiety, for they were told they would never rear him to manhood. This prediction, however, did not fortunately prove correct, for he reached a ripe old age, and passed the allotted life of man. It was when quite a boy that he made his first public appearance in the then town band with the other members of his family. At that time, more than sixty years since, elections for members of Parliament were contested at Northampton, and the band was engaged to play daily for three weeks at a time, and for 10s. a member and extras, and young King and master Frank alternated with the flute and drum. He was also a bell-ringer. When hardly out of his teens he opened a school at Ashton, being a proficient penman, writing a beautiful copper-plate hand. He at one time numbered some thirty scholars, sons of farmers and middle-class people, and he was afterwards appointed writing master to the Latham's Hospital (Blue Coat) School, a position he held for many years, until a change was made some fifteen years since, when the masterships (for besides Mr. King there was a resident master) were withdrawn. His first position in the church was that of organ blower to the organist, Miss Reasby, who gave him lessons, and he soon got beyond the proficiency of her teaching, and succeeded to the appointment. The organ was then in a gallery in the parish church, under the tower. On the restoration of the church some thirty-five years since, it was sold to a chapel at Peterborough, and deceased had the pleasure of taking charge of the existing organ, built by Walker, of London, and one of his greatest ambition in life was that he might hold the appointment of organist for fifty years, which was fully gratified. On his retirement about five years ago, he was presented by the parishioners with a purse of nearly a hundred sovereigns. Failing health continued, paralysis claimed him as a victim, and the occasional attacks brought an continued weakness and gradual decay. At times he improved, and it was considered wonderful how he should recover himself so well again. However, for several days last week it was seen that the end was drawing near, and on midnight on Saturday, Dr. King had joined the great majority.

As a professional teacher and musician, Dr. King was in his day much sought after on the organ, piano, 'cello, and viola, the latter being a favourite instrument, especially in chamber music, of which he was very fond. His extemporised music was a marked feature, and showed his great power of harmony. He was for some years music master to the Oundle school, being appointed during the headmastership of the late Rev. St. John Reade. He was much sought after as a teacher, and many including artistes, can bear testimony of his efficiency, and to the pleasure of their training. A feature of the town between eighty and forty years ago was its great orchestral society, of which Dr. King was conductor. Concerts were given periodically from the works of the great masters, and not only evening entertainments but matinees. As a composer Dr. King has produced volumes, including a number of Te Deums, some hundreds of chants, and kyries and hymns. Some very beautiful compositions are those to the hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," "Abide with me," "Now the day is over," "Thy will be done."

The Oundle ringers rang a muffled peal on the evening of the funeral.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Usk, to-day, Saturday, July 6th, at 2.45 sharp. Bells available after mid-day.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Heptonstall, to-day, Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready from dinner, business meeting in the schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leek, to-day, Saturday, July 6th. An address will be given in the parish church at 7.30 p.m., by the Rev. T. H. B. Fearon, Vicar.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—East-ern Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Pevensey, to-day, Saturday, July 6th, in accordance with the post-card issued to members. Bells of Pevensey and West Ham available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock sharp, by the kind invitation of the Ven. Arch-deacon of Lewes. The undersigned apologises for omitting to insert this notice last week.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. East. Div.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Anston, Kiveton Park, to-day, Saturday, July 6th. Tea at 5 p.m.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, July 6th, at New Mill, near Huddersfield. It is requested that as many members as possible attend as there is some important business in connection with the bell contest, to be held at New Mill, on Saturday, August 3rd. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house, The Rose and Crown.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual Festival will be held at Reading, on Wednesday, July 10th. Mattins at St. Laurence's at 11.30. Business meeting in the Town Hall 12.30. Dinner in small Town Hall 1.15. For dinner tickets, 2/-, apply on or before July 3rd, to A. H. Cocks, Esq., Poyntetts, Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames.

R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in St. John's parish room, Devizes, on Saturday, July 13th, to form a branch for the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire and to elect officers. Tea at 4.30, 8d. each, to those sending notice by the 10th. Business meeting immediately after. Bells of St. John's (8), and St. Mary's (6) available.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting, unavoidably postponed from June 29th, will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday afternoon, July 13th.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be

held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 13th. The Rector has very kindly offered to entertain members present.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Arch-deaconry of Sudbury.—A district meeting will be held at Clare (D.V.) on Saturday, July 13th. The tower of the parish church will be open to members. Tea at The Bell hotel, at 4 p.m. The Vicar of Clare will take the chair at the tea and subsequent meeting.

H. B. WOOLLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Bury St. Edmunds.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16th, 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 Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in The King's Arms hotel, St. John's Street, Salisbury, on July 20th, to form the branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum, and to elect officers. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each to those sending notice by the 17th. Business meeting immediately after. Bells of St. Thomas's (8), and of other church most likely, will be available.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. James's church, Rusholme, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Secretary.*
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of the above Association will take place at Stanmore, on the 20th inst., when it is hoped that the bells of Harrow Weald may also be available. The bells will be raised soon after 4 p.m. Members and their friends are cordially invited.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Arch-deaconry of Dorset.—It is proposed to hold meetings to start branches for the two halves of Dorset around Wimborne and Dorchester on a Saturday afternoon in July (probably July 13th at Wimborne, and July 27th at Dorchester). Any ringers in or near the county who have not been communicated with, are asked to write at once to

REV. H. DRAKE, *Secretary for Dorset.*
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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CASTOR.—This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and the go leaves nothing to be desired. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for so readily granting permission to ring. This is G. Hollis's first peal as conductor, and the first peal by Messrs. Coleman and Tirrell. Hollis hails from Bourne, Holmes from Edenham, Coleman from St. Neots, and the rest from Peterborough.

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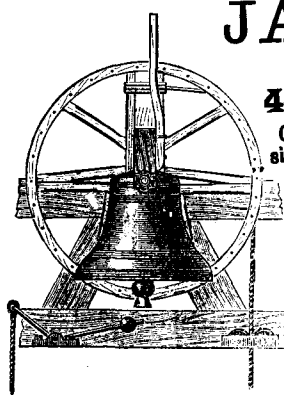
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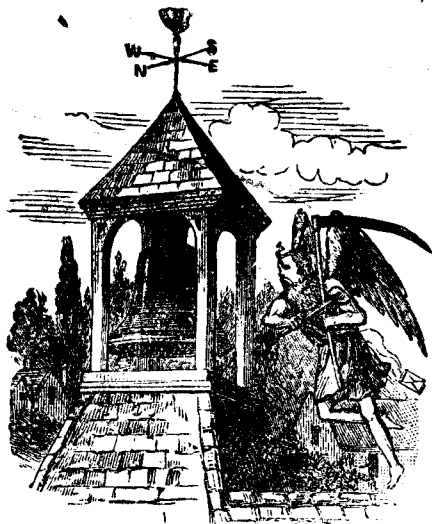
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TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Friday evening, July 5th, the members of the St. Mary's Guild assembled in the belfry of St. Mary's church, Taunton, to make a presentation to the Rev. J. V. Buckland, who has left the curacy of St. Mary's for the Vicarage of Whitelackington, near Ilminster. The members of the Guild, the Rev. Prebendary Askwith and F. W. Towning, and Mr. H. E. Vipan, new head master of the Huish School, were present. The present consisted of a beautifully chased biscuit basket and an illuminated address, both of which bore the inscription: "Presented to the Rev. J. V. Buckland, M.A., by the members of the St. Mary's Guild of Change-Ringers on his leaving Taunton. July 1st, 1901." The address also bore the names of the subscribers, who were Messrs. J. Burge, H. Van Tromp, A. J. Hopkinson, Iles, W. Eveleigh, W. White, B. Rocke, S. Wyatt, B. W. Van Tromp, E. B. W. Poole, H. A. Chapman, J. Routley, E. Wyatt, C. Pitman, E. B. Kite, F. Sadd, C. Summers, E. Sellick, and J. Fowler. The basket was supplied by Mr. R. L. Cozens, of East Street, and the address, which also bore a fine drawing of St. Mary's church and the belfry, was nicely done by Mr. Burrow, of Bath Place.

Mr. B. Van Tromp explained the object of their presence in the belfry that evening. They had decided to make Mr. Buckland a presentation on his leaving Taunton to show how much they appreciated his work among them as steward for the past three years. They were greatly indebted to him for his kindness during that period.

The Rev. Prebendary Askwith, in making the presentation, expressed his great pleasure in the undertaking. They were very much indebted to Mr. Buckland for the uniform kindness and help he had given the Guild since the time of his commencing the stewardship, which was, as Mr. Van Tromp had said, three years ago. During that time the finances had been entrusted to him, and had been kept in a very satisfactory state. Mr. Buckland had also shown an example of regularity in all his work. He wished to personally thank Mr. Buckland for the way in which he co-operated with him during the time he had been at St. Mary's. When he (Prebendary Askwith) first came to Taunton about fourteen years ago, the belfry was in a very unsatisfactory state. There were two or more sets of bellringers at that time, and that was thought out of the way. They therefore had a meeting and decided to form a Guild of change-ringers. That Guild had been in existence ever since. Before concluding he wished to speak of his appreciation of Mr. Burge's (the conductor) work in connection with the Guild. He had taken great care with recruits and made them efficient, and had shown great patience in the trying work.

The Rev. J. V. Buckland replied. He was heartily grateful to them for their kindness in giving him the beautiful present. He had learnt a lot since he had been steward in connection with that Guild, a position which he had held with much pride. Referring to the members of the Guild, he had not met a finer set of men among whom peace and happiness reigned to such a degree. They were headed by a man who had shown patience

and endeavoured to do his best in securing men to keep up the honour of the Guild. He had only four bells in the tower of the church of which he was Vicar, but should he at any time see his way to increase the number of bells so that they might have a band of change-ringers, the ones who would have the privilege of first ringing those changes would be the ringers of St. Mary's, Taunton.

Mr. Pitman expressed his satisfaction with the way in which the members of the Guild had subscribed for the present; each member seemed so willing to give towards the fund.

Mr. J. Burge, the conductor, referred to the Rev. J. V. Buckland's great kindness since he had been 'steward of St. Mary's tower, and also thanked Mr. Pitman for taking off his shoulders the duty of collecting the subscriptions. After the presentation the members gave a fine exhibition of changes on some nicely-toned handbells.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

For some years past the six bells in the tower of Christ Church have been in a very unsatisfactory condition, and as they grew worse the ringers became wishful that a better state of things might prevail. Taking the initiative they jointly subscribed £10 towards the rehanging of the bells, and also promised their services free for five years, providing two additional bells were included in the peal, one to be called the "ringers' bell," with suitable inscription inscribed.

The scheme was taken up with zest by the Vicar and churchwardens, who interested others in the matter. The Sunday school scholars have subscribed to purchase the other bell. Estimates were invited, and ultimately the order was placed in the hands of Messrs. Warner, who have carried out the specifications with great credit to themselves and satisfaction to those chiefly concerned. The smaller bell has an upper note, and weighs 5 cwt. 1 qr. and measures 27 inches in diameter. The bell has the following inscription:—

"This bell was given by the children of the Sunday School and teachers, Ascension Day, 1901. W. Bloor, P. H. Bloor, D. Parry, Superintendents; D. H. Briggs, Vicar; G. Wilk, J. H. Collis, Churchwardens."

The other bell gives F sharp, and weighs 6 cwt. 2 qrs. and measures 28 inches diameter, and bears the following inscription:—

"This bell was given by the ringers, Ascension Day, 1901. G. A. Smith, F. Smith, H. Smith, F. Darlington, J. Darlington, W. Thompson, A. Clay, W. Harratt. D. H. Briggs, Vicar; G. Wilk, J. H. Collis, Churchwardens."

The remaining bells have all been rehung, the old wooden frame has been replaced by a cast iron one. The bells were duly consecrated by the Ven. Archdeacon Lane, on Ascension Day, who in a short address made a few appropriate remarks on bells and ringers.

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THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild, representing Southport, Ormskirk, Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, Sefton, Tue Brook, Wigan, and Upholland, visited Ormskirk on Saturday, June 29th, and rang several touches on the fine bells of the old parish church. They were accompanied by Mr. W. Bentham (Secretary, Aughton), Mr. Martin (Liscard), Mr. Joseph Owen, Mr. Edward Bentham, and other friends. In the evening the visitors, on the invitation of the Rev. J. E. Woodrow (Vicar), and Mrs. Woodrow, assembled on the lawn behind the vicarage and partook of an excellent knife and fork tea. Afterwards the Rev. W. T. Bulpit proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow for their kindness, and remarked that they had had their tea in a charming place. It was served, too, in charming fashion.

Mr. Edward Bentham briefly seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in thanking them, said that when Mr. Bulpit wrote asking him if they could come to Ormskirk, they were delighted to invite them there. Then Mr. Bulpit asked him where they could meet and have tea, and he (the Vicar) said they could have it there. They hoped they would pay them a visit under the same conditions another time. He believed there was a little business to transact in connection with the meeting, and he would ask Mr. Bentham to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting, which was held at Sefton on April 27th, were then read and confirmed.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, referring to the general fund and the benevolent fund, said he hardly liked that the former should be paid into the benevolent fund, and he would be glad to hear their opinions on the matter. If money was required for the benevolent fund they should contribute to it. He thought some assistance should be made towards railway fares. He was of opinion that it would be a good thing if the subject was ventilated.

Mr. Martin said they had not a large amount to their credit, for their benevolent fund had gone down. He threw the idea out at Sefton to see what the action of the Guild would be generally. He thought it would be better to let the fund stand as it was. The working of the Guild only amounted to some £5 or £6 a year. He would like to see £50 or £60 in the bank, and he did not despair of seeing it yet. They had given assistance where it was needed; but the great object of the Guild was to bring the ringers and the congregation in touch—to get them to take an interest in the ringers, and the latter to remember this. All the clergymen connected with the Guild had been very sympathetic and kind, and done their best, as also had the churchwardens; but he would like the gentlemen in the congregation to look after the ringers, find out their grievances, and put them in touch with the worshippers. He was quite sure some members of the congregation would like to subscribe one shilling or so towards the benevolent fund. He would like to get in touch with gentlemen from each church.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Alice Prescott, Bickershaw, thanking them for a donation of £5 out of the benevolent fund on behalf of herself and children.

It was proposed that St. Luke's, Great Crosby, be the next place of meeting, but the Rev. W. T. Bulpit said the bells there were being repaired, and had to be taken away and brought back. They would have to leave the choice of place for another time.

The matter was left in the hands of Mr. Bulpit and Mr. Bentham, the Secretaries.

The ringers meet about every two months, and take the belfries in turn.

Mr. Edward Bentham threw out the suggestion that each working man, or each family in the diocese, should contribute one shilling towards the erection of the new cathedral.

On the motion of Mr. Bulpit, seconded by Mr. Joseph Owen, a vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. E. Woodrow for presiding.

The Vicar having thanked them, the proceedings closed.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EWELL, SURREY.

Sunday, June 23rd, 1901, will be remembered by the ringers of the above church with mixed feelings of pride and sadness, the one because of the churchwardens and local ringers with a few brother strings visiting the belfry to witness the Vicar unveil a new peal-tablet recording the only muffled peal rung by the Surrey Association on the funeral-day of Queen Victoria; the other because it was the last visit of the Vicar to the belfry before his departure from Ewell, having given up the living through ill-health. Having unveiled the tablet, the Vicar said a few words of praise, and then 336 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Jesse Beams, John Beams (conductor), G. Price, E. T. Grove, T. Miles, H. Greenhill, H. G. Beams, T. Everett. The tablet, which was made by Mr. Charles E. Read (the local conductor), is of red pine, painted black, written with gold letters, and bears the following inscription:—

IN MEMORIAM.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1901, eight members of the Ewell branch of the Surrey Association of Change-Ringers rang in this tower in three hours, Penning's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes. Rung with the bells deeply muffled on the funeral day of our departed Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, born May 24th, 1819, died January 22nd, 1901. George Price, treble; John Beams, 2; Henry Sycamore, 3; Edward T. Grove, 4; Harry G. Beams, 5; Henry Greenhill, 6; Charles E. Read, 7; William Poplet, tenor. Conducted by John Beams. The Rev. John Thornton, Vicar; George Wood, R. B. Jacomb, Churchwardens.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, June 29th, a meeting of the above was held at Sawbridgeworth, when the bells were placed at the disposal of members during the afternoon and evening, very kindly by the Vicar, there being present, Mr. G. H. Barker (Ware), H. J. Tucker (Stortford), and W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, besides the local band. Some very good ringing was done, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob, being rung. A meeting was held in the church room, very kindly placed at the disposal of members, at which the Vicar occupied the chair.

Messrs. Tarling, E. Saban, and Brown were duly proposed and seconded as members of the Association.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for receiving the Association so cordially, also for the use of the bells and church room, and for presiding at the meeting.

One thing must also be added, that the Vicar has joined the Association as an honorary member.

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FUNERAL OF THE REV. F. B. NEWMAN, AT BURTON LATIMER.

When the sad news reached Burton Latimer on a recent Wednesday morning that the Rev. Francis Browne Newman, M.A., formerly Rector of the parish, had passed away at the ripe age of seventy-five years, a cloud of sadness passed over the village. The rev. gentleman had laboured amongst the villagers for twenty-three years, and his work in the parish will live as a lasting memorial to his revered name. He was highly respected and esteemed by all irrespective of sect or religion, and his generous disposition and philanthropic spirit endeared him to a wide circle of friends not only in Burton Latimer but in the surrounding district. Mr. Newman left the parish some six years ago, having been Rector from 1872 to 1895, and during this time his energetic spirit was instrumental in effecting many improvements in the ancient church of St. Mary, of which he was very proud. The rev. gentleman did much in many ways in restoring this sacred pile, as well as reseating it. He also provided a fine-toned organ, and secured the renovation of the then dilapidated screen, and the erection of a new vestry. After these things had been accomplished he saw the necessity for the erection of a new school, and besides the enlargement of the old school the present fine structure is one of the fruits of his labours. A reading room for the men of the parish the rev. gentleman established many years ago, which flourished for a time, but unfortunately lapsed. Then, at great personal expense, he established the British Working Men's Club. This was afterwards supplemented by his erecting the St. Crispin's Hall, in which building a social and recreative club is still successfully carried on. In 1892, Mr. Newman was appointed Rural Dean of Weldon second deanery, which position he held until his retirement. He was also officially connected with the Northants Church Architectural Society, and having studied architecture during the early part of his life, his knowledge on this subject was largely sought after by his fellow ecclesiastics.

The remains of the deceased gentleman were consigned to their last resting-place in a brick vault in the eastern portion of the picturesque little churchyard of St. Mary's, at Burton Latimer, on Friday morning, in the presence of a very large number of the parishioners and friends from the surrounding district.

The opening sentences of the service were read by the Rev. H. Priestland (Curate of the parish), the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Jacques, being away from home. The Rector of Cranford, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, read the Burial Lesson, and Psalm xc. was chanted to Barnby in D by the full surpliced choir. A favourite hymn of the deceased, was sung by the choir and congregation, and as the coffin and mourners left the sacred edifice, the organ pealed forth the strains of the Dead March in "Saul."

The Rev. Francis B. Newman was one of the very first Clergy in the district to become an honorary member of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association (now the Central Northants.), when it was first formed in 1883—his ringers also joined at the same time—he continued a hearty support until he left the neighbourhood.

Burton Latimer ringers rang their bells muffled on the evening of the funeral.

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THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held at Calverley, on Saturday, June 29th, and was very well attended, ringers being present from the following places: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Guiseley, Headingley, Holbeck, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Leeds, and Wakefield.

An attempt was made for a peal, but after ringing two hours, it unfortunately came to grief. Ringing in various methods followed until time for the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. John Whittaker (Vice-President).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read, on the motion of Mr. W. Walker, seconded by Mr. H. Braime.

An interesting discussion then took place respecting the resolution adopted by the Central Council in reference to the ringing of peals, the general opinion being that the conditions should be strictly adhered to.

Mr. John Thackray proposed, and Mr. T. Kendal seconded, "That the best thanks of all present be accorded to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness." This was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Pratt and Mr. E. Keighly responded, expressing their pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business. The handbells were then introduced, and a very enjoyable evening followed.

The next meeting will be held at Tong, on Saturday, July 27th.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD.—The local band assisted recently in the welcome home of Colonel H. Lawson of the Bucks. Imperial Yeomanry, by ringing him into the town with 420 Bob Minor, and after receiving an address of welcome, the gallant Colonel was dragged in his vehicle, with many hoorahs from a loyal concourse of friends and people gathered to meet him on his safe return from the scene of war to his beloved home.

At Hall Barn, during the evening, some excellent striking was produced in the following: 532 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Wilkins (conductor), H. Painter, P. W. Wilkins, W. Bagley, F. Bagley, R. Buckland, W. E. Yates, A. Bagley. Also 476 Grandsire Triples. R. Sherman, J. Batting, P. W. Wilkins, H. Painter, Rev. H. Long, R. Buckland, W. E. Yates (conductor), J. W. Wilkins.

Recently an attempt for a peal was made, but when 1500 changes had been rung, the 4th rope broke. Messrs. Sherman, J. W. and W. P. Wilkins, Painter, Hayes, Buckland, Batting, and Bagley were the ringers.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, before morning service, 567 Kent Treble Bob Major. Richard Perkins, 1; Alfred Whatmore, 2; Arthur E. Whatmore, 3; Fred Plant, 4; Wm. Potter, 5; Noah Hollyoake, 6; Jno. Piper, 7; Jos. Smith conductor. Before afternoon service 576 Treble Major. R. Perkins, 1; Wm. Potter, 2; A. Whatmore, 3; Wm. Fryer, 4; F. Plant, 5; Wm. Hartshorne, 6; J. Piper, 7; J. Smith, 8. After afternoon service, 864 Treble Major. R. Perkins, 1; F. Plant, 2; W. Potter, 3; N. Hollyoak, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. Harthorne, 6; J. Piper, 7; J. Smith conductor, 8. Before evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Whatmore, 1; W. Potter, 2; A. E. Whatmore, 3; W. Fryer, 4; F. Plant, 5; N. Hollyoak, 6; J. Smith conductor, 7; W. Fletcher, 8. Also 168 Canterbury Triples.

AMONG THE STRAWBERRIES, CHERRIES, & HOPS.

"Hullo!" exclaims the casual critic of "B.N." on reading the above title, "is our old friend going to devote a paragraph weekly to hop-growing and fruit culture?" No; such is not the case. The above heading only refers to a most pleasant outing the Leytonstone ringers had on Saturday and Sunday, June 29th and 30th, to the district where such things are most extensively grown—around Maidstone.

Believing in the old adage that the early bird does often secure the proverbial worm or its equivalent, 5.30 a.m. on the Saturday found a party of twelve assembled under the clock at Liverpool Street terminus. After words of greeting and self-congratulation on once again having a fine day for our annual, we walked across to Cannon Street terminus and booked for Maidstone.

The train, punctual in starting, was only five minutes late in arriving—almost a record for the S. E. & C. railway. The rate of travelling was not excessive, as the 41 miles were safely negotiated in 2 hrs. 25 mins. But even 17 miles an hour has its compensations, for once clear of town one certainly has the opportunity of noticing some of the pretty bits of scenery which a higher rate of travelling would deprive us of, as well as enabling the handbell party to display their skill to better advantage.

Awaiting our arrival was Mr. A. Palmer, the district Secretary of the Kent County Association, and under his guidance a short walk through the old palace grounds and the churchyard surrounding All Saints, we arrived at The Globe, in Knighttrider Street, which was to be our temporary home. Here let it be at once recorded that no better house for ringers need be sought for in the town, for not only does it face the parish church with its grand peal of ten (30 cwt.), but the late husband of Mrs. Potter, the proprietress, having been a ringer, that good lady is well versed in their manners and customs.

Breakfast being all ready, and our appetites equally in good trim (four or five hours of fresh morning air is a fine thing to whet one's appetite), we quickly had our knees beneath the oak, and soon were discussing cold ham, and ham and veal pies with the usual accompaniment of tea and coffee.

Scarcely had the cravings of nature been satisfied, than the brake arrived on the scene, being ordered for nine sharp. All aboard, off we started for a hilly drive to our first place on the programme—Aylesford. To an antiquarian this place must be full of interest. The name itself carries one back to the time when in place of the stone bridge over the Medway, a ford actually existed. Here Briton and Saxon, and later still Saxon and Dane fiercely contested for supremacy. The church, dedicated to St. Peter, has some Norman remains, but the principal part is Decorated. It contains some very good monuments and brasses, as well as some windows worth looking at. The Rev. G. B. Vaux bade us welcome, and soon we were in the belfry. The peal of eight, tenor 14½ cwt., go well, for they were all put in order when the three trebles were added in 1885. The bells were soon sending forth the melodious sounds produced by Double Norwich, Plain Bob, and Stedman, a touch of each being rung. Working as we were to a set time and programme, we were soon off again to East Malling. The land on either side of the road seemed almost devoted to fruit and hops, and what a splendid sight a nice hop garden or cherry orchard is at this time of the year.

We found the Rev. W. E. Buckland in the fine old church of St. James, and he very courteously pointed out the most interesting parts of the sacred edifice. The remaining brasses are very good as well as fragments of old glass and a most curious font cover. Up in the belfry everything was in order, and soon we set the ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.) in motion. The bells date from 1635 except the treble which was added in 1833. They were all overhauled in 1885, and being looked after, go well. Cambridge, Wells and Kent were the methods rang, and soon we were again on the road.

Regretfully we had to pass by West Malling as the nave—which is being rebuilt—is in the builder's hands, so this peal of eight was left in silence. What a flourishing place this must have been when the grand Norman Abbey was in its prime, and St. Leonard's tower an habitation?

Scarcely had we left off thinking of bygone glories, than a

tower and spire ahead proclaimed, though silently, that Mereworth was at hand.

Awaiting our arrival was the Rev. J. E. Rivington Jones, who showed us the interesting relics of the old church, and explained the idea of this eighteenth structure of very doubtful Italian design. Certainly it is better inside than out, the tower and spire being the only redeeming feature to see from without. A 720 of Superlative and two touches of Kent, and the bells were lowered.

But those two fine appetisers—fresh air and exercise—were again doing their work, so we tried the resources of a neighbouring hostelry. A dozen men, coming unexpectedly to a village public-house for something edible causes no little anxiety to mine host. However home-made bread, cheese, and freshly cut cucumbers, washed down with such liquids as fancy dictated, were very acceptable to hungry men.

Once more we were off, and the horses heads turned in the direction of Watlingtonbury. The steeplekeeper was at hand, and apologised for the Vicar's absence. He conducted us into about the smallest and darkest belfry that it has ever been the lot of any of us to enter. The light ring of six, tenor 7½ cwt., are musical, and soon a 720 of Lichfield, followed by a course of Kent, was brought home. But if the tower is small, the church of St. John the Baptist is of fair proportions, with a very large vestry in which is kept, chained, one of the two relics of the ancient tything system—"The Dumb Borsholder." It is a stout oaken staff shod and pointed with iron, and originally belonged to the tything of Pizein. Its possession entitled the elected holder to search for any secreted stolen goods, even if in so doing he had to break into any place. The last holder of this ancient of authority—Thomas Campard—lies buried in this churchyard.

Leaving Watlingtonbury and crossing the Medway at Teston Bridge, we soon reached East Farleigh. In the tower of St. Mary's church hangs a light peal of six, tenor 8½ cwt. The church itself is a very pretty Perpendicular structure. The Vicar, the Rev. Mowbray Trotter, was present, and after welcoming us, most heartily invited us to have tea at the vicarage. The offer coming so spontaneously was all the more appreciated. Bristol being safely brought round, and a course of Bob Minor, we were soon climbing the hill to the vicarage, being reinforced by Mr. K. C. Fox, whom business had prevented being with us sooner. Imagine yourself on the brow of a hill with trees at the back, in the valley a stream meandering peacefully on, and the slopes on either side of the river devoted to hop gardens and cherry orchards. Here under the trees, surrounded by rose beds, we thoroughly enjoyed the *al fresco* tea.

But time was winging its onward flight, and after a course of Grandsire Caters we had to make a hasty adieu to our hospitable friends and hurry away to Barming, as we had promised to ring for a special dedication service at seven. But roads were hilly and progress slow, so that on our arrival at the parish church of St. Margaret's we had only time for 216 of Plain Bob before service. All attended the service, at which a finely-carved oak pulpit and a handsome window were unveiled and dedicated, after which a 720 each of London and Victoria were rung. Then to the mission room where a tasty supper was awaiting, and to which we did fair justice. Having previously thanked the Rev. T. W. Carr for his hospitality, we soon started for Maidstone, reaching that place about ten. The purchasing of souvenirs and presents next occupied the attention of most, and we reassembled for supper at eleven. Then came the question of beds. This was pretty well arranged, and everything seemed all right, when it was discovered that one of the party—wild horses could not drag his name from me—wishing to have a quiet night had commandeered the landlady's bedroom and was snugly between the sheets. After numerous knockings, hurried consultations and friendly suggestions—wise and otherwise—the matter was remedied, and all settled down till the early prowlers began the hunt for milk. Then no more rest, for those not already astir were soon routed out, one particular sleepy hand being specially dealt with.

The rain, which had been steadily falling some hours, eased about six, and all were out for a morning stroll. The nautically inclined had a pleasant row some distance up the river, under the able guidance of a fifteen-stone coxswain. Breakfast at eight, and then off we started for Leeds. A smart shower was

soon over and the sun shone out in all its splendour. How beautiful everything seemed after the rain.

Leeds church and bells will always be associated with that king of Bob Major ringers—James Barham. Quantity if not quality must have been the ambition of the band of which he was leader. His tombstone is in a good state and should be kept so by the county association. The church contains a good oak screen, but the most unique feature is the massiveness of the tower. This is no less than 36 feet square, and about 60 feet high. A touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round with the assistance of Mr. Palmer, and then we were off to Bearstead. This church—dedicated to Holy Cross—stands up well, and has a fine tower. A turret runs up at the south-east angle, and at each of the other corners instead of pinnacles there are three stone figures of animals, somewhat thought to resemble bears. We had a welcoming word from Canon Scarth, and then pulled off a 720 of York. This was followed by a splendid cold luncheon at the vicarage, the last course of which consisted of freshly gathered strawberries. While some were ringing 720 of Worcester, others walked around the well-kept gardens till departure time arrived, and with many thanks to the Vicar we departed for Maidstone.

After tea came the final pull at All Saints, and here we met with the only bad luck of the tour in losing a good 500 of Grandsire Caters in the last lead. Two courses were afterwards brought round before service. This ended the ringing, and we were soon getting ready for home. An enjoyable journey, via Chatham brought us into London Bridge, from which place tracks were quickly made for respective destinations. To everyone, who in any way assisted us to make the outing a success, and especially to the incumbents of the churches we visited, and who did so much to welcome us, we wish to tender them our sincere thanks. 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."

"A SAD POSITION OF AFFAIRS."

SIR,—The state of things disclosed in Mr. Twigg's letter in your last number is very unfortunate, and will, I imagine, meet with the disapproval of all ringers on account of the narrowness of view taken by the Rector of St. Mary's, Bucknall. Still, as very narrow opinions are frequently held, conscientiously no doubt, by the more extreme teetotalers, he doubtless acts in accordance with his present convictions; and to deal with these I venture to suggest to Mr. Twigg that this is a case in which he should endeavour to procure the friendly offices of the officers of the Association within whose area of operation Bucknall is situated.

Mr. Twigg and his friends must not, however, ring after being forbidden by the parson, because his power of prohibition is absolute by law; and if they offend against his prohibition they will thereby render themselves answerable to such proceedings as the parson may be advised to take against them. Whether there is any agreement between the parochial authorities and the ringers of such a nature as to give the latter a claim to damages for dismissal under the circumstances, is another question, about which, of course, I know nothing.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—It is always sad to hear of such a state of things as Mr. Twigg describes, because it gives occasion for the taunt that there are some ministers who prefer to preach teetotalism in the place of the Gospel of Christ. At the same time, of course, we only hear the account from one side: it may be that the Rector would be able to make out a good case on the other side. At the ringers' suppers alluded to, is everyone obliged to have beer? Would it be impossible or difficult for a teetotaler to be a ringer in that tower? If so, there is as much intolerance on one side as on the other.

But supposing all that is reasonable has been done by the ringers; it must be remembered the Rector has absolute control over the belfry; and if he chooses to lock the ringers

out, they have no power to get to the ropes. At the same time it seems a pity that the ringing should be stopped, when some means of arranging the matter might surely be found.

The Rector objects to the ringers having beer "as ringers"; well, after all, beer is not a necessary part of ringing; and when ringers do drink beer they drink it as men and not as ringers. What I mean to imply is this. Why should not the ringers form themselves into a club, quite separate from any Church organization, in order to take their outing and their suppers? These latter would go on just as before, but the Rector's conscience would not be troubled by thinking it was called a meeting of a Church organization. He would moreover have no possible reason for dismissing the ringers. It is certainly not the best possible way of arranging things; but at any rate it is better than quarrelling, even with one who is unreasonable. H. DRAKE.

THE STEPNEY PEAL.

SIR,—Mr. Sharman, the conductor of this peal, denies that there was any firing, and also that a course-end was forced up. He also says that it was impossible to do such a thing, and ridiculous to think of it. I am sorry to say that Mr. Sharman is not speaking the truth. I say again that the firing occupied quite 2½ minutes, and I am prepared to make this statement before the committee of the Association if required. Your readers will hardly accept Mr. Sharman's story that to force up a course-end is impossible or ridiculous when a man is determined to get a peal through, hook or by crook. I have not said anything about a coming round course, so nothing will alter my statement. Also one week elapsed between the publication of the peal in "THE BELL NEWS" and when I wrote my criticism of it. I have said what I heard, and will go through with it if desired. Peals with 2½ minutes' firing in them will hardly go down with the ringers of the present day, and the name of any Association that permits them will become a byword. H. SPRINGALL.

11, Malta Road, Leyton.

We, the undersigned ringers, can vouch for the truthfulness of Mr. Springall's statement *re* the firing in the supposed peal at Stepney, and are surprised at Mr. Sharman denying the same.

Signed { W. JONES, 43, Wellesley Street, Stepney.
A. DEAN, 2, Rectory Square, Stepney.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—We are now introduced to a third term, as if the other two were not sufficiently mixed up already! "Contiguous" however is hardly the equivalent of "adjacent" as Mr. Baker states. Contiguous means "in touch with" and is thus equally applicable to placemaking which occupies 2 or 4 rows. When however we qualify it by saying "lying contiguous to" it becomes equivalent to "adjacent," and is applicable only to placemaking in 2 rows.

If certainly is rather disconcerting to be told that one's *idea* is utterly wrong (italics not mine); but after Mr. Baker's use (or misuse) of the word "consecutive" I must ask for more weighty evidence. Besides the fact I referred to remains.

Mr. Baker's arguments here seem to be that because two things are sometimes the same they can never differ. It is the same logical fallacy of arguing from the particular to the universal, that has led him astray in the use of "consecutive" and "adjacent." H. DRAKE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—Recently to welcome home the Bucks contingent of the Imperial Yeomanry the following rang a 210 of Grandsire Triples. H. Neighbour, 1: J. W. Wilkins, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; W. Bagley, 4; B. Page, 5; P. W. Wilkins, 6; F. Paintin, 7; R. Buckland, 8. Also a 330 with J. Batting and R. Coles in place of H. Neighbour and F. Paintin. Also on handbells at the churchmen's club, a course of Grandsire Caters. P. W. Wilkins, 1-2; J. W. Wilkins, 3-4; F. Paintin, 5; W. Bagley, 6; F. Hayes, 7; J. Batting, 8; R. Buckland, 9-10. Also a course of Stedman Triples. J. W. Wilkins, 1-2; F. Paintin, 3; F. Hayes, 4; J. Batting, 5; W. Bagley, 6; R. Buckland, 7-8.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1901.

ANOTHER of those unfortunate disagreements between ringers and clergy, which are happily becoming more rare, is announced from a place named Bucknall, in Staffordshire. This untoward incident is more to be regretted from the fact that the company of ringers, headed by that remarkable six-bell conductor—WILLIAM TWIGG—is in such a high state of discipline and organization, and has shown proof of more than ordinary ability; that such a healthful condition of affairs, consequent upon the recent action of the incumbent, is jeopardized. The high position this Buckland company enjoys in the Exercise, as six-bell ringers among the most difficult methods, to an ordinary mind would secure them from attack, from the clerical side, at any rate. It may reasonably be imagined

that any incumbent, having such a body of clever ringers as the Bucknall company are, enthusiasts at the same time for law and order, and anxious to prove their skill and cohesion, would do his best to promote their peace, rather than create a flimsy offence begat by ridiculous stipulations as to how a glass of beer should be drank. We apprehend that the members of this company are all honest and sober men; taking what they require in moderation both in eating and drinking, but with regard to the latter falling short of becoming total abstainers, or "teetotalers," as they are called. It has often been asserted that among these people, *i.e.* "teetotalers," are to be found the most intemperate folk under the sun: intemperate in eating (a very popular belief), in drinking, and other matters; and most intemperate, dogmatical assertive, and obstinate in opinion. It really is unfortunate for the splendid cause of temperance that the word "teetotaler" so readily conveys to the mind an idea that no ordinary amount of overweening vanity, self-importance, and conceit is possessed by many of those who come under the definition.

We have no doubt of the grand benefits which follow in the wake of total abstinence from the use of intoxicants, and are the last to belittle the temperance propaganda. But that is no reason why we should be forced against our wish to abstain. Coercion of any sort is entirely foreign and repugnant to the people of these kingdoms whether they be bellringers or not. What would the Rector of Bucknall say if a neighbouring incumbent endeavoured to coerce his ringers (all teetotalers) into drinking, each of them, a pint of ale after leaving the church at the end of their weekly practice? He would be horrified, no doubt. But coercion in this case would be no worse than his own. We grant that he is doing in this matter what seems to him right; some would say "Yes; the right thing in his own eyes." We have no doubt at all of his sincerity in this business. May we ask him therefore, if he has tried to coerce any other church official in the same way? the organist, for instance, or his own churchwarden. Has he told these gentlemen they must not drink ale or beer, or wine, in their official capacity? And if so, what has been their answer?

To any one who enters on a crusade against the present position of the drink traffic, a crusade to lessen its power for evil; and to regulate by stringest legislation its operations, all sensible men will wish success. But the rev. gentleman has begun at the wrong end. With all deference and respect, his attempt in this direction seems puny and contemptible. There is, unfortunately, plenty of room for sustained and well-meant, but practical effort towards the remedying of the evils connected with "the trade," as its supporters have the assurance to call it.

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AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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

Composed and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred R. Glasscock on attaining his majority, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE ESSEX	Treble.	*CHARLES WARD	5.
ALICE WHITE	2.	JOHN BALLARD	6.
HENRY WHITE	3.	THOMAS NEWMAN	7.
EDWIN MENDAY	4.	HARRY SIMMONDS	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th hail from Basingstoke; the rest are local men. The above was rung as a friendly peal, and the striking was good throughout.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Twenty-six Six-scores of Grandsire, and Sixteen of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MORRIS SMITH	Treble.	*WALTER FINDEON	3.
JOHN W. BARKER	2.	W. STAPLETON	4.
FRANK WEBB .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal of Doubles by all the band, also by the Association. It was intended to ring a peal of Minor, but the band turned up one short.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY WHITE	Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN	5.
ALICE WHITE	2.	ALFRED E. REEVES	6.
CHARLES GILES	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
ALBERT E. REEVES	4.	REUBEN SAWYER	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY SAYER	Treble.	JOHN WYATT	5.
HENRY CORBETT	2.	JOHN HOYLE*	6.
GEORGE WYATT	3.	EDWARD HULL	7.
ARTHUR DEAN	4.	HENRY PRICE	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOYLE.

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Sayer, his fellow ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 2.	JOHN BURFORD 7.
HENRY PRING 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 8.
RICHARD CLARK 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	JOHN EACHUS 6.
EDMUND J. COCKROFT .. 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
HENRY MOSS 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
FREDERICK STUBBS 2.	FRED WILFORD 6.
WALTER GILBERT 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 7.
FREDERICK GILBERT 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

AMPTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK J. BIRD Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	JOSEPH CHURCH 5.
WILLIAM FREEMAN 3.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

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On Tuesday, July 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST ALDRIDGE* .. Treble.	FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 5.
HERBERT TIMMS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
CHARLES PARKER 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
NOBLE SPINDLOW 4.	*GEORGE PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

*First peal.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. POLE ROUTH, ESQ. .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 6.
CHARLES STONE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Stedman Triples, at Selly Oak, on June 27th, was 2 hours 44½ mins., not 3 hours 44½ mins. as stated.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Minor rung at Sproughton, has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Thursday, January 10th, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 7 mins., composed by T. Marshall of Stockport. E. Mankelov, 1; J. Perkins, jun., 2; J. Smith, 3; G. Smithers, 4; A. Welsh, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins, sen., conductor, 7; W. Smith, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 14th, at the church of St. Leonard, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Tabrett, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Goodwin (Ashford), 3; G. Denne conductor, 4; E. Verrier, 5; H. Barton, 6. And on Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Barton, 1; J. Henley (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; E. Verrier, 3; G. Denne conductor, 4; H. Denne, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt in G.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service, at the church of St. John, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell conductor, 1; T. Deal, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; J. Davis, 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; J. Law, 8. For evening service, 1260

Stedman Triples. E. H. Nixon, 1; T. Deal, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; E. Richards, 3; W. J. Jeffries, 5; H. Dickens, 6; G. H. Daynes conductor, 7; T. Daynes, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS (Northumberland).—Recently at Christ Church, 336 Stedman Triples. T. Hogg, 1; E. Hern, 2; A. Davison, 3; J. A. Gofton, 4; T. T. Gofton, 5; A. T. Teasdale conductor, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. 616 Grandsire Triples. G. Holmes, 1; E. Hern, 2; T. Hogg, 3; T. Teasdale conductor, 4; J. Hern, 5; G. Dex, 6; A. Tully, 7; A. Lawson, 8. On handbells retained in hand, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Hern, 1-2; T. Teasdale conductor, 3-4; T. Hogg, 5-6. 720 Bob Minor. E. Hern, 1-2; T. Teasdale conductor 3-4; T. Hogg, 5-6. Another 720 Bob Minor. T. Teasdale, 1-2; E. Hern, 3-4; T. Hogg conductor, 5-6. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, 360 College Single, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 576 Bob Major.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Hospital Sunday, June 16th, at St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1260 changes in, 51 mins. William Berry, 1; Harry Flanders, 2; Isaac G. Shade, 3; William Foreman, 4; John J. Lamb, 5; Cornelius Charge conductor, 6; Reuben Charge, 7; William Charge, 8; Frederick W. Thornton, 9; Frederick H. Gooch, 10. Rung to welcome the new Vicar of Greenwich, the Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Hunt, 7; T. W. Radford conductor, 8. Also 543 Stedman Caters. S. Radford, 1; C. Willshire, 2; E. Raddon, 3; J. Grundy, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; E. Allen, 7; J. Hunt, 8; T. W. Radford (conductor), 9; R. Roffey, 10. On Sunday, May 5th, for Divine Service, 675 Stedman Caters. T. W. Radford, 1; C. F. Winney conductor, 2; E. Raddon, 3; G. N. Price, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. Allen, 6; C. Hazelden, 7; S. Radford, 8; J. Hunt, 9; E. Heather, 10. Also 171 Stedman Caters. On Sunday, May 19th, 240 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. Also 224 in the same method. On Sunday, June 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. T. W. Radford, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Raddon, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford conductor, 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, June 22nd, for Divine Service, 540 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; E. Raddon, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; J. Heathorn, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; S. Radford, 7; G. Woodis, 8; J. Hunt conductor, 9; B. Wickens, 10. Recently for practice, 375 Stedman Caters. T. W. Radford conductor, 1; C. Willshire, 2; E. Raddon, 3; G. Foster, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; J. Hunt, 7; S. Radford, 8; F. Blondell, 9; R. Roffey, 10.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR.—On Sunday, May 31st, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Triples. W. Mytton, 1; R. Browning conductor, 2; E. Phillips, 3; T. Williams, 4; H. Winter, 5; T. Mytton, 6. Also on Sunday, June 9th, at Welland, Worcestershire, by the same company, 1260 Stedman Triples conducted by T. Williams, and 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Greenway, 1; R. Browning, 2; E. Phillips, 3; W. Mytton, 4; T. Williams conductor, 5; H. Winter, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURGATE (Suffolk).—On Easter Monday, at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 300 Grandsire, 240 each of St. Dunstan, Fortune Dream, Morning Star. J. A. Berry, 1; A. Berry, 2; E. Youngs, 3; W. Rose, 4; G. E. Symonds conductor, 5. Also 360 Doubles, being 120 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire. G. Brown, 1; A. Berry, 2; W. Rose, 3; E. Youngs, 4; G. E. Symonds conductor, 5.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—Recently for practice at the church of St. Andrew 1008 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Gage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; W. Hensley, 4; A. Newson, 5; W. Ringer, 6; W. Killington, 7; J. Woods conductor, 8. Also on handbells in the blacksmith's shop, 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Gage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; J. Woods, 4; F. Day conductor, 5-6. On June 14th, 672 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Gage, 2; W. Hensley, 3; R. Haylett, 4; F. Day, 5; W. Ringer, 6; W. Killington, 7; J. Woods conductor, 8. Also on June 19th, 336 Bob Major. E. G. Kemp, 1; J. Gage, 2; R. Haylett, 3; H. Tucker, 4; A. Newson, 5; F. Day, 6; W. Killington, 7; J. Woods conductor, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. W. Hensley, 3; R. Haylett, 6; the rest as before.

WICKHAM SKRITH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday April 10th, for prac-

tice, 720 Woodbine. E. Youngs, 1; T. Davey, 2; G. Kemp, 3; H. Cattermole, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole conductor, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Collings, 1; W. Rose, 2; F. Potter, 3; E. Youngs, 4; H. Cattermole, 5; J. Rose conductor, 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, May 12th for evening service at the church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, 1; E. Slater, 2; H. Millard, 3; F. S. Wilson, 4; F. Atwell, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge conductor, 7; J. Pippin, 8.

ARMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, June 23rd, for morning service at Christ Church, 360 Violet, 144 Oxford, and 72 Kent. C. Lockwood, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray conductor, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford. Frank Gaunt (first 720), 1; Jos. Thackray conductor, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, April 21st, at the church of St. Peter de Merton, for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Smith, 1; A. Robinson, 2; F. Lowe, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; C. Robinson, 6. 120 Bob Doubles. C. Findeon, 1; F. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; M. Smith, 6. Also three courses of Plain Bob Minor. M. Smith, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Findeon, 4; A. Robinson, 5; W. Stapleton, 6. For evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. W. W. West, 1; F. Lowe, 2; W. Stapleton, 3; W. Findeon, 4; C. Findeon, 5; A. Robinson conductor, 6. 60 Grandsire Doubles. M. Smith, 1; A. Robinson, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; J. Facey, 6. On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. M. Smith, 1; F. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; F. Reynolds, 6. 120 Bob Doubles. F. Lowe, 1; M. Smith, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Stapleton conductor, 4; W. Findeon, 5; F. Reynolds, 6. For evening service, 240 Plain Bob Minor. W. W. West, 1; F. Lowe, 2; W. Stapleton, 3; W. Findeon, 4; C. Findeon, 5; A. Robinson conductor, 6. 120 Grandsire Doubles. M. Smith, 1; W. W. West, 2; C. Findeon, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; C. Robinson, 6. Tenor 12 cwt in G. On Thursday, May 2nd, at the church of St. Peter, for practice, 720. C. Chasty, 1; W. Barker, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; A. Robinson conductor, 6. First 720 by the ringers of 4th and 5th. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob. W. Findeon, 1; W. Stapleton, 2; W. C. Clarke, 3; A. Robinson, 4; W. Barker, 5; C. Chasty, 6. 120 Bob Doubles. W. W. West, 1; M. Smith, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Findeon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; C. Robinson, 6. 120 Grandsire Doubles, standing as before. First in the method by the ringer of the second. On handbells, a course of Woodbine. W. Findeon, 1; W. Barker, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. Chasty, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; A. Robinson, 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob. W. Findeon, 1; W. Stapleton, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Barber, 5; A. Robinson, 6.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, March 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; C. Pryor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, 1; E. Pryor, 2; C. Pryor, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. Miles, 8. On Tuesday, March 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; C. Pryor, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; F. Smith, 6; R. Bevan, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; M. Woodcock, 3; C. Pryor, 4; W. Pryor, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. Also for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; J. W. Chandler, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; E. Chapman, 7; C. Pryor, 8. On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 324 Grandsire Caters. F. Burrows, 1; C. Pryor, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. W. Chandler, 4; E. Bonfield, 5; M. Woodcock, 6; W. Pryor, 7; W. H. Pryor, 8; R. Bevan conductor, 9. On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, 404 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; M. Woodcock, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; C. Pryor, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On April 10th, for evening service, and also as a birthday compliment to W. Pryor, 1260 Grandsire Triples. E. Pryor, 1; Alderman Newland, 2; C. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; T. Titchener, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On May 14th, for evening service, 475 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; C. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; M. Woodcock, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, July 1st, at the church of St. Andrew, 576 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; T. Holmes, 6; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 7; J.

George composer and conductor, 8. On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. George (composer and conductor), 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; A. Bramall, 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; C. J. B. Cooke, 3; A. Coales, 4; A. Bramall, 5; A. Dubber, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (composer and conductor), 8. On Monday, July 8th, 576 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Bramall, 5; A. Dubber, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (composer and conductor), 8.

STONEY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 16th, at the church of St. Giles, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. C. Valentine, 1; R. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Bonham, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley, 6. On Monday, June 17th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Valentine, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Tucker, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Cowley, 6. Also two 720s Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; the rest as before, and conducted by G. Cowley. The 720s were rung as a welcome to Trooper Rogers of the Bucks. Yeomanry, on his return home from the front. On Tuesday, June 25th, 360 Bob Minor. C. Valentine, 1; R. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Bonham, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley conductor, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; E. Yates, 3; R. Valentine, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley, conductor, 6.

WAKEFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, June 18th, on the occasion of the visit of his grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new addition to the Cathedral, which is being built in memory of the late Bishop, the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. D. Whiting, 1; Jas. Moorhouse, 2; Fred Moorhouse, 3; G. Cheesbro, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. W. Moorhouse, 6; T. L. Moorhouse, 7; J. T. Eason, 8; F. Barker, 9; T. H. Ormond, 10. Composed by A. Knights and conducted by J. W. Moorhouse. Also 1025 with T. H. Ormond, 9; H. Brame, 10; conducted by A. Scott. H. Brame hails from Bradford.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY AND ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF PRESTON AND FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.—The second annual outing of this body took place on Saturday, June 8th, to Stanstead, at which place the visitors arrived by brake, being met there by Messrs. Clark and Smith, of the local band. Two unsuccessful attempts were made for a 700, and then the Rev. — Pearson kindly invited the ringers to partake of refreshments. Another trot of a mile and we were by the side of the last resting-places of some dear old friends of Glemsford, of the well-known name of "Slater." The good old peal of six was raised and 360 of Kent rung. Before leaving Glemsford all were kindly invited to the residence of Mr. F. Wells to partake of his home-brewed beer and "The health of Mrs. and Mr. Wells" was drunk. After another two miles pleasant drive Cavendish Tower was reached. Messrs. Maxim, Underwood, and Thompson greeted us on arrival, and a 720 of Kent was well rung. Then to the nice clean little town of Clare where we arrived at 2 p.m. at The Waggon inn, where awaited us a capital spread. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Kinsey, of Felsham, and the vice-chair by Mr. H. Thompson, of Cavendish. Grace being said, and all supplied, "go" was pronounced once more and all were at it double-handed, doing justice to a grand leg of mutton and a round of splendid salt beef, followed by some beautiful seasonable pies which concluded the changes, and no ringer had to be corrected. The chairman proposed "The health of the King," which was drunk with musical honors. Other toasts included "The Clergy," "The Host and Hostess," and "The health of all Change-Ringers" by the vice-chairman. The health of the chairman" by Mr. T. Levitt, of Hitcham, was drunk with musical honors. Host Davey, who on entering was greeted by singing "He's a jolly good fellow," said it had given him much pleasure to know he had given great satisfaction in providing for the replenishing of the inner man to a large band of ringers, most of whom he had seen for the first time and hoped it would not be the last. He thanked one and all for the hearty manner in which the toast of himself and wife had been drunk. The guests at the dinner included Messrs. G. Maxim, H. Thompson (Cavendish), C. Honeybell and F. Wells (Glemsford). Much regret was felt by all at the absence of Mr. S. Slater who was not in time for dinner, but was enthusiastically welcomed on appearing during the afternoon. Then a walk of two miles to Stoke, where hangs a good musical ring of six, tenor about 15 cwt., which were

raised in readiness, but to the disappointment of all not a lead could be rung through the second rope sticking fast, so we were glad to get back to Clare and ring touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Major. This terminated tower ringing for the day, and after one more social hour the conveyance was brought up and after saying good-bye to our friends, we were leaving and passing the places and good ringers who helped to make our outing a most pleasant and happy one, which will not be forgotten by all for a long time to come. The company wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the steeple-keepers of all the towers for meeting them, also to tender their sincere thanks to the clergy for their kindness and the use of their bells. The visitors were Messrs. T. Hollocks, W. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, E. Newman, H. D. Poulson, and J. Fayers (Preston), T. Levitt (Hitcham), W. Kinsey and H. Gladwell (Felsham), A. Symonds, and H. Symonds (Lavenham). All are members of Preston tower. A. S.

THE SEDBURGH SOCIETY, YORKSHIRE.—The ringers of St. Andrew's, Sedburgh, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 29th. Accepting a kind invitation of the vicar of Hornby (a late curate of Sedburgh), a party of six started from Sedburgh at 9.30, and drove to Hornby. They arrived at 12.30. Luncheon took place at The Castle inn, where they were joined by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, the conductor, and the vicar of Hornby, Rev. E. C. Wilson. Luncheon over, the stables and pounds of Hornby castle were visited, and the old Norman keep ascended, by kind permission of Colonel Foster. They were met at tea by the local ringers. After tea a move was made to the tower, where hangs a ring of six, tenor 11 cwt. The bells were raised in peal by the local men, and then a touch of Bob Minor was rung by the Sedburgh band. After this a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) was rung by a mixed band as follows. G. Smith (Hornby), 1; J. E. Senogles (Sedburgh), 2; J. Eccles (Hornby), 3; W. Pennington (Sedburgh), 4; T. Fisher (Hornby), 5; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor, Sedburgh), 6. A few more touches were rung including some Treble Bob on handbells, by the Sedburgh company. At 6.30 a start was made for home, all arriving back thoroughly pleased with their outing. The ringers take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Rev. E. C. Wilson for his kindness, and hope that he will soon bring his ringers to Sedburgh for a visit.

THE ST. ALPHEGE CANTERBURY SOCIETY.—This company's outing took place on Whit-Monday, the weather being delightful. The party started between 7 and 8 a.m. from Canterbury, and was accompanied by the rector, the Rev. A. Butler. The journey was made through Wingham, leaving Goodnestone on the right, passing through Chillenden to Eythorne. Here, the rector, the Rev. B. Burrows, kindly offered the bells for a short ring for matins, and allowed the party to visit the pretty and interesting church. Then they walked through Waldershare park and visited the church at Waldershare. The rector had kindly given permission to inspect the church, and we beg to thank both the rectors of Eythorne and Waldershare for their great kindness and courtesy. The party then entered the brake and proceeded to Whitfield. Here they rang the handbells at the house of Mr. E. Crundall, who kindly offered hospitality. Proceeding, they stopped at the house of Mr. C. Davison, who had generously provided refreshments for the whole party, of which they gratefully partook. Dover was reached about mid-day, and soon after dinner was served at Messrs. Igglesden and Greaves' restaurant, which was excellent in quality and thoroughly enjoyed after the long drive. In the afternoon touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the steel bells of St. James's, and at 6.30 p.m. on the lovely toned peal of eight at St. Mary's. We here beg to thank the rectors of St. James's and St. Mary's for their great kindness in giving us the use of their towers. Canon Bartram's kindness was much esteemed, as he personally showed his interest in his own and our ringers by welcoming us in the friendliest manner. In the afternoon the party dispersed. Some visited the castle, others the harbour works, and others enjoyed a pleasant time on the sea in boats. Tea was served at 5 p.m. and was thoroughly appreciated. At 8 p.m. the party started on their homeward journey and the drive was happy in every way. The return route was by the main road from Dover to Canterbury which was reached about 11 p.m. W. P.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, MARGATE.—On Thursday, June 6th, this society had their first annual outing to Canterbury, via Sandwich. Meeting at the tower at 6.30, a few courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, after which a start was made in a pair-horse brake. Sandwich was the first stopping place. The peal of eight here are in rather a bad state and practically unringable, but after a struggle 168 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. Proceeding to Ash a stop was made and 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following. G. Eves, 1; Rev. A. Brine, 2; C. Player, 3; S. Twyman, 4; G. Willshire, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; A. H. Saxby, 7; A. Kay, 8. A halt was next made at Wingham, where the dinner was served, after which another start was made. On our arrival at Canterbury a visit was paid to the tower of St. Alphege, where several 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. After a visit to the cathedral tower tea was partaken of at the Beverley tea gardens, after which the neighbouring tower of St. Stephen's church was visited. Here, with a few of the Canterbury ringers an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing about half. Then a 420 of Stedman Triples was rung. E. E. Foreman, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; A. Brett, 3; S. Twyman, 4; F. Brett, 5; A. H. Saxby, 6; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 7; A. Kay, 8. A start was made for home about 9, which was reached soon after 11, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE SOUTH WEALD (ESSEX) COMPANY.—On a recent Wednesday the choir and ringers from South Weald went to Hastings for the annual outing. Arriving at Liverpool Street a few minutes after 8 the choir rushed off to Cannon Street, but the ringers lost themselves. When they found themselves they were under the two D's in Bishopsgate Street. On arriving at Cannon Street we found that the choir had gone, but there was another train at 9.18. As soon as the train started the handbells were brought out and several 6-scores of Plain Bob rung. Then a mysterious parcel was taken from the rack and the changes were soon going to the tune of cake and port wine. After dinner at the hotel Monaco, we walked to Christ Church, Blacklands, to find two of the local ringers awaiting us and the bells all ready. Then we rang two 6-scores of Plain Bob on the back six and two on the eight with 7-6-8 behind, and two attempts at Grandsire came to grief. Then we had a look at the bells and the inside of the church, which is well worth going to see, and then walked back through the park to the Monaco to tea. When we got there we found the choir on the whole looking very white. They had been out in a yacht and the water was a bit rough, but they said they had enjoyed it, so I suppose they did. We reached Brentwood at 10.30 p.m. everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thanks to our secretary and treasurer the Rev. M. Berkley. In conclusion we wish to thank the vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, for the use of the bells, and the two local ringers for their kindness in showing us round.

W. R. W.

AN OUTING TO MACCLESFIELD.—On Saturday afternoon, June 22nd, eleven ringers from Stoke-on-Trent visited Macclesfield and Prestbury, where through the kindness of Mr. W. Walmsley permission had been granted for ringing at both towers. Having arrived at Macclesfield they were greeted by Messrs. W. Walmsley and J. Norbury, and it was resolved that Prestbury should be visited first. Messrs. T. and S. Bradley, J. Fylde, J. Shore, and W. Wild, all of Hyde, were waiting to go by the same train to Prestbury. Having arrived there we soon got to work and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung by both parties. We left Prestbury for Macclesfield about 7, where during the evening one course of Stedman Caters was rung and touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob by both the Stoke and Hyde ringers. The Stoke ringers wish to thank Messrs. W. Walmsley and J. Norbury for their kindness, and assure them that should they or any of their brother ringers visit Stoke at any time, they will be sure of a hearty welcome.

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SAMUEL HINDE.

LATE OF RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD; DIED TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 1901, AGED 56 YEARS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above from concussion of the brain caused by the accidental breaking of a grinding stone whilst following his employment as a butcher's blade grinder, he having just hung a stone, and was "racing" it when a piece flew out, inflicting injuries to his head and chest, on May 31st. The funeral took place on Saturday, June 22nd, the first part of the service being held in Ranmoor church. Before leaving the church for Fulwood, where the interment took place, the choir sang hymn 401, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and at the graveside where the Vicar of Fulwood assisted, the Ranmoor choir sang hymn 231, "For ever with the Lord," a large gathering of relatives and friends being present. After the funeral the Ranmoor bells were rung with the bells half-muffled by a mixed company; and also on Sunday morning, June 23rd by the local company. Joining the Ranmoor company in 1883, Mr. Hinde was one of the first to learn half-pull ringing at Ranmoor, continuing an active member until he was appointed verger in 1883, after the church was rebuilt, which duties kept him out of the tower; he was also a life member of the Yorkshire Association. Speaking from the text "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," Ecc. ix., 10, the Vicar (Rev. J. G. Williams), said at the close of his sermon on Sunday morning, June 23rd—"No one who knew the late verger of this church could possibly have failed to have a deep respect for his thorough Christian character, and I do not know that it has ever been my lot to know any man who more earnestly endeavoured to carry out the injunction of my text, and I take this opportunity of bearing my testimony to the faithful, loyal, conscientious manner in which he performed his duties." Deceased will long be remembered in Ranmoor for his kind and charitable disposition. The very night before his death he spent in visiting a sick friend, and in recounting stories of bygone days, his remark—"Never mind, we never did anybody any harm," aptly describes his dealings with others. He leaves a widow and an unmarried family, the oldest of which, another Sam, follows the same trade as his father and grandfather, also Sam, did at the same wheel, situate in Whiteley Wood, one of the few remaining water-wheels which were in days gone by one of the features of rural Sheffield.

S. T.

REV. W. STOCKDALE.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, Vicar of Morton, Lincolnshire, which took place on July 1st, at the advanced age of ninety-one. The deceased gentleman had held the living of Morton for thirty-nine years, but during the past few years had done scarcely anything in Church work. He was an honorary member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and one who dearly loved to hear the sound of his bells, always willing to grant permission to any band of ringers, providing church service did not intervene. He was laid to rest in the old churchyard on Thursday, July 5th, amid manifestations of sorrow, nearly the whole village turning out to pay a last tribute to their beloved Vicar. There were numerous wreaths, and flowers of almost every description were strewn on the grave. In the evening 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung with the bells deeply muffled, being a fitting conclusion to a long and noble life. G. Mitchelson, 1; J. Alford, 2; G. Hollis (conductor), 3; A. J. Holmes, 4; A. Allen, 5; C. Fowler, 6.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in St. John's parish room, Devizes, to-day, Saturday, July 13th, to form a branch for the Archdeaconry of Wiltshire and to elect officers. Business meeting immediately after. Bells of St. John's (8), and St. Mary's (6) available.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting, unavoidably postponed from June 29th, will be held at Dunstable, this Saturday afternoon, July 13th.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, to-day, Saturday, July 13th. The Rector has very kindly offered to entertain members present.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—A district meeting will be held at Clare (p.v.) to-day, Saturday, July 13th. The tower of the parish church will be open to members. Tea at The Bell hotel, at 4 p.m. The Vicar of Clare will take the chair at the tea and subsequent meeting.

H. B. WOOLLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Bury St. Edmunds.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—Inaugural meeting, to-day, Saturday, July 13th, at Wimborne. Short service in the Minster, with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, at 4 p.m. Tea at Berry's at 4.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards in Church House. Lady and handbell ringers especially invited. Ringing at the Minster, Canford, Poole, Hinton Martel, and Witchampton.

REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Secretary.*
Verwood, Wimborne.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16th, 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 Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in The King's Arms hotel, St. John's Street, Salisbury, on July 20th, to form the branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum, and to elect officers. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each to those sending notice by the 17th. Business meeting immediately after. Bells of St. Thomas's (8), and of other church most likely, will be available.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. James's church, Rusholme, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea in the parish room, at 6 o'clock, and also to preside at the meeting. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Secretary.*
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of the above Association will take place at Stanmore, on the 20th inst., when it is hoped that the bells of Harrow Weald may also be available. The bells will be raised soon after 4 p.m. Members and their friends are cordially invited.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Maresfield, on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at The Chequers hotel, at 6 p.m.

Geo. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst, on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—West Dorset Branch.—Inaugural meeting on Saturday, July 27th, at Dorchester. Chairman, H. H. Palaret, Esq. (Master), supported by Captain Acland. Tea at St. Peter's institute, at 4.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Bells at St. Peter (8), St. George's (6) and Charminster (6).

REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Secretary.*
Verwood, Dorset.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, July 27th. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
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COPIES OF "THE BELL NEWS" WANTED.—Mr. John Steddy, of Alma House, Edenbridge, Kent, wants either or all of the following:—1891: June 16th, August 25th, September 15th, November 10th and 24th, December 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th. 1895: January 5th, February 9th and 16th, March 23rd, April 20th and 27th, May 4th, July 27th, August 17th, 24th, and 31st. 1899: October 14th and 21st. 1900: January 6th. Mr. Steddy will pay good prices and postage. Mr. A. Nunneley Wood, of 30, Kempston Road, Bedford, particularly wants a copy of "THE BELL NEWS" for December 20th, 1890, containing Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of the late T. Thurstan's four-part composition of Stedman Triples, and for which he will be pleased to pay sixpence.

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On Wednesday, June 19th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo-road, 336 Bob Major. A. G. H. Newman, 1; W. Crookford, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; T. Hendon, 4; B. Batterum, 5; F. G. Perrin, 6; E. H. Oxenham, 7; F. J. Shepherd (first in the method as conductor), 8.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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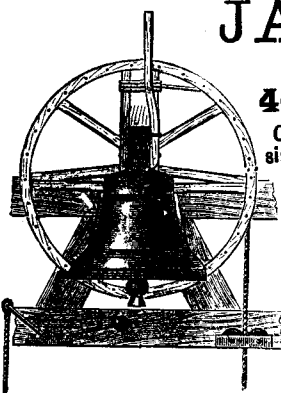
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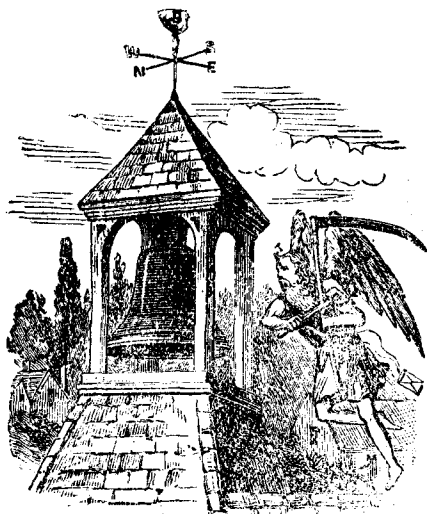
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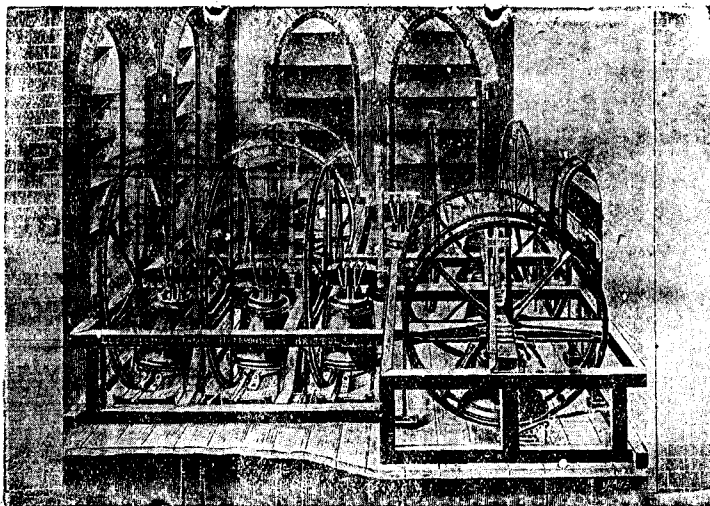
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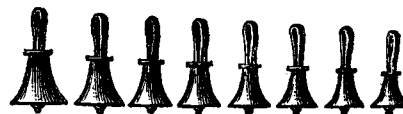
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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT AMBLE-SIDE, WESTMORELAND.

A brilliant and fashionable assembly, says a local paper, gathered at St. Mary's church, on Saturday evening for the dedication of the new ring of eight bells. These bells have been given by the following persons: Mr. A. Jackson, Mr. J. Jackson, Mr. T. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Gatey, Mrs. Freeman, Miss Morse, Mr. Jones-Balme, and Mr. Asplin. The bells, which were supplied by Messrs. Taylor, were hauled up through the large belfry window by the block and pulley system. The fittings are exceedingly heavy, and are made of iron, but far from having a deleterious effect upon the fabric of the church, the opinion of experts on the subject is that the reverse will be the case, and that the insertion of these iron girders and framework into the masonry of the tower will bind it together more effectively, if the $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet walls need any further binding together. In order to allow the sound to get better away the roof of the belfry has been taken out, and the smoke from the crypt carried away by a flue higher up. The flooring of the belfry has also been metalled and deadened, and the ringers may practice without running any risk of injury to their ear-drums.

The bishop of the diocese was originally to have been present to conduct the dedication, but he was prevented by indisposition. An effort was then made to fill the gap, and Bishop Hornby, the late Bishop of Nyassaland, at considerable inconvenience to himself came all the way from London at the last moment to officiate. The whole of St. Mary's surpliced choir was present, together with the Vicar (Rev. H. P. M. Lafone) and a numerous array of clergy. The bishop was attended by the Rev. E. Simpson, of the Wreay, Grasmere, as his chaplain. The organist played an *andante* from the quartette by Abel as a voluntary, and the service opened with the singing of the Old Hundredth psalm as a processional, after which the Rev. G. A. Jackson said the evening service to the end of the third collect, the Rev. R. S. Hulbert reading the first lesson: Numbers x. 1-10; and the Rev. Canon Crewdson the second lesson: 1 Cor. xiv. 1-12. The Bishop then delivered an address.

During the singing of the second hymn:—

Raised between the earth and heaven,
Now our bells are set on high,

the choir and clergy proceeded down the church and out by the south door, the congregation remaining in church whilst the bishop proceeded to the tower to dedicate the bells. The scene at this moment was one to be remembered. Filled with a large and fashionable congregation decked in the brightest of summer garbs, the interior of St. Mary's seldom looked to better advantage than on this eventful evening, when the sun in all the splendour of its July glory burst suddenly through the different coloured lights of the western windows, filling the church with a profusion of golden, purple, crimson and cardinal colours, lighting up the chancel and reredos as if by magic, and causing the beautiful marble and glittering mosaic to be

bathed in a flood of intermingling gleams of sunray, which sparkled and glanced from figure to figure and pillar to pillar. All was dead silence, save for the occasional tweet of the feathered songsters in the walls of the church. Presently floating across the evening air came the chant of the choir's "Amen," and then, bursting forth with all the richness of novelty, with all the purity of music, with all the strength of cathedral chimes, came the sound of the bells pealing forth their sacred harmonies to the world. The ringing, short as it was, was in perfect accord with the moment. The choir and clergy having returned, the hymn was sung which commences—

When morning gilds the skies
My heart awaking cries,

and during the singing an offertory was taken towards the cost of fixing the bells. A few prayers by the Bishop and then the service closed with the blessing.

After the service the bells commenced again, and the first complete peal upon the bells (already recorded) was rung. The peal gave great satisfaction. Naturally the bells sounded rather heavily in the immediate neighbourhood, but this is a contingency which can hardly be avoided anywhere. At Waterhead and on the hills they sounded particularly beautiful. In fact one enthusiastic individual, living not a hundred miles from the Stepping Stones, described them first of all as the sound of an immense bagpipe at one place where he was, but on going up Lanty Scar they sounded just like a set of fairy bells being swung side by side above the head.

For Sunday morning service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins. A. E. Wreaks, W. Billinghurst, T. Peers, E. Cash, T. Barlow, E. D. Taylor, R. Ridyard (conductor), J. Brierley. For evening service 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Gratrix, T. Peers, E. J. Cockroft, H. Moss, T. Barlow, E. Cash, J. Eachus (conductor), J. Brierley. Three courses of Bob Major were rung at the conclusion of the morning service and three courses of Grandsire Major at the close of the evening service.

On Sunday morning Bishop Ware (Barrow-in-Furness) preached, in the evening the sermon was preached by Bishop Hornby.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

On Friday evening, July 12th, the old peal of six bells were heard to send out their sweet notes after being silent a few weeks, they having been in the hands of the bell founders (Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough), who have tuned them, also having an order for two new bells, making a grand peal of eight. This being the date for the dedication of the new bells, the service was well attended, and the gathering seemed to be of great interest in marking a memorial to our late and beloved Queen, also to the memory of two old and esteemed parishioners, to which these additional bells were raised. The service commenced with the hymn "The Church's One Foundation," followed by Psalms 98 and 150. The

Rector (Rev. S. Nunn) read the lesson, Numbers x. 1-10. After the third collect the hymn "Christ is our Cornerstone," was sung. Then the clergy, choir, and ringers, preceded by the Rev. H. Goodwin, M.A., Rector of Norton-in-Hales, ascended the belfry and chimed the bells, the second being chimed by Miss B. A. Rigby, to whom all who are connected with the church thank for the generous gift to the place. The inscriptions on the bells were as follows:

"Parish of Lawton. The gift of B. A. Rigby, of 'The Grove,' in this parish, in memory of her father and mother, whose remains lie in the churchyard, A.D. 1901. John Taylor and Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough."

The treble was given by Mr. Stringer, of Sandbach, Vice-President of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and bore the following inscription:

"Parish of Lawton. Queen Victoria Memorial Bell, erected by the parishioners and friends A.D. 1901. Ed. Nall, Robt. Welch, Churchwardens."

A special hymn was then sung—

"Lifted up into the steeple,
Now our bells are set on high."

followed by an address by the Rev. H. Goodwin, which was very appropriate, he basing his remarks on the subject—"Take heed how ye hear them."

A hymn was sung, and after the Benediction the eight bells rang out their mellow tone, the local men handling the ropes. J. Hancock, 1; J. Wildblood, 2; J. Massey, 3; J. James, 4; J. Pierpoint, 5; W. Rigby, 6; G. Baddeley, 7; E. Briscall, 8. After ringing for a few minutes they turned their ropes up to other ringers who had arrived from Crewe, Audley, Sandbach, Tunstall, and Kidsgrove, and who rang touches of Grandsire Triples and various other methods, they coming to the conclusion that Messrs. Taylor had done their work well, and the "go" of the bells were satisfactory.

Sunday was a busy day, everybody was listening anxiously for eight bells to ring for three services which is usual on the second Sunday in every month. The striking was good for a band who were used to six bells, and they tapped off two 720s on the front six with the tenors covering, the ringers standing the same as for the opening except the tenor, which was rung morning and afternoon by S. Dimelow, and in the evening by T. Harper.

PETTISTREE CHURCH BELLS, SUFFOLK.

For several years these bells have been in such a condition that it has been unsafe to ring them. Mr. T. Manby, of Pettistree Hall, the energetic churchwarden, resolved to try and raise funds to have them thoroughly restored. He succeeded so well that the funds collected and promised enabled him to place the order with Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, Bell Founders, Ipswich. For several weeks past this firm has been at work in the tower. The bells have been quarter-turned and fitted with new clappers, working on new crownstaples. All new stocks, wheels, stays, sliders, ropes and steel gudgeons, working on gun-metal bearing, with cast-iron carriages have been fixed. The framework has been strengthened with bolts and plates, and the foundations renewed. There has also been a chiming apparatus fixed, to enable one person to chime all the bells. There are six bells, the three largest dating from about A.D. 1450. In A.D. 1848 the large tenor bell was recast into three smaller ones by Taylor and Son, Loughborough. The second bell bears the inscription: "One bell recast into three at the expense of R.

Brook, Esq., Pettistree Lodge, 1848." Members of the Norwich Diocesan Association from Great Bentley, Ufford, Wickham Market, Ipswich, Tunstall, Blaxhall and Hasketon, assembled and rang several 720s. In the evening a special service was held, and a sermon was preached by the Bishop of Norwich from Nehemiah viii. 10—"The joy of the Lord is your strength." There was a large congregation.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

The Victoria Memorial Peal Tablet was unveiled at Midhurst church on Sunday, July 14th, by the Vicar (the Rev. S. M. Campbell). At the conclusion of the evensong the Vicar, accompanied by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Rector of East Marden), and Mr. A. B. Bennett, proceeded to the position under the tower, where the tablet was veiled with two white ensigns. The Vicar then unveiled it—in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and announced to the congregation that the tablet was erected by the parishioners to record a half-muffled peal rung on February 2nd, 1901, in memory of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. Prayer was then offered and the National Anthem sung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who took his text from Joshua iv. 7. "There stones shall be for a memorial." The preacher urged that memorials were in strict accordance with our nature. Nature is God and God never sleeps. Referring to the tablet which had been placed in the church, the rev. gentleman said that we loved our Queen's memory, we thanked God for having lived in her time, and what had been done that day would not only help us to remember the blessings of her reign but would shew succeeding ages what love and respect we had felt for our Sovereign.

Hymn 437—"For all the saints, who from their labours rest," was then sung, followed by "Saviour again to Thy dear Name we raise." The bells did the work of the organ after the Benediction had been said by the Vicar; when 180 of Bob Minor was rung and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by C. Best, J. Lee, T. E. Ellis, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud, Rev. C. D. P. Davies. The tablet is of white marble, resting on a slab of very old dark marble, and is of an obelisk form. The work was carried out by Mr. H. Duncan, of Midhurst, and bears the following inscription:

The Sussex County Association of Change-Ringers. S.S. Magdalene and Denis. This tablet is erected by the parishioners of Midhurst to record a half-muffled peal rung on these bells by the church ringers on February 2nd, 1901, in memory of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. A peal of Bob Minor, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. G. Boswell, Treble; H. Churchill, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, Tenor. Conducted by A. B. Bennett. Rev. S. M. Campbell, Vicar, F. Broadwood, C. Spring, Churchwardens.

STOCKWELL, LONDON.

A large clock has just been erected in St. Andrew's church which shows time on four dials, and strikes the hours. The clock is generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, and made by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who guarantee that it will keep time with great accuracy. The same firm are making clocks for Newton-le-Willows Church, Colchester Town Hall, and other places.

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Midsummer quarterly meeting of this society was held at Anston on Saturday, July 6th. This is generally a favourite meeting place, the picturesque situation of the village, within easy walk of a railway station, the easy "go" of the bells, and the hearty welcome always extended by the local company, all combine to draw a goodly number of members to Anston. Perhaps the rainy morning deterred men, especially wheelmen, on this occasion, anyhow the attendance was far below the average. What was lacking, however, in quantity was amply made up for in quality of the performances. At quarterly meetings when the ropes are handled by mixed band, generally including some of the younger members whom the old hands are always (in this society at any rate) ready to encourage, breakdowns are not infrequent. At this meeting no such mishap occurred; four 720s were completed in succession without a hitch and the striking was remarkably true and regular. One 720 was a silent touch, the first ever attempted at a quarterly meeting of the Association. The assembled party sat down to an excellent tea at 5.30 p.m. and when that had been disposed of, the usual business was held, the Rev. W. H. Rigg, Vicar of the parish, presiding, in the course of which it was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Everton on Saturday, October 5th. The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells. Besides the local company, the only towers represented at this meeting were Harthill, Ordsall, and East Retford.

In addition to the regular meetings held at towers on the roll of the Association, the North Notts. have this year inaugurated a series of supplementary meetings at villages where the church towers contain a ring of six or more bells, but where the Art of change-ringing is not practised, with a view to promoting the science and gaining recruits. The first of these meetings was held on June 22nd, at Edwinstowe, in the heart of Sherwood Forest, a great resort of tourists, an ideal place for a ringing meeting. The fine tower, surmounted by a handsome spire, holds a very light and pretty ring of six bells, the tenor being only about 6½ cwt. The local band ring about a dozen call-changes with the treble always leading, and alas! some of them at any rate do not seem inclined to learn anything higher. A good deal of interest was however shown by the people around, whether residents or visitors, who listened to the ringing with evident interest. The East and West Retford, Ordsall, Markham, and Harthill towers were represented, and three members of the Sheffield parish church tower, who happened to be there for the day, came and had a pull with the North Notts. men.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Archibald Day, M.A., at Malvern Link, on Saturday, June 29th. The weather was beautifully fine, and upwards of fifty members were present from Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Brierley Hill, Coseley, Dudley, Hallow, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Leigh, Malvern, Madresfield, Netherton, Oldswinford, Pershore, Tipton, Wollaston, Worcester, West Bromwich, etc. A short service was held in the church at 5.30 p.m., the prayers being intoned by the Vicar, and the lessons read, and a beautiful address

delivered by the Curate, the Rev. H. Bourchier Wray, from 1 Cor. xiii. 31. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

The rev. gentleman remarked that it was desirable that all men should endeavour to carry out the command of St. Paul, not only in their homes, but in the workshop and factory, and by their example in their daily lives, and impressed upon those present that the belfry was part of the church, and their conversation and conduct should be reverential, as ringers held a very important office in the church, and whatever was done in the sacred edifice should be to the glory of God.

Service being over, the business meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Rev. A. Day, Vicar, presiding.

The Minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed.

Several new members were elected from Hallow, Worcester, and Malvern Link, including the Rev. H. B. Wrey, Curate. It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Hartlebury, in September. A short report was given by the Hon. Secretary of the business transacted at the Central Council.

On the motion of Mr. J. Smith, seconded by S. Spittle, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding, for the service in the church, the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells: also to the Rev. H. B. Wrey for his able and excellent address in the church.

An adjournment was now made to Mr. S. Wade's, The Bakery, where a capital knife and fork tea awaited the members. Grace was sung, and full justice done by those present to the good things provided. Grace was again sung after tea was over, and a hearty vote of thanks passed with acclamation to the Rev. H. B. Wrey for his kindness in getting such a substantial meal. The rev. gentleman suitably responded.

It is with pleasure that we state that the rev. gentleman is taking a deep interest in the art and science of change-ringing, a course which is much needed by the Clergy in the Diocese. In a short conversation with him, he informed us he should shortly be leaving Malvern and the beautiful peal of new bells, to take up duties at Northfield, near King's Norton, where we hope the rev. gentleman will be able to have full scope for his ringing abilities. Touches were rung in various methods during the afternoon and evening on the tower bells, and also upon the Association handbells.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WOOLWICH.

By the invitation of Canon and Mrs. Escreet, the ringers, to the number of thirteen, were entertained at supper at the rectory, on the 11th inst. The Rector presided, supported by the Rev. A. Eglington. After the repast, an adjournment was made to the rectory garden. Cigars and tobacco being provided, we sat down chatting, the chief topic being ringers and bells. The recent article in "THE BELL NEWS," upon the insurance of bells, was read. The Rector said it certainly was an important matter, but he himself was doubtful whether the bells were included in the insurance of the fabric. The Secretary was instructed to find out, and if they were not he was to bring the matter before the Church Council. Mr. P. E. Bex, the Secretary of the Lewisham District, who was present, said he was glad to be amongst the Woolwich ringers, numerically they stood first in his district. He could not say that in every tower there was as much interest taken in the ringers by the clergy as at St. Mary's. He wished still to be one of their honorary members. It was decided to have a Saturday outing sometime in August. Thanks were accorded to the Rector and his good lady for their kind hospitality once more, not forgetting the domestics for preparing the good things, and the meeting broke up at 10.45, after singing the Doxology.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting was held at Devizes on Saturday, July 13th, to elect officers and make arrangements for forming a branch of the Guild for the Archdeaconry of Wilts., under the reorganisation scheme carried at the last Annual Meeting held at Wimborne. The Rector of Devizes (Rev. J. G. Watson) took the chair, and there were also present the Revs. J. H. Burn, M. D. Wardrop, H. E. Tilney-Bassett, R. Force Jones, Mr. Boutflower, of Bristol, and ringing representatives from the following local towers: Melksham, Keevil, Devizes (St. John), Devizes (St. Mary), Rowde and Bromham.

The chairman in his opening remarks alluded to his interest in ringers and ringing generally, and regretted that his numerous duties since his presentation about a year ago had prevented his getting very far with the practical study of the Art.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, the General Secretary of the Guild, then gave a lucid description of the practical and theoretical working of the arrangement, and some discussion followed as to various minor points. Mr. Bassett then made a proposition, which was seconded by Mr. C. H. Hampton, and supported by the Rector, that the Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell, be appointed chairman of this branch. The resolution was carried unanimously, and Mr. Burn, on rising to reply, stated that although he could not call himself a change-ringer, still he could say that when he first came to his parish, there was little or no ringing done, but that he had formed a band, and made it a practice almost always to ring with them himself.

Mr. C. H. Hampton then proposed, seconded by the Rector, that Mr. C. D. Heginbotham be appointed Secretary to this branch, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Heginbotham expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred on him by their asking him to accept the post. He pointed out that if he took it, it would involve his being in personal, or at all events postal touch with a very large area. He further remarked that, seeing the comparatively few there present, in response to an invitation sent broadcast throughout the district, and bearing in mind what the General Secretary had told them as to the extremely small number who had even deigned to reply to the communication sent by him, he could not say that he thought the outlook for the post they offered him was altogether a rosy one. He would, however, accept it, and endeavour to rouse a greater enthusiasm in ringing matters in the district, if those present would pledge him their hearty help and co-operation in the carrying out of the duties attached to it.

After some discussion it was arranged that the next two monthly meetings should be held as follows: Erlestoke on August 10th, and Pewsey on September 14th; and that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Trowbridge on October 5th, provided that arrangements could be made with the respective Incumbents.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding concluded the proceedings. Tea was provided before the meeting at eightpence per head, and about seventeen availed themselves of this arrangement. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung at St. John's and St. Mary's churches during the afternoon and evening.

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Correspondence.

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

"A SAD POSITION OF AFFAIRS."

SIR,—The Bucknall ringers have my entire sympathy. I have received a letter from a friend living at Leek, Staffordshire, to whom the Bucknall ringers are known personally, and the following is a quotation from same: "I should not wish to meet a better set of men, and I think it will be hard to find a more moral set of men." This is independent testimony in favour of the Bucknall band, given by a ringer, who, if not a total abstainer, is very near to it. Is there anyone to champion the cause of the Rector of Bucknall? I should think not.

I myself have been a life-long abstainer from alcohol as a beverage (except under medical advice), but I do not consider I am sacrificing any principle by joining with other ringers in taking refreshment, publicly or privately, and although my refreshment would be non-intoxicating, I should never wish to raise any objection to what, or any kind of drink my ringing friends felt disposed to have.

It is little to be wondered at that the Church of England has such small hold on the working classes, when there are men like the Rector of Bucknall as pastors. The average Englishman is willing to be led, but never to be driven.

Such questions as raised by the Rev. H. Drake in his letter on this subject last week one can hardly believe possible now-a-days. People have apologised to me for offering intoxicants when I have told them "I am an abstainer," and certainly I have never found it impossible or difficult to get on with ringers for that reason.

I can only hope that the Rector of Bucknall will re-consider his decision before his name becomes a bye-word to ringers, such bigotry in the 20th century is intolerable.

GEORGE BAKER.

SIR,—In answer to the letter signed "H. Drake" in your last issue of "THE BELL NEWS," he says "We only hear the account from one side," which is certainly true. But when I tell him that at the meeting called by the Rector for the purpose of discussing the questions raised, the Rector acknowledged that he had no fault to find whatever with the conduct of the ringers either in their official capacity or as private individuals. In fact he has stated repeatedly at meetings of our Association that he was proud of his ringers. He also asks at the ringers' suppers "Is everyone obliged to have beer"? When I state that one of our members out of the seven is a life long abstainer, I think he will acknowledge this is a conclusive answer to his question, and I may say that he has never been asked to take a glass of beer. Of course it is quite natural Mr. Drake should ask the question, as anyone not knowing the Bucknall ringers would naturally think the Rector had cause for his action. In conclusion, I may say the ringers are voluntary, with the exception that the wardens give them the collection on one Sunday in the year, which on the average amounts to about £4, towards their annual outing, the ringers themselves making up the deficiency by paying one penny each on every Sunday during the year, besides fining themselves if they are five minutes late, which fines go towards their outing. The suppers (it is now four years since we had one) are also paid for by ourselves, each ringer paying his share, and it is the fact of each one paying his share which in the Rector's eyes constitutes it a ringers' supper. He stated that if I invited them to my house for supper they would be my private guests, and they could drink whatever I liked to give them. This he has qualified since by stating that we must not talk about ringing, or else it would be a ringer's supper.

W. TWIGG.

THE STEPNEY PEAL.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of last week Mr. Springall, after a week's rest, has written again concerning the above. Now I have very little to add to my letter which appeared in your issue of June 29th. I might say for the benefit of those who do not happen to know the cause of this criticism that it is nothing but jealousy. No doubt your readers will remember this is not the

first time we have suffered from it. My friends who took part in the peal are ringers of a fair amount of experience, most of them being much more experienced than myself; therefore I should like to hear what they have to say. Perhaps our critics might occupy their time better by studying the striking of the bells they ring. I feel quite sure most of your readers will agree with me about forcing up a course-end. I still say as before that there was no course-end forced up, and no firing. After my friends give their views I intend to leave the matter in the hands of the officers of the Association, and I shall not take any notice of the worthless letters of jealous critics.

JOHN R. SHARMAN.

37, Hornsey Park Road, Hornsey, N., July 16, 1901.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—It may interest the Rev. H. Drake to know that there is still another word ("adjoining") that has been used by our leading composers at different times to describe the above places, and this word was in use long before Mr. Drake made confusion worse confounded by adding another definition "adjacent" to describe same.

"Adjoining," "Consecutive," "Contiguous" have all been used by different writers (leaving myself out of the question) and by men whose practical abilities as ringers and composers are unquestionable.

Now, Mr. Drake (of whose abilities either in ringing or composition I know nothing) trots out "adjacent" as the one and only correct term to use. Of the words before us "consecutive" is the only one that has but one meaning, the other words have each a variety of meanings which we may make use of as we please.

Mr. Drake admits that the bells are in consecutive order in rounds, yet if we take rounds and the first change of Kent Treble Bob Major—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7

in which two places are completed, and the bells in 3-4 have not been altered from the consecutive order which they occupy in rounds, these places according to Mr. Drake are not "consecutive" but "adjacent." What an absurdity!

As I have said before we cannot have three rows in any Major method without making two places, therefore to get five rows we cannot have less than four places, and a single bell cannot possibly make more than two of the four places required to obtain the five rows, shewing that there must be other bells making places in conjunction; this should be sufficient evidence to confirm my theory that the definition for places must (*in composition*) be confined to two rows only.

GEORGE BAKER.

SIR,—I hope Mr. Drake will forgive me for suggesting that in his correspondence with Mr. Baker he is merely tilting at windmills. The terms in question were introduced some time ago and accepted by all the leading experts in method-building, and it is rather late now to go into their etymological derivation. Of their practical value any one who has had to write either privately or in "THE BELL NEWS" on any of the more involved parts of the science of ringing, can well judge. Mr. Drake must be well aware that terms used in any technical sense are often so used arbitrarily and without reference to their popular meaning, and he would hardly quote Johnson's Dictionary against Paley on a theological term, or against Newton on a scientific term. All the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" are I am sure interested in the many instructive letters which Mr. Drake contributes to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," and it is therefore a pity when he leaves subjects which he is well acquainted with, to dogmatise on what he evidently knows nothing about.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

WARWICK—On Sunday, May 5th, for Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Jones, 1; E. Grassington, 2; Frank Salt, 3; W. G. Dickens, 4; H. Letts, 5; W. Large conductor, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; Fred. Salt, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by all except the ringers of the 6th and 7th. Also for morning service, 420 of Grandsire Triples, T. Rose and T. C. Kemp taking part. In the afternoon, several short touches were rung at the church of St. Nicholas. W. Large hails from Todenham, Moreton-in-the-Marsh.

Obituary.

GEORGE HENRY FURNISS.

It is our painful duty to have to record the death of the above-named ringer, a member of the Edenham company, which took place at Silk Willoughby, near Sleaford, on Monday, July 8th, after an illness of a few days' duration, at the early age of twenty-five. Deceased had been a ringer at Edenham since the formation of the present company—about five years—and although the church contains but five bells, he was able to ring Minor methods, having to go a long distance for practice. There has been only one peal rung on the bells, and in this he took part. He was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, also a member of the church choir, and a regular attendant at the ringing for services on Sundays, and having resided in the village for several years, he naturally made a great many friends, being of a cheerful disposition. He was brought to Edenham on Tuesday night, and on Wednesday he was laid to rest 'neath the shadow of the old grey tower of which he loved so well, being borne to the church on the shoulders of four of his comrades, two of them brother-ringers. The burial service was impressively read by the Vicar, the Rev. G. B. Vessey, there being a large congregation and a full choir. The hymn 264—"Thy will be done," was sung in the church; afterwards the hymn 286—"O let him whose sorrow" was sung at the graveside. Many beautiful wreaths were laid on his grave by loving hands, one noticeable being from his brother-ringers. The coffin was of elm, and bore the following inscription: "George Henry Furniss, died June 8th, 1901, aged 25 years," and as we read that simple inscription repeatedly, we could scarcely realise that it was the same who a few days' previous was apparently in the best of health and spirits. Thus we have had taken from our midst, one of the brightest of men, a good ringer, a loving brother, and a dutiful son, and one whose place we are not likely to fill. Truly may we say—"His sun has gone down while it is yet day." In the evening the ringers rung the usual whole pull and stand twenty-five times with the bells muffled, and after that a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins., conducted by his most intimate friend A. J. Holmes, the following ringers taking part: Messrs. H. Cunningham, W. Bellamy, J. Alford, A. J. Holmes, G. Hollis, and W. Jones. This is also the longest length by H. Cunningham.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

The members of the above branch held a meeting at the parish church of Hartford, on Saturday, July 13th. There was an excellent muster of ringers, and the beautiful peal of six bells was kept merrily going during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar had arranged, in his usual generous manner, for the ringers to have tea in the schoolroom. This was partaken of at 5.30 p.m., after which the quarterly meeting was held. Arrangements were made for the members to attend the annual meeting of the Guild, to be held at Crewe, on August Bank Holiday.

On the kind invitation of the Chairman of the Branch, Mr. H. Hatt Cook, the members were allowed to view the gardens attached to his residence, and partake of his hospitality, after which the bells being lowered, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

WAKEFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, June 18th, on the occasion of the visit of his grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new addition to the Cathedral, which is being built in memory of the late Bishop, the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. D. Whiting, 1; Jas. Moorhouse, 2; Fred Moorhouse, 3; G. Cheesbro, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. W. Moorhouse, 6; T. L. Moorhouse, 7; J. T. Eason, 8; F. Barker, 9; T. H. Ormond, 10. Composed by A. Knights and conducted by J. W. Moorhouse. Also 1025 with T. H. Ormond, 9; H. Brame, 10; conducted by A. Scott. H. Brame hails from Bradford.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1901.

It was hoped that the last had been heard of what used to be known as "ringers' apathy." We have recently had more than one representation (not complaint), made to us with regard to the paucity of support given by the Exercise in general to those brethren who are traders in various articles of utility. Surely the claims of the brotherhood, other things being equal, should be regarded. Our columns at times contains several announcements of articles both useful and ornamental, made and vended by well-known ringers, for which the custom of their brethren is asked. But hitherto the response is feeble. We ask our readers to alter this as strongly as they can. To the well-to-do section we would respectfully, but firmly, appeal in this matter, for there is a great deal more in it than appears on the surface.

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Wednesday, July 10, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY G. MILES Treble.	†ERNEST G. SIBBONS.. .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
ALBERT V. SELBY 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS* .. 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MOULE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT.. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Messrs. Lightfoot and Pulling, for whom this peal was arranged, bail from Guildford, and this is their first peal in the method.

The Provinces.**SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	HENRY J. MEE 4.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	FREDERICK MEE 5.
EDGAR RIVERS 3.	ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, July 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK TRUEMAN Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON .. 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY 4.	WILLIAM SARGENT } .. Tenor.
	GEORGE ALLEN }

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal by ringers of 2nd and tenor. First on eight bells by ringers of treble and 3rd. Ringers of 1st and 3rd hail from Biddenham, 2nd and 4th from Nottingham, 5th from Northampton, 6th from Bedford, 7th from Rushden, tenors from Turvey.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ST. NICOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES RICHMOND Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
CHARLES DOWNING 2.	HENRY J. HOWELL 6.
FRED. G. MAY 3.	FRANK K. HOWELL 7.
WILLIAM SOMERVILLE .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

First peal of Major on the bells

NORTHAMPTON.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	*ARTHUR O. STEWART .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	*FRED WILFORD 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.* .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 9.
JOHN W. BARKER* 5.	*HENRY STUBBS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Caterers. This is the first peal of Stedman Caterers by the Association, on the bells, and in the County. This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and the 4th twenty-two courses and the 5th twenty-three courses behind the 9th. Mr. Prewett was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES MATTHEWS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	*THOMAS STROUD 6.
EDWIN RAPLEY 3.	EDMUND LINDUP 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major, for whom it was arranged, and who hails from Midhurst.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKSHIRE.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. CLARKSON Treble.	*J. WALLER 5.
F. P. HOWCROFT 2.	A. W. BARRETT 6.
R. G. GREENWOOD 3.	G. J. CLARKSON 7.
T. BECKWITH 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by J. WOOD, and Conducted by J. CLARKSON

F. P. Howcroft hails from Middlesbrough, the first belong to the Stockton band. *First peal in the method.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REUBEN HALL Treble.	*FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN W. PARISH 2.	*JOHN TILLEY 6.
SAMUEL ASBURY† 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
JAMES HALL 4.	*ABRAHAM KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

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

HAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM IVES Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
GEORGE FOSTER 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS.. .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN* .. 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON,

*First peal of Stedman.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. PIPES	Treble.	A. BROOKSBANK	5.
S. HALL	2.	B. FLETCHER	6.
F. WATKINSON	3.	J. M. BROOK	7.
R. HUTCHINSON	4.	F. HILLYER	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by J. M. BROOK.

This peal is No. 527 of the Yorkshire Association performances. It is also the first peal on the bells, and the first peal by all the band. B. Fletcher hails from Ripley.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS	Treble.	PHILIP W. DAVIES	5.
THOMAS REYNOLDS	2.	HARRY MIDDLETON	6.
JOHN NEAL	3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	7.
CHARLES DICKENS	4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

W. H. Barber has conducted this composition from each bell, being the first to attain that object. It is T. Reynolds's 60th peal of Stedman Triples.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY BROOKS	Treble.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN	5.
THOMAS BULL	2.	JOHN MONK	6.
FRANCIS POWELL	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
NOBLE SPINDLOW	4.	FREDERICK POUNDS	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the consecration of Dr. F. Paget, Lord Bishop of Oxford. This is the conductor's 350th peal of Stedman Triples.

Handbell Peal.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 25, COUNTESS STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES E. GOFTON (aged 15)*	1-2.	THOMAS T. GOFTON	3-4.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON			5-6.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Referees—Messrs. J. J. Leighton and J. W. Parker of Sunderland. *First 5000. First handbell peal by above band. First handbell peal in the north.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal rung at Castor on Saturday, June 29, and recorded in these columns on July 6th, should have been under the heading of the Central Northamptonshire Association. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, were proposed previous to starting the peal.—The weight of the tenor at Mortimer, Berks., is 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs., and not 24 cwt. as stated in last week's issue.

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Miscellaneous.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church in the evening, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo-road, 504 Stedman Triples. A Hardy, 1; T. Langdon conductor, 2; H. Langdon, 3; W. Crockford, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; W. Shepherd (longest length of Stedman), 6; F. J. Shepherd, 7; E. Hexham, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 2nd, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Kent. E. Verrier, 1; H. Denne, 2; J. Henley (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; H. Barton, 4; H. Castle, 5; T. Tabrett conductor, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—Recently, at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, 518 Stedman Cinques. F. May conductor, 1; H. Pring, 2; J. Hinton, 3; W. Knight, 4; R. Clark, 5; J. Burford, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; J. Wilkins, 8; E. Davis (Gloucester), 9; W. Cave, 10; G. Daltrey, 11; P. Came, 12. Also a course of Bob Maximus. H. Pring, 1; F. May, 2; W. Knight, 3; J. Wilkins, 4; R. Clark, 5; J. Burford, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; W. Cave, 8; E. Davis, 9; W. Stowell, 10; J. Hinton, 11; G. Daltrey, 12.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Thursday, May 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, being the first on the bells. T. Bull, 1; H. Brooker, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; J. Monk, 5; F. P. Powell conductor, 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Wednesday, April 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to grief after an hour and twenty minutes' ringing. W. Bennett, 1; F. Webb, jun., 2; F. P. Powell, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; F. Webb, 5; H. Butler, 6; H. G. Judge conductor, 7; W. Franklin, 8. Afterwards two 504s were rung, conducted by H. G. Judge and the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn.

STANTON HARCOURT (Oxon).—On Monday, May 27th, by the Witney Society, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Bull, 1; H. Brooks, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; J. Monk, 5; F. P. Powell conductor, 6.

THATCHAM (Berks).—On Wednesday, June 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Hill, 1; T. Diggins, 2; A. E. Wits conductor, 3; F. Denness, 4; A. Bird, 5; A. Osborne, 6. Also several 120s Grandsire Doubles. F. Hill, 1; A. E. Wits, 2; F. Denness, 3; A. Bird, 4; A. Osborne conductor, 5; J. Randall, 6. Mr. A. Osborne hails from Reading, and wishes to thank those ringers who obliged by taking a rope at so short a notice.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Thursday, April 11th, 720 Bob Minor on the back six, the first on the bells. G. Room, 1; H. Brooks, 2; T. Bull, 3; J. Monk, 4; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 5; F. P. Powell conductor, 6. On Monday, April 15th, 336 and 168 Stedman Triples. F. Pounds, 1; T. Bull, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Thursday, April 18th, 420 Grandsire Triples, rung to welcome home Sapper Fowler from South Africa. Private Fowler, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk conductor, 6; F. P. Powell, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Sunday, April 21st, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Pounds, 1; G. Room, 2; H. Brooks, 3; T. Bull, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk conductor, 6. On Thursday, April 18th, 360 Bob Minor. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; T. Bull, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk conductor, 6. On Thursday, April 25th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Fowler, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; T. Bull, 4; H. Brooks, 5; J. Monk conductor, 6; F. P. Powell, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled on the occasion of the late Bishop of Oxford's funeral. On Sunday, May 5th, 336 Stedman Triples. F. Pounds, 1; T. Bull, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; F. P. Powell, 4; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 5; J. Monk, conductor, 6; H. Brooks, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Monday, May 6th, 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Brooks, 1; G. Room, 2; T. Bull, 3; F. P. Powell, 4; H. Brooks, 5; F. Pounds, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles conducted by J. Brooks, and 180 Bob Minor conducted by F. P. Powell. On Sunday, June 2nd, 420 Stedman Triples. J. Noak, 1; T. Bull, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; F. Pounds, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Monday, June 23rd, 336 in the same method, standing as above. On Monday, June 10th, 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk conductor, 6; H. Brooks, 7; J. Brooks, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Mullard, 1; T. Attwell, 2; G. Luff, 3; A. J. Bartlett, 4; A. C. Bartlett, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; W. T. Lightfoot conductor, 7; T. Luff, 8. Taken from the Clavis. On Wednesday, April 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1260 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Bartlett, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; G. Luff, 3; A. Ashdown first 1260 as conductor, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; T. Attwell, 6; W. T. Lightfoot, 7; T. Luff, 8. On Sunday, April 28th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. H. P. Rothwell (first 1260), 1; T. Attwell, 2; A. J. Bartlett conductor, 3; A. Ashdown, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; H. Mullard, 6; W. G. Brockhurst, 7; T. Luff, 8. On Sunday, May 5th, 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Rothwell, 1; W. T. Lightfoot, 2; G. Luff, 3; T. Attwell conductor, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; A. J. Bartlett, 6; A. Ashdown, 7; T. Luff, 8. On Saturday, May 11th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Rothwell (first 720), 1; G. Luff (first inside), 2; W. T. Lightfoot, 3; T. Attwell, 4; W. G. Brockhurst, 5; A. J. Bartlett first 720 as conductor, and first attempt, 6.

HASLEMERE (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Bob Minor. H. Mullard, 1; C. Gibbons, 2; T. Mack, 3; W. G. Brockhurst, 4; W. Young, 5; A. J. Bartlett conductor, 6. On Monday, May 15th, for practice 720 Bob Minor. G. Goodchild, 1; G. Luff, 2; W. G. Brockhurst (first 720 as conductor and first attempt, 3; T. Mack, 4; W. Young, 5; H. Mullard, 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, July 14th, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Sear (Bletchley), 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; A. F. Harris, 4; J. T. Kentish, 5; A. E. Bradley, 6; T. Langley (Darlington), 7; H. Langdon, 1; W. Fox, 9; W. E. Garrard conductor, 10.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON (Wiltshire).—On Ascension Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples. John Hambleton, 1; R. J. Adams, 2; Frank Chivers, 4; Thomas J. Hayward, 4; G. Miles, 5; Chas. H. Shearn conductor, 6; H. Kenten, 7; John Sperring, 8. On the following Sunday, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. T. T. Hayward, 1; E. Fricker, 2; Frank Chivers, 3; W. J. Prescott, 4; G. Miles, 5; Chas. H. Shern, 6; H. Kenten conductor, 7; John Sperring, 8.

BATH (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, May 2nd, at the church of St. Mary Bathwick, 657 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Prescott, 1; J. Whale, 2; V. O'Brien, 3; C. Densley, 4; J. D. Mathews, 5; W. A. Cave conductor, 6; F. J. Cooper, 7; R. Whatley, 8. Also three courses of Bob Major. Rung on the occasion of the Bristol Change-ringers cycling club's run to Bath.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 20th, for practice at the church of St. Giles, 308 Grandsire Triples. H. Flower, sen., 1; F. J. Shepherd, 2; F. Davis, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; E. J. Webb, 5; E. Cassell, 6; E. H. Oxenham (first as conductor), 7; A. G. H. Newman, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

DUNCHURCH (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 14th, after evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. George conductor, 1; A. Dubber, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Bramall, 5; — Pinfold, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. A. J. Gillings, 1; A. Dubber, 2; T. Holmes, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. George conductor, 6. Also 120 Steadman Doubles. A. J. Gillings, 1; F. Sear, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. George conductor, 5; T. Holmes, 6.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On May 16th, for evening service, 897 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; A. Newland, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; R. Bevan, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On June 2nd, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Pryor, 2; C. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; E. Smith, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On June 9th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; C. Pryor, 2; E. Pryor, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; E. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On June 16th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Pryor, 1; E. Pryor, 2; E. Bonfield, 3; M. Woodcock, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; E. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. For afternoon service, 324 Grandsire Caters. E. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Pryor, 3; C. Pryor, 4; E. Bonfield, 5; M. Woodcock, 6; E. Smith, 7; W. H. Pryor, 8; R. Bevan conductor, 9; W. J. Norton, 10. On June 23rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Pryor, 3; E. Bonfield, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; C. Pryor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Pryor, 3; C. Pryor, 4; E. Bonfield, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. On June 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire

Triples. W. Miles, 1; E. Bonfield, 2; E. Pryor, 3; C. Pryor, 4; W. Pryor conductor, 5; W. H. Pryor, 6; F. Smith, 7; W. J. Norton, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, 1; H. Watson, 2; E. Bonfield, 4; M. Woodcock, 5; W. H. Pryor conductor, 6; F. Smith, 7; E. Pryor, 8. This is W. J. Norton's first 504 away from the tenor.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 14th, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Tuck, 1; F. Clayton conductor, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; H. Withers, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; E. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; T. Smallwood, 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th hail from Selly Oak.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Plumb, 1; F. H. Purton, 2; T. Langdon, 3; J. J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, May 5th, for the afternoon service, 108 and 216 Bob Minor. G. Hadaway, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; E. Lambert, 3; H. Brown, 4; F. Sharp, 5; C. H. Sone, 6. After the service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hadaway, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; H. Brown, 3; E. Lambert, 4; F. Sharp, 5; C. H. Sone, 6. Also another 720 in the same method. E. Lambert, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; C. H. Sone, 6. All the above was conducted by F. Sharp. Messrs. Sone, Brown, and Sharp, hail from Marden. G. Hadaway from Linton, the others belong to the local band. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, July 18th, at the church of St. Mary, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5120 changes, which had to be abandoned owing to the tenor man being affected by the intense heat, after ringing 4224 changes, in 2 hours 44 mins. J. Reynolds, 1; N. Davis, 2; G. J. Salter, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Page, 5; W. L. Smith, 6; J. Crane, 7; J. Pagett composer and conductor, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

KILBURN.—On Sunday evening, May 5th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Augustine, four 120s Grandsire Doubles, on the back six. F. G. Simmonds, 1; A. G. Fenner, 2; E. P. O'Meara, 3; H. Wherry, 4; J. Hardy, 5; E. A. Young, 6. These are the first 120s by the local company, a young band who started five months ago.

MALDON (Essex).—On Monday, June 12th, for Divine service at the church of All Saints, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Chalk, 1; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 2; T. Mansfield, 3; W. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk, sen., conductor, 5; C. Tabor, 6. In the afternoon at the residence of Mr. W. Chalk, a course of Steadman Triples on handbells. Laura Chalk, 1; Fanny Chalk, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; Fred. Chalk, 4; Wm. Chalk, jun., 5-6; W. Chalk, sen., 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. Emily Chalk, 1; Philip Chalk, 2; Fanny Chalk, 3; Laura Chalk, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; Fred. Chalk, 6; W. Chalk, jun., 7-8; W. Chalk, sen., 9-10. Also 336 Bob Major, and 168 Grandsire Triples. Philip Chalk, 1; Laura Chalk, 2; Fanny Chalk, 3; Fred. Chalk, 4; W. Chalk, jun., conductor, 5-6; W. Chalk, sen., 7-8.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, April 20th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Avis, 1; J. Harvey, 2; R. Wells, 3; F. Watling conductor, 4; W. Drew, 5; W. Cooper, 6. On Sunday afternoon, April 21st, for service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Rose, 1; W. Drew, 2; R. Wells, 3; F. Watling conductor, 4; W. Cooper, 5; J. Edmunds, 6.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Badger (Kings Norton), 1; J. Eaton, 2; A. Cole, 3; F. Clayton, 4; T. Lewis, 5; E. Bryant, 6; H. Withers conductor, 7; A. Chambers, 8. This is J. Eaton's first quarter-peal with a bob bell.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, May 5th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. R. Waters, 1; C. Cooke, 2; H. Goodwin, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. J. Wolfe, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; A. Laurence, conductor, 7; A. Haylor, 8. In the evening 540 Grandsire Triples. J. Chivers, 1; C. Cooke, 2; G. H. Stonestreet conductor, 3; C. H. Corke, 4; W. J. Wolfe, 5; W. Steed, 6; A. Laurence, 7; A. Haylor, 8. Messrs. R. Waters and J. Smith hail from Tunbridge Wells, and H. Goodwin from Charing.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

A Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Pevensey on Saturday, July 6th. Seventeen members attended representing the following towers: Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Christ Church Blacklands, Christ Church Eastbourne, Rye, Pevensey, Westham and Hailsham. The bells at Pevensey and Wes ham (two rings of six) were open from 3 to 9, and practice in Grand-sire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob kept them going. The members were entertained to tea on the lawn of the Vicarage, the Ven. Archdeacon Sutton (Archdeacon of Lewes and rural dean) presiding.

The Archdeacon in addressing a few words to those present, said he would read a telegram from a friend of his and a friend of theirs, who holds a very high position in the Association—Mr. Attree. "Very sorry I cannot come; left on motor, put back through thunderstorm." The Archdeacon then went on to say that it gave him very great pleasure to have the meeting at his church, and both himself and Mrs. Sutton gave the ringers a very hearty welcome. He would like to give one sentiment, he would not call it a toast, as he did not like to put it in that form. That was "The Church and King," and he was sure every ringer would heartily respond. "God save the King" was then sung, and the Archdeacon proceeded. There was one more thing he would like to speak about, and that was to ask the members to depute him to take the congratulations of the Association to the Bishop upon the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, which was to take place shortly. And now he would tell them of a curious fact. Before he was made Rural Dean he had always been afraid to go up to any height, as he always felt that he wanted to throw himself down; but since it had been part of his duty to visit the belfries of the churches of the diocese he had never felt that inclination. He had thought it his duty, and where duty calls he could go. And ringers too have a duty to perform. Their voices can reach further than the ministers. There was a saying, and one which he believed, "There is nothing like a good sound bell at one end of the rope and a good christian man at the other." In conclusion he wished the Association every success, and hoped they would soon come again. It was a constant prayer of his that the ringers may have God's blessing upon them, and do honour to the office they occupy.

In the unavoidable absence of the Secretary (Mr. Saker) Mr. F. Lock read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed, and then proceeded to propose a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his great kindness in entertaining them and providing the tea, which brought forth from the members "For he's a jolly good fellow," in harmony.

The Archdeacon responded, and said he also wished to thank Mr. Penfold for the trouble he had taken in making all the arrangements.

Further ringing concluded the afternoon's proceedings, and everyone appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Ringers will be pleased to hear that their efforts in petitioning the railway companies have at length borne fruit. On July 1st a new regulation came into force on all railway lines by which parties of eight bell-ringers can obtain tickets for a fare and a quarter. The conditions, however, seem such as to cause the maximum of inconvenience with the minimum of result. Thus the Superintendent of the line at Paddington writes that on the Great Western Railway the Secretary of the Association must apply for forms to present at each booking-office. From the Midland and South-Western Joint line we hear that the Secretary must send to the Traffic Superintendent the names of the stations that instructions may be sent to the station-master. No especial regulations seem in force on the London and South-Western Railway. It is to be hoped the Companies will soon agree to some uniform regulation. Would not every precaution be satisfied if the band requiring tickets gave at least a day's notice to the station-master, in order that if necessary (which would not be often) he might assure himself that they were *bona fide* ringers? D.

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THE ST. MARY'S COMPANY, WOOLWICH.

An ideal summer's day favoured the annual excursion of the above company on Saturday, June 29th. For the past five years a sea-side resort has been chosen; this year it was arranged by way of a change that Tunbridge Wells should be the selected spot. Preliminary arrangements had been made with the South Eastern Railway as to conveyance, and with the Rev. — Courtenay, Vicar of Tunbridge Wells, also the Rev. D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst, for the use of the bells on the occasion. The party arrived at Tunbridge Wells just after 9.30. A stroll through this interesting town and neighbourhood brought us to St. Peter's church, where we met Mr. Latter (Captain), and Mr. Smithers, Secretary of the local band. Ringing was indulged in for an hour, touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman, and Treble Bob being brought round. At one o'clock at The Oxford Temperance hotel we all met to the number of seventeen, for dinner, Mr. Latter and Mr. Smithers joining us. In the absence of Canon Escreet, Rector of Woolwich, who wrote saying he was unable to be present, but wished us a very pleasant day, Mr. W. J. Aldridge, Master of the Woolwich band, presided, supported by Mr. R. G. Carter, the Assistant Master. Here we indulged in a little friendly chat; the chairman first of all however called upon those present to drink the health of King Edward VII., remarking that this was their first outing since he came to the throne. Mr. Aldridge then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Tunbridge Wells for the use of the bells, to which Mr. Latter replied, and said the Vicar thought it well to cultivate the good-feeling which should exist between ringers.

Mr. R. G. Carter said they were indebted to Mr. Masters for the trouble he had taken in arranging the outing.

Mr. Wilson, an honorary member, supported by saying what Mr. Masters took in hand he tried to do thoroughly.

Mr. Masters thanked all present for the kindly feeling which existed towards him. They regretted the absence of their Rector, also Mr. Beaven, one of the band, who was ill, and on such an occasion as this, Staff-Sergeant Pye who was at the front, and who they hoped to see home again soon. It appeared the Woolwich band liked to surprise him (Mr. Masters). Last year at a similar gathering they did this, and they were reminded that day of what they did then. Whilst on his holiday he had received a letter from Mr. Hill stating he had been admitted a member of the band, and thought this a suitable time to thank them for their act; they might have gone farther afield and found someone better qualified; on the other hand he thought their Secretary ought to be one of the band, and he was determined by their help to progress.

At two o'clock a brake was waiting to take us to Speldhurst, and on arriving at the church we inspected the objects of interest, then ascended the tower where another hour was spent in ringing touches of Grandsire and Stedman. Re-entering our brake we reached Tunbridge Wells at 6.30. The drive was an extended one, the country looked charming, and the scenery all round was grand, which we all appreciated. Tea followed, and another walk brought us to the railway station, and at 8.5 we left for Woolwich, arriving home at ten o'clock. The Rector of Speldhurst not being at home, a letter was sent to him, thanking him for the use of the bells.

We desire to place on record that the railway company dealt very fairly with us; they provided reserved accommodation from and to Woolwich, the fare charged was reasonable, and the trains were punctual.

Before ringing commenced at Speldhurst, an unpleasant incident occurred. Mr. Masters was endeavouring with assistance to raise the tenor, Mr. Beckford was also raising the 7th which was nearly up, when by some means the slack rope of the tenor caught Mr. Beckford round the neck and face, lifted him up some two or three feet, and then threw him on his back on the floor. Although much shaken, no bones were broken, and we feel thankful to a merciful Providence that it was no worse. But for this mishap the day's outing was thoroughly enjoyed. M.

Ringers' Outings.

ST. HILDA'S SOCIETY, MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Saturday, June 22nd, the ringers of the above Society had a week-end at Bedale, Yorks., where the fine peal of bells, tenor about 25 cwt., was kindly placed by the Rector, the Rev. W. Beresford Peirse, at our disposal. Arriving shortly after 4 p.m. the party to the number of twelve soon settled down in their new quarters, The King's Head hotel, and having had tea, a wash, etc., the tower was visited and the bells soon merrily running to the tune of Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative, every touch being knocked off in fine style, until darkness and want of light caused a retreat. Outside a beautiful and refreshing rain compelled us to rally at headquarters, where we were joined by several of the local men, and the rest of the evening spent in a jovial manner. Songs were sung by Messrs. Rudd, Carter, Trotter, Blakiston and Private Horner of the Green Howards. Also touches and tunes on the handbells. Sunday morning saw most of the boys astir quite early, Mac—unusual for Mac—taking the biscuit, and for so doing was mulcted in the penalty of 2s. 6d. Of course others were penalised besides Mac, Passmore for instance for failing to come, and another for cheating the railway company by byking. 9.30 saw us again in the tower, and a 1000 of Stedman attempted, which was unfortunately lost through a shift in the last few sixes. The afternoon was spent in viewing the sights of the place under the guidance of Mr. Whitton, when several well-stocked and beautiful gardens were looked through. After tea two of our band left us amid a shower of gooseberries in order to catch the train at Northallerton (eight miles) for home. Our band was thus weakened, but enlisting the services of Volunteer Horner (who looks none the worse for his eighteen months' sojourn among the Boers) and another from 'dowd spot, we still had sufficient to ring several touches of Stedman and Kent Treble B b both before and after service, the latter by request of the Rector. On Monday the remnant of the band were taken in hand by Mr. Whitton (who by the way is held in high repute as an amateur rose grower) and taken on to Leeming Bar and transferred to the safe keeping of Mr. Harkness, of rose-growing fame, who escorted them through his extensive and most beautiful nurseries, and from there across the way to breweries and stores of Messrs. Plews and Sons, where the interesting process was thoroughly explained to them. The visitors here wish to thank the Rector for use of the bells, the local ringers for letting us take their places on the Sunday, to Mr. Harkness for his kindness, not forgetting Mr. Whitton, who did so much towards making the outing so pleasant and enjoyable.

J. B.

THE CHISLEHURST AND BROMLEY (KENT) SOCIETIES.—The annual outing of these societies took place on Monday, July 1st. The party, accompanied by Messrs. Weatherstone (Rotherhithe) and Town (Beckenham) went to Brighton, where at 10.30 they were met by Messrs. J. Jay, G. A. King, K. Hart, J. Frossell, and W. Palmer, sen. a d jun. St. Peter's church was at once visited, and the bells were set going to Oxford Bob. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. Plain Bob was attempted, but St. Peter's bells do not like that method, and after three attempts it was given up, and the bells lowered in peal. The visitors then wended their way to St. Michael's church and rang plain courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal. Time was now getting on, and as dinner was ordered at 2 o'clock they had to say good-bye to ringing for the day. Arriving at The Lord Nelson their worthy host, Mr. J. J. Snelgrove, had everything ready, and justice was done to a very good repast. The afternoon was spent in sight-seeing and rowing, and at 7 o'clock a start was made for home, which was reached at 10 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish to thank the Vicars of the different churches for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness.

G. D.

CHELTEMHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The members of this Guild had their annual outing on Saturday, July 13th, at Berkeley, Gloucestershire, about twenty members being present. A good quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in the morning, and other touches in various methods during the afternoon. The members dined together at The Berkeley Arms. A

peal-board was erected during the day to commemorate Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples rung by members of the Guild on the occasion of the re-opening of Berkeley bells after rehanging and augmentation on February 17th, 1900. The outing was a very successful one, and much enjoyed by those who took part in it. The ringers desire to thank Canon Stackham, Vicar of Berkeley, for the use of the bells.

THE THORNHAM MAGNA SOCIETY, SUFFOLK.—The annual outing took place on Wednesday, June 19th, Harwich being the place selected. The party started from Mellis at 7.36 a.m. At Ipswich an hour was spent in inspecting the dock, and at Harwich the party were met by several of the local ringers, viz., Messrs. Moss, Morris, and Thompson, and others. The use of the church bells was obtained, and the party rang 720 each of Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Triples, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the conducting being shared by G. Cattermole (Wickham), and G. E. Symonds. They then made their way to The Temperance hotel, and sat down to a good dinner. After dinner, and a look round the town, they took the boat to Ipswich and had a good tea. They then started for home after spending an enjoyable day, everyone saying it was the best outing they ever had, which was arranged by Mr. E. Youngs.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.—Saturday, July 13th, was the occasion of the first annual outing of this Guild, and the place chosen for visiting was Exeter, and under the guidance of the Rev. Canon Murchison (Vicar), Mr. Fred G. May (Master), Mr. H. D. Howell (Vice-Master), and Mr. Scull (Treasurer), a party of eleven started from Temple-meads station by the 6.30 a.m. excursion. The start was not made in very auspicious weather, as a tropical thunderstorm was raging overhead at the time, and the rain pouring down in torrents. However the expected number all put in an appearance, and although some arrived damp outside, their spirits did not seem to be equally affected, and the train journey was pleasantly passed to the music of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and various melodies on handbells. On arrival at Exeter—one hour late—it was a satisfaction to find the weather was improved and still greater satisfaction was expressed at finding an excellent breakfast waiting—great havoc being made with the ham and eggs. A start was then made for Heavitree, which lies on the outskirts of Exeter, and the tower was ready and all arrangements were kindly made by the Vicar, and the whole party went up to the ringing-chamber. After prayers by the Vicar, a plain course of Bob Major was listened to, and finding the music and go of the bells all that could be required, it was decided to make a start for a peal of Bob Major, which the conductor, Mr. Fred G. May, brought successfully round in three hours and twenty-two minutes. The band then returned and ate a hearty dinner, presided over by the Vicar, who in a short and pleasant speech, wished every success and long life to the newly-formed Guild, and hoped that the splendid harmony of bells would always remind the ringers of the harmony and good feeling which he hoped would always reign among them. After a short rest, the party took the opportunity of availing themselves of the privilege of going up towers and examining the bells. St. David's was the next church to visit, and great admiration was expressed at the magnificent reredos and choir stalls. The fine, light ring of eight were soon up, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in forty-two minutes, by the following: V. O'Brien, A. Stowell, W. Stowell, J. Richmond, W. Sommerville, F. K. Howell, F. G. May (conductor), C. Downing. Then 336 of Bob Triples was successfully brought round. J. Richmond, C. Downing, W. Sommerville, H. T. Howell, A. Stowell, W. Stowell, F. G. May (conductor), V. O'Brien. As time of departure was now drawing close, a return was made to the town to get some light refreshment for the homeward journey, and although the reserved carriages were commandeered, the guard found another, and the handbells were again brought out, and so a most enjoyable outing was brought to a close. The members of the Guild wish to thank the Vicar and steeplekeepers of Heavitree and St. David's for so kindly allowing the use of the bells and making all the necessary arrangements.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held in The King's Arms hotel, St. John's Street, Salisbury, to-day, Saturday, July 20th, to form the branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum, and to elect officers. Business meeting immediately after. Bells of St. Thomas's (8), and of other church most likely, will be available.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. James's church, Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. The Vicar has kindly offered to provide tea in the parish room, at 6 o'clock, and also to preside at the meeting. A good attendance is earnestly requested. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Secretary.*
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of the above Association will take place at Stanmore, to-day, Saturday, July 20th, when it is hoped that the bells of Harrow Weald may also be available. The bells will be raised soon after 4 p.m. Members and their friends are cordially invited.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Maresfield, to-day Saturday, July 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at The Chequers hotel, at 6 p.m. GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, July 20th, at Ashread. Bells raised at 3 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock, in the church room. Price to non-members 1s. 6d.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Berkhamsted Division.—A meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, July 20th, at St. Mary's, Apsley End. The tower will be open for members and friends from 5.30 p.m. W. H. NEWELL, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst, to-day, Saturday, July 27th. Tower open from 4 to 6, and 7 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—West Dorset Branch.—Inaugural meeting on Saturday, July 27th, at Dorchester. Chairman, H. H. Palairot, Esq. (Master), supported by Captain Acland. Tea at St. Peter's institute, at 4.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Bells at St. Peter (8), St. George's (6) and Charminster (6). REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Secretary.*
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The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Crewe Branch.—At the invitation of the Lawton friends, a special ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton church on Saturday, next, July 27th. All ringers invited.

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58, Rigg Street, Crewe.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, July 27th. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—A meeting of this District will be held at Tonbridge, on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 4. Business meeting at 6.30. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury, near Bristol, on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—Until further notice, the practice nights at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, S.E., will be held every alternate Wednesday at 8 p.m., instead of every Wednesday as hitherto.

F. J. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Warner Road, Camberwell, S.E.

COPIES OF "THE BELL NEWS" WANTED.—Mr. A. Nunneley Wood, of 30, Kempston Road, Bedford, particularly wants a copy of "THE BELL NEWS" for December 20th, 1890, containing Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of the late T. Thursians' four-part composition of Stedman Triples, and for which he will be pleased to pay sixpence.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Jaggar has removed to 65, Barker Street, Road End, near Oldbury, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 2nd, at the church of All Saints, for the service for men only, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 covering, F. Holden, 1; J. Basden conductor, 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; H. Chandler, 4; T. Beadle, 5; A. Harding, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; A. Sheard, 8. On Friday, June 7th, seven 120s Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering, E. Webb, 1; F. G. Goddard, conductor, 2; H. Curtis, 3; A. Sheard, 4; E. V. Beadle, 5; C. Dell, 6; T. Beadle, 7; H. Seward, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (READING BRANCH.)

READING (Berks.).—On Ascension Day, May 16th, for evening service at the church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. E. Reeves, jun., 5; Rev. H. C. Bell composer and conductor, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; H. Smart, 8. After evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. E. Reeves, jun., 6; A. E. Reeves conductor, 7; H. Smart, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. F. Sweetzer, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; Rev. H. C. Bell, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; A. E. Reeves, jun., 6; C. Giles conductor, 7; H. Smart, 8.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. FAITH'S (Norfolk).—Recently at the parish church, two 720s of Bob Minor. W. Vincent, 1; J. G. Miles conductor, 2; J. Fox, 3; W. Woodcock, 4; P. Woodcock, 5; G. Woodcock, 6. J. Howard rang the 2nd in the second 720.

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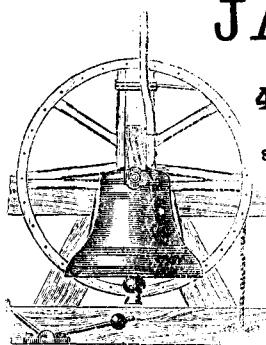
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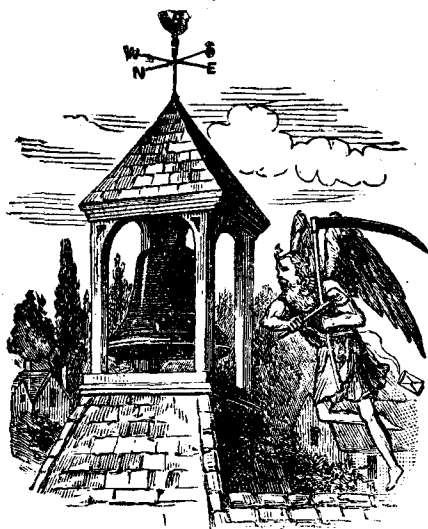
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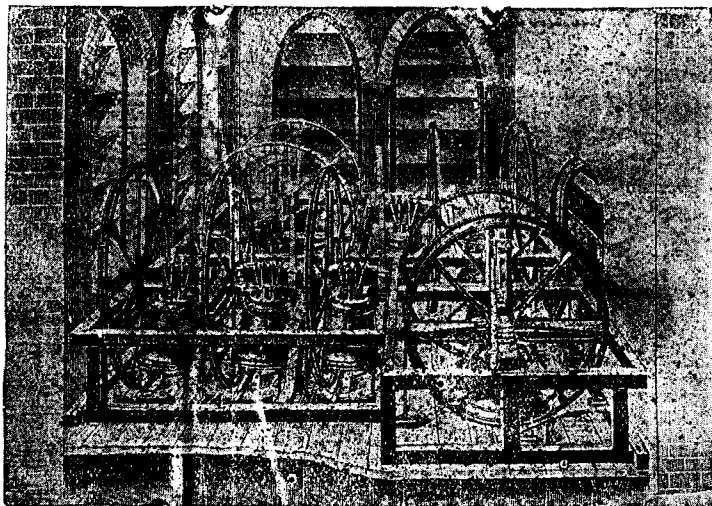
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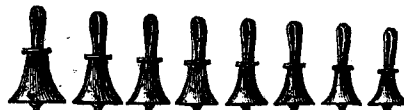
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BEVERLEY MINSTER NEW BELLS.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF HULL.

The new ring of ten bells, which has been hung in the north-west tower of Beverley Minster in the place of the old ring of eight, was dedicated on Saturday afternoon, July 13th, by the Bishop of Hull (Dr. Blunt), who was accompanied by Canon Nolloth, D.D., Vicar, as his Grace's chaplain, and a large number of the neighbouring clergy. There was a large congregation, and the Mayor and Corporation attended in state. The service was rendered the more attractive through the splendid band of the East Yorkshire Regiment taking part in the musical portion.

The service began with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," sung as a processional hymn, followed by a collect, after which the ceremony of dedication was proceeded with under the north-west tower. The Bishop formally received the ropes from the churchwardens, and delivered them into the custody of the Vicar, at the same time reading the office specially appointed for this ceremony. This concluded, the bells were rung for a few moments the while those performing the procession returned down the nave to the seats allotted to them. Special prayers followed, and then the hymn, "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him," was sung. The Bishop then delivered an eloquent and appropriate address.

His Lordship based his remarks upon the words "Sing unto the Lord, all the earth," Psalm xcvi. 1, being the translation of an inscription in Latin on one of the new bells. He observed that the service was of unique interest in the history of that magnificent church, and in the history of the many gifts which in many generations had been offered for its ornamentation and for the purpose of worship therein. They had met together to dedicate a magnificent ring of bells. Of the history of that ring of bells it was not for him to remind them who were so familiar with it. Their introduction was largely due to the generosity of the Vicar of the Minster, who was able to combine considerate knowledge with much zeal and enthusiasm, and with a liberality which testified itself in the gift which to a large extent he had presented. They were met together for the purpose, not merely of saying the bells were to be rung as an honour to the town, a glory to the Minster, the edification of God's people, but also to make them an offering to God, and that was why they dedicated them to His service. These bells were perhaps the most magnificent in the North of England (and also the largest, if they excepted the bells in the Minster at York), and whether they regarded them from the point of their usefulness or from the point of the beauty of their sounds, it was an occasion of joyful thankfulness to all that they had been able to bring to a conclusion the labours of a long time, and that the gift had at last been presented and dedicated. They would not expect him to give a lecture on church bells, but it was a fitting occasion to say a few words to strike what was the dominant note of their service that day. Church bells had an element of sadness, but a far larger element

of gladness. The element of sadness referred to in those touching collects just offered suggested that the time would come when the passing bell would be heard by each one of them. But he did not wish to dwell upon this thought, but rather upon the gladness and joy which were the dominant notes of those bells that day dedicated. His Lordship then proceeded to speak upon the different phases of joy—the joy of child-life, the joy of good spirits, the joy to be found in the beauties of nature, the joy of the pleasure of duty and the duty of pleasure, the joy of service to others, and lastly the joy of the service of God.

The service concluded with the hymn, "Angel voices, ever singing," and immediately afterwards a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung. At the end of the day the visiting company, together with the Beverley ringers and a few friends, were entertained at supper in the parish room by the Vicar, and Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, who represented the firm, received many congratulations from the experts present upon the rich and musical tone of the bells, and the successful and thoroughly scientific manner in which they had been hung.

THE BELLS OF EXETER CATHEDRAL.

The Rev. F. J. Coleridge, of Cadbury Vicarage, makes, says *The Devon and Exeter Gazette*, a good suggestion in connexion with the proposal to rehang Exeter Cathedral bells. The work has long been needed. But it will prove costly. It will entail an expenditure of over one thousand pounds, towards which up to the present about five hundred pounds have been subscribed. Experts have been consulted, and estimates obtained. The Dean and Chapter will be ready to carry out the work as soon as they see the public are ready to help them with the necessary funds. This is one of those cases, says the Vicar of Cadbury, in which the Mother Church should be loyally assisted by every parish in the diocese. He suggests that in spite of the endless claims already pressing upon them, every clergyman of the five hundred and fifty parishes in the diocese should join in a united effort. If each clergyman raised only ten shillings towards the fund a sum approaching three hundred pounds would be the result. In many parishes double the amount named would readily be subscribed. As Mr. Coleridge says, all the clergy have feelings towards the Cathedral of a deeply affectionate kind. Many of them were ordained within its walls, many more have worshipped there, and all have been present at one time or another at diocesan gatherings which have of late years helped so much to make the Cathedral the real mother of the diocese. A general effort upon the part of the clergy would be followed by the laity, for to them the Cathedral, in an equal sense, belongs, and they would be happy to join in a general movement to assist the Dean and Chapter to efficiently carry out the proposed improvement. The time for patching the bell apparatus has gone. The work should be done as perfectly, as money

and skill can secure it. The Cathedral within and without is in admirable order. Why should the belfry alone stand out in contrast, and be, as it has been for so long, a reproach among those who know how sorely needed is its proposed re-arrangement? The bells themselves are unique. They are almost unequalled in tone and richness. Their actual money value is great—the mere metal itself is estimated to be worth some two thousand pounds. And as a peal, as perfect almost as such can be, their value is inestimable. The Rev. F. J. Coleridge says that peals of five thousand changes have been rung single-handed at Wells Cathedral, where the tenor weighs 57 cwt., and at St. Paul's, where the tenor is 62 cwt., the peals occupying four hours each. The tenor at Exeter Cathedral is 5 cwt. more than that of St. Paul's, but could be easily rung in a peal, if hung properly, by two men instead of the four now necessary. Eleven men ought to be able to ring a long peal—now sixteen are necessary to swing the bells for a short time. If the work proposed could be carried out, Exeter people, says the Vicar of Cadbury, would hear music such as they have never heard before, and such as would have gratified the heart of him to whom Exeter still owes a great debt, who stands out beyond others as the cleanser, purifier, and restorer of church belfries throughout the diocese, the late venerable Rector of Clyst St. George, Mr. Ellacombe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT READING.

For the first time since the Oxford Diocesan Guild was established in 1881, the annual festival was held at Reading on Wednesday, July 10th, and the large and successful meeting fully justified the selection of Reading for the meeting. The Mayor of Reading had kindly granted the festival committee the use of the large and small Town Halls for the purposes of their gathering, and special fares were granted by the railway companies to those who had to come from a distance.

Throughout the day the following branches of the Guild were represented: Abingdon, Aldermaston, Arborfield, Basingstoke, Beenham, Boyne Hill, Bradfield, Burnham, Checkendon, Chipping Norton, Compton, Englefield, Farnham Royal, Freeland, Hagbourne, Henley, Hughenden, East Ilsley, Lane End, Leafeld, Great Marlow, Newbury, Oxford, Peasemore, St. Laurence, St. Mary, and St. Giles (Reading), Shiplake, Sonning, Stone (near Aylesbury), Thatcham, Theale, Tilehurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, Wantage, Witney, High Wycombe, and Wokingham.

In the morning Divine Service was held at St. Laurence's church, when an eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Neville, Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, from the words, "What mean ye by this service?"

The business meeting was held in the large Town Hall, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), presiding.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), having read the minutes of the previous festival and committee meeting, the election of officers and committees was proceeded with.

The Rev. H. C. Bell proposed, and Mr. W. Newell seconded, the re-election of the Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master of the Guild, which was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was unanimously re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. A. H.

Cocks, of Skirmett, and Mr. A. W. Pike (Reading), were again appointed as Hon. Secretary for festival and assistant secretary respectively.

The committees were re-elected, the Rev. J. E. Phillips being elected to the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. H. Barter), and now consists of the following: Elected members: Rev. J. M. Phillips, Rev. Canon Blagden, Revs. G. F. Coleridge, A. H. Drummond, R. W. Carew Hunt, J. B. Kirby, G. A. Littledale, C. W. O. Jenkyn, F. L. Nash and R. P. Newhouse, with Messrs. A. H. Cocks and J. E. Hern. Change-ringing members: Messrs. J. Bissley, F. Dentry, J. Evans, W. Gibbs, F. W. Hopgood, C. Hounslow, W. Huckin, W. Newell, W. P. Routh, A. E. Reeves, W. Webb, and W. E. Yates.

Mr. J. Egginton, of Friar Street, Reading, was again appointed auditor.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting of the Guild at Henley, the Rev. F. E. Robinson inviting them to Drayton as an alternative. The Committee recommended that Great Marlow be selected for the 1902 festival. After considerable discussion, in which Wooburn and Burnham were suggested, it was decided by a substantial majority to hold the festival at Great Marlow. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), gave a very interesting report, as one of the representatives of the Guild to the meeting of the Central Council held at Derby on Whit-Tuesday, of the proceedings. He stated that this was the eleventh time he had represented the Guild at the meetings of the Central Council.

A resolution had been placed on the agenda, recommending that the sum of £20 be allowed the Master for travelling and other expenses from the funds of the Guild. During the discussion of this matter, the Master left the chair, which was then occupied by the Rev. Canon Ducat. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in moving the resolution, said they could not expect an official of the Guild to spend money out of his own pocket, and the Committee thought it was only right the Guild should grant money for personal expenses. Mr. C. Hounslow seconded.

The Rev. Hart-Davis said their present balance was £47, and so far as he could see there would be no difficulty in the future in providing the amount.

The Rev. G. Coleridge pointed out that the Oxford Diocesan Guild was far away ahead of any other Guild in the country, and their proud position was entirely owing to the work of the Master. A member asked what provision would be made for the finding of this sum if the balance of the funds diminished, and suggested that the words "providing the funds of the Guild would permit" should be added to the resolution.

The Rev. J. B. Kirby reminded the meeting that if the resolution was not carried they would lose the services of their Master, and that would mean the loss of their position as a Guild. He had no doubt the money would be forthcoming for the worthy object. Eventually the resolution was carried unanimously with the addition of the above words, and on the Master returning, he was received with loud applause.

Canon Ducat informed him of the resolution which had been passed, remarking that had Mr. Robinson been present he would have been pleased to have heard the expression of the deep sense of gratitude from the members for his past services. The Master thanked them very much, and promised to fill the position to the best of his ability in the future.

On the proposition of Mr. Reeves, seconded by Mr. Martin, it was unanimously decided to make life members

of those members of the Guild who had been or were serving with the colours in South Africa. It was stated that forty-one change-ringers and twelve probationers had been admitted since April 15th.

This concluded the business meeting, and the company adjourned to the small Town Hall, where an excellent cold collation had been prepared. The Mayor of Reading (A. H. Bull, Esq.) presided, and he was supported on the right by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master), and on the left by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis. Altogether about 193 persons sat down to dinner. After dinner the Mayor gave the toast of "The King," which was loyally given.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge gave "The Church Preacher," and in doing so expressed his satisfaction at seeing so many ringers from the different parishes, which included young and old men. It was only natural, that the ringers were to be found in the choir and other branches of parish work. The clergy were glad to feel that they had the laity at their backs. Speaking of the church as a whole, the rev. gentleman said they ought to be thankful to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, for the admirable sermon he had preached that morning from the text "What mean ye by this service," putting before them in an impressive manner three definite rules of life. He coupled with the toast the name of the Rev. W. Neville.

The Rev. W. Neville replied.

The Chairman then proposed "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," and as Chief Magistrate of the borough extended a hearty welcome to the good old town of Reading. Those present he considered were engaged in a noble work, and he wished the Guild every prosperity. He coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in responding, referred to the inspiring effect caused by the ringing of church bells on Sunday mornings. Their Guild had been in existence just twenty years, and during that time the members had given a great deal of pleasure to many people, and he trusted they had not caused, in the majority of cases, any very great nuisance. They endeavoured to do their best, and it was their utmost desire to avoid giving offence to people as much as possible. He thought the best ringing should be devoted to the Church services. He should be sorry if in the future any of their good ringers were not to be found in the church belfry as regular ringers. He was, however, afraid that they were drifting in that direction, but he hoped this would be stopped before anything serious occurred. He knew that many of the good ringers of the Guild were not members of a belfry. A ringer should look upon himself as a Church officer, be a regular attendant in the belfry both in ringing for church services and at practice, and also be a regular attendant at church.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis also responded. They were now entering on the twenty-first year of their existence. He hoped the Guild had many years of usefulness still to look forward to. He found that of the members of the committee and the band of instructors who were elected in 1882 only six original members still remained in the Guild. Those of the committee were the Revs. F. E. Robinson, A. H. Drummond, R. H. Hart-Davis, Messrs. C. Hounslow, W. Newell, and J. J. Parker, whilst of the instructors in 1882 only three remained, namely, Messrs. Newell, Hounslow, and Parker. Since the Guild was formed it had continued to prosper. There were 105 towers in union, and they rang the largest number of peals they had ever accomplished, namely, eighty-seven, and in connection with which the Master had

performed the lion's share, as he always did. Then a lady member, Miss A. White, of Basingstoke, had rung in a peal for 3 hrs., and he did not know how many Guilds could claim such an experience. In looking back over the past they had to deplore the loss of the Rev. Dolben Paul (Rector of Bearwood), who was Hon. Secretary for sixteen years. Then they lost the Rev. H. Barter, the new Vicar of Sonning, from whom they hoped great things in connection with the Guild. He expressed the pleasure it had given him, in company with Mr. A. H. Cocks, to make the arrangements for that festival at Reading, and said that he would remain in office as long as they chose to elect him. He proposed the health of the Mayor, and thanked him on behalf of the Guild for the use of the Town Halls for the meeting and luncheon. They rejoiced to know that the Mayor was not only a churchman, but fond of bells. The toast was received with musical honours.

The Mayor, in reply, said he had enjoyed the service at the beautiful church of St. Lawrence very much that morning. Many people thought that peace had been proclaimed because the bells were ringing so much. When, however, that glorious time did come, he was sure the bells throughout Great Britain would be rung with great enthusiasm.

This concluded the toast list, and the members again adjourned to belfries in the town to ring.

EAST BERGHOLT CHURCH BELLS.

East Bergholt has long been famous as one of the most picturesque villages in the county of Suffolk. In one respect, however, East Bergholt holds quite a unique position amongst not only the parishes of Suffolk, or even of East Anglia, but of England—it is famous for its bells, rung by hand, and for the quaint old bell cage which contains them. Nothing like it is now to be found in the whole country. Time has had its effect upon the bells, and almost ever since the re-casting of the treble in 1887, in commemoration of the 50th year of the reign of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and during the incumbency of the Ven. Archdeacon Woolley, there have been complaints of the bells ringing out of tune, and that they were harsh. The matter was taken into serious consideration recently, the advice of the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank sought, and they gave it as their opinion that the clappers and parts of the bells struck by them were over-worn, and recommended that the bells should be re-cast. This was done at a cost of £82 10s., which has been raised almost entirely in the parish. But it was found that close upon £50 would be needed to make the bell-cage safe for the swinging of the restored bells. The Rector and Churchwardens accordingly determined to appeal to their neighbours, and all friends of the church and church bells, to help them to raise the sum required. People came from all parts to see the unique bell-cage and the bells—which, alone among those in the United Kingdom, are not swung by ropes but by hand.

A commemoration service for the re-hanging of the bells was held recently. Special hymns were chosen for the occasion, the anthem being, "Thine is the greatness" (James Kent), Mr. Henry Turbill presiding at the organ. The offertory amounted to £13 13s.

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

"A SAD POSITION OF AFFAIRS."

SIR,—The concluding sentences in Mr. Twigg's letter in your last issue are truly amazing. The Rector "stated that if I invited them to my house for supper they would be my private guests, and they could drink whatever I liked to give them. This he has qualified since by stating that we must not talk about ringing, or else it would be a ringers' supper." It seems almost incredible that any one should so say. Who ever heard of one man presuming to order another in what way he should entertain the guests under his roof, and placing a limitation on the subjects of their conversation? Such a proceeding, apart from its manifest stupidity, would be a piece of unmitigated insolence on the part of anyone whatever; and the fact of its being perpetrated by a man in the position of a parish priest would only make it worse, for it would not only be an outrage on gentlemanly feeling, but entirely contrary to the elements of Christian charity. I cannot help hoping, therefore, that Mr. Twigg is under some mistake on this point; but if he is satisfied that he is not, then, were I in his place, I should represent the incident to the Rural Dean, the Archdeacon, and the Bishop of the diocese; for the rulers of the Church cannot wish a beneficed clergyman to seek to extend his legitimate authority by the usurpation of a pettifogging tyranny.

I must beg leave to express the strongest dissent from Mr. Baker's statement in the third paragraph of his letter on this subject. Mr. Baker says "It is little to be wondered at that the Church of England has such small hold on the working classes, when there are men like the Rector of Bucknall as pastors." I am not going to discuss how much hold the Church has on the working classes, what is meant by "hold" or what, for this purpose, "working classes" may be defined to be, or any other questions that readily arise on a statement of this kind; but accepting Mr. Baker's proposition in the general way in which he has put it, I object to it because it is unfair to the clergy as a body. The Exercise knows well enough that we very seldom come across a man who behaves himself as the Rector of Bucknall is represented to be doing, and nobody who knows anything about the clergy can possibly assert that such conduct can be anything but very rare. Yet, unless it is common it can have no effect on the general relations between the Church and the working classes. If the Rector of Bucknall has treated his ringers as alleged, we should not expect him to be very wise or tactful in dealing with his parishioners at large; but even so, Bucknall is but a very small portion of the entire sphere of operation of the Church of England, and unless Mr. Baker can shew that clergy acting in the way described are so numerous as to ramify throughout that sphere in a large proportion, his statement will not hold good. In fact Mr. Baker has fallen into the very same error of hastily arguing from the particular to the general against which I have protested over and over again, when committed by Clergy and others in disparagement of ringers; and therefore when this fallacy makes its appearance on the part of a ringer to the disparagement of the Clergy as a body, it is but fair to strongly protest against it. An understanding of the causes which have led to the mutual relations of any classes or bodies in England to-day really needs a careful study of the social, political, and theological history of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and all parties in the church are endeavouring to learn the lessons to be derived therefrom in the complex conditions under which we now live; and there is no doubt that a perceptible advance has already been made in the practical application of knowledge so gained. But what possible effect on so large a problem can result from the eccentricities of one or two parsons, here and there?

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—The idea (which seems to have been conveyed to Mr. Twigg) that a parish priest has a right to interfere with what is talked about at a private supper, or to ask questions on the subject, is outrageous, and (as Mr. Baker in effect says, in reference to this case) a scandal to the Christian ministry. Not

even a Roman Catholic priest in the Confessional would be allowed to do such a thing.

All the Rector has any cause to object to in such a case is the name. If the ringers will promise not to call any more gatherings "ringers' suppers," he can raise no further objections on that score. They may then arrange privately what suppers they like, and get (on their own account), what subscriptions they can towards it; and then if the Rector attempt to extort any confessions from them, they should simply refuse to be questioned about their private affairs.

With regard to the outing I certainly think it a matter of expediency (though no principle is involved), that no money collected in church should be spent in drinks. Knowing how many teetotalers there are, and how "touchy" many of them are, I should have strong objections either to giving towards such a collection, or to partaking of the drink so provided. England is a free country, and no Rector can prevent the ringers buying and drinking beer on their outing, if they can get it; but it is quite possible that, in spite of Christian Charity and consideration, he may feel it his duty to make it as inconvenient as possible to get it. I am afraid this is one of the things we must up with, so long as uncharitable people exist.

H. DRAKE.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—I quite agree with Mr. Trollope that this definition is too trivial in itself to be worth all the energy that has been spent on it. But I think the principle underlying the matter is quite as valuable as the lesson we are intended to draw from *Don Quixote* and his windmills. And with Mr. Trollope's permission I will use his own examples to disprove his position.

Is it not sadly too true that many important controversies in science and most in theology are caused by misunderstood definitions? A certain set of people use a term in an inaccurate way until it becomes to them a technical term; it then conveys a different meaning to them to that which it conveys to their opponents, and so the bitterest struggles have arisen. Perhaps in ringing the danger of controversy is not so great, but the difficulty arises in teaching others. If "consecutive" and "adjacent" are used with certain meanings in ordinary language, but are substituted for one another in bell-ringing, a great difficulty is put in the way of teachers. (And as the personal question has been brought in) I may say it is in teaching others that this matter concerns me; and is not this too a matter of their "practical value."

In this case Mr. Baker has twice used the word consecutive in such a way that in each case a protest was at once raised in your columns. This seems to be sufficient evidence that the word is unsuitable, or at least inefficient. I therefore suggested that we should say that any *one bell* makes consecutive places when the place-making occupies four rows, and that *two bells* make adjacent places when the place-making occupies two rows.

If it be too late to do this, as I gather from Mr. Trollope's letter, I am sorry; in that case it is useless either to defend or attack the propriety of the usages; but I should then myself prefer to coin English equivalents for these words of Latin origin, and to speak of "following-on-places" and of "lying-next places." Then there could be no mistake.

I am sorry Mr. Trollope should think my defence of this suggestion so dogmatic; and I am really curious to know what is the evidence he speaks of, that I know nothing about what I was writing on.

Although Mr. Baker has been kind enough to leave himself out, he has not been so kind towards me, but has even ascribed to me two arguments which are not mine at all. I stated before that I was not concerned with what *are* consecutive places, but with how they are *made* (a distinct technical distinction). Again I am quite willing the matter should "be confined to two rows only"—provided he will confine his growing multitude of terms to one only, viz., adjacent (=lying-next). It was not I who first mentioned four rows, but Mr. Baker.

H. DRAKE.

RAILWAY FARES.

SIR,—In supplement to what was mentioned in last week's "BELL NEWS," it may be mentioned that the Great Western Railway has promised to fall in with the suggestion there made and to issue tickets to any parties of eight ringers who give the stationmaster twenty-four hours' notice. The London and

South-Western Railway and the Midland and South-Western Joint Railway will do so if three days' notice be given to the stationmaster. It is evidently desirable that each Secretary write to the railway companies running through the district covered by his Association, and get the regulations made more convenient before they become stereotyped. H. DRAKE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly district meeting of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury was held at Clare on Saturday, July 13th. The members were accorded a hearty welcome by the Vicar of Clare, the Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, whose services to campanology include the restoration of the tower of Clare church and its grand ring of bells, and a sustained interest which the rev. gentleman has shewn in the formation of a band of ringers of which he is himself a ringing member.

Some thirty members attended from Sudbury (St. Peter's and All Saints), Bury St. Edmunds (St. James'), Glemsford, Cavendish, Long Melford, Haverhill, Clare, Stradishall, Withersfield, and a visitor in khaki from Halesworth, who having been in eight engagements in the Transvaal proved himself as handy with a bell as with a rifle. The ringing included the following touches: 560 Bob Major. S. Slater (Glemsford, conductor), Rev. H. B. Woolley (Bury St. Edmunds), C. Adams (Glemsford), A. Lee (Halesworth), A. Moore (Bury St. Edmunds), H. Turner (Bury St. Edmunds), C. Honeybell (Glemsford), O. Garwood (Glemsford). 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. O. Garwood, C. Adams, F. Wells (Glemsford), A. Lee, A. Moore, C. Honeybell, H. Turner, S. Slater (conductor). 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), D. Gridley (Clare), H. Thompson (Cavendish), S. Slater, C. Honeybell, E. Ambrose (Long Melford), N. Hawkins (Haverhill), A. Aviss (Withersfield). Some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the St. Peter's and St. Gregory's Societies of Sudbury. J. Campin, H. Harper, W. Heard, J. King, W. Lea, A. Scott, sen., A. Scott, jun., G. Tatum. Tenor 25 cwt.

A tea and meeting were afterwards held at The Bell hotel, the chair being taken by the Vicar of Clare. The chairman having expressed regret that Mr. Charles Sillitoe had been obliged to resign the duties of District Secretary which he had so ably carried out, called upon the new Secretary for the Archdeaconry (the Rev. H. C. Woolley), to read the minutes of the last meeting. This being done, it was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Bury St. Edmunds, and the following members were elected to serve on the District Committee: Messrs. C. Sillitoe, C. Bixby, S. Slater, A. Scott, sen., A. Symonds, and G. Farrant.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Roper (3), Evans and Carter (St. James's, Bury St. Edmunds), C. Adams (Glemsford), W. Clarke and G. Moore (Clare). The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Clare, who was unanimously elected a honorary member of the Association. The meeting was very successful, and was much enjoyed by those who attended.

A TOWN HALL AND BELLS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A fire has broken out at the Town Hall, Birkenhead, while the dinner of the British Association of Waterworks Engineers was taking place. During the toast list one of the guests went into a cloak room and switched on the electric light, and immediately the wire became fused at the ceiling, causing a flame to run along towards the base of the tower and spire. The current of air at this point drew the flames rapidly upwards, and soon they burst out in the turret above the clock, this being the first intimation to the public outside that anything untoward was happening. The fire was practically confined to the tower, the whole of the upper portion of which was destroyed, together with some of the rooms underneath. Much damage was also done by water. When it was seen that the flames were gaining ground some valuable portraits were removed for safety.

The Town Hall was a very handsome building, erected fourteen years ago at a cost of about £50,000. The tower was 200 feet high, and contained a clock and ring of bells.

WEDDING AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL AND AN INTERESTING EVENT AT PORTSEA.

On a recent afternoon, in the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity at Chichester, Miss Ethel Maud Wilberforce, eldest daughter of the Bishop of Chichester, grand-daughter of the famous Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, and of Dean Connor, of Windsor, and niece of Archdeacon Basil Wilberforce, was married to the Rev. Edward Russell Walker, only son of the late Archdeacon Walker, who has been some time one of the fifteen curates under the present Bishop of Stepney when at Portsea.

The Cathedral was crowded to witness the ceremony, which was fully choral, the officiating clergy being the Bishop of Chichester, father of the bride, the Bishop of Stepney, Archdeacon Mount and Canon Gough, Vicar of Newcastle, where Bishop Wilberforce formerly resided before his translation to Chichester. The Cathedral in the vicinity of the handsome choir screen (a memorial of the bridegroom's father) and in the choir had been decorated with groups of plants and flowers. The bridegroom was attended by his old college and Portsea friend, the Rev. G. B. Raikes.

The Bishop and Mrs. Wilberforce subsequently received a large number of guests at the Palace, where the wedding presents, about 400 in number, were inspected.

Amid a peal from the Cathedral bells, the Rev. E. and Mrs. Russell Walker (who will in future reside at Hurstpierpoint, Sussex) left to spend their honeymoon.

Among the presents was a set of silver plate from the clergy of Portsea parish. The bellringers at St. Mary's gave an inkstand.

In addition to the above account, which duly appeared in the local papers, it should be placed upon record in this, the ringers' journal, that Mr. Walker is much respected by the ringers of Portsea, and that his departure from their midst is regretted. At a recent practice, at which the rev. gentleman was present, Mr. Pickard, an honorary member of the Guild, said he had been requested to say a few words at that meeting, and in a humorous way added that he would adopt a clerical style, and divide his address into three parts, viz.: the past, the present, and the future. In regard to the "past" he desired to state that Mr. Walker joined their Guild about eighteen months ago, and that although a busy man he had qualified and had become a useful member. Mr. Pickard emphasised the fact that Mr. Walker had come amongst them as a man amongst men, and that in doing so he had encouraged them to pull together as much as if he had come amongst them fully acquainted with all the crank methods. In regard to the "present" the speaker said the members desired to congratulate the rev. gentleman upon his preferment to Hurstpierpoint, and more especially upon his good fortune in finding so estimable a lady to share with him his joys and sorrows.

At this juncture Mr. Harper (the foreman) was asked to "let the cat out of the cupboard," which he did by producing a massive inkstand with the following words engraved thereon: "Presented to the Rev. E. R. Walker by the [Portsea Guild] of Change-ringers, 9th July 1901."

In conclusion the hope was expressed that the "future" would see Mr. and Mrs. Walker pulling together in the cause of christianity, and that they would live very happily together for many years.

Mr. Walker, in responding, said that the presentation came to him quite as a surprise, as it appeared to be intended, and that he hardly knew how to thank them sufficiently. He added that instruction had been imparted to him so willingly that coming amongst them from time to time was a pleasure to him as well as a duty, and he hoped that when he got settled in his new home to be able to extend to them an invitation to try their skill upon the eight good bells in the parish of which he was about to take charge.

It should be added also that on the occasion of the wedding an attempt was made at Portsea for Holt's ten-part, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Crane, J. Symonds (conductor), C. Groves, A. Collins, J. Harper, J. T. Matthews, J. Harris, H. C. Ingram.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1901.

EVERY church bell ringer is doubtless aware that the famed bells of Exeter Cathedral are the heaviest ring in England, and therefore in the world. Competent critics have been known to affirm that they are also the best, by reason of their grandeur and harmonic combination. No less a person than the late Mr. HALEY—who was held to be a good judge in such matters—has been heard to declare that he never heard any bells like unto them. Whether in these days they still maintain their character for excellence above all others, is not necessary to enquire, but it is quite certain they continue to be regarded by all as bells of wonderful tone and weight, and collectively are immensely attractive. They have been considered the greatest monument we have of the bellfounders art, and are unique in point of interest.

Such bells as these, it may be said, have never been

rung, at any rate in that form and style we are acquainted with. True it is that various companies have operated upon them, not very successfully, in some way or other, and that is all. Not only their weight has prevented this, but the condition they are in with respect to their hanging and frame.

The Vicar of Cadbury has made a good suggestion in connection with the proposal to re-hang Exeter Cathedral bells. Men of Devon will see that this restoration is effected, though we believe ringers are to be found abroad who would delight in helping.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The bells of Great Witcombe parish church, originally two only in number, have just been augmented to six by the addition of four middle bells, cast by Messrs. Taylor. The whole work is to the memory of the late Mrs. Hicks Beach, of Witcombe Park, who was greatly beloved by all who knew her. The day of the re-opening was Friday, July 5th, when the bells were opened by a party of ringers from Hardwick, near Gloucester, the first 720 of Minor being rung in the evening by six members of the Cheltenham and District Guild. On Sunday, July 7th, seven members of the same Guild again visited Witcombe by the special invitation of Mr. Hicks Beach, and rang for morning and evening services. An excellent 720 of Minor was rung in the morning, and various 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire in the afternoon and evening. The ringers were most hospitably entertained to dinner and tea at Witcombe Park by Mr. Hicks Beach, to whom and to the Rector (the Rev. J. F. Cornwall), they desire to offer their best thanks. The bells are now a most beautiful little ring, tenor about 8 cwt., and the new bells accord most excellently with the old ones. The work of re-hanging the bells and making and providing a new frame has been carried out by Messrs. White and Sons, of Appleton, to whom too much praise cannot be given for the way in which the bells "go," and for the clever manner in which they are packed in a wood frame into a tower only seven feet square, with a large clock just below the bells, which offered great difficulties in bringing down the ropes properly. The whole of the work is most satisfactory to all concerned, and the sum of money required was provided by public subscription.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS.—J. W. Taylor (eldest son of Mr. John W. Taylor, jun.) and J. P. Atkinson, both pupils of Pryce T. Taylor, M.A. (Oxon.), Shaftesbury Grammar School, have been placed in the First Division at the recent Matriculation Examination of London University.

The Provinces.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HILLIER Treble.	CHARLES BEER 4.
ALFRED BROOKS 2.	ALBERT MILLER 5.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 3.	GEORGE JENNINGS Tenor.
	GEORGE MILLER

Conducted by WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE.

First peal on the bells and by all except the conductor

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN TUCKER Treble.	HENRY WHITE 5.
ALBERT E. REEVES 2.	CHARLES GILES 6.
EDWARD WITTS* 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
FREDERICK DENTRY 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. REEVES.

Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild. E. Wits hails from Thatcham, F. Dentry from Twyford, H. White from Basingstoke. *First peal.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

ALBERT STONE Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	CHARLES HILLS 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY LEWIS* Treble.	A. E. EDWARDS 5.
H. C. NETTLE 2.	F. PROTHEROUGH 6.
F. J. LEWIS 3.	FRED LEWIS 7.
C. L. SADLER 4.	W. C. FLOWER HOLMES* Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. LEWIS.

*First peal. Rung as a welcome to Major R. Chester Master, on his return from active service in South Africa, also as a farewell peal to Mr. H. C. Nettle, who is leaving the district.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'S SIX-PART.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	FRANCIS POWELL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
NOBLE SPINDLOW 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7.
THOMAS RICKETTS 4.	JOHN BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 6.
THOMAS R. HENSHER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	JOHN T. TOMPKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES HORREX Treble.	THOMAS LEVITT 4.
ERNEST NEWMAN 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 3.	WILLIAM KINSEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KINSEY.

Further reference to this peal will be found in another column.

OXTON, CHESHIRE—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED. T. SPENCE Treble.	JOSEPH HUGHES 5.
WILLIAM WILCOX 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
WILLIAM GORDON 3.	EDWIN BREEZE 7.
JOSEPH CLIFFE 4.	SAMUEL MOSTON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DILLON.

Messrs. Cliffe and Breeze bail from Bebington, Gordon from Stockport, Wilcox from Bidston, Dillon from Brouborough, Spence from Grappenhall, Hughes and Moston belong to the local band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble.	THOMAS W. RADFORD 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	GEORGE WOODISS 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, July 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS Treble	HARRY MIDDLETON 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 8.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 9.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	JOHN BUFFERY 10.
CHARLES DICKENS 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 11.
BERNARD WITCHELL 6.	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition has the 6th nineteen times behind the 7th in the tittums, and nineteen times behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position, and is now rung for the first time.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Burford, recorded in our issue of July 13th, was the first peal on a bob bell by the ringer of the 3rd, and also was the first peal by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and tenor.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HARROLD (Bedfordshire).—Recently, 720 Bob Minor. C. W. Clarke conductor, 1; J. McGrath, 2; C. Orpin, 3; F. J. Bird, 4; F. Skevington, 5; G. Thew, 6. 720 Oxford Bob. W. West, 1; J. McGrath, 2;

F. J. Bird, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Skevington, 5; W. Freeman, 6. 720 College Single. F. Skevington, 1; F. G. Crouch (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Freeman, 3; F. J. Bird, 4; C. W. Clarke conductor, 5; G. Thew (first 720 in the method), 6. 720 Bob Minor. W. West, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. J. Bird, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Skevington, 5; W. Freeman conductor, 6. On June 15th, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Orpin, 1; J. McGrath, 2; W. Freeman, 3; F. G. Crouch, 4; F. Skevington, 5; F. J. Bird conductor, 6. 360 Doubles. J. Fry, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. J. Bird conductor, 3; J. Le Fevre, 4; F. G. Crouch, 5; P. Page, 6. On Feast Sunday, June 30th, 720 Bob Minor. C. W. Clarke conductor, 1; J. McGrath, 2. C. Orpin, 3; F. J. Bird, 4; F. Skevington, 5; G. Thew, 6. 720 Oxford Bob. C. Orpin, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. G. Crouch, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Skevington, 5; F. J. Bird conductor, 6. Another 720 Oxford Bob. C. Orpin, 1; J. McGrath, 2; C. W. Clarke conductor, 3; F. G. Crouch, 4; F. Skevington, 5; F. J. Bird, 6. 720 Bob Minor. F. Skevington, 1; J. McGrath, 2; F. J. Bird, 3; Claude Green, 4; F. G. Crouch, 5; C. W. Clarke conductor, 6. 360 College Single. C. Orpin, 1; L. Chapman, 2; F. J. Bird, 3. J. Church, 4; F. Skevington, 5; C. W. Clarke conductor, 6.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, June 22nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters, 1259 Grandsire Caters. G. R. Fardon, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; A. Jones, 3; H. G. Miles conductor, 4; G. Thrussell, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; T. Langdon, 7; G. Charge, 8; C. Charge, 9; R. Charge, 10.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON STRAWLESS (Norfolk).—Recently at the parish church, two 360s of Bob Minor. W. Vincent, 1; H. Smith, 2; G. Hook, 3; W. Woodcock, 4; J. G. Miles, 5; G. Woodcock, 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, May 12th, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassal Road, Brixton, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. C. Newman, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. J. Shepherd, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; E. H. Oxenham, 6; H. Langdon, 7; E. Brett, 8. On Sunday, May 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, at the church of St. John, Waterloo Road, 504 Stedman Triples. E. H. Oxenham, 1; A. Hardy, 2; W. Crockford, 3; F. J. Shepherd, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; H. Langdon, 6; F. Shepherd conductor, 7; T. Wyatt, 8. Mr. F. Shepherd hails from Exeter.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE (Dorset).—On July 13th, on the occasion of the inaugural meeting of the East Dorset branch, 1260 Grandsire Triples. F. Phillips, 1; E. T. Green, 2; E. V. Hinton, 3; F. M. Stewart, 4; E. Waters, 5; Geo. Preston conductor, 6; G. F. Best, 7; E. Goodenough, 8. The first quarter-peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Wednesday, July 15th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Frankum, 1; A. Buckland (first 720), 2; R. Frankum, 3; H. Frankum, 4; E. Arlott (first 720), 5; G. W. T. Smith conductor, 6. On Sunday, July 21st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Frankum, 1; E. Arlott, 2; R. Frankum, 3; A. Buckland, 4; H. Frankum, 5; G. W. T. Smith conductor, 6.

HASLEMERE (Surrey).—On Friday, May 31st, 720 Bob Minor. G. Goodchild, 1; C. Gibbons, 2; H. Mullard, 3; T. Mack, 4; W. Young, 5; G. W. T. Smith conductor, 6. The conductor hails from Aldermaston, Berks.

THATCHAM (Berks).—On Wednesday, May 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. F. Hill, 1; E. Wits, 2; F. Dennis, 3; W. Matthews (Midgham), 4; A. W. J. Bird, 5; G. W. T. Smith conductor, 6.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Whit-Sunday, May 26th, for the early celebration of Holy Communion, 720 London Surprise. J. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon conductor, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. For morning service, 720 Westminster Surprise. D. Preston, 2; C. Preston, 4; W. Wheeldon conductor, 5; the others as before. For evening service, 720 Treeton Surprise, standing as above. On Sunday, June 10th, for morning service, 720 Chester Surprise, and for a flower service in the afternoon, 720 Chelsea Surprise, and for evening service, 720 Canterbury Surprise, the ringers standing as above. On Sunday, June 16th, for evening service, 720 Treeton Surprise. J. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon conductor, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Tuesday, June 18th, 720 Treeton Surprise, and 720 Westminster Surprise. D. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon conductor, 5; the rest as before. These

were rung in an attempt to ring a peal of Surprise Minor, but failed in the third method. On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, 720 Chelsea Surprise. G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg conductor, 6; the rest as before. On Tuesday, July 2nd, 720 Lichfield Surprise. J. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 7th, for evening service, 720 Coventry Surprise. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. This is likely to be the last on the bells for some time.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EDWINSTOWE.—On Saturday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. F. Phillips, 1; D. Blagg, 2; C. Crawford, 3; G. R. Winter, 4; J. S. Betts, 5; J. White conductor, 6. 720 Kent. H. Unwin, 1; C. Crawford, 2; J. Guest, 3; T. Smith conductor, 4; J. White, 5; T. Laking, 6. 720 Bob Minor. D. Blagg, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; F. Phillips, 3; C. Metcalfe, 4; J. S. Betts conductor, 5; C. Crawford, 6. At a quarterly meeting at Anston, on Saturday, July 6th, 720 Kent. H. Unwin, 1; S. Smith (Anston), 2; C. Fowler, 3; T. Smith conductor, 4; S. Smith (Harthill), 5; J. White, 6. 720 Oxford. W. Platts, 1; G. R. Winter, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith (Anston), 5; C. Fowler, 6. This was a silent touch, attempted on the spur of the moment, and the first ever rung by a mixed band at any meeting of the Association. 720 Violet. H. Unwin, 1; R. Smith, 2; S. Smith (Anston), 3; T. Smith conductor, 4; S. Smith (Harthill), 5; C. Fowler, 6. 720 Oxford. W. Platts, 1; R. Smith, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; T. Smith, 4; S. Smith (Harthill) conductor, 5; H. Stenton, 6.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Davis, 1; E. Devereux, 2; A. Wallace, 3; W. Ferks, 4; T. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace conductor, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. This is the first touch on the bells since they were re-hung by Mr. H. Bond.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On May 18th, for morning service at the parish church, with the bells muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples, out of respect to her grace the Duchess of Cleveland, who died at Weisbaden. At 2.30 p.m., a wire was received at Battle Abbey, from Earl Rosebery, her son, announcing her death, and immediately the knell was rung. Her Grace, who was one of the last two of the late Queen's bridesmaids, was in her 82nd year. The ringers in the morning were as follows: J. Sinden, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; F. Martin, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; C. R. Carter, 5; G. Carter (Woolwich), 6; W. Franks conductor, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. At the close of the service, Mr. Bertram Weller, the organist, played the Dead March in Saul the whole of the congregation standing. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Eastland, 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. J. Thomas, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks conductor, 7; A. Saunders, 8. After the service, Mr. Weller played Chopin's Marche Funebre, and Handel's Largo.

BECKWITHSHAW (Yorkshire).—On Thursday, May 9th, 720 and 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Benson, 1; F. Durdy, jun., 2; H. Robinson, 3; H. Dickinson, 4; F. Durdy, sen., 5; A. W. Brighton conductor, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On June 9th, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Judd, 1; W. H. Judd, 2; J. Ansell, 3; W. Fuller, 4; C. Webber, 5; R. Botting, 6; W. H. Street (first as conductor), 7; T. Arrow, 8.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.).—On Saturday, May 11th, at the church of St. Mary, 504 Grandsire Triples. L. Meager, 1; W. Tucker, 2; W. Sear, 3; H. Sear, 4; F. Sear, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges conductor, 7; V. Sear, 8. On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Sear, 1; W. Tucker, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Sear conductor, 4; F. Sear, 5; E. Marks, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; V. Sear, 8. Also 305 in the same method. C. R. Lilley, 1; H. Sear, 2; F. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; W. Tucker, 5; E. Marks, 6; C. W. Clarke conductor, 7; V. Sear, 8.

BURBAGE (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, May 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Bennett, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; B. Stamper, 3; J. Backhouse, 4; M. G. Bennett conductor, 5; W. Longden, 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, March 20th, at the Norman tower, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. H. Smith, 1; C. Lomax, 2; P. Roper, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Moore conductor, 5; S. Roper, 6. Also another 720. E. Arch, 1; H. Smith, 2; P. Roper, 3; S. Roper, 4; H. Moore conductor, 5; G. Carter, 6. First 720 by E. Arch, and as conductor by A. and H. Moore. On Saturday evening, May 18th, for tower bell practice, 672 Bob Major. H. Smith, 1; G. Lilley, 2; A. Moore, 3; H. Moore, 4; H. Simpson, 5; A. Hammond, 6; R. Moore, 7; H. Turner conductor, 8. On Sunday evening, May 19th, for service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Smith, 1; G. Farrants, 2; A. Moore, 3; H. Moore, 4; G. Lilley, 5; G. Debenham conductor,

6; H. Turner, 7; J. Roper, 8. First 1260 by H. Moore and H. Smith. On Whit-Monday, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. J. Cobb, 1; P. Roper, 2; J. Roper, 3; S. Roper, 4; A. Moore conductor, 5; C. Lomax, 6; H. Turner, 7; G. Carter, 8. First 720 by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. On Saturday, June 8th, 1680 Bob Major, being the first part of Annable's three-part peal. H. Mee, 1; J. Chinery, 2; C. Lomax, 3; A. Moore, 4; G. Debenham, 5; F. Hunt, 6; F. Mee, 7; H. Turner conductor, 8. F. and H. Mee are members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Also on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. H. Moore, 1-2; A. Moore, 3-4; H. Turner, 5-6; F. Mee, 7-8; R. Moore, 9-10. Also 360 Bob Minor. A. Moore, 1-2; H. Turner, 3-4; H. Moore conductor, 5-6. Also 216. A. Moore conductor, 1-2; the rest as before. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Moore, 1; F. Hunt, 2; A. Moore, 3; H. Moore, 4; F. Mee, 5-6; H. Turner, 7-8.

IPSWICH.—On Thursday, June 27th, at St. Margaret's church, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Frederick John Catchpole to Miss Ida Mary Bendall, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major. Albert E. Durrant, 1; William Motts, 2; Joseph A. Goffton, 3; William Roughton, 4; Thomas T. Goffton, 5; R. S. Story, 6; James Motts, 7; Robert H. Brundle, 8. After which, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society and the St. Margaret's ringers adjourned to their meeting-house, The Halberd, and partook of an excellent dinner well served by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flory. This being within a day or two of the second anniversary of adding the two new treble bells to the church of St. Margaret.

KNARESBOROUGH (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, May 14th, at St. John's church, 700 Holt's Original Grandsire Triples. H. Robinson, 1; H. Dickinson, 2; C. Watson, 3; F. Smith, 4; F. Watson, 5; A. W. Brighton conductor, 6; W. Swires, 7; M. Styles, 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorkshire).—On Monday, May 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Titehener, 1; A. W. Brighton conductor, 2; W. Rudd, 3; C. Hall, 4; J. Blakiston, 5; W. Newton, 6.

NEW MILLS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 19th, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; F. Holt, 2; D. Brearley, 3; W. Lowery, 4; T. Ramsey, 5; S. Rutter, 6; W. Marshall, 7; A. W. Brighton conductor, 8. Also 288. J. Robinson, 1; F. Holt, 2; B. Stamper, 3; A. W. Brighton conductor, 4; D. Brearley, 5; W. Rutter, 6; W. Marshall, 7; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, June 2nd, for morning service, 447 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Brighton, 1; H. Coombes, 2; P. Long, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; A. Earl, 6; H. Jennings conductor, 7; E. Brett, 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Stains, 1; P. Long, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; H. Jennings, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; A. W. Brighton conductor, 7; E. Brett, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

STOCKTON (Durham).—On Sunday, May 5th, for Divine service in the evening, 880 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Clarkson conductor, 1; F. P. Howcroft, 2; T. Beckwith, 3; A. Barrett, 4; J. Newton, 5; J. Waller, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; J. Passman, 8; W. Newton, 9; T. Metcalf, 10.

STONKY STRATFORD (Bucks.).—On Friday, May 3rd, seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. C. Valentine, 1; W. Tucker, 2; A. Clark, 3; W. Bonham, 4; G. Cowley conductor, 5; A. A. Giles, 6.

MRS. EZRA CARTER'S FUND.

Previously announced in "THE BELL NEWS" for May 25th and June 29th, £13 11s. H. J. Tucker 2s., J. Strutt 2s., J. Wright 2s. Share of fines from St. Paul's belfry, 4s.—Total £14 1s.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. William Willson has removed from Berners Street, to 40, Ventnor Street, Leicester. After the 31st inst., the address of Mr. A. W. Pike, Assistant Hon. Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will be 55, Addington Road, Reading.—Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has removed to 31, Hamilton Street, S.C.R., Dublin.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ARCHDEACONRY OF DORSET.)

A meeting was held at Wimborne on July 13th, to inaugurate the East Dorset branch which was resolved on at the annual meeting of the Guild in June. The tower of the Minster had been generously placed at the disposal of the Guild by the Vicar (Canon Huyshe), but owing to the uneven weight of the clappers and the windows being so near the bells, only one hour's ringing was allowed, and that for skilled ringers only. The best was made of the time, and a quarter-peal was successfully brought round in 53 mins. Owing to the "ancient" way in which the bells are still hung in this ancient Minster, the bells go very trickily, and it was considered no small feat to bring round the first complete quarter-peal on the bells without a hitch, and with as good striking as was possible under the circumstances.

The assembly in the belfry then joined the waiting congregation below, and a service specially drawn up and sanctioned for the occasion by the Bishop, was heartily sung by the ringers. This occupied ten minutes, and was followed by a five minutes' address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, Vicar of Cranborne, and District Secretary, on the text "Praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals." He said that bells like cymbals were instruments that produced beautiful and harmonious sounds when struck, and in the same way it was often under the blows of adversity that the most beautiful and harmonious Christian souls were formed after the likeness of their Creator.

Afterwards an *al fresco* tea was enjoyed at the residence of Mr. C. F. Berry. The business meeting followed immediately afterwards, at which the following towers were represented: Sturminster Newton, Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Christchurch, St. Peter's Bournemouth, Cranborne, Long Criche, Verwood, and West Moors. Some of these were handbell bands, and ladies (who are now learning change-ringing in the neighbourhood) were present during part of the proceedings. The Rev. J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell, Vicar of Sturminster Newton, was elected as chairman of the meeting; he was also elected chairman of the branch. The following officers were elected: Rev. H. Drake, *Secretary*; Rev. F. H. Fisher, *Treasurer*; Committee: Messrs. A. Grist (Bournemouth), J. Rose (Sturminster Newton), W. Lockyer (Fordingbridge), T. G. Frampton (Cranborne), W. Christopher (Long Criche), G. Preston (Christchurch), F. C. Ferrett (Verwood), H. G. Titcombe (Ringwood), Rev. C. P. Wix (Witchampton), and the Rev. C. F. C. Knapp (Woodlands). It was decided not, at present, to do more than have the three quarterly meetings in addition to the annual meeting, this being the minimum prescribed by the rules. The following order of districts was suggested: 1—Blandford; 2—Shaftesbury and Poole (alternately); 3—Wimborne. The invitation of the chairman to hold the next meeting at Sturminster Newton on the first Saturday in October was accepted.

The urgent question of arranging for instruction in change-ringing was discussed, and it was decided to instruct the committee to draw up a scheme and report to the next meeting.

Owing to the meeting at this point having to come to a hurried conclusion in order to catch the abnormally early "last trains" from Wimborne, the usual votes of thanks were not put, but the branch takes this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Minster, and the preacher for his excellent address. Everyone regretted the absence of any local ringer or other official to act as host, and welcome the Guild to Wimborne.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Leek on Saturday, July 6th, and was attended by the Rev. T. H. B. Fearon, Vicar of Leek, Rev. C. H. Frith, Hon. Clerical Secretary and Treasurer, and over sixty members from the following towers: Bucknall, Cheadle, Cheddleton, Fenton, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Lawton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke and Tunstall. Members began to arrive about 4 o'clock, and the bells were kept going until 5.30, at which hour the members assembled in the schoolroom for the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, who gave a hearty welcome to the members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by

the Secretary and duly confirmed. The Secretary then presented the annual report and statement of accounts for the year, which shewed an increase in the number of members from 111 last year to 128, and an increase of about £1 in the funds, which at the present time amount to £21 2 3. The officers were all re-elected. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. H. C. Frith to Mr. W. Twigg (lay Secretary) for his services. This was seconded by the chairman, and supported by Mr. S. Churton (Stoke) and carried with applause. After the meeting the members partook of a capital tea, provided by the Leek ringers. A short service was afterwards held in the parish church, when an appropriate address was given by the Vicar. Before and after service several touches were rung, and the bells lowered in peal about 9.30, which brought a very successful meeting to a close. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Leek for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells and schoolroom.

A grant of £5 was made from the funds towards the cost of two new bells at Christ Church, Tunstall.

THE HEAVITREE SOCIETY, DEVON.

The members of this company had their outing on Saturday, July 13th, by break to Newton Abbot, *via* Haldon and Chudleigh, returning *via* Teignmouth, and were favoured with fine weather all day, though it was somewhat cloudy in the morning. Arrived at Haldon the party sat down to an *al fresco* lunch at 9.30 a.m., for which the exercise of walking up the last ascent and the fresh breezes provided all with keen appetites. There was a stop at Chudleigh of half-an-hour to ring a few 6-scores, and Newton Abbot was reached at noon. Here the party tried some touches on the sweet-toned bells of St. Leonard's old tower. Having rested horses, a start was made for Teignmouth, and immediately on arrival all sat down to dinner at Middleton's hotel, presided over by the Vicar and Mr. J. Sampson (churchwarden). The afternoon was given to enjoyment on the beach or pier, or sea voyage by boat according to fancy. After service the party met again at St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, and had an hour's ringing, but all seemed agreed that it was hard work compared to what they were accustomed to at home. The last stage of the return journey commenced soon after seven o'clock, a halt being made at Mount Pleasant for supper, and Heavitree was reached at 10.30, all being of opinion that a most enjoyable day had been spent. The party desire to express their thanks to the Vicars of the different churches visited for granting the use of towers, and also to Mr. Marles for his smart turn-out.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 13th, the members of the above tower journeyed by brake in glorious weather to the pretty country town of Ecclesall, for their annual outing. Starting from Milton at 3.15, we arrived at Ecclesall about 7 o'clock. After acquainting Mrs. Boon of The George and Dragon hotel of our arrival, we wended our way to the beautiful and ancient parish church, where we soon found access to the belfry by applying to the vergier for the key. After running the bells merrily for half-an-hour, we made our way to the supper table, where there was a sumptuous spread awaiting us, to which every member did full justice, our appetite being accelerated by the invigorating air which we had inhaled on our journey. Supper over, we had an hour's social chat, when we retired for the night. After breakfast next morning, we rang for Divine Service, after which we had a ten miles' drive through lovely country which was thoroughly appreciated by all. After tea, we rang again for Divine Service, after which started for home, which was reached about 10.30 p.m., all agreeing that the outing had been a thorough success, everything going off with clock-like precision.

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The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst, to-day, Saturday, July 27th. Tower open from 4 to 6, and 7 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—West Dorset Branch.—Inaugural meeting to-day, Saturday, July 27th, at Dorchester. Chairman, H. H. Palaret, Esq. (Master), supported by Captain Acland. Tea at St. Peter's institute, at 4.30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Bells at St. Peter (8), St. George's (6) and Charminster (6).

REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Secretary.*
Verwood, Dorset.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Crewe Branch.—At the invitation of the Lawton friends, a special ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at Lawton church to-day, Saturday, July 27th. All ringers invited. Free tea provided at 5 o'clock. Bells recently augmented to eight. Tower open at 1.30.

58, Rigg Street, Crewe. R. LANGFORD.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tong, to-day, Saturday, July 27th. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—A meeting of this District will be held at Tonbridge, to-day, Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 4. Business meeting at 6.30.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury, near Bristol, to-day, Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Mary, Harmondsworth, by permission of the Rev. J. C. Taylor, to-day, Saturday, July 27th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Ringers and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Lampton, Hounslow.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The next practice night at St. John's, Waterloo Road, will be on Wednesday, next, the 31st inst. Business meeting after ringing. In future the practice nights will be on every alternate Wednesday.

F. J. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Sec.*
29, Warner Road, Camberwell, S.E.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Barrington, on Monday, August 5th. Tea at Barrington at 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting of the south-eastern division at Prittlewell on Saturday, August 10th, (open to all members), to elect a new Master and Secretary for the division. Tea (tickets 3d each),

and business meeting at Prittlewell at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous meeting.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells, on Saturday, August 17th or 24th (the Lord Bishop has not yet decided which date). Particulars later.

HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. & Treas.*
Williton, Somerset.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT FELSHAM.—This was the first peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band and on the bells. It was rung as a birthday celebration to the conductor, who attained his 21st year on the 29th of last June, when the first attempt was made, which, when near the end of the second 720, the conductor called stand, through two bells shifting course. The band wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank Mr. H. Kinsey, Churchwarden, and father of the conductor, for the capital spread on the 29th, and his own genuine refreshments after the completion of the peal.

THE PEAL AT WITNEY.—The Witney ringers take this opportunity of welcoming the Rev. W. Osborn Jenkyn, Mrs. Jenkyn, and the Misses Jenkyn, to Witney. Some 600 changes in this peal were rung without a covering bell, the tenor man being overcome by the excessive heat. A breath of fresh air however, revived him, and he returned to his rope and assisted in finishing an excellent peal. The ringer of the fourth bell was elected a member of the Guild previous starting.

Compositions.

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5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
26354	-	I	I	
36524	I	-		I
25634	I	-		2
53624	I	-		
32546	-			
23645	-	I	2	

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th bells their extent in 5-6, without 2nd or 3rd in the latter position at course-ends. Alternate calling may be used to the first and last courses of each part, when we get a peal containing 5280 changes.

23456	M	B	W	H
26354	-	I	I	
23564	I	-	2	2
36524	I	-		
25634	I	-		
53246	-			
34256	I	-		
24536	I	-	I	
43526	I	-		
32546	I	-		

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th her extent right at ten course-ends, and 4-5 6 exclusively in that position. Alternate calling to first and second courses of either part reduce changes to 5024 in number.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, July 3rd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Goode-nough, 1; J. Tucker, 2; H. Pickering, 3; C. Cox, 4; J. Swain, 5; C. Giles, 6; A. Osborn conductor, 7; R. Barkus, 8. On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service, another 504. J. Goode-nough, 1; J. Swain, 2; H. Pickering, 3; W. P. Routh, 4; C. Cox, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; A. Osborn conductor, 7; R. Sawyer, 8.

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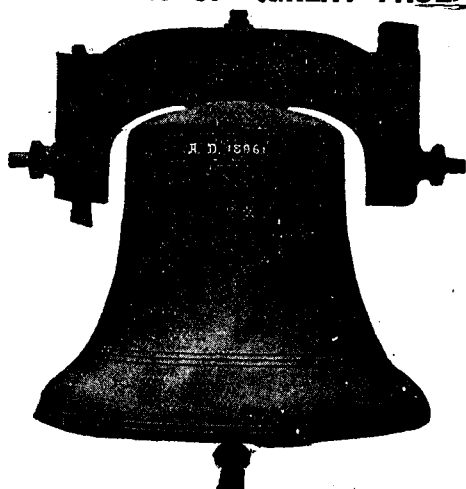
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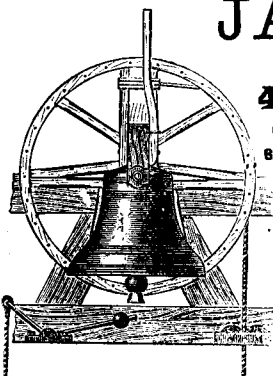
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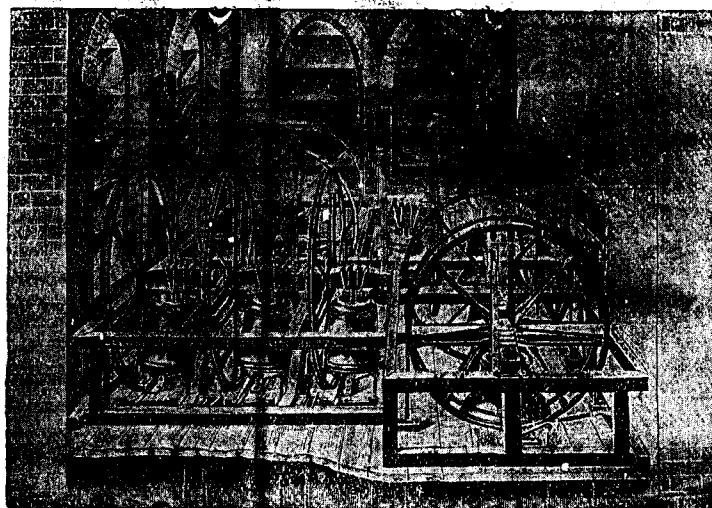
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ST. BURYAN, CORNWALL.

Wednesday will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the history of St. Buryan: indeed, rarely have the parishioners manifested such a vivid interest in any event appertaining to the improvement or beautifying of the ancient church which stands at an altitude of 450 feet above sea level, and so commands lovely views and connects modern life with the days of Athelstan. The munificence of the esteemed rector's brother-in-law, Mr. James Hawke Dennis, a Cornishman, who resides at Greenhurst Park, Surrey, in giving the large sum required for the completion of the Truro cathedral tower, was only a welcome harbinger of other benefactions to follow, and the news of this handsome present to the trustees of the cathedral had scarcely been announced ere it became known that he had, with characteristic generosity, decided to present St. Buryan with a new ring of bells and organ, at a cost of £800. The churchworkers had long felt the need of a better instrument to lead them in sacred praise, and were determined to collect money for the provision of a suitable organ. But when they had succeeded in collecting rather more than £150 Mr. Dennis, with rare kindness, promised to present not only an organ, but also a ring of bells.

How that promise has been fulfilled, says a local paper, was fully demonstrated on Wednesday, when the village was *en fete* on the occasion of the dedication of the splendid gifts. Not only did an ensign proudly float on the new flagstaff on the summit of the weather-beaten tower, but a large number of the inhabitants displayed flags and bunting.

The bells are hung in a strong iron frame, with steel joists, and consists of a tenor, 23½ cwt. (supposed to be the largest bell in the county) a treble (8 cwt.) and numbers two and three 12 cwt. and 16 cwt. respectively. The treble, which has already seen much service in the tower, has been re-tuned, whilst the two latter have undergone recasting. The tenor is a splendid specimen of the high class workmanship of Messrs. John Warner and Son, the famous bell manufacturers of Cripplegate, London, and bears the following inscription:—

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New floors have been placed in the bell chamber and ringing room, whilst a chiming apparatus on the latest principle has been erected in the belfry.

The dedication service took place at three o'clock, and was attended by a very large congregation, including several visitors from Penzance and neighbourhood. Mr. J. H. Dennis's four sons and daughter were among the congregation.

Hymn 550 was sung as a processional, the opening responses being taken by the Rev. T. F. Maddrell. The lesson, Corinthians xv. 1-13, was read by the Rev. A. T. Boscawen, after which the rector offered a prayer for blessing on the donor. The 303rd hymn, “When morning

gilds the skies,” was sung to the fine old tune of Hanover during which the clergy proceeded to the tower and dedicated the bells to the service of God. A party of ringers from St. Mary's church, Penzance (Messrs. J. W. Hodder, T. Kessell, P. Hichens, T. N. Hicks, and M. Davies) then rang a touch, and as the clear crisp notes floated southwards over Boskenna Bay the clergy proceeded to the organ and the rector consecrated the instrument to the service of the Creator, who had appointed that instruments of music shall praise Him. The singing of the *Te Deum* followed.

Canon Hoskyns, before beginning his sermon, said he should like to express his very deep regret for the disappointment those present were sustaining on this their festival day owing to the absence of the Bishop, and he hardly needed to add that it was only necessity which prevented him from being present. They all knew the deep interest Dr. Gott had been taking in the work of St. Buryan church, in the erection of the new bells and the beautiful organ, and had it not been for his indisposition he would have been in their midst that day to speak to them. No one could take his place; he was their father in God, and a few words from him in his position as chief pastor of the diocese came with a weight that no one else in that church could give. Continuing, Canon Hoskyns took his text from Chronicles xxv. 5—“So David prepared abundantly before his death.” These words seemed to reveal the true character of the king; for they saw in them the one absorbing thought in his mind as he was facing certain death. He thought he would prepare the erection of a shrine worthy of the great God he worshipped. In that they read the true motive of the man. It was not intended to be an expiation for his past sins, for he knew too well that no act of his could wipe away the smallest sinful stain. Again this preparation was not for self-glorification. It was not intended to add to his own personal glory or to win for himself the fame of man, but it was intended to be a thank-offering to Almighty God. That should be the real underlying motive of all our gifts. That was David's one great motive midst a storm of trouble and sorrow. Sorrow makes some people cynical, but David seemed quite the contrary. They often noticed the effect of prosperity on some people. People who become enriched do not always deepen in character, on the other hand riches tend to alienate them from God. David had high ideals, and it was with no mean spirit that he undertook this work of God. Anything done for God was to be done on a splendid and magnificent scale; everything was to be of the very best. Lastly David was not building for himself, but for eternity. What impresses us as we gaze on the splendid buildings erected by our forefathers is the spirit which prompted them in their work. They had down in Cornwall, right in the centre of their diocese, a grand building which is growing into completion, and there was the same grandeur of conception, the same carelessness as to cost, as filled the mind of mediæval man, and one who had been a generous donor, having erected the beautiful bells they had been listening to, had it put into his heart by the grace of God

to give an offering worthy of the worship of God towards the completion of that great tower, which will be completed in two years. That showed them that the right spirit of generosity is still in their midst. At St. Buryan that day they were holding their high festival, and he would that their own dear Vicar, and the Bishop, was there to speak to them and commend the spirit of generosity which had filled their hearts. They had taken their share of the work; it had not been done for them. They had taken their share in the erection of the organ which was to lead the worship of God in that parish. Having taken a share in the work they would love it a thousand times more than if it was done for them. They used to say that men built their hearts into the walls of those grand old cathedrals which are scattered over the length and breadth of the land. Those who had taken a share in this grand work would feel an added love for their own parish church. What a power music can sway. There was a time when music was thought to be a part of the devil. It is a distinct power from God, for who was there present who had not been aided, helped, and inspired by some beautiful hymn or the dulcet notes of an organ? From the tower yonder, would come to them the ringing of the bells, summoning them to the worship of the Most High. They could not stop their ears to it, and whenever they heard the welcome ringing out they should remember that it is God's message to come into the church and listen to the Gospel. And when they came inside there was music to lead them into that infinite community with Almighty God. He prayed that this day of the consecration of the beautiful bells and organ may be the means of leading them to God.

Hymn 228, "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," having been sung to the rousing tune of Sir John Goss, the Rector pronounced the blessing, and Dr. Monk played a couple of difficult selections by Dr. A. H. Pearce and Salome. Both were skilfully interpreted.

The Rector subsequently entertained the bellringers, and Mr. A. Mitchell and Mr. J. T. Mitchell to a substantial supper. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Martyn, Mr. John Richards presided, and expressed the thanks of the Rector and churchwardens to those who had so kindly contributed to the success of the day's proceedings.

The good health of the donor and the Rev R. J. Martyn was enthusiastically drank, and a very pleasant time spent.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A District Quarterly Meeting was held at Maresfield, on Saturday, July 20th, and although this is an ideal place for a summer meeting very few put in an appearance, the only towers represented being Lindfield, Southover, Lewes, and Brighton (2) St. Peter's and St. Paul's. Mr. A. W. Brighton, who was on business in the neighbourhood (and who like other brother-ringers keen on ringing in a fresh tower) put in an appearance. The bells are a very nice ring of six by Rudhall, 1787, tenor about 15 cwt., and is ornamented round the waist. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor was rung before tea-time, but short touches of the latter were enough to allay the ambitions of those present, the frame-work and fittings throughout being in a very bad state of repair, the frame oscillating to and fro to the extent of what may be termed dangerous, and according to the version of the local ringers, it is not to be wondered at, as no one in Maresfield remembers any bellhanger ever being employed on the bells

since they were put up one hundred and twenty-four years ago. It is hoped influence will be brought to bear on the authorities, to call in a practical bellhanger.

A most excellent tea was provided by the host of The Chequers hotel, the only thing to be regretted being the smallness of the company; after two of the local band and two or three lady friends had been induced to join us we only numbered fourteen. The short business meeting followed, Mr. F. Bennett presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and eighteen new active members were elected. Buxted and Henfield were proposed as places to attempt the next quarterly peal. Henfield getting the majority, the date and band was left to the district secretary to arrange.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Williams, then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. Harry Chapman, for granting permission of the bells, and read a letter from him regretting his inability to be present, and he (the Secretary) hoped that the local band would again join the Association. It seemed that all the local men present were in favour of it, but that their captain (who was unfortunately absent) was against it. He would advise them to bring the matter before their Rector (who is an hon. member of the Association) who would no doubt soon solve the difficulty.

Some more Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were then rung and a social hour spent with the local men present, when three of the company left on bicycles, the rest coming on by train. Thus ended a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting for those who had availed themselves of the opportunity of attending it.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held by kind permission of Canon Macaulay at Dunstable, on Saturday, July 13th, and was well-attended by members from Woburn, Leighton Buzzard, Luton, Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's). Some excellently struck touches were rung upon the splendid ring of bells at the Priory church in the methods of Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The members partook of tea at the coffee tavern, presided over by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker. After tea the usual business meeting was held, when it was proposed that the next meeting be held at Cardington. The election of several new members from the Luton company was confirmed. A discussion was also started in reference to the discontinuance of the service held at the annual meeting at Bedford. The last year or two it has been very poorly attended. Last Easter Monday, out of sixty-five who sat down to luncheon, only eleven attended the service, and after a lot of trouble in getting a special preacher it is thought not worth continuing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

A Meeting of this branch was held on Saturday last, July 27th, at Henbury, near Bristol. About twenty members were present. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung on the bells. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Chippenham, on August 24th next.

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ANALYSIS OF WORK.

The work may be divided into two distinct parts, the first covering the first *three* leads, the second covering the last *four*.

A good portion of the work of first lead is plain Treble Bob work. Before the dodge in 3-4, fourth's and third's places are made and, after lying full, there is a triple dodge. The work of this lead may be designated by these exceptions from plain Treble Bob work, i.e. "first 4-3 places and triple dodge behind last." The 4-3 places are called "first," because they are made *before* the dodge in 3-4, and the triple dodge "last," because it is made *after* lying.

A run through from back to front commences the work of the second lead, which almost wholly takes place in 1-2; the work in these places is dodge, lead, double dodge, second's, lead, second's, double dodge, lead, and dodge. This may conveniently be called "long work in front." It is completed by a run through from front to back.

The work of the third lead may be regarded as the same as that of the first lead, but in the reverse order, i.e. begin at the end and work back to the beginning. Accordingly it may be called "triple dodge behind first; last 3-4 places." The triple dodge is called "first," because it is made *before* lying, and the 3-4 places "last," because they are made *after* dodging 3-4.

The second part of the work in a plain course commences in the fourth lead, with a run out and dodge in 5-6; sixth's and third's places and out are then made, and on the way down 5ths and 6ths. These two sets of places are connected by plain Treble Bob work. We

name this work "single 6-3, and looped 5-6 places." The last mentioned places are called "looped," because they are looped together by a dodge.

It will be convenient to regard the work of the fifth and sixth leads as a whole. It begins and ends with place-making in 3-4, and, setting aside the leading and lying blows, all the rest is dodging. After making 3-4 places and dodging the treble, there is a double dodge in 1-2 before leading, then a treble hunt to back, followed by a triple dodge before and after lying; then a treble hunt back to lead with double dodge after, a dodge with treble in 3-4 and 4-3 places. As dodging forms so large a portion of this part of the work, it may suitably be called "out and in dodging." In view of the alteration in this section of the work, a at bob, it will be helpful to remember that the lying blows between the two triple dodges behind divide it into two parts.

The work of the last lead is the same as that of the fourth, but done backwards. If we accordingly reverse the order of the terms which express that work it will be "looped 6-5, and single 3-6 places."

The work tabulated is as follows:—

FIRST PART	First 4-3 places, and triple dodge behind last. Long work in front. Triple dodge behind first, and last 3-4 places.
	Single 6-3, and looped 5-6 places. Out and in dodging. Looped 5-6, and single 3-6 places.
SECOND PART	

At a bob, 6th's place instead of 8th's is made, the bells below 6th's are not altered. The others are altered as follows:—

(1) The bell that is running through from "long work in front," stops at 6th's place and makes it, and then runs straight back and repeats the "long work in front."

(2) The bell that has done the "first 4-3 places and triple dodge behind last" work, extends the dodge to a seven-pull, and thus takes up the last half of the "out and in dodging" work.

(3) The bell that has done the first half of the "out and in dodging" work, extends the triple dodge before lying to a seven-pull dodge, and thus takes up the "triple dodge behind first, and last 3-4 places" work.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The members of this branch held their first annual meeting on Saturday, July 20th, in the Masonic Hall, Drake Street, Rochdale, when over sixty sat down to a good knife and fork tea. Members were present from Rochdale, Oldham, Middleton, Heywood, Milnrow, Moor-side, Newhey and Hamcr. After all had done justice to the repast the meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Sam Brierley (Milnrow). After a few remarks from the chairman, explaining the objects of the meeting, the Oldham ringers rang a few touches on the handbells. A vote of thanks to the local committee who had worked so hard to make the meeting a success, and to the genial chairman for so ably occupying the chair, brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

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Correspondence.

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

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

"A SAD POSITION OF AFFAIRS."

SIR,—Mr. Daniell evidently wishes to make a mountain out of a mole-hill, but I do not intend to be drawn into a controversy over my letter on the above subject.

It is true I might have been a little more particular, and made a portion of my letter a little less general, but it is within my knowledge that Bucknall is not the only place in Staffordshire where the incumbent has acted in a high-handed, unreasonable manner; and during my career as a ringer I have known and read of many incidents where incumbents have acted in a manner to say the least, not creditable to their profession, and so with regard to the sentence in my letter objected to by Mr. Daniell, to quote an old saying, let those whom the cap fits wear it," it was intended for them alone. It is undoubtedly true that the Church of England has very little hold on the working classes, and such tyranny (as described by Mr. Twigg) by the Rector of Bucknall, can only serve to make the breach wider.

GEORGE BAKER.

CONSECUTIVE PLACES.

SIR,—It is useless continuing this discussion, but I cannot allow the Rev. H. Drake's last letter to pass un-noticed.

Mr. Drake says that a protest was twice raised in your columns when I had occasion to use the above definition. This is quite true, but Sir, the protest in both cases was made by persons who were confounding one thing with another totally different, and knew nothing of the *subject proper* that they were protesting against, therefore the protests were valueless.

Again Mr. Drake says I have ascribed to him two arguments that were not his at all; this I absolutely deny. If Mr. Drake was not concerned in "What are consecutive places"? why does he try to alter a definition for same that has been in use for years? and again what reason had he for criticising my letter in "THE BELL NEWS" in answer to the above query.

It is quite evident (to anyone who has a knowledge of the subject, judging by Mr. Drake's letters) that until this controversy was started, Mr. Drake knew nothing of method composition or how succeeding rows in Major were obtained, or he would never have said that a place at either end of two rows differed from places inside the rows. This is my final reply, and I still maintain that *consecutive* is a better definition than "adjacent" (in composition) for two places in consecutive order completed in two rows.

GEORGE BAKER.

SIR,—The terms under discussion were coined and exclusively used for purposes of composition. I quite see with Mr. Drake that there are several objections to their use as ordinary terms of the belfry. But they are not wanted there. The expressions "Kent" places, "Oxford" places, "Court" places, now commonly used, though not exact enough for scientific use, are far better adapted for ordinary purposes, and themselves tell their own meaning. I did not know that Mr. Drake, versed as he is in many things which concern ringing, had ever turned his attention to composition. Hence the last expression of my first letter. But as Mr. Drake objects to it, I withdraw it, and apologise to him for its use.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Westland House, Dereham Road, Norwich.

THE "JOHN THORP" FUND.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago I wrote a few lines on behalf of the Ashton-under-Lyne society regarding the above fund. I may say that the above society and all subscribing friends have a perfect right to know how the money has been spent, and how much there is left. The one of the Committee who said I was with him at Glossop where they made him a presentation, is very much mistaken, as I have not been there for over eight years. I am not opening up a paper war, and shall not write again on the subject. All we want is a balance-sheet, as no one seems to know anything at all about the matter. On this occasion I have the manliness to sign my name and address.

JAMES ADAMS, Secretary Ashton-under-Lyne Society.
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A NOTABLE GOLDEN WEDDING.

We are quite sure that our readers will join in the congratulations which are this week being showered upon Canon and Mrs. Paul, of Finedon, the venerable lady and gentleman who on Monday last celebrated their golden wedding. An event of this kind is a piece of good fortune that falls to the lot of comparatively few married couples, and one would have to go still further to find a clergyman who has celebrated his jubilee, both of married life and as Vicar of the parish. But this is the almost unique experience of Canon Paul, for prior to his marriage with Miss Jessie Mackworth (the daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. Herbert Mackworth, of Wellingborough, another well-known local family), the rev. gentleman had for three or four years been the Vicar of Finedon, a position filled for about forty years previously by his father. The incumbency has consequently been held by father and son for nearly ninety-four years, and it was this notable fact which doubtless caused several of the leading London and provincial newspapers to record with evident interest the event celebrated at Finedon on Monday. Unhappily, the festivities had to be somewhat curtailed owing to an illness with which Mrs. Paul was seized on the day preceding the fiftieth anniversary of her wedding. But on Monday there was a quiet family gathering, and on the following day the respected Vicar was surrounded by a large and faithful band of church workers, who had been invited to a garden party. This was a very successful and enjoyable function, and a pleasant feature of the gathering was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Paul of a handsome silver salad bowl and an illuminated address, setting forth in heartfelt terms the esteem in which the aged couple have been held by their friends and parishioners. In his speech replying to this expression of kindness, Mr. Paul, who is in his eighty-second year, intimated that he could not expect to remain amongst them very much longer. But all who are acquainted with Finedon Vicarage and its associations will earnestly hope that the worthy Canon and his devoted consort may live and enjoy good health at any rate until son and sire have held the living of Finedon for a century.

In the year 1897 one additional treble bell was placed in Finedon church by the parishioners to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of our late good Queen, and another was given by the Rev. G. W. Paul to celebrate his jubilee as Vicar.

On Thursday evening, July 18th, eight members of the Central Northamptonshire Association (of which the Rev. Canon Paul has been an Honorary Member from the first), accomplished a peal of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the venerable Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who, as a curate at Finedon many years ago, first learned to manage a bell in that belfry. The late Rev. Dolben Paul, formerly of Bearwood Rectory, and who was some twenty years ago Secretary of the Oxford Guild, was a younger brother of the Rev. Canon. The two senior ringers connected with Wellingborough belfry, Messrs. George Turnell and Thomas Craddock, well remember Canon Paul's wedding in the parish church in 1851. The church was at that time undergoing restoration under the control and advice of the celebrated architect, Sir Gilbert Scott. Herbert Paul, Esq., of the *Daily News*, and the talented author of *Men and Letters*, is the Canon's eldest son. Another son, Mr. Gerald Paul, is serving his King and country in the Transvaal war.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, July 18th, the remains of the much respected Mrs. Dunnell, a popular inhabitant of Aldeburgh, were borne to her last resting-place, her death having occurred in London on Tuesday, July 16th. The funeral was met by Canon Thompson and the choir at the west door of the church, the hymn "Abide with me" being sung. The deceased was a granddaughter of the late Mr. Newson Garriett, and was married to Mr. Dunnell on September 4th, 1896. After the funeral the bells were rung deeply muffled as a last token of respect. W. Lovett, R. Smith, H. Collis, G. Smith, H. Girling, C. Smith.

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MILD AND BITTER.

I have very grave doubts as to the title of "Mild and Bitter." The Bucknall business has filled me with alarm, and if certain persons happen to twig this page, the writer's character might be aspersed; and what is worse it might be assumed that he held a brief for the Brewers or Licensed Victuallers. You see, one cannot be too careful. I think in future instead of taking a glass of beer at our ringers' supper, I will eschew its baneful influence—and take two—of Stout, "Guinness's." Good idea.

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The gentlemen who wrote to the columns of this paper to say that the celebrated Painswick bells were not to be allowed to leave the village, were—to use a sporting expression—"a bit off." Of course I mean their knowledge of the facts. After their letters appeared I paid a flying visit to the Loughboough Foundry to see for myself, and there the bells lay. As most readers know, the back ten were cast by the famous Rudhall; the trebles by Mears and Stainbank. The tenor has always been put down as 28 cwt. (or thereabouts). Here again those who "knew" were out of their reckoning, for she only weighs 25 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs., and when the ring of twelve leave Messrs. Taylor's premises, I venture to think that they will rank as the lightest peal of twelve in the kingdom (excepting Quex Park). It is wonderful how some tenors grow. I recollect some ten years ago, a dispute arose as to the weight of Erith tenor. The founders gave the weight as 15 cwt., but she is usually put down as 18 cwt. Perhaps when she comes out for repairs the truth may be known.

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I see in the columns of a contemporary that the inmates of the Holbeach workhouse have been up in arms against the wielding of the razor supplied by the Guardians. It seems that the barber sent his "man"—at least as much of a man as the contract price called for, and the youngster made good practice on the chins to such a tune that chunks of chin were missing, or rather were skived off. Hence the paupers objected to being carved up in that manner, and chin-music followed. It has occurred to me that if the Holbeach Guardians want a real good Barber, I can recommend one who does his work sweetly, although he lives at Saltley; or if they prefer, their artist might with some advantage run his razor over some of our better halves and if part of their chins should be minus—well—"it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good." Selah!

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What's this?

ASLEEP IN THE DOCK.—Yesterday, at Northwich, James Houghton, a man with a wooden leg, made his fortieth appearance on a charge of sleeping out. When taken into custody he pulled off his wooden leg and attacked the constable. In the dock he feigned to be asleep, and two officers had to hold him up. He declined to have on his wooden leg, and refused to speak. He was committed to gaol for a month as a rogue and a vagabond.

Ah! I breathe again. I notice it says Northwich, not Irthlingborough; besides "Jimmy" has nothing wooden about him.

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We have had more than one admonition anent the exercise of our patronage in matters commercial. The duty of "helping the brotherhood," as it is termed, is insisted on. To be plain, when we are in want of any article, domestic, utilitarian, agricultural, ornamental, and so forth, we ought to see first if we can deal for the same with a ringing brother. The idea is good, and it can easily be carried out to a very great extent, though not always. So far as I know of at present there are a few of our brethren who invite us in the usual way to deal with them. My friend Tom Haigh, of Huddersfield, asks the custom of his brethren and their friends of either sex to try his suitings and dress material; W. Gordon, of Stockport, has long been known to the Exercise as a purveyor of music for handbells, organ, piano, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and every kind of instrument; G. H. Coldwell, of Mirfield, is anxious to make us silver and gold badges, watches, clocks, appropriate articles for presentation made in the precious metals, etc. To this I say let us help our brethren when we can. "Love the brotherhood" is a scriptural command; let us not forget it.

The "consecutive place" merchants are busy in the correspondence, and it seems to me that the difference of opinion is as follows: Can two places made together be "consecutive"? Two writers agree in the affirmative, another opposes the statement. Personally I think the word consecutive as applied here is wrong. In Treble Bob two bells make places at what is theoretically *the same time* (although one bell must practically follow another in any row of changes), I take it that *the* bell coming down slow-making 4ths and 3rds is making "consecutive" places, and that the two places made by two bells side by side are not consecutive, but if I may suggest it—"concurrent." I may add that this idea is prevalent among a great circle of ringers to my knowledge. I don't like the word "adjacent." It may mean near or far or anything, and has a "property to be sold by auction" smack about it. This is simply my opinion on the place-making controversy, and I will willingly sit at anyone's feet and learn.

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I am all undone! I have found a way to make life not worth living. The house of Jingle has shifted course, and it was done in a furniture van. On the hottest day for years we were at it. Eighty-eight in the shade? Pooh it was 5088 in the shade. Up hill and down dale, like Atlas, I carried a world on my back, what time my eyes were protruding like door-knobs. At last we arrived. Some philosopher has said "two removals are as bad as a fire." He knew something. He had without a doubt shifted his furniture in the dog days.

"Bring the piano upstairs," shouted Mrs. Jingle.

"Delighted to" I yelled, and forthwith grabbed the instrument to carry it up several flights. But did I? Hardly. After mopping my features with a towel I cried "Look here, this poet wants some Bucknall beer, d'ye twig"? Someone has said that Englishmen are bilious, and don't enjoy life. Let me prescribe: Is your tongue coated? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Is your liver right? Is your tyre punctured? Have you pains in the back? If not, do a shift, and you will soon have. "Try a box" is the advice of

JINGLE.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

A brief, but withal interesting ceremony took place at the church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Brentwood, on Saturday, July 20th, namely the unveiling of a handsome walnut and gold tablet, recording a peal of Stedman Triples rung there in May last by members of the Kent County Association hailing from St. Alfege, Greenwich, St. John's, Deptford, etc. On arrival at Brentwood the party were received by the Rev. H. Drinkwater (curate), Dr. J. C. Quennell (Vicar's warden), and the local ringers who had mustered in force, headed by the respected tower-keeper, Mr. J. Burgess. After being photographed by Mr. W. Foreman, jun., a move was made to the ringing-chamber, when the business of the evening commenced with a well-struck touch of Stedman by F. W. Thornton (conductor), W. Weatherstone, J. J. Lamb, W. Foreman, sen., J. E. Davis, T. Taylor, W. J. Jeffries, and F. H. Gooch. Mr. Thornton then in a few well-chosen words asked Dr. Quennell on behalf of the Vicar (absent in Switzerland on holiday), to kindly unveil the tablet, and accept it as a gift from the band to the church for all time. The worthy doctor accordingly performed the ceremony, and gracefully thanked the band for their handsome addition to their well-appointed ringing-chamber. The Rev. H. Drinkwater also addressed the gathering upon the uses of church bells, and the duties and responsibilities of those who rang them, and closed a pleasing ceremony with appropriate prayer. After Grandsire (with two of the local company making their initial attempt) and Stedman had been rung, the whole party adjourned to a neighbouring hostelry, the remainder of a delightful evening being devoted to handbells and harmony, the latter being contributed to by the Rev. H. Drinkwater, Messrs. Jeffries, Davis, Weatherstone, and others.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1901.

A reference was made last week to the bells of Exeter Cathedral, and to the movement now going on for their complete restoration. We are in receipt of some correspondence relative to this very desirable undertaking, among them a letter from the Rev. MAITLAND KELLY, who sends us a copy of a circular issued by the Dean and Chapter, which will appear in this paper in a future number. Mr. KELLY wishes us to intimate that the caputular body have had so many calls upon their funds, both public and private, that after subscribing one hundred guineas to the fund for the praiseworthy object we are dealing with, they will be unable to make any further contribution, and therefore appeal to churchmen generally, and church bell lovers in particular, to help by their donations towards the successful completion of the movement.

Those among our readers who are able to do so, will no doubt be willing to help in such a good work. Exeter bells may well be regarded as a national monument, and the members of that distinguished Society whose object is the preservation of everything ancient and good while possessing historical and antiquarian features, may with perfect consistency devote some of the funds at their disposal to the prosecution of such an interesting restoration.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, July 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
HENRY G. MILES 2.	*THOMAS LUNGLEY 6.
HERBERT LANGDON* 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 4.	EDWARD J. WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HENRY TAFFENDER.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. The above was the first time the conductor has ever attempted to call a peal, and was rung on his twenty-fourth birthday, the band wishing him many returns immediately the bells came round.

Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, July 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. PASMORE, SOUTHWARK STREET, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER* 1-2.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

*First peal in the method on handbells.

The Provinces.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMB Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
HARRY CORBETT 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Cook, also to welcome the home-coming of Major-General Baden-Powell, the Hero of Mafeking.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	EDWARD RADDON 5.
JAMES HUNT 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 6.
ALICE WHITE 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 4.	JOHN J. JONES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Miss Alice White hails from Basingstoke, the rest from Guildford, with the exception of T. Attwell, who belongs to the local company.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM ASHBY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	FRED WILFORD 6.
HAROLD TINSTON* .. 3.	*HARRY HOWARD 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	*RICHARD LEADER Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned).

*First peal. C. R. Lilley hails from Bedford, W. Hensher from Kettering, J. Houghton from Irthlingborough, F. Wilford from St. Giles, Northampton, the rest belong to St. Sepulchre's band, and it is their second attempt, the first attempt being the previous week, when a change-course occurred. Great credit is due to them for the manner in which they rang.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 5.
WALTER C. HUNT 2.	*GEORGE VALENTINE 6.
FRANCIS HEDGES* 3.	HARRY SEAR 7.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 4.	CHARLES F. VICKERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

*First peal on a bob bell. †First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. The above was rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY SPENCE Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 5.
STEPHEN J. JENKINS* .. 2.	*JOHN W. BOOTH 6.
TOM MARSHALL 3.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE .. 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 4.	ARTHUR KINSEY Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK T. SPENCE.

*First peal in the method. Marshall hails from Stockport; Warburton from Hazel Grove; the rest belong to the local band.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM COMMON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung in celebration of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. A. W. Brighton.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, July 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES KEY Treble.	ALBERT HURCUMB 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	HARRY MILLS 6.
ALBERT HUGHES 3.	ERNEST BROWN 7.
THOMAS PIGOTT 4.	WILLIAM MURRY Tenor.

Composed by J. E. GROVES, and Conducted by ERNEST BROWN.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

FREDERICK WILFORD* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
FRANK TRUEMAN 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM FREEMAN 3.	JOHN W. BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Minor, and hails from Northampton; Freeman from Olney; the rest from Biddenham and Bedford. Rung on the occasion of the annual feast.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble.	THOMAS SHORT 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	WILLIAM FINCH 6.
W. H. ADKINS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	RICHARD WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung to celebrate the laying of the foundation-stone of the new buildings at Royssse's School.

Date Touches.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On February 17th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1901 changes. F. H. Purton, 1; F. W. Ford, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Dixon, 5; S. Wade conductor, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKRITH (Norfolk).—On Sunday, July 14th, at the church of St. Andrew, 720 Double Oxford Minor. W. Brown, 1; G. Kemp, 2; T. Davey, 3; F. Potter, 4; G. Cattermole, 5; E. Rivers conductor, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Davey, 1; G. Kemp, 2; W. Brown, 3; E. Rivers conductor, 4; F. Cullum, 5; T. Davey, 6. At the parish church, Gillingham, 360 Bob Minor. E. Youngs, 1; W. Brown, 2; G. Kemp, 3; F. Potter, 4; G. E. Simons, 5; E. Rivers conductor, 6. E. Rivers and W. Brown hail from Bramford, the rest belong to the local band. On Sunday, July 21st, the members of the Sproughton company rang on handbells retained in hand, on the banks of the river Gipping, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Brown, 1; G. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; E. Rivers conductor, 5-6; H. Mee, 7-8. Also a course of Bob Major. G. Mee, 1; H. Mee, 2; W. Brown, 3; D. Southgate, 4; E. Rivers, 5-6; F. Rolfe, 7-8. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Mee, 1; G. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; W. Brown, 4; E. Rivers conductor, 5-6. At the church of All Saints, Sproughton, 360 Double Oxford Minor. F. Rolfe, 1; G. Mee, 2; C. Mee conductor, 3; H. Mee, 4; A. G. Rivers, 5; E. Rivers, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 5th, 720 Braintree Treble. D. Briggs, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes conductor, 6. In the afternoon, 720 Oxford. J. Shepherd, 1; A. E. Wreake, 4; the rest as before. J. Shepherd hails from St. Saviour's, and A. E. Wreake from Bolton. On Monday night, May 6th, 720 Friesland Surprise. D. Briggs, 1; E. J. Cockroft, 4; the rest as before. First in the method on the bells. On Sunday morning, May 12th, 720 Symphony. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Westminster. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 4; the rest as before. On Friday, May 17th, 720 Rotherham Snowdrop. J. S. Lomas, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, May 19th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, standing as in the above. For evening service, 720 Booking, standing as in the above. On Friday, May 24th, 720 London Surprise standing as in the above. On Sunday morning, May 26th,

720 Arnold's Victory. J. S. Lomas conductor, 6, the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Oxford. G. Shotton, 2; J. S. Lomas conductor, 5; J. Brierley, 6.

PADIHAM (Lancashire).—On Friday, May 31st, at the church of St. Simon, 720 York Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

MITTON (Lancashire).—At the church of St. Leonard 720 Woodbine. D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; Z. Lord, 5; the rest as in the above. On Sunday evening, June 2nd, 710 Morning Exercise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes conductor, 6. On Friday night, June 7th, 720 Treeton Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 4; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, June 9th, 720 Worcester Surprise, standing as above. For evening service, 720 Chichester Surprise, standing as above. On Friday, June 14th, 720 Durham Surprise. E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, June 16th, 720 Lichfield. J. S. Lomas, 2; J. Brierley, 3; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Coventry. Z. Lord, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, June 23rd, 720 Ely. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 4; the rest as before. On Thursday, June 27th, 720 Smithfield Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 4; the rest as before.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON.—On Saturday, February 9th, at Christ Church an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, when owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers, they were brought round half-way after some excellent striking, in 1 hour 28 mins. W. Rimmer, 1; Jas. Eastham, 2; Jas. Pilkington, 3; Jno. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; W. Bentham, 6; T. Jenkinson conductor, 7; H. J. Morley, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, July 1st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard conductor, 2; G. Williams, 3; H. Collins, 4; W. Hammond, 5; P. Holmes, 6; H. Coote, 7; G. F. Slade, 8. On Wednesday, July 3rd, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering. B. Wiffen (first 720), 2; F. Webb, 3; G. Williams, 4; H. Collins, 5; P. Holmes, 6; C. H. Howard conductor, 7; H. Coote, 8. On Sunday morning July 7th, for Divine service, 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, 1; G. W. Piper (Chelmsford), 2; H. Collins, 3; G. Williams, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; P. Holmes, 6; C. H. Howard conductor, 7; H. Coote, 8. On Sunday evening July 14th, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering. H. Collins, 1; F. Webb, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; W. Hammond, 7; B. Wiffen, 8.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, July 11th, at the church of St. Mary, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing ten courses, by a change-course, a ½-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, composed by G. Williams, Rayne. A. Whight, 1; W. Wellington, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; G. Sorrell, 4; G. Williams, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; G. Green, 7; G. W. Piper, 8. It is a great number of years since a quarter-peal in this method was rung upon these bells. Regular practices are held here every Tuesday evening by ringers resident in the parish, and the tower bids fair to again take the position it held some half-a-century or more ago, as the centre of change-ringing in the neighbourhood.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On January 2nd, 720 Victoria Surprise. K. C. Fox, T. H. Beams, H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, W. Miller conductor, J. Moule. On January 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Bottrill, K. C. Fox, T. H. Beams conductor, J. Mardell, J. Moule, G. Hayden. Also 720 Smithfield Surprise. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, J. Mardell, J. Moule, W. Miller conductor, W. Keeble. On January 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hayden, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Miller conductor, J. Mardell. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Withers, H. Bottrill, H. Trobel, G. Hayden, W. Miller, J. Moule conductor. On January 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Keeble conductor, W. Miller, W. Farrow, J. Moule, J. Mardell, T. H. Beams.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON.—On Saturday, July 20th, two 6-scores Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. A. Brightman, 1; C. Vickers, 2; J. Rookwood, 3; F. Edwards, 4; J. Porter, 5; J. Shaw, 6; B. Gutteridge, 7; T. Gutteridge, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Bonner, 1; A. Brightman, 2; J. Earwickker, 3; C. Vickers, 4; J. Rookwood, 5; J. Porter, 6; F. Edwards, 7; B. Gutteridge, 8. The Luton band has only gone in for change-ringing the last six months, and would be very pleased for any ringer passing through or stopping in the town to call and give them their assistance. Practice nights—Saturday, 7 p.m., Sunday, 10 o'clock and 5.45. The bells have only just been re-hung.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service at the church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Kennedy, 1; W. Truss, 2; J. Bonney, 3; M. A. Wood composer and conductor, 4; G. Dorrington, 5; J. Scholes, 6; A. Hughes, 7; W. Williamson, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Dupin, who, that day completed his 72nd year.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. S. J. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings conductor, 7; E. Brett, 8. On Sunday, February 3rd, for children's service, 559 Grandsire Triples. S. J. Salisbury, 1; H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. Norris, 4; C. Stainer, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings conductor, 7; E. G. Brett, 8. This was rung with the bells muffled except the tenor which was open at back-stroke. On Tuesday, February 19th, for practice, 210 Court Bob Triples. C. Stainer, 1; H. Coombes, 2; A. Earl, 3; J. F. Norris, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings conductor, 7; E. G. Brett, 8. This is the first of Court Bob by all the band.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SEDDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, February 10th, six 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. F. Jefferies, 1; J. Jefferies, 2; Fred Lewis, 3; F. J. Lewis conductor, 4; F. Protherough, 5; W. Hancock, 6.

WATERMOOR (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, February 14th, four 6-scores of Stedman Slow Course, and ten 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, each called differently. F. W. Bond, 1; J. Jefferies, 2; Fred Lewis, 3; F. J. Lewis conductor, 4; F. Protherough, 5; H. C. Bond, 6.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

The following is a record of performances accomplished at the annual outing, on June 29th:—

AYLESFORD (Kent).—At the church of St. Peter, 336 Double Norwich. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, C. T. Hopkins, J. Moule, W. Miller, J. Mardell, W. Doran, W. Keeble conductor. 464 Bob Major. G. Dawson, T. H. Beams, C. T. Hopkins, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, W. Keeble conductor, W. Doran, G. Hayden. 252 Stedman Triples. W. Keeble, W. Doran, C. T. Hopkins, J. Moule, W. Miller, J. Mardell, T. H. Beams conductor, F. Withers.

EAST MALLING (Kent).—At the church of St. James, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Moule, J. Mardell, W. Keeble conductor. 720 Wells Surprise. C. T. Hopkins, W. Keeble, W. Doran, J. Mardell, W. Miller conductor, T. H. Beams. 144 Kent Treble Bob. C. T. Hopkins, H. Bottrill, W. Doran, J. Moule, G. Hayden, T. H. Beams conductor.

MEREWORTH (Kent).—At the church of St. Laurence, 720 Snperlative Surprise. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, J. Mardell, W. Miller, G. Hayden, W. Keeble conductor. 720 Kent. G. Dawson, J. Mardell, H. Bottrill, G. Hayden, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor. 144 Kent. G. Dawson, W. Doran, H. Bottrill, C. T. Hopkins, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor.

WATERINGBURY (Kent).—At the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Lichfield Surprise. H. Bottrill, W. Miller, T. H. Beams, W. Keeble conductor, J. Moule, J. Mardell. 120 Kent. G. Dawson, W. Doran, C. T. Hopkins, F. Withers, W. Keeble, G. Hayden.

EAST FARLEIGH (Kent).—At the church of St. Mary, 720 Bristol Surprise. G. Hayden, J. Mardell, W. Keeble, W. Miller, J. Moule, T. H. Beams conductor. 60 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, K. C. Fox, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, G. Hayden, W. Doran conductor.

BARMING (Kent).—At the church of St. Margaret. G. Dawson, T. H. Beams conductor, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, W. Miller, J. Mardell. 720 London Surprise. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Miller conductor, W. Keeble. 720 Victoria Surprise. K. C. Fox, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor, J. Mardell, G. Hayden.

LEEDS (Kent).—On Sunday, June 30th, at the church of St. Nicholas, 395 and 126 Grandsire Caters. W. Doran, C. T. Hopkins, H. Bottrill, A. Palmer, W. Miller, T. H. Beams conductor, J. Mardell, J. Moule, W. Keeble, G. Hayden.

BEARSTEAD (Kent).—At the church of the Holy Cross, 720 York Surprise. G. Hayden, W. Keeble, W. Miller, T. H. Beams conductor, J. Mardell, J. Moule. 720 Worcester Surprise. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, W. Keeble conductor, W. Miller, J. Mardell.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—At the church of All Saints, a 503 of Grandsire Caters was lost in the last lead. W. Doran, H. Bottrill, C. T. Hopkins, T. H. Beams conductor, W. Miller, J. Mardell, J. Moule, W. Keeble, G. Hayden. This was followed by two courses.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Thompson, 1; G. Dawson, 2; B. Fletcher, 3; W. Hickling conductor, 4; J. Davies, 5; H. George, 6; J. Flower, 7; W. Donnelly, 8. First in the method by the ringers of 1st and 3rd.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, July 14th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's). Harry Hoskins, 1; John J. Lamb, 2; Frederick W. Thorton conductor, 3; William Foreman, 4; James E. Davis, 5; Isaac G. Shade, 6; William J. Jeffries, 7; Frederick H. Gooch, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTON (Oxon).—On Tuesday, June 25th, by the Witney Society, 720 Kent Treble Bob, being the first on the bells. T. Bull, 1; H. Brooks, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; J. Monk, 5; F. P. Powell conductor, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Bull, 1; H. Brooks, 2; F. P. Powell, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 5; J. Monk, 6. Also 720 Treble Bob, with N. Spindlow, 2; H. Brooks, 3; the rest as before.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 1st, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Wagstaff, 1; J. Flint, 2; J. T. Butter, 3; W. Butter, 4; J. Severn, 5; J. R. Tarlton conductor, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. First 720 in either method by the ringers of the 1st and 2nd, and first 720 of Oxford by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. Messrs. Flint, Wagstaff, and Severn hail from Bolsover.

MISTLEY (Essex).—Recently, after service in the evening, 720 Cambridge Surprise. Jas. Souter, 1; George Mee, 2; H. J. Mee, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; T. Steward conductor, 5; A. Fuller, 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band except G. and H. Mee, who hail from Sproughton.

KEYSOE (Bedfordshire).—On Sunday, July 14th, at the church of St. Mary, before evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Carrington, 1; W. Gell, 2; W. Stapleton, 3; A. Partridge, 4; R. Bass conductor, 5. After service another 120. H. Carrington, 1; W. Gell, 2; A. Partridge, 3; R. Bass, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5. Also 240 Grandsire and 120 Bob Doubles. H. Carrington, 1; W. Gell, 2; W. Stapleton, 3; A. Partridge, 4; R. Bass conductor, 5. Tenor 20 cwt. W. Stapleton belongs to St. Peter's company, Bedford, the rest from Riseley.

NORTHAMPTON.—In connection with the annual outing of the Central Northamptonshire Association, at the church of St. Peter, a course of London Surprise Major. L. Mawby, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Houghton, jun., 7; A. Tyler, 8. Also a course of Superlative with Mr. Gillingham of Ipswich. These are the first courses in the method on the bells, and the first of London Surprise ever rung in the tower.

OXFORD.—On Tuesday, June 25th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Newell C. Smith, Sub-Warden of New College, to Miss Violet Harcourt, of Cowley Grange, near Oxford, 1151 Grandsire Caters, by the Oxford Society. H. R. Cox, 1; C. Hester, 2; A. Browning, 3; W. Jeffery, 4; F. A. Castle, 5; C. Hounslow conductor, 6; A. Hawes, 7; A. Fox, 8; W. Finch, 9; A. F. Strange, 10.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 720 Double Court Minor. W. Pryor, 1; A. Hill, 2; Wm. Steggall, 3; A. Pittam conductor, 4; H. Kilby, 5; A. Tennant, 6. First in the method by W. Pryor, who hails from Hampstead, the rest are local men. On June 28th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. E. Rickwood, A. Tennant, W. Pannell, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, A. Pittam conductor. First on a bob bell by W. Pannell. On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, 720 Double Court. W. Pannell, A. Hill, A. Tennant, A. Pittam conductor, H. Kilby, W. Steggall. On Tuesday, June 18th, for practice, 720 Double Court Minor. T. E. Rickwood, J. W. Chandler, A. Hill, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, A. Pittam (conductor). First in the method by all. On Sunday, June 23rd, for morning service, four 6-scores Grandsire Doubles each called differently. W. Pannell, H. Kilby, J. E. Rickwood, A. Pittam, W. Steggall conductor, W. Berry. On Sunday, July 7th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Jackman, A. Hill, A. Pittam conductor, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, A. Tennant. On Tuesday, July 2nd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pannell, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, A. Pittam conductor, W. Steggall, A. Tennant. First by W. Pannell. Also two six-scores on Stedman's Principle. J. W. Chandler, W. Steggall conductor, A. Tennant, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, A. Hill.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON.—On Saturday, July 6th, the members of this society with their wives and sweet-hearts to the number of thirty-five, took advantage of an excursion train to Canterbury, Margate, and Ramsgate. Leaving East Croydon by the 6.30 a.m. train, Canterbury was reached at 8.15, where the first stop was made. A visit was at once made to St. Stephen's church, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round. Refreshments were afterwards partaken of at Ye Old Beverley Arms. The party then made tracks for the Cathedral tower, where arrangements had been made through the kindness of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and the following touches were successfully brought round: 197 Grandsire Caters. J. Rumble, E. Bennett (conductor), E. Walker, E. Matthews, C. Dean, H. Brooker, J. Plowman, A. Clayton, C. Gordon, and J. Wignell. 303 Stedman Caters. H. Brooker (conductor), E. Bennett, C. Dean, E. Walker, E. Matthews, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, J. Plowman, A. Clayton, C. Gordon, and F. Hermon. 197 Grandsire Caters. F. Stacey, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, A. Boxall, T. Talbot, E. Matthews, H. Brooker (conductor), J. Wignell, J. Plowman, A. Clayton, J. Rumble. 84 Stedman Triples. F. Larby, T. Talbot, E. Bennett, E. Matthews, H. Brooker (conductor), A. Clayton, F. Hermon, and C. Gordon. After the ringing, under the guidance of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore the crypt, choir, and other portions was visited by the company. Afterwards dinner was partaken of at Mrs. West's restaurant, Mercery Lane. The party then left Canterbury by the 2.39 train for Ramsgate where a pleasant hour or two was spent. Afterwards they went to Margate by the electric trams, where the return journey was made for home, Croydon being reached safely at 11.25 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to return many thanks to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for meeting us, and making the arrangements for us to ring on the grand peal of ten, tenor 31 cwt. in C, the "go" of the bells being all that can be desired. We also return thanks to the Rev. Canon Wickens, of St. Stephen's, for granting us the use of the bells. H. J. R.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.—On Saturday, July 20th, fifteen members of this society, mustering from various directions, took train from Willesden Junction at nine o'clock for Bushey. We were met on arrival by Mr. E. E. Huntley, an old member of the society, who had made all arrangements for the day. Oxhey tower was soon reached, and the bells set going to touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. After about 1½ hour's ringing a move was made to Bushey tower where various touches were brought round. A snapshot of the party (now increased to seventeen), was then taken, and on reaching The Red Lion hotel we found that host Auld had prepared an excellent repast, which was soon attacked and defeated. Music, etc. occupied the time until a start was made for a stroll across the fields to Aldenham. On arrival ringing was delayed owing to an Oddfellows funeral, but whilst waiting another photo of the party was taken, the steward augmenting his duties by acting as camera stand, no other rest being available. About seven o'clock the bells were set in motion, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and a course of Double Norwich being rung. The conductors during the day were Messrs. E. E. Huntley, C. Charge, W. Charge, Driver, and Elson. It being now time for retracing our steps homewards, a quiet walk in the cool of the evening brought us to Bushey station, and after a quick run to Willesden we dispersed, well satisfied with a most successful outing in spite of the great heat. Our thanks are especially due to Mr. E. E. Huntley for his successful efforts on our behalf, and to the clergy at each church for the use of the bells. E.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—On Saturday, July 20th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the place chosen being Tickhill, a drive of about seventeen miles from Sheffield. Being a lovely morning everyone expected a pleasant drive, which was fully realised, everything looking at its best. Arriving at our destination soon after eleven o'clock, we were met by Mr. C. Ainley, one of the local

band, and he informed us that all was ready for us in the tower. We soon raised the bells and rang 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. H. Hattersley, W. Bugar, T. Hattersley, W. Lomas, J. Mulligan, A. Brearley, S. Seed, and T. Silvester. After a short rest, the day being very hot, 504 Stedman Triples was rung. A. Brearley, T. Hattersley, J. Mulligan, W. Lomas, T. Silvester, S. Seed, W. Bugar, and W. Smithson. A short touch of Grandsire Triples with J. Rew at the 6th, which unfortunately came to grief. Our next item on the programme was to find a cool spot until tea was ready, some having a walk in the village, etc. Two other members of the society having arrived on their bikes, we all adjourned to tea which was provided by mine host of The Carpenter's Arms, to which everyone did justice. After tea it was suggested that we have another ring to oblige our two friends, when 336 Stedman Triples was rung by A. Brearley, W. Hammond, J. Mulligan, W. Lomas, T. Silvester, J. Holmes, W. Smithson, and D. Brearley. After which another 576 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by W. Smithson, A. Brearley, J. Mulligan, W. Lomas, T. Silvester, J. Holman, D. Brearley, and W. Bugar. We then began to see about returning, leaving about six o'clock, and the weather having cooled down it was much pleasanter, and everyone appeared to be satisfied with their outing. We take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Alderson), for the use of the bells, and Mr. Ainley (steeple-keeper), for having everything in readiness. L.

THE BOSTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—The members of this society (who are also members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), had their annual outing on Saturday, July 27th. Starting from the Market Place at 2 p.m., driving by way of Kirton to Sutterton, where there is a nice light ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., which were raised in peal, and 504 Grandsire Triples were brought round. Afterwards the bells were lowered, and after thanking the aged Vicar, who expressed the great pleasure the ringing had given him, and gave a cordial invitation to the company to come again. They then made their way to Gosberton (four miles), where there is a splendid ring of six, tenor about 24 cwt. These were raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung, but owing to the tenor bell going very sluggish, the striking was not so good as usual. After thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and admiring the beautiful interior of this Queen of village churches, they made their way to Donington (four miles), where there is a nice ring of five, tenor 18 cwt., which were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, several touches of which were brought round in which two of the local company took part. Tea was provided at The Red Cow, after which they made their way to Swineshead, passing the village of Bicker where there is a nice little ring of six which they intended to try, but the Vicar informed them that the second bell was taken down and the tenor was not safe to ring, so they hurried on to Swineshead where there is a nice ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt., which were raised in peal and 504 Grandsire Triples were brought round. The bells were then lowered, and after refreshing the inner man (it being now 10 p.m.) they made tracks for home, arriving in Boston about 11 p.m., having enjoyed a very pleasant outing. They hereby tender their thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, the local ringers for having all things ready, and to the kind friends who enabled them to have such a pleasant outing.

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The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Barrington, on Monday, August 5th. Tea at Barrington at 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting of the south-eastern division at Pritlewell, on Saturday, August 10th, (open to all members), to elect a new Master and Secretary for the division. Tea (tickets 3d each), and business meeting at Pritlewell at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous meeting.

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

Great Totham.

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, August 10th, at Mirfield. Meeting-house, The Dusty Miller. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells, on Saturday, August 24th. Particulars later.

HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. & Treas.*

Williton, Somerset.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Gravesend, on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.45. Half railway fare up to 2s. will be allowed. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday the 21st.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing meetings of the above Society are suspended during the month of August. The fortnightly meeting for practice will commence again on Thursday, September 5th.

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25463 8 in three

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46253 - -
62453 - -
24653 - -

35426 - -
52436 - -
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32546 - -
25346 - -
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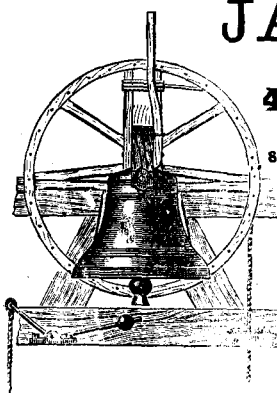
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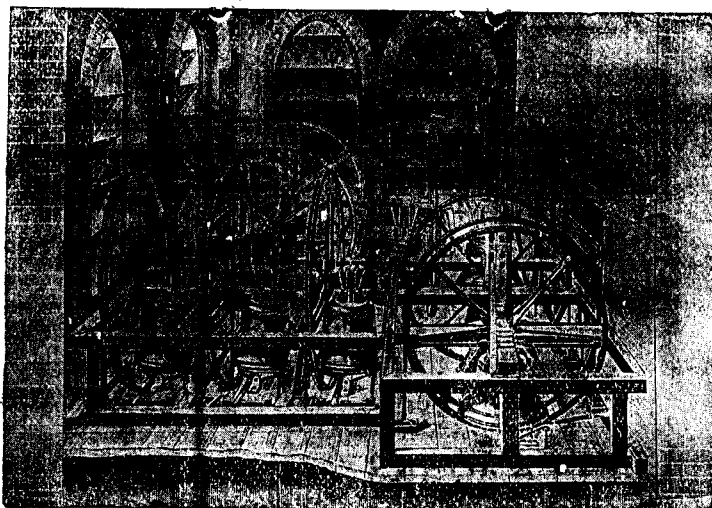
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CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS.

By THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

(*Member of the Committee for the Collection of Peals.*)

The Central Council at their recent meeting at Derby put the finishing touch to their instructions to their Committee for the Collection of Peals by passing a resolution to the effect that "the Committee be authorised to issue a complete collection of the best and most characteristic peals in each method, not necessarily excluding those that have been already published."

Few, I suppose, of those who voted for this resolution had formed any adequate idea of the vast field laid open by it. I may take it upon myself to say that the Committee are animated with the desire of carrying out the scheme in the best possible way. But in attempting it there are vital points needing very full consideration. In the first place the number of peals that has already come to hand is simply enormous, and there are more yet to come, as two or three of the collectors have not yet sent in their quota. With abundance, and super-abundance of material thus available, the question at once arises—What does the Exercise want? and it is with the view of eliciting some answers to this question that I am now writing. For instance, is it one large bulky volume of octavo size and about two inches thick that is needed—a kind of Johnson's Dictionary of every conceivable peal old and new? I call this the first alternative. To carry it out it must be borne in mind that a large sum will be required, far greater in fact than the Council could wisely, if at all, afford, especially considering the very slender chance that there would be of the money ever returning to its coffers. The sale of an ordinary ringing book rarely "pays"; and much more would this be likely to be the case with one appealing not to the ordinary ringer, but only to conductors, and to not even a large proportion of these, as it is comparatively few that conduct in more than one or two methods.

The second alternative that offers itself as having some advantages of its own is the issue of the collection piecemeal, the pieces consisting of "parts" to be issued at certain intervals. The Council could thus spread its expenditure over any given number of years, and by the sale of the first one or two parts would be enabled to form some estimate of the intervals that should be placed between the issues of succeeding parts so as to avoid too great a strain on its funds. The adoption of this plan would imply the simultaneous solution of a further problem. What form shall the parts take? The reply depends. Mainly on the function which the collection as a whole is intended to perform. Is it to be merely a book on a library shelf? or is it to be of such a form as will slip into the breast pocket, and be a handy companion on a bicycle tour? If the former, which is practically identical with our first or "Johnson's Dictionary" alternative, then each part need merely consist of so many pages, coming out at regular

intervals, and ploughing its steady way onwards, sometimes finishing a method and sometimes leaving off in the middle, till the whole volume has been ground out. But if the publication is to assume a handy and portable form, then it is evident that not only must it be in parts, but further, that those parts must be fairly complete in themselves. This may be accomplished in two ways. Each part may contain a small selection of peals in every method, and on all numbers of bells. Or each part may consist of a full, or at least extensive, collection of peals in one or more methods, the particular area falling within the scope of each such part being considered finally closed, at all events until such time in the nearer or more distant future as a new edition of the whole work be formally ordered.

From private correspondence with Mr. Bulwer I gather that he is rather in favour of parts of the omni-method form, while my own views lean more toward the full treatment of one method at a time. The other plan seems to me to be open to at least two objections. First, when all the parts have been issued, they would fail to form one real volume. It would simply be a bundle of non-consecutive items. A full index would be required, and the probability would be that when a particular peal is wanted it would be requisite to turn back to the index several times before the peal could be found; any one method, say Treble Bob Major, being scattered up and down through the whole length of the book. Next, when a conductor goes for a trip, even if he intends to call in only one or two methods, he would probably have to take several numbers with him, if he wishes to ensure a fair selection of peals in each method; whereas, if each method is fully treated once for all, he merely has to take the parts containing the methods he requires with the full assurance that he has everything with him that he can want. Adopting some such plan as this there will be the great ensuing advantage that when all the parts have been issued, each possessor of them can have them bound as he likes, even into the dictionary form if he so pleases. Mr. Bulwer thinks that possibly the adoption of this plan might curtail the sale of the work, as some parts would be more popular than others. For instance, he thinks that as Treble Bob has somewhat gone out of fashion, the part devoted to this method would fall flat. This is just possible, though I do not think that it would do so to any great extent, as most of those who begin to take in the series will like to possess it complete; and it would not be complete without all methods. But if the collection be issued in omni-method parts then it is easily conceivable that after purchasing three or four of them a man may think that he has enough, or may simply get tired of them and so buy no more.

There is just one other question on which it may be well to touch for a moment. The Council has committed itself to what in my humble private opinion is the great mistake of including in the collection peals already published. I should have been inclined to issue to any purchasers who so desire it, interleaved copies, charging say an additional penny for the interleaving, so that each

could enter into their proper place any old peals or other compositions that they like. But if, according to our present instructions, peals already published are to be printed for sale, it seems to me that we ought to be assured before doing so that we are not infringing the laws of copyright in any way. Perhaps some correspondent will kindly throw light on this question.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of this Guild was held in Salisbury at The King's Arms hotel on Saturday, July 20th, for the purpose of inaugurating the Branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum, in accordance with the decision of the Guild at the annual meeting. The attendance of ringers was very discreditable, only fourteen putting in an appearance, representing the towers of Westbury, Compton Chamberlayne, St. Martin's Salisbury, and Devizes. This meagreness of number is the more accentuated when it is understood that an invitation was sent to the ringers of every parish in the Archdeaconry, and there are about 120 of them. Howbeit credit is due to the fourteen, who had the satisfaction of having their presence appreciated, and a pleasant ring on St. Martin's musical eight.

After tea the business of the meeting was commenced with the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Secretary of the Guild, presiding, who related the history of the formation of the branch, and pointed out the great need to foster change-ringing to the utmost, with a view to the Guild becoming in time a change-ringing Guild. The officers of the branch were then elected: Mr. J. R. Jerram and the Rev. C. Wood, Vicar of Coombe Bassett being unanimously elected Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively. It was decided that the Secretary should also act as Treasurer.

It was then arranged that the next two quarterly meetings should be held at Warminster and South Newton respectively, and the monthly meetings at Denton and Coombe Bissett. Eight new ringing members were elected, and the tower of Compton Chamberlayne affiliated to the Guild. With a vote of thanks to the various incumbents in the town for the use of their bells, the meeting closed, and an adjournment was made to St. Martin's belfry, where the ringing was short and good.

A meeting was held at Dorchester on Saturday, July 27th, to inaugurate the West Dorset branch of the above Guild, which was formed at the meeting of the whole Guild on June 3rd last. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of nearly fifty ringers, the following towers being represented: Dorchester, St. Peter's, Leigh (Sherborne), Maiden Newton, Charminster, West Lulworth, Evershot, Powerstock, Cattistock, Puddletown, Verwood, and St. Peter's, Bournemouth. An excellent tea, provided by Miss Greening, of The Soldier's Home, was first partaken of, and the meeting immediately followed. The Master of the Guild (H. H. Palairt, Esq., of Kington Langley, Chippenham), was in the chair. The Secretary for Dorset (Rev. H. Drake, Verwood), having explained the formation and objects of this Branch of the Guild, Captain Acland (Dorchester) was elected Chairman of the Branch; Miss Ridley (Charminster), Secretary; and H. Till, Esq. (Dorchester), Treasurer. Considerable discussion then followed as to how best to attain the impossible task of combining good ringing and instruction, with the three business meetings, which the branch is bound by its rules to hold each year.

It was ultimately decided to refer the matter to the Committee to report to the next meeting. The Secretary asked for subscriptions towards the expenses (nearly £3), of calling these meetings, with the following result: Captain Acland, 2s. 6d.; S. M. Dodington (Derby), 10s.; Rev. L. Jenkins, 1s. At this point the chairman was obliged to leave, and the meeting dispersed, with some of its work unfinished, including the election of sixty-four new members. The following are the representatives on the committee elected by their respective belfries, and (unless otherwise stated) correspondents also:—Messrs. S. G. Hodges (St. Peter's, Dorchester); W. B. Northoon (Bridport); Wm. Williams (West Lulworth); Miss Ridley (Charminster); Rev. W. C. Noyes (Evershot); Rev. R. Dalison (Powerstock); Rev. L. Jenkins (Leigh, Sherborne); and Mr. F. New, Com.; A. Collins (Maiden Newton, and Rev. Canon Hankey, Com.); Rev. H. A. Caryl (Stratton); Rev. H. Girdlestone (Langton Herring); S. Hunt (Sherborne Abbey); T. Bishop (Bradford Abbas), and the captains of the belfries at Cattistock and Puddleton. Some well-struck changes were rung on St. Peter's bells both before and after the meeting, besides several courses on the handbells. Bridport or the neighbourhood was mentioned as a probable place for the autumn meeting.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archidiaconal district of the above Association was held on Monday, August 5th, at the quiet little village of Barrington, near Cambridge; two other rings of six at the neighbouring churches of Foxton and Haslingfield being also kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the day. The Rev. J. E. W. E. Conybeare, formerly Vicar of Barrington, presided in the unavoidable absence of his present successor, and cordially welcomed the members. He was supported by the Rev. W. H. Parker (Heydon), Mr. W. H. Lawrence (St. Munden), and several well-known representatives of the Cambridge, Ickleton, and other local companies. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the Rev. W. W. Crump, General Secretary of the Association, and others; after which new members were elected, and arrangements made for the next meeting to be held at Cottenham. After the conclusion of the business a move was made to Haslingfield, where Grandsire and some Stedman Doubles were successfully brought round. The Vicar of Haslingfield was unfortunately away from home, but refreshments were kindly provided at the vicarage for the party by Mrs. Davies before the members dispersed, a pleasant and very successful afternoon having been quickly spent.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 27th. There was not a large attendance, but touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were brought round. The committee meeting was held in the parish room at six o'clock, Mr. G. Daynes in the chair, when it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Lee on Saturday, October 26th. A very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

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A RINGING TOUR.

The last week in June being a race week in Newcastle-on-Tyne, when nearly all work is suspended, R. S. Story, T. T. Gofton, and Jos. A. Gofton availed themselves of the opportunity to pay a visit to the Eastern Counties, with the object of ringing one or two peals with the excellent ringers of that district. Starting from Whitley before 7 a.m. a long day's travelling landed them at their first place of call, Diss, about 6 p.m., when they at once made for the house of Mr. Souter, where they were most hospitably entertained. There was little time to spare, as a peal of Stedman was arranged for, and this was accomplished in excellent style, to the satisfaction of all both inside and outside the tower. The visitors considered it without doubt the finest peal as regards striking in which they had ever taken part, while it was a pleasure to ring on such a peal of bells.

The following day it was arranged to visit Redenhall and attempt a peal of Superlative, and although Mr. Mr. Souter had not intended to be in that attempt, he was persuaded to accompany the visitors, when it was arranged that they should drive to Redenhall and back, and a charming drive it proved in every way. Mr. Souter's influence ensured a good horse and trap, and he proved an excellent guide through a very pretty piece of scenery. Arriving at Redenhall the handsome tower was

first admired, and a welcome extended by Mr. F. Borrett. Superlative was to be attempted here, but after two attempts, in which it did not seem inclined to go, it was abandoned in favour of one or two touches of Stedman, which were greatly enjoyed by one of the visitors who took the opportunity to some hear ringing on this noble peal from the outside. The clean and pretty town of Diss, with its beautiful Mere, looked better than ever in the moonlight on the return of the party, who the next morning were loth to leave the kind and hospitable roof of Mr. Souter. Ipswich was however reached about mid-day, with Mr. W. Motts on the platform to meet the visitors, one at least of whom was not a stranger to that interesting town. The Halberd inn was naturally the headquarters of the party, and after dinner St. Margaret's church was visited under the guidance of Mr. Bowell. The programme so ably arranged by Mr. W. Motts provided for some ringing after a wedding which took place, after which an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative, which unfortunately collapsed after ringing 2 hrs. or thereabouts. This disappointment was, however, made up for by the evening's entertainment, the occasion being the anniversary of the opening of the two trebles at St. Margaret's. Mr. George Abbott took the chair, and an excellent dinner was served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Flory. A very large number of ringers were present, the room being quite full, and a most enjoyable evening was spent with speech and song. In addition to the loyal toasts were those of the St. Margaret's society and the St. Mary-le-Tower society, the health of Mr. W. Motts, who had taken such pains to arrange everything so well, "The Visitors," "The Host and Hostess," and "The Chairman." One or two touches on the handbells also helped to entertain the company.

The following day was spent by the visitors in going down by boat to Harwich with Mr. Bowell as their guide, and a pleasant day was spent by the sea. Harwich belfry was also visited, and the acquaintance of some of the local ringers was made. On return to Ipswich Mr. Bowell's workshops were visited, and the inner man refreshed in view of the peal for which the trip was chiefly planned. After one break down, a good peal of Double Norwich Royal was scored at St. Mary-le-Tower, which was greeted by a cheer from sympathetic friends outside. A very pleasant half-hour was spent at the meeting-house afterwards, when good-bye was said to the large number of brother-strings who had assembled, in addition to those who had rung in the peal. The visitors experienced the most enjoyable ringing tour it has been their lot to set out on, and especially wish to thank Mr. Souter, of Diss, Mr. Borrett, of Redenhall, and Mr. W. Motts for their exceeding kindness. The arrangements made by Mr. Motts were all that could be desired, and worked most smoothly, as everything appears to do in that part of the ringing world, consideration and friendship obtaining throughout.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3rd, the day after the funeral of the late Lord Bishop of Durham, the following members of this Association ascended the central tower of Durham Cathedral and as a token of respect to his memory, attempted a muffled peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately was lost after about three quarters of an hour's good ringing. A. Davidson, 1; G. R. Holmes, 2; W. Story, 3; W. T. Robson, 4; R. S. Story, 5; E. E. Ferry, 6; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 7; O. Simm, 8. Messrs. F. Sheraton and A. Myers, of Chester-le-Street, were also in attendance.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS, BRISTOL.

Since reading Mr. A. Coleman's letter in your issue of December 1st last *re* the "Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers," I have been looking through some of the past history of Bristol, and of one of the many things beneficial to readers of the same, I came across the following rules of that Society, which I enclose, and shall be glad if you will kindly insert in "THE BELL NEWS" for the benefit of its many readers. By them it will be seen that at the time of the formation of the Guild in the year 1620, they really were "Bell Ringers," but as far as I can see by the report given no mention is made of change-ringing.

Mr. Coleman's statement that the "Ancient Society of College Youths" is seventeen years junior to the Ancient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers is quite correct so far as priority goes as bell-ringers, but as the College Youths have a record from 1637 to the present day of continuity the St. Stephen's Guild cannot well displace them from the high position they have attained.

As regards the general history apart from that given, I can find no account whatever, but items 24 to 30 are still carried out by the present band of ringers of St. Stephen's, there being boards affixed to the walls in the belfry giving particulars as to date and value of legacy left by former St. Stephen's ringers. They number, according to dates I have before me, thirteen. I am very sorry I am not in a position to give an account of any records of the "Ancient Guild," which would no doubt be very interesting to present day ringers.

F. G. MAY.

The "Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers" attached to this church is of very old foundation; but the earliest copy of its ordinances bears the date 1620; the original is much earlier. The "Articles and Decrees," which are thirty in number, and are still read at the yearly meeting of the company, 17th November, are as follows:—

It is agreed and determined that every one that is or shall be of the Company or Society of Saint Stephen's Ringers shall keep all "Articles and Decrees" that are or shall be specified in this Ordinary concerning the good government and peaceable society of the said Company; and that none shall be of the said Society, but those that shall be of honest, peaceable, and good conversation, and such that shall be at all times ready to defend whatsoever shall be alleged against the said Company, as well in regard of any challenge as of any wrong or injury that shall be offered and done by anyone, of what estate or condition soever he be; so that we may not only stop the mouths of those that would or shall exasperate themselves against us, but also gain credit and reputation by our Musical Exercise; that others of our rich neighbours, hearing these loud cymbals with their ears, may, by the sweet harmony thereof, be enlarged in their hearts to pull one string to make it more sweet. And for these and other like causes, we have procured this Ordinary, and do confine and oblige ourselves to these articles following:—

1 IMPRIMIS.—For the choosing of every Master, you shall put three honest men into the Election; and he that hath most voices to pass on his side, shall be Master of the Company of Ringers for the year ensuing.

2 ITEM.—For the choosing of Wardens you shall put four honest men into the Election; and that those two of the four that have most voices shall be Wardens of the said Company for the year ensuing.

3 ITEM.—You shall have four quarter-days every year (that is to say) the 1st St. Stephen the Martyr; the 2nd the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the 3rd Saint John the Baptist; and the fourth Saint Michael the Archangel.

4 ITEM.—Upon every one of the said quarter-days, every one that is a Freeman of the said Company shall pay to the Master for the time being, for his quarteridge, one penny. And if he doth or shall deny or neglect to pay the same, he shall pay for such his offence three pence: one penny thereof to the Sexton, and the other two pence to the Company.

5 ITEM.—Every Master for the time being shall give up his

account upon the seventeenth day of November, of all quarteridges and fines as he shall receive in his year. And if he shall deny or neglect, he shall pay for his offence the sum of twenty shillings to the Company, of his own proper money.

6 ITEM.—Every Master shall be chosen on Michaelmas Day, between five and eight of the clock in the morning. If the Master shall neglect to send the Wardens to warn the Company so that by that means the day be deferred, he shall pay for his offence the sum of six shillings to the company.

7 ITEM.—There shall be none made free of the Company, unless he give the company a breakfast, or pay the sum of three shillings and fourpence in money.

8 ITEM.—If the Master for the time being shall send to the Wardens to warn the Company, and if they neglect the same, they shall pay for their offence four pence a piece: one penny thereof to the Sexton, and the other three pence to the Company.

9 ITEM.—If the Master for the time being shall neglect or forget to warn the Company once within every fourteen days for to ring a bisett sett peale, he shall pay for his offence one shilling to be divided among the Company.

10 ITEM.—If the Master for the time being shall send to the Sexton concerning a peale that shall be rung, either at night or in the morning, or at any other time that the Master shall please to ring, if he shall deny or neglect to come at the very hour that the Master doth appoint him, he shall pay for his offence two pence, to be divided among the Company.

11 ITEM.—Every one that is made free of the said Company shall pay to the Sexton four pence for his fee.

12 ITEM.—If any one of the said company, after the time that he shall come into the church to ring, shall curse or swear, or make any noise or disturbance, either in scoffing or unseemly jesting, that the party so offending shall pay for his offence three pence, to be divided as aforesaid.

13 ITEM.—If any one of the said company, after the time that he shall come into the church to ring, shall be so saucy as to take the rope to ring, before the Master for the time being and the eldest of the said Company, who have been Masters shall be settled where they please to ring, the party so offending shall pay, for such his offence, two pence; one penny thereof to the Sexton, and the other penny to the Company.

14 ITEM.—If any one of the said Company shall miss to strike his bell at the second sway, in the rising of a peale, he shall for his offence, pay one penny to the company.

15 ITEM.—If any of the said Company shall speak, or make any manner of noise, when the bells do ring, so that the ringers or any of them by that means may make a fault, the party so offending shall pay for his offence three pence, to be divided among the Company.

16 ITEM.—If any of the said Company shall take a rope out of his fellow's hand, when the bells (are) doing well, and do make a fault, to fly off, or come too near, he shall pay for his offence one penny to the Company.

17 ITEM.—If any of the said company do or shall after they are come together, quarrel or misuse any of the said Company, before they do depart, the party so offending shall pay for his offence six pence to the use of the said Company.

18 ITEM.—It is agreed that every one that is chosen Master of the said company shall spend, of his own proper money, the sum of two shillings towards a breakfast, and the rest of the Company to pay the rest of the reckoning.

19 ITEM.—It is agreed that the persons that shall be chosen Wardens shall give unto the Master for the time being a pint of wine a piece.

20 ITEM.—If any one of the said Company shall be chosen Master, and he shall refuse the same, contrary to our Ordinary, he shall pay unto the Company three shillings and four pence.

21 ITEM.—If any one of the said Company shall be chosen a Warden, and shall refuse the same, he shall pay unto the Company one shilling and sixpence.

22 ITEM.—If any one of the said company shall be so rude as to run into the belfry before he do kneel down and pray, as every christian ought to do, he shall pay for the first offence sixpence; and for the second he shall be cast out of the Company.

23 ITEM.—If any of the said Company shall deny to pay any fine or fines that shall be imposed on him by the Master or

Company, and shall peremptorily stand and contend in the same, he shall, for his offence, pay the sum of two shillings, or else be utterly excluded for ever without bail or mainprise.

24 ITEM.—It is agreed that, yearly, there shall be a peale rung upon the eighth day of October, in remembrance of Mr. William Eyton, deceased, who gave a legacy of four pounds unto the said company. And if any shall refuse to assist to ring the same peale, warning being given to the Master, he shall pay four pence. And if the Master and Wardens for the time being shall fail to give warning, they shall for their neglect pay one shilling a piece to the said Company. (At the end of this ordinance is written, between brackets, as follows: "Who deceased in the year one thousand six hundred and fifty six." The dates of the other deaths are not expressly given: but there can be no doubt that the day appointed in each case for ringing the peal was the anniversary of the death.)

25 ITEM.—It is agreed that yearly, there shall be a peale rung upon the three and twentieth day of November in remembrance of Mr. George Witherley, deceased, who gave a legacy of five pounds unto the said company. And if any one shall refuse to assist in ringing the same peal, warning being given by the Master for the time being, he shall pay fourpence. And if the Master and Wardens for the time being shall neglect to give such warning, they shall for their neglect forfeit and pay one shilling a piece to the said Company.

26 ITEM.—It is agreed that, yearly, there shall be a peale rung upon the four and twentieth day of October, in remembrance of Mr. William Nicholls, deceased (being the day of the death) who gave a legacy of five pounds unto the said company. And if any shall refuse to assist in ringing the same peale warning being given by the said Master for the time being, he shall pay fourpence. And if the Master and Wardens for the time being shall neglect to give such warning, they shall, for such their neglect, forfeit and pay one shilling to the said Company.

27 ITEM.—And likewise for Mr. Isaac Elton, deceased, who left five pounds, on the 22nd day of November, under the like penalty.

28 ITEM.—And likewise for Mr. Samuel Wyatt, deceased, who left five pounds on the eighth day of June, under the like penalty.

29 ITEM.—And likewise for Mr. George Escott, who has given five pounds, on the twenty-fifth day of April yearly, under the like penalty.

30 ITEM.—And likewise of Mr. John Maddick, who has given four pounds, on the twenty-fifth day of February, yearly, under the like penalty.

Correspondence.

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

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

"A SAD POSITION OF AFFAIRS."

SIR,—The first sentence in Mr. Baker's letter in your last issue is mere bluff, and his subsequent statements do not in the least affect the logical objection I made to his former paragraph, as any one with the most elementary knowledge of the laws of inference can see for himself. Besides the logical objection there are at least two other strong objections to Mr. Baker's paragraph: One is that it is entirely irrelevant. The question as presented to us is not a question between the clergy on the one hand and the working or any other classes on the other, but between a bigoted teetotaller on the one hand, and other persons, whether teetotallers or not, on the other. It is plain that the line taken by the Rector of Bucknall would exclude from his tower Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. F. E. Robinson as well, and for the same reasons, as a nightman or stevedore. The relations between the clergy and the working classes lie outside this dispute altogether. Now it is a well-known rule in controversy not to introduce extraneous matters, because they are liable to confuse the issue. In this case we all believe that the Bucknall ringers have a strong moral grievance against their parson, and I do not think any criticism could be too strong for his action; but if we are to widen the field by reference to a large subject, which is notoriously engaging the earnest thought of the clerical body, which rests upon causes

permeating the history of generations, and which is quite unfitted for discussion in your columns, even if any of us—except perhaps a few—if any such there be—who have really attempted to study it—were capable of discussing it, then we are certainly confusing the issue, and to the mind of any unprejudiced reader weakening *pro tanto* the force of our legitimate criticism. Cases arise from time to time and will doubtless continue to do so when we shall have occasion to criticise the conduct of parsons towards ringers as such, and if we wish our criticisms to produce effect we must keep to the point. Anyone who wishes to criticise the clergy on outside matters has abundant opportunity of doing so elsewhere, without using your columns for a purpose for which they are not suited.

The other objection I referred to is that on general grounds a cheap sneer at the clergy as a body is contrary to the real interests of the Exercise. As we know, we are entirely subject to the will of the benefited clergy in pursuing our Art because of their legal rights. When two bodies are so related as the Clergy and the Exercise common sense dictates that each body shall try to understand the other, to make allowances for the other, to make the best of the other. We expect this, and are entitled to expect it of the clergy, and they on their side are entitled to expect it of us. It is not likely that aspersions contained in an illiterate and anonymous letter in your columns would attract any notice, but I think the clergy have a good ground to feel that they were not being treated fairly when so eminent and talented a member of the Exercise as Mr. Baker has reflected on them as he has. The more we avoid unfair generalities the more efficacious will our criticisms and remonstrances tend to be when we have occasion for them in particular cases affecting our interests.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE PEAL AT WITNEY, OXON.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of July 27th appeared an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples being rung at the above place on July 18th by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. In looking at the reference on another page one is struck by the fact that some 600 changes were rung without a covering bell, the tenor-man returning after a time and helping to finish ringing an excellent peal. I should think a peal being rung sometimes with a covering bell and sometimes without one cannot possibly be classed as an excellent peal, and is most unfair to the Exercise at large. The question of seven-bell peals was argued out to its full in these valuable pages several years ago at the time of the seven-bell peal at Southgate. I think then, if I remember rightly, the argument went against such performances being recorded that in places where there are eight or ten bells, Triples and Caters being rung without a tenor be not classed with the others. How can the Witney peal be classed as anything else than a seven-bell peal when a great part of it was rung entirely by seven men?

JOHN BEAMS.

Ewell, Surrey.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I never was curate of Finedon, Northants, as stated in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 3rd.

F. E. ROBINSON.

[We are sorry for this error; our information came from a very good authority.]

SAD ACCIDENT TO A WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

Ringers throughout the country will receive the following sad news with regret.

Mr. Frederick J. Harrison, of 26, Vine Street, Tyne Dock, who is well-known in the ringing world, especially in the northern and eastern counties, met with a serious accident on Friday, August 2nd, being knocked down by an engine on the North Eastern Railway, whilst following his employment. After being attended to by the company's ambulance he was removed to the Ingham Infirmary, when it was found necessary to amputate the left leg at the knee, the other leg being very little injured. On latest enquiry Mr. Harrison is progressing satisfactorily. He is a member of the Cathedral band of ringers, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Harrison in their sad trouble.

E. F.

Just as we were going to press a telegram came to hand to the effect that Mr. Harrison had succumbed to his injuries.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1901.

WITHIN a twelvemonth the King of terrors has been sadly in evidence among the members of the Royal Family of Great Britain: the Duke of Edinburgh; Queen VICTORIA; and lastly, the Empress FREDERICK of Germany, Princess Royal of England. Our great Queen died full of years honours, with a calm end, devoid of any protracted physical suffering. The same cannot be said unfortunately of her two children mentioned above. The lot of the Empress FREDERICK was one of pain and sorrow. The political atmosphere of Germany some few years after her marriage was not one to bring peace and unalloyed happiness to a Princess who had ideas of civilization and moral and national progress, far in advance of blood-and-iron statesmen. What she underwent at the hands of such people, will perhaps never be

accurately known; the brief accounts furnished by the daily press beget a strong conviction that Germany, overgrown as it is with militarism, selfishness and greed, has yet some way to advance toward a degree of respectable civilization.

Some of us can remember that far-off January day when the late Princess Royal of England (for by such title we would speak of her) plighted her troth to her husband, the late Emperor FREDERICK. The writer of these lines essayed his first attempt at "rounds" on that very day. A national holiday was kept, and the nation was warmly interested in the event, as was fully shown by the large amounts granted to the royal couple by the munificence of the British people. That renowned publication *Punch*, had, we recollect, at the time a well-designed cartoon, depicting JOHN BULL handing the newly-married Princess a bag of gold, with the amount specified on the outside, and accompanied by a homely word.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. MOSS Treble.	THOMAS LUNGLEY 5.
HENRY G. MILES 2.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 6.
THOMAS G. MILLER 3.	WILLIAM FOX 7.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

First peal in the method by all except 6th and tenor ringers. This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 6ths, and the 2nd never in 5ths at a course-end.

The Provinces.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS REYNOLDS Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 2.	ALFRED PADDON SMITH .. 6.
THOMAS WESTWOOD 3.	THOMAS VERRY 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 4.	WILLIAM VERRY Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung to commemorate Mr. Wm. Verry's 50th year of service as ringer at the parish church, and the marriage of the Rector's daughter on July 8th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY Treble.	JAMES HUNT 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2.	CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 7.
FRANK BLONDELL 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 8.
ALICE WHITE 4.	THOMAS W. RADOORD .. 9.
JOHN J. JONES 5.	EDWARD RADDON Tenor.

Composed by J. ROGERS and Conducted by THOMAS W. RADFORD.

First peal on ten bells by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, and 7th, and it is also worthy of place on record that this is the first time a lady has rung a peal on any number of bells above eight. Miss White hails from Basingstoke, for whom the peal was arranged.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE STUART, SEN. .. Treble.	EDWARD TESTER 5.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR .. 2.	ISAAC MYERS 6.
JOHN HUGHES 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
ANDREW STUART 4.	ANDREW BLACK Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal by all except the conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 5.
BERTIE MATTHEWS 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
HARRY J. BORRETT 3.	EDWARD SMITH 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by S. THURSTON, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

Messrs. H. J. Borrett, Stanley, and A. G. Warnes hail from Norwich, the rest belong to the local company.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE Treble.	*GEORGE HOWCHIN 7.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 8.
CHARLES E. BORRETT* .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 9.
HARRY HOSKINS 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 10.
GEORGE R. PYE* 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
ISAAC G. SHADE 6.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, and the first in the county since 1844. This composition, which has the 5th and 6th only in 5ths place, is now rung for the first time.

BENSON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
HARRY JUDGE 2.	HAROLD HUMFREY 6.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 4.	ANTONY STRANGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER .. Treble.	WILLIAM K. HENSHER .. 5.
JOHN J. MAWEY 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 6.
JAMES GARRATT 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

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On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Five Hours and Forty Minutes,

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JOSEPH E. GREYSTED .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the longest length by all, and is believed to be a record peal on six bells and contains 275 bobs and 96 singles. J. G. Greysted was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
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FRANCIS POWELL .. 4.	WILLIAM HORNE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In handbell peal of Stedman Triples published last week, the name of the umpire was omitted, viz.: Mr. Charles T. P. Brice.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL (Nottinghamshire).—On Wednesday, March 13th, at the church of All Hallows, a date touch of 1901 changes, being 461 Oxford, 720 Violet, and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Bilham, 1; H. Unwin, 2; J. Guest, 3; T. Smith conductor, 4; S. Smith, 5; T. Laking, 6. This was rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to the Duke of Leeds, lord of the manor of Harthill, and patron of the living.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, July 29th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. H. Moore, 1; P. Roper, 2; H. Turner, 3; J. Roper, 4; A. Moore conductor, 5; G. Carter, 6; E. Evans, 7; S. Roper, 8. First quarter-peal of Major by Messrs. Roper, Evans, and Carter. On the bells of the Norman Tower the following touches of Grandsire Caters were rung: 377 for morning service. S. Roper, 1; E. Diaper, 2; A. Moore, 3; G. Farrants, 4; W. Tydeman, 5; H. Moore, 6; J. Smith, 7; G. Symonds, 8; R. Moore, 9; J. Roper, 10. Also 395 for afternoon service. G. Debenham, 1; H. Gladwell, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. Moore, 4; W. Tydeman, 5; E. Diaper, 6; H. Turner, 7; the rest as before. Also 468 for evening service. G. Debenham, 1; W. Tydeman, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; G. Farrants, 4; A. Moore, 5; H. Moore, 6; H. Turner, 7; rest as before. All the above were conducted by G. Symonds. Messrs. Diaper and Tydeman hail from Stowmarket, G. Symonds from Thornham Parva, G. Smith from Diss, H. Gladwell from Felsham; rest are local men.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, July 1st, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; J. Monk conductor, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; G. Room, 5; T. Bull, 6; H. Brooks, 7; J. Brooks, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Monk, 1; T. Bull, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; F. Pounds, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Monday, July 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Monk, 1; T. Bull, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; F. Pounds, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 7; J. Brooks, 8. This is the first quarter-peal accomplished by the local band without assistance.

LONG WITTENHAM (Berkshire).—On Monday, August 5th, 720 of

Kent Treble Bob Minor. Harry Judge, 1; W. Bennett, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson conductor, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, July 13th, at the church of St. Giles, 720 Bob Minor. R. Porter, 1; G. Nicholson, 2; J. Hoyes, 3; C. Mackears, 4; F. Tunnadine, 5; H. Kirton conductor, 6. Also 720 Canterbury, which was the first in the method on the bells. R. Porter, 1; J. Hoyes, 2; C. Mackears, 3; F. Tunnadine, 4; H. Kirton, 5; G. Nicholson conductor, 6.

FULBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, July 14th, for Divine Service in the morning at the church of St. Nicholas, 720 Bob Minor. R. Porter, 1; G. Nicholson, 2; J. Hoyes, 3; F. Tunnadine, 4; C. Mackears, 5; H. Kirton conductor, 6.

BRANT BROUGHTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, July 27th, at the church of St. Helen, 720 Bob Minor. R. Porter, 1; H. Kirton, 2; G. Nicholson, 3; F. Tunnadine, 4; C. Mackears, 5; J. Hoyes conductor, 6. R. Porter hails from Fulbeck, Kirton from Balderton, the rest from Hough-on-the-hill.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 10th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. James Taylor, 1; Sam Lord, 2; Jas. Ashworth, 3; John H. Haydock, 4; Walter Taylor, 5; James B. Taylor conductor, 6; John T. Wright, 7; Ormerod Eastwood, 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop Cramer Roberts, Assistant Bishop of Manchester, and Vicar of Blackburn.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, February 24th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Bate, 1; Wm. Rogers, 2; J. Jaggard conductor, 3; W. E. Sadler, 4; Wm. Devey, 5; H. Sadler, 6; R. Cartwright, 7; G. H. Sadler, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 19th, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, 644 Grandsire Triples. H. A. Poole, 1; V. J. S. O'Brien, 2; H. Howell, 3; F. G. Leaker, 4; A. Lewton, 5; F. J. Cooper, 6; W. A. Cave (conductor), 7; S. Edwards, 8. After Divine Service in the evening, at the church of St. John, Broad Street, 720 Bob Minor. J. Thomas, 1; A. Stowell, 2; G. Jayne, 3; V. O'Brien, 4; F. G. Leaker, 5; W. A. Cave conductor, 6. Also 6-score each of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and Stedman Doubles. W. A. Cave conductor, 1; A. Stowell, 2; G. Jayne, 3; V. O'Brien, 4; F. J. Cooper, 5; W. Bevan, 6. On Whit-Sunday, May 26th, after Divine service in the morning at the church of All Saints, (City), 518 Grandsire Triples. H. A. Poole, 1; G. Jayne, 2; R. Leaker, 3; F. Leaker conductor, 4; A. L. Lewton, 5; V. O'Brien, 6; F. J. Cooper, 7; W. A. Cave, 8. After evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. A. Poole, 1; W. A. Cave, 2; R. Leaker, 3; F. Leaker, 4; V. O'Brien, 5; C. H. Shean (Midsomer Norton), 6; F. J. Cooper, 7; A. L. Lewton, 8.

BITTON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, June 1st, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Beer, 1; V. O'Brien, 2; W. Sommerville, 3; A. Miller, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Stowell conductor, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. O'Brien, 1; A. Miller, 2; W. Sommerville, 3; C. Beer, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Stowell conductor, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. V. O'Brien, 1; A. Miller, 2; W. Sommerville, 3; C. Beer, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Stowell (conductor), 6.

WRAXALL (Gloucestershire).—On Whit-Sunday, May 26th, at the church of All Saints for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Cave, 1; A. L. Lewton, 2; R. Leaker, 3; F. Leaker conductor, 4; J. Bishop, 5; F. Cooper, 6; V. J. S. O'Brien, 7; A. N. Other, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 26th, for Divine Service in the evening, 700 Bob Major. W. Barber, 1; R. Riches, 2; E. Lincoln, 3; R. Algar, 4; J. Adams, 5; F. Barber, 6; W. Riches conductor, 7; A. Riches, 8. After service, 1008 in the same method by the same band.

LAXFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 26th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hollingsworth (conductor), 1; J. Moss, 2; O. Felgate, 3; T. Hembling, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; W. Emery, 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, February 10th, at 112, Berners Street, on handbells, 700 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; G. Cleal, 3-4;

H. R. Passmore conductor, 5-6; W. Willson, 7-8. Also 500 Stedman Caters, with A. Millis, 9-10. Also a course of Stedman Cinques. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; G. Cleal, 3-4; W. Willson, 5-6; H. R. Passmore 7-8; J. Buttery, 9-10; A. Millis, 11-12.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD (Hampshire).—On Tuesday evening, March 5th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Unsworth, 1; G. Smith conductor, 2; R. Abraham, 3; E. Young, 4; A. Ashford, 5; J. Spratt, 6; J. Ashford, 7; C. Abraham, 8. First 504 by the local band. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Young, 1; S. G. Aslet, 2; the rest as before. Also another 168 with C. Abraham, 1; W. Young, 2; F. Unsworth, 3; the rest as before.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On February 7th, 224 Plain Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. H. Purton (first attempt), 3; W. Tegg, 4; S. Jones, 5; F. Newman, 6; J. Armstrong conductor, 7; J. E. Miller, 8. Another 224 in the same method. J. Armstrong, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; H. Miller (first with a bob bell), 3; J. Miller conductor, 4; W. Tegg, 5; S. Jones, 6; F. Newman, 7; S. Wade, 8. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob. H. Miller (first attempt), 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. Miller, 5; S. Jones, 6; F. Newman, 7; S. Wade conductor, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BULWELL (Nottingham).—On February 16th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Woolley conductor, 1; J. Hickman, 2; E. Robinson, 3; A. Coppock, 4; C. W. P. Clifton, 5; Richard Pease, 6. The ringers of the 5th and 6th are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

STONEY STANTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, February 3rd, at evening service, in honour of the accession of King Edward VII., 1260 Grandsire Triples. L. Hewett, 1; C. H. Briggs, 2; J. R. Briggs, 3; J. H. Taylor, 4; T. Wright, 5; J. W. Briggs, 6; H. Briggs conductor, 7; J. Pickering, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday evening, March 19th, for practice at the parish church, the first half of Hubbard's ten-part peal of Plain Bob Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hour 35 mins. J. Bickin, 1; J. Shone, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Ollerhead, 4; F. Jones, 5; T. Hughes, 6; J. Dillon, 7; H. Reynolds, 8. First half-peal in the method by the ringers of the 4th and 8th.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service in the evening, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. J. Laxton, 1; E. H. Oxenham, 2; C. Charge, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; G. Thrussel, 5; W. Shepherd, 6; F. J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Charge, 8.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Sunday, February 17th, for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. E. H. Oxenham, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; F. J. Shepherd, 5; C. Charge conductor, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; G. Charge, 8; W. Charge, 9; R. Charge, 10. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by W. Shepherd. Tenor 28 cwt. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Good Friday, for afternoon service at the church of St. Michael, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Bartlett, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; F. Murphy, 3; F. J. Shepherd conductor, 4; W. Miflin, 5; J. R. Sandover, 6; W. Moggridge, 7; W. Lowton, 8. On Easter Sunday morning, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Hancock, 1; F. Murphy, 2; F. J. Shepherd conductor, 3; W. Burrough, 4; W. Miflin, 5; W. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Lowton, 8. For Divine Service in the evening, the last 742 of Holt's Original. F. Shepherd, 3; F. J. Shepherd conductor, 7; the rest as before.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—On Whit-Monday morning, at the church of All Saints, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. John W. Smithson, 1; Frank Willey conductor, 2; Joseph Rowley, 3; Albert Gledstone, 4; Edwin F. Rippon, 5; Thomas J. Boyer (Boston), 6; Thomas Chown, 7; William Smithson, 8. Messrs. J. W. Smithson and T. J. Boyer were elected members of the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, February 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. Cyrus Steel, late Vicar of St. Barnabas, Gillingham. G. Marshall, 1; W. Haigh, 2; W. Easter, 3; W. Hollier, 4; A. Osborne, 5; C. Winsor, 6; W. Bate, 7; F. Lowes, 8. Also 336 Bob Major.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS (Northumberland).—On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service at Christ Church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Hogg (first touch), 1; A. Davidson, 2; A. Tully, 3; T. Teasdale conductor, 4; G. Holmes, 5; J. Hern, 6; E. Hern, 7; G. Dix, 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, July 30th, at The Tamworth Arms, on handbells, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Middleton, 1-2; W. H. Barber, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7-8.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, with the bells muffled in respect to the memory of the late Alderman Alfreed Hodgson, a former churchwarden, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. Fred. Palfaman, 1; B. T. Copley conductor, 2; Arthur Gill, 3; Arthur Benson, 4; B. E. Howe, 5; Herbert Sugden, 6; Sam Palfaman, 7; John Palfaman, 8.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, August 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. A. S. Ough, 1; S. Wade, 2; A. Cutmore, 3; A. R. Jones, 4; E. Rivers (Sproughton), 5; W. Hollier, 6; H. G. Miles, 7; W. T. Elson, 8; W. Charge, 9; S. How, 10.

GREAT GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On August 4th, for morning service at the church of St. Andrew, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. E. Meffin, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Bower (Sheffield), 3; T. Steeles, 4; J. W. Seamer, 5; G. Wheldon conductor, 6. First 720 by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 5th. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Bower, 1; G. Wheldon, 2; W. E. Meffin, 3; J. Bell, 4; P. Long conductor, 5; G. Touriss, 6; J. W. Seamer, 7; T. Steeles. Also for evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Wheldon, 1; J. W. Seamer, 2; W. E. Meffin (first in the method), 3; H. Bower (Sheffield), 4; P. Long, 5; T. Steeles first in the method, 6; G. Wheldon (conductor), 7; J. Bell, 8. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles standing as above, conducted by J. W. Seamer.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—On May 28th, at the church of St. Andrew, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. T. Walker, 1; F. Crapnell, 2; W. King, H. Burch, 4; J. Last conductor, 5; C. King, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. T. Walker hails from London.

MERKEWORTH (Kent).—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 730 Bob Minor. H. Boorman, 1; G. Boorman, 2; H. Bell, 3; G. Hook, 4; W. Aldridge (conductor), 5; G. W. T. Smith (Aldermaston, Berkshire), 6.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, July 29th, at the church of St. Andrew, 512 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; F. Sear, 4; J. W. Watson (Lincoln), 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George conductor, 8.

SKETTY (Glamorganshire).—On Monday, July 29th, for practice at the church of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Gwyn, 1; C. Morse, 2; P. Kneath, 3; W. H. Rice conductor, 4; E. Chamberlain, 5; D. Williams, 6; A. James, 7; H. Williams, 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells.

THE NEW PALACE STEAMERS, LIMITED, announce that pending the repairs to the P.S. "Koh-i-Noor," they have made arrangements for the "Royal Sovereign" to continue running her usual trip to Margate and Ramsgate daily, as hitherto, from Old Swan Pier at 9.20 a.m., but there will not be any sailing on Fridays at present, and "La Marguerite's" Saturday sailing to Margate and back will be altered from the existing times to 9.45 a.m. from Tilbury, with the special train from Fenchurch Street at 8.38 a.m., this being one hour earlier than before, though it is exactly same time as last year, when so many people patronised this boat in order to have the long time ashore at Margate; "La Marguerite" will also sail as the Husbands' Boat on Saturdays, leaving Tilbury at 4.15 p.m., with a special tender at 1.50 p.m. from Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, and trains from Fenchurch Street, 2.40 p.m. and 2.54 p.m.; her sailings to Boulogne, Ostend, and Calais will continue as before, and the South Eastern Special Train on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. from Victoria and other stations to Gravesend will put the passengers on board "La Marguerite" for their trip to Margate and back.

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NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

At this season of the year readers of "THE BELL NEWS" generally get a full share of reports of ringers' outings. No doubt many readers only pick out a bit here and there and then consign the paper to the waste-paper basket; others perhaps read every line carefully from beginning to end, and then store their treasure carefully away, so that in years to come they can proudly boast that they possess every copy since this valuable paper first saw light. Now I don't possess all, though I have taken all to the best of my knowledge. Some like to read outings, others touches and peals; but some never read the reports of ringers' outings unless their own happens to be among them. I must confess that I delight to read such pleasant trips because they are like a re-union once a year. We all have our little differences some time during the year, some will take what I call "the hump," and not speak to such and such a brother-ringer in his own band; no, not even if he gets out of his place when ringing, and so the thing goes on until perhaps it comes to the annual trip, when one will sing a song and all join in the chorus until they are all once again a happy family. Some ringers are badly treated no doubt, and never get any pay for their year's devotion to duty, not even a trip unless the funds are subscribed by themselves, so if they do happen to have a fall-out it takes some time to bring things round to their proper course again. You may have been years teaching a band, and all at one stroke your hopes are wrecked. At Norton, we have a model Vicar and Vicar's wife who take a deep and lasting interest, not only in their ringers' welfare, but their generosity is extended to all church workers. We have our yearly pay, an annual dinner at Easter, and a trip to the sea-side or elsewhere. On July 22nd last, the ringers and others numbering upwards of one hundred, journeyed to Southport. After struggling through the previous week's heat wave, the change was most acceptable. A heavy thunderstorm visited the district on the Sunday and gave us the long desired refreshing rain. Monday morning opened fine, with everything looking fresh and bright after the rain. Who could not but love his enemy on such a morning? After a pleasant ride in the Pullman car placed at the ringers' disposal, we arrived at Southport at 9.15, and was met by that most obliging ringer, Mr. C. Hill. Partaking of a slight refreshment, we made our way to Christ Church, and were met by Mr. Armitage, churchwarden, who welcomed us to Southport, saying that they were pleased to welcome ringers (if they were ringers), and with a laugh hoped we should not break the bells, but have a good ring and a pleasant day at Southport. Mr. James, on behalf of the Norton ringers and their Vicar, thanked the gentleman for the few kind words he had spoken in granting them the use of the bells, remarking that the Norton ringers enjoyed themselves so much last year that they could not resist the temptation to again pay them a visit. After ringing 308 of Grandsire, 576 of Treble Bob, and 464 of Bob Major, we decided to have a parting glass with Mr. Hill, thanking him most heartily for arranging for the bells. The afternoon was spent in boating, visiting the parks and cemetery. Tea was provided at The Bath Refreshment Rooms, the Rev. G. H. Hall and Mrs. Hall being present to see that the comforts of their party were well carried out. Tea over, the visitors once more made a move for the sands and lakes, and other amusements. Train time arrived too soon, and we were once more on our way back to old smoky Sheffield, the three hours' ride being well spent with songs and recitations. Mr. J. Shaw gave some good songs, as also did his son, Master Stanley Shaw, which were much appreciated. Mr. J. Atkin and J. Allen also kept the game alive, until our pleasant outing came to a close.

The following Saturday saw the ringers and their wives, by kind permission of Mrs. Hall, at the Vicarage this time, in the form of a garden party. Tea was served at 6 o'clock in the mission room, and the evening was well spent in playing croquet, bowling on the green, strolling round the garden, smoking good cigars, and watching the fine lot of gold and other fish in the pond. At various periods of our enjoyment we gave a thought to our old and dear friend "THE BELL NEWS," and would have liked to see the Editor and Staff among us.

Sunday morning saw us once more at the ropes, and some visitors having arrived, 308 of Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. Barrett (Norton, late Eccles), T. O. Hare (Norton, late Leeds), E. James, A. Slater, J. Barrett (Eccles), W. Biggin, J.

Allen, G. Butcher. Also 224 Bob Major, and nine leads of Treble Bob. Mr. J. Barrett thanked the Norton ringers for favouring him with the pleasure of having a ring on their fine peal of bells, which he said they ought to be proud of (and we are). "That's all." E. J.

Ringers' Outings.

THE SMETHWICK COMPANY.—On Saturday morning, July 13th, the members of this company, with their Vicar (Rev. G. Astbury, M.A.) and a few friends, visited the pretty little town of Bridgnorth. The church here contains a fine ring of eight bells, with a tenor. To ascertain their condition, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, as it was intended to start for a peal in the afternoon. The "go" was found perfect. A fine view of the surrounding country was had from the summit of the tower, and then a move was made for dinner, a fine repast being done full justice to. The band then repaired to the tower to start for the peal, but whilst adjusting ropes, etc., they were informed that an examination was to take place in the Grammar School hard by, so the peal was cried off, 1008 of Grandsire being rung instead. Boating on the river and walks round the town and pretty castle grounds occupied the interval till tea-time, after which the tower was again visited, and a quarter-peal tapped off in 47 mins. Other touches were rung during the evening by mixed bands, the time for departure coming all too soon. After bidding the local ringers farewell, Smethwick was reached in good time, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and thus bringing their first, and to be hoped not last, outing to a successful close. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Overton for the arrangements. E. B.

S. MARY AND S. EANSWYTHE, FOLKESTONE.—On Saturday, July 20th, the members of the above Society journeyed to Rye for their annual outing. Leaving Folkestone at 7 a.m., by brake, Hythe was reached at 8 o'clock, where five of the local band joined them. Arriving at Appledore at 11, it was found the bells at that village could not be rung owing to the death of the sister-in-law of the churchwarden. After a short rest the journey was continued, and Rye reached at 1 p.m., where justice was done to an ample dinner, after which the church bells were put in motion, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung. At 4, seated in the brake again, a delightful drive through the fifth quarter of the globe, viz.: Romney Marsh, brought them to Brookland, a place notorious for the fact that the spire of the church is situate on the ground instead of the tower. Reaching New Romney at 6, tea was had and ringing indulged in on the bells—a fine ring of eight. Folkestone was hailed at 11.10, all the party, to the number of twenty, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Among the number were those veteran ringers, Messrs. S. Barker and W. Fright, who are both well on for four-score years. The members wish to thank the Vicars of Rye and New Romney for the use of the bells, and the steeple-keepers for having everthing in readiness. A. R. M.

SEDDINGTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, February 10th, six 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. F. Jefferies, 1; J. Jefferies, 2; Fred Lewis, 3; F. J. Lewis conductor, 4; F. Protherough, 5; W. Hancock, 6.

HANDBELLS for Sale, twenty-eight in number, size 18 in G, by Taylor. Quite new, bought in August of last year. Will take five guineas. Apply John Flint, Hill Top, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

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Notices.

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The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting of the south-eastern division at Prittlewell, to-day, Saturday, August 10th, (open to all members), to elect a new Master and Secretary for the division. Tea (tickets 3d each), and business meeting at Prittlewell at 5 p.m. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham.

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, August 10th, at Mirfield. Meeting-house, The Dusty Miller. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

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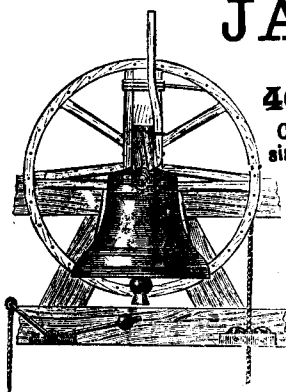
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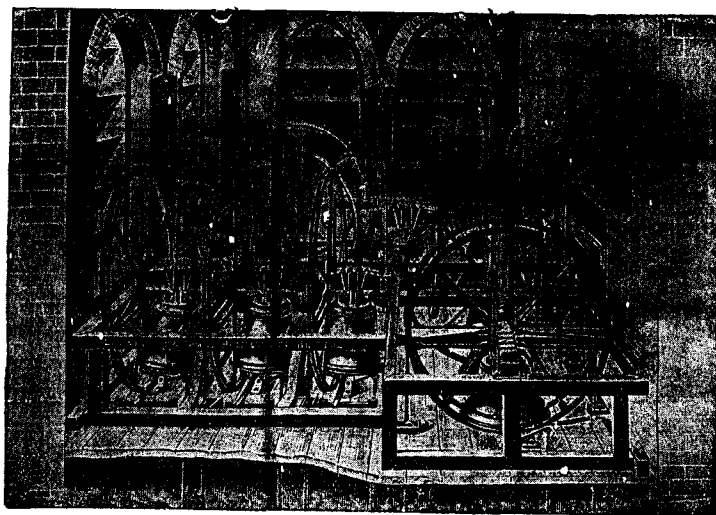
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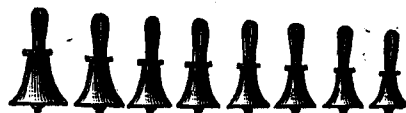
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CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS.

BY THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

(*Member of the Committee for the Collection of Peals.*)

The questions that have been raised by Mr. Davies with reference to the task which has devolved upon the Peal Collection Committee will, it is hoped, receive the careful consideration of all who are specially interested in the project; and the Committee will cordially welcome any opinions or suggestions likely to guide them in carrying it out.

In the Report presented to the Council at Derby, the Committee expressed their willingness to proceed forthwith to make a selection from such compositions as had already, with much pains, been collected and arranged; and to print it as an instalment at least towards a more complete collection. This, in view of the mass of material to be selected from, would have been a sufficiently formidable undertaking; but its difficulties and scope have been now seriously enlarged by the resolution adopted at the Council to incorporate all the best and most characteristic compositions without excluding such as have already been published, and are already, more or less, well-known to conductors. What this resolution involves is sufficiently staggering to make the Committee pause and invite discussion and opinion as to the best means of carrying it out. It means the formation of a collection of compositions in all methods, not indeed actually exhaustive, but at least fully representative of the genius and labours of past and present composers. To be fully representative such a collection must include examples of almost every variety of plan which has found favour with composers, conductors, and critics—longest lengths—shortest lengths, and fewest calls, with reference to given qualities—peals in all numbers of parts—with tenors together, and tenors parted—record peals, etc. etc., as well as the reprinting of such old peals as may be called historically famous, and which are already well-known. It is obvious that such a collection must assume formidable dimensions, unless there is a crowding-out adopted of many excellent compositions which would otherwise as fully deserve a place as those which are selected. The task of selection would indeed in many instances be a most difficult and invidious one, from which a Committee desiring to be impartial might well shrink. I, therefore, entirely share Mr. Davies' regret that the resolution of the Council took the form it did.

With regard to the manner of bringing out the collection, whether as a single volume, or in a series of parts, the expression of the opinions and preferences of a few conductors would be most welcome; and there is an alternative plan, which has occurred to me, which might be weighed together with those mentioned by Mr. Davies; viz., the devotion of one part to Triples (all methods) to be issued separately; then to deal with plain Major

methods in a second separate part; with simple Treble Bob methods in a third, and so forth, dealing in separate successive parts with Surprise methods; Duffield and Forward; Caters and Cinques; Royal and Maximus. There are, however, certain important questions which ought to be first answered. All the more famous compositions of the old days have been already published in books which are still on sale. Ought there to be any filching of compositions from such books at all in order to enrich the Council's collection? Assuming that leave can be obtained to make extracts from such books, and remembering that these books have been invariably brought out at a pecuniary loss to the author, can it be morally right to prejudice the further sale of these books by extracting the cream of the compositions they contain for the sake of making the Council's collection more completely representative? These are questions that ought not to be settled off-hand, as there seemed some disposition to do at the Council meeting. They must be calmly considered and discussed.

Then there is the question of cost. Perhaps, as the Council's Treasurer, I may be more prone than others to take a strictly business view of this project. But it is a view which cannot be lightly put aside; because the printing of a full representative collection, whether as a whole, or in detail, will, I am convinced, bid fair to absorb the whole, or nearly the whole, of the Council's present available funds; and this, judging from past experience, without the prospect of any adequate return for the outlay. Unless we receive assurances of a more extensive demand than we have any right to expect, it would be useless to print more than 200 or 300 copies; and if a price were to be put upon each copy at all in proportion to the cost of production, the sale would be further hampered to such an extent that most of the copies would remain unsold. Members of the Council should really consider this calmly, before lightly committing themselves to an adventure which will unduly impoverish the Treasury for some time to come.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting was held at Prittlewell on Saturday, August 10th, to elect a new Master and Secretary for the South-Eastern Division of the county. The chair was taken by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Eyre. There were fifteen present in addition. Mr. W. H. Judd, of Prittlewell, was chosen to be Master, and Mr. G. Green, of Great Baddow, as Secretary. Some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung with the bells half-muffled out of respect for the late Empress Frederick. The meeting was graced by the presence of Miss Judith Ramsey, of York, who has already mastered the first principles of bell-ringing.

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ST. HELEN'S BELLS, WORCESTER.

The following extract from an old minute book of St. Helen's is interesting as giving some account of the present valuable and historic peal of bells. There are no records as to the origin and antiquity of the previous peal of five, from which the existing eight were cast. It is obvious, from the figures given, that those five must have been of extraordinary weight:

[COPY OF MINUTES.]

"10th September, 1706. At a P'sh meeting then held in the P'sh Church of St. Helen's in Worcester . . . for the casting of the Bells, it was then ordered by the p'shioners then present that the present Churchwardens, Mr. Jos. Newton and Mr. Jos. Taylor, or one of them, do article and agree with Mr. Richard Sanders, Bellfounder, or any other, for casting the five bells belonging to the Parish of St. Helen, into Eight Bells, the (said) Churchwardens not exceeding the sum of seventy pounds for the completing and finishing of the founding and hanging of the (said) Bells."

The following memoranda are added:

"The weight of the several Bells weigh'd and delivered to Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, on Wednesday, the 17th of September, 1706:

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	11	1	15
Second	11	3	2
Third	15	0	13
Ffourth	21	2	23
Tenner	25	1	4
In all	85	1	1

Jos. Newton, Thos. Linton.

"The weight of the eight Bells brought back by Mr. Sanders the last day of March, 1707:

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1. Blenheim	6	00	27
2. Barcelona	6	02	26
3. Ramilies	7	01	13
4. Menin	8	02	03
5. Turin	9	3	24
6. Eugene	10	01	03
7. Marlborough	12	03	04
8. Queen Anne	18	02	27

Joseph Newton } Churchwardens.
Joseph Taylor }

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Bells brought back	80	2	15
Mettall in his hands	1	2	12
Allowed for waste	3	00	05
	85	01	06

"The difference of the weight of the Bells delivered . . . 17 September, 1706, and of those received on the last day of March 1707, is just 4cwt. 2qrs. 14lbs., being pounds single 518 at 12d."

This peal of eight is considered by the best judges of bells to be above the average and quality in tone of any in the county. They bear inscriptions, commemorative of the victories of the Duke of Marlborough, which appeared in this paper some years ago.

There is also: "1706. Joseph Newton, Joseph Taylor, Church Wardens," inscribed round the waist of all the bells except the 7th (which would seem to have been recast in 1712).

The antiquity and importance of St. Helen's has been marked by the fact that the curfew has always been, and is still, rung every night.

It may be interesting to add that on a mural tablet in St. Helen's Church to the late Mr. J. S. Slade (who died

in 1841, aged 64), it is recorded that he 'was a principal cause of the tower of this church being rebuilt and the fine peal of bells not being sold in the year MDCCCXX."

A committee has been formed, and will shortly meet, to consider ways and means for refitting the bells, which have been for some time in an impossible condition for ringing. It is felt that their restoration is a matter of public and not only parochial concern, while it also would form a suitable memorial of the reign and life of our late beloved Queen, and also, it is hoped, of peace in South Africa.

Any donations, meanwhile, will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by Mr. W. Napper (churchwarden), or Rev. C. Chaytor (Rector), towards the cost, which will be upwards of £100.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

This village is now incorporated within the city of Bradford, and although it does not boast a banking institution, yet there are a few of its residents, who are connected with the church, who can appreciate "St. Lubbock's holiday."

Three years ago a company of thirteen journeyed to Richmond and neighbourhood, but this year owing to prior engagements, etc., only four could be found willing to join.

The peak district of Derbyshire was first suggested, and only relinquished owing to the miscarriage of a letter, so Pateley Bridge (known as the Switzerland of England), was fixed upon, and by the North-Eastern Railway Company there journeyed Messrs. G. Bolland, Maude, and H. Oddy, to Harrogate, where a brief halt was made for a short stroll round this fashionable and so widely-known spa resort. Pateley Bridge was reached about 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 3rd, and another member of the party—Sallaway, was found, who had cycled over—in conversation with Mr. Josh. Summersall, the leading spirit of the local company, who had previously made due arrangements for night quarters at The Talbot hotel. Here a substantial tea was fully discussed, and next day's proceedings arranged.

Sunday morning opened fine but boisterous, and all were astir early by 5.30, and after climbing the steep hillside they made an inspection of the old church, the tower of which is still in fair preservation, but the rest of the fabric almost a ruin.

A longer walk and projected mushroom gathering expedition was cut short by rain coming on, and the party retraced their steps for breakfast. 9.30 a.m. saw them gathered round the entrance to St. Cuthbert's church, and a little later the bells were raised, and for service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by C. Sallaway, J. Summersall, A. Haigh, G. H. Mason, G. Bolland, and H. Oddy.

Middlesmoor, some eight or nine miles higher up the dale, was the next place to visit and this entailed a drive along the side of the huge lake formed by the Coporation of Bradford. Rams-gill church being passed *en route*, several members of the local band accompanied. St. Chad's church, at Middlesmoor, was found perched well up on the hillside, but The Crown hotel was still higher, and at this hostelry was found a good dinner awaiting—thanks to the thoughtfulness of one of the ringers, who had telephoned the host to expect an addition of eleven to his family.

Mr. Summerfield, the Vicar, readily granted permission for the use of the bells, and here was rung a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by the same company, and at Pateley, Messrs. Oddy and Summersall exchanging places.

Bidding adieu to our Pateley friends here—excepting Mr. Summersall, who decided to accompany us—the party started to walk across the moors to Kettlewell, and for a time all went easily along, but on leaving the beaten track and getting upon the moor, the lack of guide posts was found a serious matter—houses were miles apart, and excepting for sheep and cattle, no one else in sight. To add to the difficulty, rain began, and fog came along in clouds, making it almost seem as if the party would have to encamp in a sheep fold. Cycling here was out of the question, and it would be hard to say how the machine was first pushed, carried, and held back, over the heather, rough grass, and boulders. However, fortune favoured us and we dropped straight down into the farm-yard of High Scale Park,

and met with the farmer, who first hospitably entertained, and then accompanied us to the high road for Kettlewell.

Here a good tea helped to make amends for what had been undergone, but no ringing could be had, as the church only possesses a ring of three bells.

Monday morning was bright, and the party were once more on tramp bound for Kilnsey Crag, Grassington, Burnsall, Barden Tower, the far-famed "Strid," and through the beautiful grounds of Bolton Abbey, which are open through the kindness of the Duke of Devonshire.

It was intended to make a call at Addingham, a village lying between Bolton and Ilkley, to try the six bells in the church, but the train arrangements would not permit of our Pateley friend reaching home if so, and it was reluctantly abandoned, and adieu was said to him at Ilkley.

To the Vicars of Pateley Bridge and Middlesmoor, thanks are hereby tendered for permission to use the bells, and to Mr. Summersall for his kindness in making arrangements, and his presence in accompanying us so far. M.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A band of the late Mr. F. J. Harrison's oldest ringing friends met on Tuesday, August 13th, to attempt a muffled peal to his memory. At the last moment Mr. John Foreman was called on to take the place of Mr. W. Story, who was too unwell to ring. At 6.20 the Newcastle Cathedral bells went off into Stedman Caters, and some fine striking was kept up for 3 hrs. 45 mins., when a trip in the slow changed the sixes and all was up with what promised to be a fine performance. The 9th rope (the last one poor Fred. Harrison handled), was draped in crape below the sallie. The band was as follows: C. L. Routledge, W. Holmes (conductor), A. Hillier, R. C. Hudson, J. Foreman, R. S. Story, J. E. Keen, E. E. Ferry, H. D. Dall, R. Richarde. Tenor 37½ cwt. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. Ernest Ferry, who spent some hours in the tower beforehand, muffing, oiling, splicing, screwing up, and generally making the peal as certain as was possible.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 8th, at St. Clement's church, Horsley, a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells fully muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Empress Frederick, the ringers being T. H. Whilton, W. Smith, Herbert Day, W. Peat, and H. George, conductor. Tenor about 18 cwt. H. George and H. Day are Ripley ringers, the rest are local men.

THE RECENT PERFORMANCE OF 10080 MINOR AT TUNSTALL.

Mr. J. Heckingbottom, of Armley, Yorks., writes:—
"With reference to the peal of 10,080 rung on six bells at Tunstall, Kent, on Monday, August 5th, in nine methods, and believed to be a record on six bells, there was rung at Tong, Yorks., in April 1896, a peal of 10,440 on six bells in fifteen Treble Bob methods, it being conducted by George Bolland."

Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—At the last meeting of the Central Council, at Derby, the committee appointed to draw up a report on what constitutes a legitimate method presented their report; the report was deferred to the next meeting, and it was suggested that the matter should be brought forward in "THE BELL NEWS" in order that the Exercise might become conversant with the subject before any definite steps were taken.

It seems a long time since the Derby meeting, but I have been unable to write anything previously because I have been waiting

for the Glossary of Technical Terms (which has only just come to hand) in order that I might write as far as possible in sympathy with Mr. Bulwer's work.

As I stated at the meeting the first difficulty which met the committee was the very loose way in which the word "method" appeared to be used, and so it was necessary first of all to classify all the systems in use before any satisfactory report could be drawn up.

I now turn to the Glossary to find a satisfactory definition of the word "method," and I am sorry to say there is none, the definition given would apply equally well to the word "system" as used by Shipway.

And now let us turn to the history of this word "method."

With a view to clearing this question up I have examined all the different books on the subject of change-ringing which I have been able to obtain.

I. Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing. Dedicated by J. D. C. M. to the Society of London Scholars.

The word method is used 45 times in this book. Forty of these are about equally divided between the method of calling a peal, which we should call compositions, and the method of ringing in which the word means the rules to ring by. The other 5 are used in our modern sense and are applied respectively to Grandsire Bob Reversed (now Reverse Bob Minor), alteration of Hunts Single Bob method, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, College Single Triples, and Union Triples, spoken of collectively, and to College Single Triples by itself.

In each of these cases it describes the work of the working bells when there is a bell (or bells) in the hunt.

II. Shipway. In this book the word method is used as a sub-division of each System, and as far as possible Shipway divides each of the systems which he gives in Single Method, Reverse Method, and Double Method, and it will be obvious to anyone studying this use of the word that it is equivalent to what we should call variations; according to Shipway Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, and Double Grandsire are three different methods but all one system.

In one or two instances he also uses it in the same sense as he uses the word system.

III. New Campanalogia, by William Jones, John Reeves, and Thomas Blakemore.

The use of the word "method" in this book is the same as in No. I, but the modern use of the word is much more common, and in one or two instances it is used as Shipway uses the word system for any arrangement of changes.

Coming to modern times we find the word has become equivalent to Shipway's word "system." We speak of the four standard methods, etc., but while we speak of the Grandsire method, etc., in every treatise published we never find the Stedman Method, always Stedman's Principle.

Thus when we survey the history of the word "method" as a technical ringing term we find that it first appeared as the description of systems of changes having a bell (or bells) in the hunt, it then became more lax and came to be equivalent to system, but throughout the whole of its history it has never been applied to Stedman in any title given to that system, which has always been "Stedman's Principle," and when Shipway produced a new system on similar lines he called that "Shipway's Principle," and these two were the only two of their class until quite recently.

I intend next week to go on to the Scientific side of this question and to prove that there is a scientific difference between systems like Stedman and all other systems having a bell (or bells) in the hunt so great that we cannot group them together except on a basis so broad that it is of no practical use whatever when we come to consider the question of what is a legitimate method, and I suggest that for scientific purposes all systems belonging to the Stedman class should be called Principles, and all systems belonging to the class which has a bell (or bells) in the hunt should be called Methods; we can then define a system, a principle, and a method in such a clear scientific manner that one glance will show us not if it be legitimate or not but if it be a method or not, for the features common to all methods are as certain as the marks of any given group of animals or flowers.

H. LAW JAMES.

Surfleet, Spalding, Aug. 9, 1901.

In Memoriam.

FREDERICK J. HARRISON.—A TRIBUTE.

The announcement in these columns last week of the serious accident which happened to poor Fred. Harrison, and which has eventually caused his death, would cause more than a pang of regret to those ringers who have had the privilege of ringing with him. To us of the two northern Dioceses his loss is irreparable, for "he was a man to all the country dear," and a monument of strength to the Diocesan Association. He excelled as a teacher, for he had a powerful grasp of his subject and of his pupils, and had taught more men to ring than any other man in Northumberland and Durham. Those of us who have rung with him in most of his peals, and have travelled many hundreds of miles with him to be led eventually through the mazes of some intricate method, can testify to the soundness of his conducting, his keenness in putting a "tripper" right, and to his accuracy of striking. "Freddie," as he was always lovingly called by his intimates, was essentially a heavy bell ringer, and in the course of his all too short life, has rung the tenor bell to some notable peals for instance—St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich (43 cwt.) through a peal of Maximus, Edinburgh Cathedral (42 cwt.) through the only peal of Royal rung in Scotland, and that of Newcastle Cathedral (37½ cwt.) through a peal of Superlative Major. This latter performance he always cherished as his best, and it long remained a record for weight in Surprise ringing. In composition he has devoted what little time he had when not teaching others, to musical compositions of Double Norwich, and was not long in producing a peal having all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 without the second every being in that position. Mr. Harrison was born near Fakenham, in Norfolk, in the year 1861, and was therefore just over forty years of age; he commenced his ringing career at St. Peter's, Jarrow-on-Tyne, on a light peal of six bells, and soon made such headway that he had eventually charge of both towers in the town, and taught the young recruits to ring several methods of Minor. Besides these, there are very few towers round about Newcastle and Shields that have not benefitted at some time by his teaching. He had rung some 135 peals with the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, conducting forty-four; besides which may be added another half dozen rung with other Societies. The methods comprise Treble Twelve, ten and eight, Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Major and Triples, Union Triples, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Major, and seven methods on six. Our poor friend joined his "mother" Association in 1881, and was for some years a vice-President, besides serving on the Committee and sub-Committee for nearly twenty years. He was a great favourite with everyone. At our meetings, Fred's end of the table was always in "merry mood," innocent jokes and chaff being the order of the day. Alas! we shall never hear that merry laugh again—never more shall we see that kindly face in the belfry, nor hear his mighty "bobs" ring out across the ringing room—nor yet see him roll in the tenor with that beautiful precision which was so characteristic. His big, powerful frame was always a source of admiration to the young ringer, and his upright honest character was an example to all.

He was laid to rest in Jarrow Cemetery on Friday, August 9th, the President and several leading members of the Diocesan Association attending to pay their last sad farewell, and to lay a wreath on the grave of our dear old friend. There were several wreaths from other friends, including the railway men and the Rechabites, of which he was a member. A very large number of friends followed to the grave, where the service was read by the Rev. G. Pybus, Vicar of Christ Church, Jarrow, and an honorary member of our Association. After the funeral some Bob Minor was rung muffled on the bells of Christ Church, Jarrow, where Fred had done most of his early ringing, and in which parish he had lived till his marriage some two years ago.

It has been proposed to raise a memorial to his good life with the help of his railway and Rechabite confreres, and an announcement to this effect will shortly be made to the Diocesan Association.

A muffled peal was attempted on Gosforth church bells on Saturday, August 10th, but was lost. This was again attempted at All Saints, Newcastle, on Monday night, August 12th, and

on Tuesday, August 13th, a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on Newcastle Cathedral bells by those who were associated with him longest in ringing. 'Tis a sorry duty to do for one with whom we have rung over a century of peals.

C. L. R.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—On August Bank Holiday the members of this Society had their annual outing. Leaving Reading by the 6.15 a.m. excursion train to Folkestone, which was reached at 9.35, the first place visited was the sea, where most of the party had a bathe, after which they walked to Sandgate. Here dinner was partaken of, and then the party walked back to Folkestone parish church, Mr. Newman having obtained permission to ring the week previous. Three of the party went and found Mr. Baker in High Street, who conducted them to the belfry. The bells are a beautiful ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. Soon they were set going to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples, in which some of the local ringers took part, the bells afterwards being lowered in peal. Tea was then partaken of, after which good bye had to be said. Another walk by the sea and a ride on the switch-back railway brought on time to get back to the station for the homeward journey, leaving at 7 p.m., reaching Reading at 11, having enjoyed a very pleasant outing. The party wish to tender their thanks to the incumbent for the use of the bells, and the local ringers and Mr. Baker for having all ready in the tower, thus making the visit an enjoyable one. H.S.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.—On Saturday afternoon, July 27th, the St. Thomas's company had an outing to Worsley. On arrival we were met by Messrs. Ridyard brothers and P. Derbyshire, who had got permission to show us through the grounds of Lord Ellesmere. This proved a treat far beyond the most sanguine expectations, and one that is well worth a long journey to see. The special objects of interest were kindly pointed out by our ringing friends, including the tree planted by our late Queen in 1868. The view, looking from the Hall, over the falling tiers of flowers and foliage, to the lake below, is certainly magnificent, and not easily forgotten. The church was also visited, and the Helmsore ringers rang a passable three courses of Stedman Triples on the bells. This was followed by five courses of Double Norwich, with J. H. Ridyard on the 4th, and R. Ridyard on the tenor. These over we were entertained to tea in the schools, and by a happy coincidence, it being the scholars' procession day, we found ourselves in a somewhat numerous and pleasant company. Naturally enough, our party got divided, some mixing up with the games, and others strolling round the environs of Worsley. Our thanks are due to Mr. R. Ridyard for making arrangements, and to the other ringers who helped to make our visit a success; also to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the school authorities for providing tea.

THE MILNROW SOCIETY, LANCASHIRE.—The ringers of this Society had a pic-nic to Middleton on Saturday, July 27th, going via Rochdale, where they picked up some friends. On arriving at Middleton they at once made for the parish church, where they found the local ringers awaiting them. Several touches of Bob Major were brought round on the bells. Full justice was done to a good tea, and then a short stroll through the streets of the ancient town and back to the church, the local ringers describing the many interesting features about the edifice. Then back to the tower, several touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples being brought round. An adjournment was then made to that famous inn The Ring of Bells, until time to start back, all having spent a very enjoyable time.

SHOREHAM (Sussex).—On Thursday, February 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. L. Oliver, 1; T. Burtenshaw, 2; J. Bacon, 3; W. Henson, 4; B. Challen, 5; F. Dearing conductor, 6; R. Noakes, 7. First 720 by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. B. Challen, 1; T. Burtenshaw, 2; J. Bacon, 3; L. Sears, 4; W. Henson, 5; L. Oliver, 6; F. Dearing conductor, 7; W. Brown, 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."

GLOSSARY ERRATA.

SIR,—The date "1891" near the bottom of page 74 of the "Glossary" is an obvious mistake for "1901," for which the writer, not the printer, was responsible! To the misplacement of the vowels in the name "Fabian" (last line, p. 80) I am afraid the printer must plead guilty, as the name was correctly given in the copy; but the "shift" escaped detection in the "proof." Perhaps those who obtain the book will be kind enough to make the necessary corrections in their copies of these and one or two other simple errors, such as inverted letters, etc.

I may be allowed to take this opportunity of saying that I am now in a position to supply copies of the "Glossary," either singly, or in small parcels, according to the following rates, post or carriage free: one, two or three copies, 5d. each; four, 1s. 7d.; five, six, seven and eight, 2s., 2s. 4d., 2s. 8d. and 3s. respectively; nine, ten, eleven and twelve, 3s. 5d., 3s. 9d., 4s. 1d., and 4s. 5d. respectively. Remittance with order. H. EARLE BULWER.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

THE "LEYTONSTONE" METHOD.

SIR,—I got the method inserted in last Saturday's "BELL NEWS" by the Leytonstone ringers in 1895 from James Mather, late Secretary of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association, and he told me that the Leyland company have had it in their possession over fifty years, and they ring it under the name of "Victoria."

TOM REDMAN.

SIR,—Re the new method from Leytonstone, we have rung the same method as "Victoria Treble Bob," and the Oxford variation is called "Horbury Treble Bob."

GEO. HUNT.

[Several other letters have come to hand concerning the foregoing, but as they prove no more than the two which we have inserted, there is no need for their appearance.—Ed.]

THE PEAL AT WITNEY.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see Mr. Beams take this matter up. I was surprised to see it in "THE BELL NEWS," where as you know it said the tenor-man had a rest. I think they ought to have all stopped. This has been thrashed out years ago I believe, although it was before I had taken up change-ringing; but I had been given to understand a peal without a tenor was illegal, and had I known it was not I might have had a peal or two more to my credit. Eight times I know I have been in attempts for peals, and have given them up owing to the tenor-man giving up; once at Snow Hill after ringing Stedman Caters for 2 hrs.; three times here in Guildford; two times at Shere, and one so recent as July 20th at Walton-on-Thames. We started for Bob Triples, and after an hour the tenor-man said it was too hot, we might let him rest. But I was conducting, and I said "stand," which I need not have said had I known it would have been legal. Now I should be very sorry to discourage anyone as regards peal-ringing, but ringing without a tenor is a bit too far. The best thing I can advise the band to do is to give the peal up, for we do not want to make a lot of correspondence. Just one word more: If peals are allowed on seven bells, we shall only want one bell added to the peals of six about the country, and then we could ring Triples as long as we like.

J. HUNT.

Guildford.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The first 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung at Mistley, Essex, on the occasion of the opening of the bells, and not as reported in your issue of Aug. 3rd.

E. W. BECKWITH.

ASTLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Bob Minor, E. Mapp, W. Martin conductor, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, C. Beaman, T. Griffiths. This was rung on the occasion of a confirmation service.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—ERECTION OF PEAL TABLET.

A tablet has been placed on the wall of the tower end of the church of St. John the Baptist, recording the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled on the day of the interment of our late Queen Victoria. Towards the cost of the tablet the vicar and churchwardens (one of whom is Mr. S. W. West, the ringers' hon. secretary) kindly gave one Sunday's offertories, which left only a few shillings to be made up by the local ringers and friends. The tablet is of mahogany, with gilt lettering, and contains the following inscription:—

"Whitwick Midland Counties' Association.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1901, in 2 hours and 58 minutes, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Willson's variation of Holt's ten-part, Tenor 12 cwt. in F. Walter Fern, treble; John T. Allen, 2; John Rawson, 3; Albert Whitmore, 4; Henry Partridge, 5; Levi Partridge, 6; John A. Moulton, 7; Fred Boam, tenor. Conducted by J. A. Moulton. First peal by an entirely local band. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria. Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, M.A., vicar; Rev. F. Boothby, curate; G. Underwood, T. B. Pickworth, churchwardens."

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3rd, the annual six-bell contest in connection with the above Society was held at New Mill, near Huddersfield. This contest was one of the most successful which has been held by the Association since it was formed in 1892. There were nine companies of ringers entered, and they all competed. Each company of ringers had to ring a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The contest started about 1.45 p.m., and finished about 8.45 p.m. The judges, Messrs. J. Wood and J. Dickens, of Friesland, gave their decision as follows:—

Dewsbury, 216 faults, first prize, Association Challenge Cup and six marble time-pieces; Armitage Bridge, 268 faults, second prize, six six-bottle cruets, electro-plated; Almondbury, 295 faults, 3rd prize, six sugar boxes, electro-plated. The following companies also rung: Shelley 374 faults; Holmfirth, 258 faults, rung out; Kirkheaton, 355 faults; Liversedge, 420 faults; Earlsheaton, 376 faults; Kirkburton, 575 faults.

BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 3rd, to celebrate the wedding of Miss Amy Hodson, the daughter of Mr. John Hodson, tower-keeper of the above church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Key, A. Hughes, J. Porter, C. Mackenzie, T. Pigott, W. G. Ellis (conductor), A. Hackley, J. Washbourn. After the ringing the company went to the club house, where ample justice was done to the good things provided, and the health of the bride drank. A few words were said by the conductor as to his knowledge of the bride in her childhood, while Mr. Hodson spoke of the pleasure it gave him to listen to the good ringing that day. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to hear the bells in changes. Then followed songs, etc., by various members of the company, an agreeable evening being spent.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday evening, August 6th, at the parish church, Tonbridge, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Empress Frederick, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Chivers, C. Cooke, J. Ford, G. H. Stonestreet, D. J. Goldsmith, W. Steed, A. Laurence (conductor), A. Haylor. Messrs. Ford and Goldsmith hail from Seal Chart, and this was their first attempt for a quarter-peal. The rest are local men. This was A. Haylor's first quarter-peal.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1901.

LONG before this the "GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS" is in the hands of many of our readers both at home and abroad. The Exercise will be everlastingly indebted to the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and his confreres, for the publication, and every living ringer should haste to possess himself of a copy, if he is not already supplied. Nothing approaching this publication has ever appeared before; it is simply unique. The part treating of the formation of methods is very clear and concise, and can be understood by any one. To many it will be a matter of wonder how Mr. BULWER succeeded in getting together the vast amount of information which form such a complete explanation of the various technical terms used by ringers in every age. The work will surprise many as it has surprised us; and though ringing literature is said,

and truly said, hardly ever to pay the cost of printing and publication, we shall in this case expect to hear shortly that a call has been made for a second edition. Our reviewer will deal later with the publication at greater length than we are able to do in this column. Meanwhile we repeat that the Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to the rev. gentleman above-mentioned for the labour, patience and research he has displayed in its compilation.

We hear also that the excellent work of the late JASPER SNOWDON, entitled "Standard Methods," has just entered upon a fourth edition. In this we can discern some awakening in the minds of ringers towards the fact that ringing publications are primarily intended for the special benefit of themselves, and not for those who take the trouble of compiling them. We hope the sale of "Standard Methods," 4th edition, and all the other works of our lamented friend JASPER SNOWDON, will be such as to cheerfully warrant his brother in a continuance of their publication.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT Treble.	WALTER C. HUNT 5.
HARRY BARRETT 2.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of the late Dowager Empress Frederick.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN ROSE* Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
GEORGE H. DAYNES 4.	JOSEPH LAW Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Empress of Germany. This composition appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," September 21st, 1889, page 289, and is believed to be now rung for the first time.
*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	HARRY G. JUDGE 5.
SAMUEL WESLEY 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
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Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Saturday, August 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5184 CHANGES. Tenor about 26 cwt.

HENRY MIDDLETON Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING 6.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

The above was rung on the occasion of the Foresters' High Court being held in Gloucester.

AYNHO, NORTHANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1901, 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.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 2.	FRED. WILFORD .. 6.
FRANCIS POWELL .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY* .. 4.	FREDERICK WEBB .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

On Sunday, August 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. 5.
FREDERICK WEBB .. 2.	HARRY G. JUDGE .. 6.
FRED WILFORD .. 3.	NOBLE SPINDLOW .. 7.
SAMUEL WESLEY .. 4.	JAMES FRANKLIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the second time the conductor has called the peal from every bell.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN* .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE .. 6.
ROBERT EDWARDS .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
ALFRED HINDS .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON* .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman, and also the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Mr. Turner was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES.

CHARLES DOWNING .. Treble.	VINCENT O'BRIEN .. 6.
FRED. G. MAY .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. 3.	STEPHEN THOMAS .. 8.
WILLIAM SOMERVILLE .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL .. 9.
HENRY T. HOWELL .. 5.	FRANK K. HOWELL .. Tenor.

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APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
CHARLES TRIBE 2.	SYDNEY SAKER 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
ALFRED HINDS 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

RYE, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED HINDS* Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
SYDNEY SAKER 2.	*WILLIAM BILLINNESS 6.
CHARLES TRIBE 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

APPLETON, BERKS.

On Monday, August 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

S. WESLEY Treble.	N. SPINDLOW 6.
W. HORNE 2.	F. WILFORD 7.
F. TUBB 3.	C. R. LILLEY 8.
F. POWELL 4.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 9.
A. FOX 5.	R. COX Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung 1 hr. 20 mins. without tenor covering.

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

On Tuesday, August 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK COOK Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 3.	GEORGE CONDICK 7.
JOHN W. GOLDING 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

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

On Tuesday, August 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER Treble.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	GEORGE CONDICK Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Empress Frederick.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM PINCE Treble.	ARTHUR SAVAGE 4.
JAMES ABERY 2.	THOMAS HERRIDGE 5.
GEORGE ABERY 3.	WILLIAM HORNE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORNE.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Marcus Warre Slade, Esq., of Buckland, Surrey, to Josephine Isabel Young, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Savill Young, of Englefield Rectory, Berks.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble.	JOHN W. JONES 5.
FREDERICK ATWELL 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS 3.	WILLIAM COOMBES 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	*HENRY DAY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBES.

*First peal. This peal was arranged for R. J. Dawe, of Brighton, who is also a member of the above Association. Messrs. Atwell and Jones hail from Newport, Monmouthshire; Wilson from Abergavenny.

OXHEY, HERTS. - THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

TOM E. BREWER* Treble.	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5.
HENRY HODGETTS* 2.	*FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS* 3.	HUBERT EDEN 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	*REGINALD SEARLE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, August 10, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT PRESTIDGE Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
CHARLES SMITH 2.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 3.	HARRY PRICE 7.
HORACE SMITH 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of England.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1901, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY T. HOWELL Treble.	STEPHEN THOMAS 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 2.	WILLIAM SOMERVILLE 6.
FRED. G. MAY 3.	JOHN BURFORD 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, August 11, 1901, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.**Tenor 18 cwt.*

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

*Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.***ALDENHAM, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, 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 15 cwt.*

HENRY L. WADDINGTON .. Treble.	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5.
THOMAS P. COOMBS 2.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 6.
HARRY PARKINS 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. 7.
JOSEPH EARWICKER 4.	BERT ARNOLD Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH EARWICKER.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. L. Waddington, wife of the esteemed Hon. Secretary of the St. Alban's Cathedral Society; also to H. Parkins, of St. Albans. This was the conductor's first attempt to call Holt's Original.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*(READING BRANCH.)**On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.***Tenor 16 cwt.*

JOHN TUCKER Treble.	ARTHUR H. EVANS 5.
HARRY TUCKER 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
REV. H. C. BELL* 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES 4.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

**First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Empress Frederick of Germany.*

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The footnote to Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples rung at King's Norton a short time ago should read thus: This is the first time this composition has been conducted from each bell (out of London), as Mr. C. F. Winney was the first to attain that object.—The peal rung at St. Sepulchre, Northampton, and recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 3rd, was conducted by C. R. Lilley.—In the report of the peal at Drayton, Berks., the ringer of the 6th was F. Willford not F. Witford as recorded.

Miscellaneous.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BLETCHLEY (Bucks.)—On Wednesday, February 6th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. Crane, 1; H. Sear conductor, 2; W. Sear, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges, 7; H. Thurlow, 8. This is the longest length by the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hampshire)—On February 5th, for practice at the parish church, 336 Bob Major. W. G. Fowler, 1; F. Paskins, 2; J. Chalk, 3; F. Russen, 4; J. Walker, 5; G. Newman, 6; J. Elcombe conductor, 7; R. White, 8. On Tuesday, February 19th, 510 Grandsire Triples. W. Gifford, 1; A. E. Paskins, 2; J. Chalk, 3; F. Paskins, 4; J. Walker, 5; G. Newman, 6; J. Elcombe conductor, 7; E. Medley, 8. Also a quarter-peal in the same method. W. G. Fowler, 1; F. Paskins, 2; J. Chalk, 3; A. E. Paskins, 4; J. Walker, 5; G. Newman, 6; J. Elcombe conductor, 7; E. Medley, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent)—On Thursday, August 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung with the bells half-muffled in token of

respect for the late Empress Frederick of Germany. E. Mankelow, 1; F. Harrington, 2; J. Perkins, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Smithers, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins conductor, 7; S. Faithfull (first quarter-peal with the tenor), 8.

DEAL (Kent)—On Tuesday, February 12th, at the church of St. Leonard, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Henley, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Verrier (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Denne conductor, 4; H. Sone, 5; H. Castle, 6. On Tuesday, February 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Verrier (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Castle, 4; H. Barton, 5; T. Tabrett conductor, 6. On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Barton, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Verrier (first 720 in the method), 3; H. Castle, 4; H. Sone, 5; H. Wood conductor, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire)—On Thursday, April 12th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells. F. Hollingworth conductor, 1-2; W. Earle, 3-4; H. Hollingworth, 5-6; L. Hollingworth, 7-8. First quarter-peal by all the band. On Saturday, April 13th, for practice, 2072 changes, being four parts four leads of Holt's ten-part peal. F. Hollingworth (conductor), 1-2; W. Earle, 3-4; H. Hollingworth, 5-6; L. Hollingworth, 7-8. Rung on the premises of Mr. T. Hollingworth.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS—On Saturday, February 9th, 720 College Single. C. Daltry, 1; H. Bartram, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; J. Wildman, 5; C. R. Lilley conductor, 6. A 720 Kent. C. R. Lilley conductor, 1; E. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; H. Bartram, 5; J. Wildman, 6. Also 720 College Single. C. Dalby, 1; C. R. Lilley conductor, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; W. James, 4; J. Wildman, 5; H. Bartram, 6. First 720 of College Single by all except Messrs. Lilley and Gale.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire)—On February 5th, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Spiby, 1; C. Dalby, 2; E. J. Gale, 3; H. Bartram, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; W. James, 6; C. R. Lilley conductor, 7; R. Starbuck, 8. First touch of Oxford by all except the conductor. Also 336 Grandsire Major. W. Spiby, 1; C. Dalby, 2; J. Goodacre, 3; E. J. Gale, 4; A. V. Potter, 5; W. James, 6; H. Bartram, 7; C. R. Lilley conductor, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. On February 10th, three courses of Bob Triples. W. Spiby, 1; C. R. Lilley conductor, 2; J. Barnes, 3; C. Dalby, 4; H. Bartram, 5; W. James, 6; J. Goodacre, 7; R. Young, 8; T. Gillet, 9; R. Starbuck, 10.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD—On Sunday, March 17th, 224 Double Norwich. A. Wood, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. Cullip, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke conductor, 6; F. Webb, 7; J. W. Barker, 8. Two courses of Stedman Caters. C. R. Lilley, 1; S. Cullip, 2; A. Wood, 3; F. Webb, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; J. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke conductor, 8; W. Barker, 9; H. Sear, 10. 287 Grandsire Caters. J. Sear, 1; J. W. Barker, 2; F. Webb conductor, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; J. Hills, 7; W. Davison (Biddenham), 8; C. R. Lilley, 9; A. Wood, 10. On March 1st, 504 Grandsire Caters. A. Wood, 1; C. W. Clarke conductor, 2; F. Webb, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; J. Hills, 7; C. R. Lilley, 8; F. Hull (Walthamstow), 9; J. Sear, 10. On March 24th, a course of Treble Bob Royal. C. R. Lilley, 1; S. Cullip, 2; F. Webb, 3; C. W. Clarke conductor, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Church, 6; J. Hills, 7; C. Chasty, 8; G. Valentine, 9; J. W. Barker, 10. On Handbells, three courses of Double Norwich. F. Webb, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke conductor, 4; C. Chasty, 5; J. Hills, 6; J. W. Barker, 7-8. Also three courses in the same method. C. R. Lilley, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. W. Barker, 3; B. Jealous, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke conductor, 7-8. On March 14th, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. R. Lilley conductor, 1-2; W. J. Barker, 3-4; W. Hall, 5-6; C. Chasty, 7-8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAFFHAM (Norfolk)—On Monday, April 8th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. W. Stanley, 1; E. Ward, 2; J. Gower (Tunstead), 3; W. Bales, 4; F. Knights, 5; P. Sadler conductor, 6; A. G. Warnes, 7; G. Smith, 8. The above was rung after accomplishing a peal of Oxford Major.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN—On Monday, March 11th, for practice at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the first six, 720 Bob Minor. W. Gibson, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Grant, 3; C. Murray, 4; J. W. Townley, 5; R. Murphy, 6. First 720 by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 6th.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON (Somersetshire)—On Tuesday, February 12th

after a Confirmation Service held by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. T. Hayward, 1; J. R. Adams, 2; F. Chivers, 3; J. Hambleton, 4; G. Miles, 5; C. H. Shearn conductor, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. Sperring, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—At the parish church, on March 21st, 1320 changes of Doubles, in 50 mins. F. Bowtell, 1; E. Webb, 2; P. Webb conductor, 3; A. Lilley, 4; J. Webb, 5; F. Crick, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. M. Lilley, who was married to Miss J. Ward on that day.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Monday, August 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Wilford, 1; F. Tubb, 2; A. Fox, 3; F. Powell, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 6; W. Horne, 7; C. R. Lilley conductor, 8.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, January 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Elcox, C. Bearman, J. Reynolds, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths, W. Martin conductor. On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Brown, T. Elcox, E. Mapp, W. Martin, T. Griffiths, P. Griffiths, J. Reynolds conductor. On Sunday, January 13th, 720 Kent. C. Beaman, W. Bowen (first with a bob bell), J. Reynolds, W. Martin, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths conductor. On Sunday, January 27th, and on Saturday, February 2nd, several 6-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Doubles, with the bells deeply muffled with the exception of the tenor which was open at back-stroke, and on Sunday, February 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bowen, E. Mapp, T. Elcox conductor, W. Martin, C. Beaman, T. Griffiths, with the bells half-muffled. On Wednesday, February 13th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Oakley, T. Griffiths, T. Elcox, W. Martin, C. Beaman, J. Reynolds conductor. First 720 by J. Oakley who hails from Shrawley. On Sunday, February 17th, 720 College Single. W. Bowen, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths, C. Bearman conductor. On Sunday, March 17th, 720 Kent. C. Beaman, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, W. Martin, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths conductor. Also on Sunday, April 7th, 720 Kent, conducted by J. Reynolds. On Sunday, April 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Bowen, J. Reynolds, W. Martin, E. Mapp, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman (first as conductor in the method). On Sunday, April 28th, 720 Grandsire conducted by W. Martin. On Wednesday, May 1st, 720 Double Oxford. E. Mapp, T. Griffiths, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, C. Beaman, J. Pagett conductor. First in the method by all. Also 720 Plain Bob conducted by J. Pagett. Also a 720 Grandsire Minor on Sunday, May 12th. W. Bowen, E. Mapp, J. Reynolds, W. Martin, J. Earp, C. Beaman conductor.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Thursday, February 14th, at the church of St. Giles, on the occasion of the opening of Parliament by the King, three courses of Grandsire Caters. H. Flower, 1; E. H. Oxenham, 2; W. Weatherstone conductor, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; A. Nicks, 5; F. J. Shepherd, 6; J. Hack, 7; E. J. Webb, 8; G. H. Daynes, 9; T. Cooleage, 10. Also two courses of Bob Major on the back eight. H. Flower, 1; W. Weatherstone conductor, 2; E. J. Webb, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; A. Nicks, 5; J. Hack, 6; F. J. Shepherd, 7; G. H. Daynes, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. On Sunday, February 24th, at the church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with 6-7-8 covering. H. Flower, 1; T. Deal, 2; G. Taylor, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; J. Hack, 7; H. Peters, 8; W. Bedwell conductor, 9; H. Dickens, 10.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, February 17th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 23 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Mullett, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; W. Fisher, 4; J. Roberts, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; A. Law, 8. On Sunday evening, February 24th, 447 Grandsire Triples, in 15 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; J. Roberts, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; W. Fisher, 4; W. Mullett, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; A. Law, 8. On Tuesday, February 26th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, 1; J. Roberts, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Small, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; W. Mullett, 8. On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; S. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; W. Mullett, 4; W. Fisher, 5; J. Roberts, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; A. Law, 8. On Easter Sunday, for the early celebration, 7.30 a.m., 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; E. Goodreds conductor, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; S. Baker, 4; J. Roberts, 5; W. Fisher, 6; W. Mullett, 7; A. Law, 8. Also for the 11 o'clock celebration, 630 Grandsire Triples in 23 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; W. Fisher, 3; W. Mullett, 4; J. Roberts, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; A. Law, 8. On Tuesday, May 7th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, 1; S. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; G. Hughes, 4; J. Small, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; A. Law, 8. On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples.

W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; E. Goodreds, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Fisher conductor, 7; A. Law, 8. Also for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 29 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; W. Fisher, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; A. Law, 8. On Sunday evening, May 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds conductor, 7; A. Law, 8.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, February 10th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original. C. Willshire conductor, 1; G. Foster, 2; W. Jelley, 3; H. Hutton, 4; G. Gunner, 5; B. Chorley, 6; J. Grundy, 7; W. Lightfoot, 8.

HACKNEY.—At the church of St. John, on Monday, March 11th, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. C. E. Hart, one of the churchwardens, and also treasurer to the Football Association, the usual whole pull and stand with the bells half muffled, followed by a 504 of Grandsire Triples. Arthur Cole, 1; E. Coombe, 2; C. Hopkins, 3; Albert Cole, 4; F. Rumens, 5; A. Hughes, 6; W. Prime, 7; W. D. Smith conductor, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. King, 1; A. Howell, 2; F. H. Pirton, 3; T. Langdon, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; A. Jacobs conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Dixon, 1; W. Ford, 2; A. Jacobs conductor, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; T. Langdon, 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Dixon, 1; W. Ford, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; T. Langdon, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; A. Jacob conductor, 6.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, February 10th, at the church of St. Mark, for evening service, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples, from Thurstan's One-part. T. Taffender conductor, 1; S. Cotton, 2; H. R. Pasmore, 3; G. Cleal, 4; A. Millis, 5; C. H. Fowler, 6; W. Willson, 7; J. Morris, 8. Messrs. Pasmore and Taffender are from London.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Baker, 1; G. Hollis, 2; G. W. Bemrose, 3; C. Chasty, 4; J. Tirrell, 5; T. Measures, 6; W. Johnson first quarter-peal as conductor, 7; J. Palmer, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. This is J. Tirrell's first quarter-peal and first attempt.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, August 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 2 hours and 40 mins. F. Wilford, 1; Rev. H. Bull, 2; C. Giles, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; A. Osborne, 5; H. Tucker, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; C. R. Lilley conductor, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. This is the longest length rung on the bells in this method, and by F. Wilford and the Rev. H. Bull. F. Wilford hails from Northampton, C. R. Lilley from Bedford; the rest belong to Reading.

SONNING (Berks).—On Saturday, August 10th, at the parish church, a 400 of Stedman Triples. J. Tucker, 1; H. Tucker, 2; A. W. Pike conductor, 3; F. Wilford, 4; J. M. Routh, 5; C. Giles, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; G. Simons, 8. It was intended to attempt a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major but a funeral prevented this, and the above was rung instead.

STONKY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, February 9th, for service at the church of St. Giles, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Tucker, 4; G. Cowley, 5; G. Valentine, jun., 6. On Monday, February 25th, for a Confirmation service, held by the Bishop of Reading, 600 Grandsire Doubles, before the service. A. Clarke, 1; G. Cowley conductor, 2; W. Tucker, 3; W. Bonham, 4; R. Tucker, 5; A. Giles, 6. After service, 720 Grandsire Doubles each called differently. A. Clark, 1; W. Tucker, 2; G. Cowley conductor, 3; W. Benham, 4; R. Tucker, 5; A. Giles, 8.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, August 4th, at the church of St. Mary, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Coakham, 1; S. Romans, 2; J. H. Wilkins, 3; R. J. Maynard, 4; J. Cullen, 5; R. Maynard, jun., conductor, 6; C. T. Hopkins, 7; W. Crockford, 8. After service, 503 Grandsire Caters. H. C. Alford, 1; F. Rumens, 2; R. J. Maynard, 3; R. Maynard jun., conductor, 4; C. T. Hopkins, 5; H. Stubbs, 6; J. Cullen, 7; H. R. Pinsent, 8; W. H. Freeman, 9; W. Crockford, 10.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Harvest Festival of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, Essex, is announced for xvi. Sunday after Trinity, that being on the 22nd of September. I gather from an announcement on another page that the offertories taken on that day at the services will be devoted to the Bells Fund. Many who read this know something of the proposal to place a peal of bells in this church, and of the attempt—the heroic but unsuccessful attempt—which was made to get together, if not the whole amount, a fair sum towards it, from the readers of this journal. There was an inducement, call it “a bait,” if you will, held out by myself and other gentlemen (put an emphasis on the last word) to persuade all ringers to send at least a shilling to this fund. *All* ringers, I said. Well the “*all*” didn’t come off, as you know. I have no doubt that many of those who failed to support the worthy appeal which was made bitterly regretted afterwards their apathy and dilatoriness. Then I ask them to redeem the time now; to make up for the lost opportunity, and send to the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, a donation towards his new bells. Let all such donations reach him before the date of the Harvest Festival. Don’t forget this time.

Very sad affair—that of poor Frederic Harrison. He was a perfect ringer if ever there was one. The northerners have to deplore the loss of a good comrade. “In the midst of life we are in death.”

Dangers stand thick through all the ground
To push us to the tomb.

It is hoped some provision might be made for those who have lost their breadwinner.

I see that a peal has been rung at Arklow, Ireland, by purely a local band. This is very fair work, especially so when it is thought what a terrible up-hill game it is to work a company up to a peal in such an out of the way kind of place. I am told that the first and perhaps the greatest difficulty of all is to create a sufficient amount of keenness and thoroughness in the Irish people. Previous to the arrival of Mr. Washbrook, the men who rang the peal had scarcely heard of a peal of bells. The Arklow ringers deserve a pat or two on the back; they have stuck together and worked hard, and not only this peal which they have rung, but the good wishes of the whole Exercise is their reward.

Most of you know that Mr. John Carter has not for a long time enjoyed the best of health. I was not surprised therefore to be told that he had gone to another climate for a time. He sent a post-card last week bearing the Brussels postmark, with an intimation that he was going to visit Holland and Germany. His intentions are not to pay a visit to Mr. Kruger, it should be known, for John has a very poor opinion of that individual. Another post-card has arrived from Maastricht, and the climate there our friend thinks will cure him. We shall all hope it will. There will be something to do at Birmingham when he returns. Brass bands at the station to meet and escort him to his domicile, perhaps the presentation of an address, and other distinctive features of a welcome home. We'll ring the ting-tang, John.

In reading the various ringing reports of late I find that the improper habit of vulgarising christian names is on the increase. To call a man “Bob” when his name is “Robert” does not matter, perhaps, but when the

name is to be printed the proper appellation should be used. A short time ago a peal was rung at a place called Lydney, in Gloucestershire. The announcement of this peal was made in the vulgar manner I am condemning; not one of the ringers had their christian names sent up in full. The sender of the report was evidently proud of it, for he added the following *rhyme* (I italicise the word):—

Four Jacks, two Jims, a Fred and a Bob,
Journeyed to Lydney and got on the job.

I appreciate vastly my friend's facetiousness, but he must know this sort of thing is not proper; it's neither respectable or refined. Let the habit of printing Tom, Jack, Harry, etc. be left to those who have the copyright of such vulgarisms, viz.: the operators and patrons of pugilism in all its aspects, and horsey men and jockeys. If we don't set our face strongly against this practice, we shall bring ourselves to the actual level of this scum.

I am requested to touch upon another matter for the benefit of all concerned. This is, first the almost perpetual carelessness and inexcusable slovenliness with which many correspondents send their reports to this paper for insertion. Week after week we read of a correction here and a correction there; of a defective report, such as a peal without a date, or method, or number of changes, or the name of conductor. If it were possible to set forth the rank errors either of stupidity or carelessness made by some, readers would really wonder however this paper appeared at all. I am speaking the honest truth when I say the time and labour spent in rectifying errors, and putting to rights correspondents' mistakes, is almost unequalled in journalistic history, so far as I know it. Again some of the caligraphy—I think that means penmanship—is almost heartbreaking. This week on my entrance into the office, I was shown two quarto pieces of copy purporting to be a report of a bicycle tour to some place or other, with a request that I would try to make it out. It was too much for me to decipher. I couldn't do it. So the W. P. B. was its destination, and that in quick sticks. Now I would respectfully, nay humbly, put it to correspondents—devil-may-care correspondents I mean—how can they really expect any one on the “B.N.” staff to re-write their articles, letters, touches, and so forth for them. Do have a little consideration, please, for others. If your education has been so sadly neglected that you are obliged to use the leg of a chair, instead of a pen, why let some one else write to the paper who can write. I am trying to persuade the Editor to insert no more defective reports, or black-lead written post cards, or anything else not up to the proper and reasonably-required standard. Don't be angry, any of you who find “the cap fits” after reading this paragraph. Careless writers cause great trials of patience and temper, I assure you, and such ought to be plainly told of their failings. Again, some of you, I hear, require to read the instructions upon the leader page once more.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Sunday morning, August 4th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. A. S. Ough, A. Cutmore, W. Charge, A. R. Jones, W. Hollier, H. Adams, W. Pickworth, W. T. Elson (conductor), C. Charge, S. How. In the evening another quarter-peal in 48 mins. A. S. Ough, W. S. Smith, A. R. Jones, C. Charge, J. Crombie, J. Armstrong (first quarter-peal of Caters), W. Pickworth, W. T. Elson, (conductor), W. Charge, S. How. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Princess Royal and Empress of Germany.

Notices.

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

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Audley to-day, Saturday, August 17th. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. C. B. Wareham, church Street, Audley. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Michael's church, Flixton, to-day, Saturday, August 17th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells, on Saturday, August 24th. Dinner at Cook's Restaurant, 11, High Street, at 1 p.m., at 2s. each (1s. only to members). Business meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented and Election of officers take place. The election of a new Master and Hon. Sec. and Treasurer will have to be considered. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available after morning service, also St. Cuthbert's (8) and St. John's, Glastonbury (8).

HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. & Treas.*

Williton, Somerset.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Gravesend, on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.45. Half railway fare up to 2s. will be allowed. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday the 21st.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Blackburn parish church, on Saturday, August 24th, at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. T. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 31st. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

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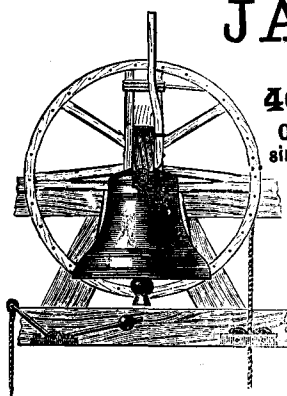
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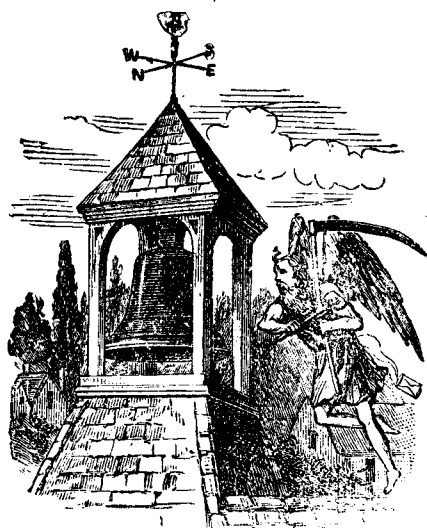
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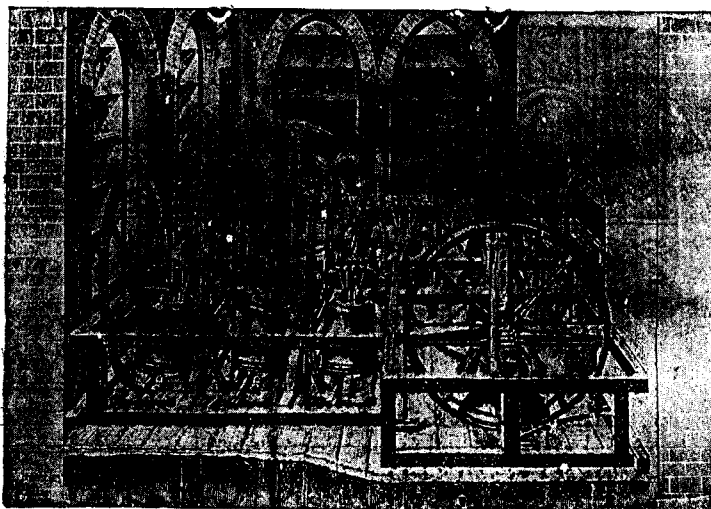
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A REVIEW OF THE BOOKS OF THE NORWICH RINGERS' BENEFIT SOCIETY.

By C. E. BORRETT.

In presenting to the Exercise a few of the interesting items to be found in the above books, I would express my regret, by way of preface, that the earlier records of the Society are lost or have been destroyed.

It is quite patent from the money in hand (£110), shown on the first balance-sheet (for the year 1740), that the Society had then been in existence very many years. The contribution was only 1s. 6d. per quarter, and therefore the saving of £110 must have been a long business.

Two books were kept going at the same time—one containing a list of the Pursers' names and contributions, and also the expenditure (each year being properly balanced up), whilst the other book was a rough statement of the transactions of the Supervisors, who had to attend to the payment of benefit money to sick members.

The earliest of the former kind dates from 1740 and runs to 1825. It is really no better than a batch of leaves torn from their binding. The first page is headed—

Thomas Gardiner,	Headsman.
William Porter,	Feastmakers.
John Ingram,	
John Bland	Supervisors.
Thomas Church	

Immediately following is the entry before-mentioned: "Left in the Treasurer's hands upon bond £110 os. od.," after which comes the total amount of the quarterly contributions of the members. These latter items for many years are entered with the same wording—"Recd. of the Ringers' Society two pounds five shillings for the use of the said society." Following this comes the entry—"Disbursed as per Supervisors' book this year" with the amount, and then the balance struck with the wording "Remain in hand and bond." Below this are given the items of the yearly feast, which as a curiosity, and also to record the price of food in those days, I give exactly as entered:—

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Mutton 15 lbs. ...	0	5	6
Veal 8 lbs. ...	0	2	4½
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Bread ...	0	2	0
Pickles and Pepper ...	0	1	2½
Porteridge ...	0	3	0
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On the opposite page is a list of the Pursers' names, with columns ruled for their contributions, and a further set of ruled spaces for "Burial Forfeits." In the set of rules published in "THE BELL NEWS" in December, 1900, it will be remembered that each Purser was fined if

he did not attend the funeral of a deceased Purser—hence these burial Forfeits. I have presented the foregoing very fully, as it really is a statement of the manner in which the Society's books have been kept from 1739 up to the present day, and doubtless for many years previous to 1739. I have only now to record any special items which I think may be of interest.

In 1739 there were forty-five Pursers, several bearing names well-known in the early days of change-ringing. Thomas and Edward Crane, Thomas Melchior, John Gardiner, William Porter, Thomas Blofield, and Chris. Beauty are a few of the men who had taken part in the peals of Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and the 12,600 Grandsire Caters, which were rung at Mancroft from 1715 to 1737, and which are familiar to the Exercise through the writings of the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon. In 1742 the number of Pursers had risen to fifty-five, one of the number—Thomas Barrett—being expelled for "receiving money fraudulently." At the feast in this year fifty-eight lbs. of beef was bought at the extraordinary price of 3½d. per lb., and 1½ lbs. of tobacco for 1s. 6d. In 1747 Thomas Melchior was elected assistant headsman to Thomas Gardiner; the latter was evidently either too ill or too old to carry out the duties, as his decease is noted after the Michaelmas contribution. In 1749 occurs "Disbursed towards the law suit £5 os. od." any explanation of which I am unable to offer. In 1762 Joseph Gardiner is fined 1s. for "an affront to ye Society," and in 1784 the most expensive feast in the annals of the Society takes place. The bill for this amounts to £7 8s. 2d., and it is difficult to imagine forty Pursers consuming, amongst other things, 70 lbs. of beef, 38 of mutton, and 78 of veal! In 1785 Robert Chestnutt, of Double Norwich Maximus fame, joined the Society, and in 1791 a split evidently occurred. The funds had sunk to £30, and this sum was shared, I suppose, by the thirty-five Pursers.

A year later thirteen Pursers re-started the club by contributing 15s. each, and the disbursements include "For tankards, pots, books, etc., £1 1s. od." In 1794 liquid refreshment is mentioned in the feast bill for the first time, when £1 3s. 8d. was spent for beer. Up to this time the drink had been shyly entered as "Mr. —'s bill!"

Samuel Thurston was elected a member in 1805, but on October 4th, 1808, in consequence of ringing with a rival company he was unanimously expelled, but "in consideration of his paying a fine of 5s. laid upon him, was declared a member as usual."

A year later Robert Chestnutt was elected Headsman, and in 1815 another division of funds took place, entries shewing that eighteen Pursers received £1 5s. 6d. each. In 1816 twenty-four Pursers started the society again, the handbells, tankards, etc. being paid for as in 1792. On February 5th, 1820, Thomas Barton (the conductor of the first peal on the present ring of twelve) was expelled for breaking the 9th article, but in consideration of his advanced age, the Society agree to admit him as a member again at the expiration of two months from the date thereof." Barton died the following year, and the

same page records that "Peckover Hill was elected Headsman in place of Robert Chestnutt, who was too unwell to perform the duties of the office." The last entry in this, the oldest book of the Club, is under date 1824.

The book which was used by the Supervisors for the entry of their benefit money and sundry expenses runs from 1748 to 1829. It fastens with brass clasps and has a label on the outside with "Norwich Ringers Supervisors book of Accompts 1787" printed upon it. Why the book is labelled 1787 when it really begins in 1745 is too deep a matter for me. In it the sick members names are entered weekly, with the amount of their benefit moneys, and also any expenses connected with the burial of a deceased member. Any space left on each page has been used for pricking touches, leads of some unknown methods, and entries of peal performances. Thus: on the inside of the cover is a detailed account of the peal rung at the opening of Helmingham bells in 1816, ending with the footnote "135 ringers dined together in the park." Touches of Treble Bob Major and Royal are pricked in plenty, one 1440 of Royal appearing several times. It is rather curious—from rounds call 2 bobs, and then 2 plain leads, eight times repeated. The old Norwich company I have understood, liked to have the bells pulled about and parted, and I should think this touch would meet with their approval.

In nearly every year, before the feast, an amount of 2s. is charged for "scouring the tankerds," and in 1764 occurs "Paid for two tankerds and engraving £2 10s. od." In 1770 8s. is charged for mending the articles, and the same year the funeral expenses of William Porter (the inventor of Double Norwich) are entered as costing the Society £3 18s. 6d. Business transactions only are entered until the year 1821, when Thomas Hurry and Thomas Burrell are thanked for "presenting the Society with four quart and two half-pint pewter pots, handsomely engraved and corresponding with the gallon tankerd and half-pint pots." A page or two further on is recorded the composition, and the band who rang the 6880 Oxford Treble Eight, containing the 120 course-ends, at Alburgh, in 1827. On the opposite page is a record of the original peal of Treble Bob rung on handbells, conducted by Elijah Mason, and in which the late Henry Hubbard rang 3-4. Expensive feasts had been the rule for some years—the drink bill having increased considerably. In 1826 ninety-four pots of ale and porter, costing £2 9s. 4d., were consumed, and in 1827 108 quarts for £2 14s. Anyone interested in aerated waters will be glad to know that in the latter year the entry appears for the first time "nine bottles of pop 2s. 3d"! In 1829 (the last page of the book) the feast bill is added incorrectly, the ale and porter being charged 2s. 10d. instead of £2 10s.

The third and last book is the one now in use. It has also brass corners and clasps, and is labelled "Norwich Ringers Purse Book Anno 1734," although like the supervisors book before mentioned, it does not begin until 1831. This book was evidently begun after another split in the club (the third I have noticed) as the first two entries are under date January 1st, 1831: "Paid for box, books, handbells, tankerds, balloting box, and hammer, bell-shape, £3; Paid bill for articles, 13s. 10½d." Thirteen pursers' names are written, each subscribing 20s., with Peckover Hill as Headsman. In 1841 Samuel Thurston's funeral expenses are entered:—

"Paid the Widow, £3; Bearers, 12s.; Warning the Society, 2s.; Beer and Tobacco, 19s. 7d.; Bumbling the Bells, 2s."

Henry Hubbard was elected a member in December,

1841, and a year later is recorded the gift of £5 to the churchwardens of St. Michael at Coslany for replacing the 5th bell. The money was taken from the stock, and was to be refunded by "expending only half the sum allowed by the articles for the feast annually." The resolution is signed by the Headsman and twenty-four pursers—five of whom signed their mark only.

On February 8th, 1844, £4 10s. was expended on a feast to celebrate the 7126 Stedman Cinques rung in January of that year. Nine months later, when the club was worth £56 12s. 1d., it was again dissolved, the members sharing £2 each. It was restarted the following February, £21 being contributed by the Pursers, and 21s. 9s. paid for enrolment of the articles. Another split occurred in 1854, an entry of January 7th of that year, signed by the Treasurer, saying: "It is agreed to dissolve the Society and share the moneys and property belonging thereto according to the thirteenth article." Three days after the following occurs: "January 10th, 1854. It was agreed to by the following persons, whose names are undersigned to form ourselves into a Society or Club as well for the Improvement of the Science of Campanalogia, as for raising and establishing a fund for the mutual relief and assistance in sickness under the rules and regulations of our printed articles." This is signed by ten members who paid in £17 10s. Since this date the Club has been continuous, and it is only fair to remark, in passing, that these numerous dissolutions were only carried out to rid the club of some member who had proved obnoxious, but who had not really made himself liable to expulsion through the breaking of any of the articles. One or two of the older members of our present company can remember such instances. In 1866 the first audit is noted, and in 1878 a statement of accounts is entered, when the total worth of the Society was £95 2s. 5d. To members of the Norwich Diocesan Association the election of the Rev. G. H. Harris, on July 7th, 1877, will be an item of interest. Two or three matters of interest remain, and these are entered on various leaves, irrespective of date, and I will close by quoting one or two of them. "December 2nd, 1837. It was agreed by a majority of this Society belonging to St. Peter's of Mancroft ringers that any person belonging to the said company that wish to go to London at the opening of the Spitalfields bells should be allowed to draw two pounds from the stock by giving proper security, and paying 5 per cent. interest for the use thereof, and it was agreed that Thomas Hurry should take half the money out of every ringing job until the said money be paid."

"October 3rd, 1840. Christopher Cropley was admitted a member of this Society on condition that he is not to receive any relief if afflicted with the King's Evil, as a report to that effect has been mentioned in the Society, but he denies having any such complaint."

"May 2nd, 1829. Samuel Thurston was expelled from this Society for improper conduct, and at the same time the Society agreed to give him his share of the stock."

"December 6th, 1835. Samuel Thurston was admitted a member of this Society by the unanimous consent of the whole of the members present."

On another page Thomas Burrell declares his last will and testament, and appoints Robert Burrell to manage his funeral. He gives him authority to receive the £5 from the Society "To provide a decent funeral, and also a good gravestone to my memory."

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A RINGERS' HOLIDAY.

"Be here by one o'clock on Sunday, August 4th," and accordingly I found myself at No. 50, Connaught Road, Reading, preparatory to starting for a few days' ringing tour.

Reach Witney in time to ring for evening service was the order, and punctually at 4.20 p.m. Mr. F. Hopgood and myself with our bikes aboard steamed out of Reading station for Oxford, due 5.10.

Eleven miles in a head-wind via Eynsbam, and Witney was reached just as the evening services commenced, being too late to ring. Here we were taken in hand by Mr. J. Monk, who piloted us round for a stroll, pointing out the various blanket factories, etc., after which we were glad to retire, as a busy day was before us on the morrow. Up betimes, and having partaken of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's hospitality in the shape of a substantial breakfast, we were soon in the tower, the bells raised in peal, and a touch of Stedman and a course of Bob Major rung. Here in the well-kept ringing-room the "Marblette" peal-tablets are a speciality.

We were now augmented, and set off, a party of six, on cycles for Appleton, the home of ringing, nine miles distant, the spin in the fresh morning air being much enjoyed by all. Here we found Messrs. Lilley and Co.—the remainder of the band. Slight refreshments, and then to the tower where a peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted, which collapsed after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins. "Clinking ringing, my boys; and you ought to have scored" was the verdict of those well able to judge. In the evening ten of us again stood in for Grandsire Caters, and here in 3 hrs. 25 mins. what would have been a creditable peal, was marred by the tenor setting his bell soon after the half-way.

Before retiring it was decided to attempt a peal of Bob Major the next morning at 5 a.m., and for 2 hrs. everything went like clockwork, when "stand" was called, thinking a change-course had occurred, but it was afterwards found all were in proper coursing order. However 8.30 saw us all seated round the breakfast table at The Plough inn previous to leaving for Drayton. Here let me say every change-ringer on a visit to Appleton should certainly see the tomb of the late Alfred White, a great ringer and musician in his day. As a send-off a course of Triples was rung on handbells by F. Tubb, 1-2-3-4; R. White, 5-6-7-8. Wishing our friends good-bye, a spin of seven miles, being joined on the road by Mr. Powell coming from Witney, and then "Gentlemen, this is Drayton: luncheon is ready" from the worthy Master, put us in good spirits, after which in 2 hrs. 49 mins. a capital peal of Stedman was tapped off on these famous bells. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at St. Helen's, Abingdon, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. A social chat occupied an hour or so, and at 11 p.m. we separated, two of us mounting our bikes for Reading, twenty-six miles distant, 50, Connaught Road being safely reached about 1.30 a.m. Here the inner man was refreshed, and I set out the remaining nine miles to Waltham St. Laurence (headquarters) in the "wee sma" hours of the morning.

Wednesday, August 7th, was spent in a boating excursion on Father Thames, alighting in the evening at Caversham Bridge, where the tones of Double Norwich could be heard floating from St. Mary's, Reading. Thursday, August 8th, found me making tracks for Englefield, fifteen miles. Here the pretty village was all *en fete*, being the occasion of the Rector's eldest daughter's marriage. After a good tea with the choir and local ringers, six of us made our way to the tower, where in 2 hrs. 43 mins., 5040 of Bob Minor was tapped off.

On Saturday, August 16th, Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples was brought round at St. Michael's, Tilehurst, in 3 hrs. 5 mins., and a rough job it was, some of the bells going like houses. May this beautiful ring of eight soon boast a new frame is no doubt the wish of many a ringer who has "had some" there.

This finished the programme so far as ringing was concerned, Sunday being spent quietly, and on Monday evening my holiday reached its climax. Although some of the peal attempts were not successful what matter. Old friends were met, and new acquaintances made. Many thanks to all who helped to make the outing so enjoyable. Would that every ringer could command once in a year such a time as fell to the lot of

WILLIAM HORNE.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Sunday morning, March 24th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. A. S. Ough, J. Aldridge, W. Meaton, C. Charge, J. Crombie, G. Thrussell, R. Charge, W. T. Elson, W. Charge, R. Burgess. Composed by W. T. Elson and Conducted by J. Aldridge. This was also rung as a compliment to the conductor who is leaving shortly for South Africa, he having joined the Cape Mounted Police, and at its conclusion, the Master of the Society (Mr. J. W. Driver), referred to Mr. Aldridge's six years constant attention to his duties as a ringer, and in wishing him every success in his new calling begged his acceptance on behalf of the society of a silver watch chain with ringer's badge and match-box, the latter bearing the following inscription: "The All Saints (Fulham) Society. Presented to J. Aldridge, 1901, as a slight token of their esteem."

Mr. Aldridge, in responding, thanked his fellow-ringers for their present, which had taken him completely by surprise, and said that whenever he had been ringing he had always looked upon Fulham as his home, and hoped in later years to have the pleasure of meeting his brother-strings at Fulham again. E.

[We regret that this report has been so long overlooked.—Ed.]

QUEX PARK, ISLE OF THANET.

On Saturday evening, August 3rd, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, by the kind permission of P. H. G. Powell Cotton, Esq., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Leon Willshire, who was interred in Birchington churchyard the Wednesday previous. Deceased had been a member of the Quex Park Company for about twenty years. The following were the performers: T. B. Reed, A. H. Sayer, A. H. Saxby, T. B. Reed, jun, H. Castle, C. Player, G. Willshire, conductor, and E. Verrier.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The District Council of the above beautiful health-resort have just accepted the tender of Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, for a large clock with four dials to be erected on the "Morris Tank," and the same firm are also making a large clock with four dials for the Salford Cemetery.

Obituary.

JAMES WILLAM LINES.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of one of the most respected members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich. Mr. Lines passed away on Thursday August 8th, in his thirty-fourth year, and was interred in Ipswich cemetery on Tuesday, August 13th. Some fourteen years ago the deceased contracted a severe cold, which developed itself upon the whole system. To show their appreciation of Mr. Lines ten members of the above society met on Saturday, August 10th, and attempted a peal of Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled. W. Roughton, J. Motts, W. L. Catchpole, H. C. Gillingham, R. H. Brundle, S. Cornish, W. Wiffen, W. Motts, C. Jackson (conductor), A. Gillingham. The deceased rang very few peals owing to failing health, his most notable performance being two peals in one day, and the other that he was proud of was being umpire for the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, 16,608 changes, at Debenham on Whit-Monday, June 6th, 1892, in 10 hrs. 32 mins. He was quiet, unassuming, honest almost to a fault, well-liked by his colleagues and all ringers that knew him.

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Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—Referring first of all to my letter of last week, I should like to complete the historical survey of the word "Method" by the two following quotations, being the titles of two books, one published and the other shortly to be published.

GRANDSIRE: *The Method, its Peals, and History.* STEDMAN: *The Principle, its Peals, and History.* The second is copied from an advertisement in the last edition of *Standard Methods*. From this it will be seen that up to the present day the difference between Method and Principle is maintained whenever anyone begins to write about Stedman.

And now let us turn to the scientific side of the question. About five years ago I began to study the principles of method-building, and was led to ask the question why most systems of changes were called Methods, and yet Stedman was always called Stedman's Principle, and then naturally I compared Stedman's Principle with Shipway's Principle to see what they had in common, which caused Shipway to call his system a Principle and not a Method, for it is evident that he did so because he considered that it ought to be classed with Stedman. At first sight we should be inclined to compare the four-bell work of Shipway with the three-bell work of Stedman, but a little consideration will show that this comparison breaks down at once, the essence of Stedman's three-bell work is its completeness; not only does he use all the possible changes to be had upon three bells at once, but he produces them in the only possible two ways in which they can be produced, whereas Shipway only uses eight changes on four bells out of a possible twenty-four, and he produces his eight changes in only two different ways when other ways are possible.

Secondly we may compare the work of one bell in Stedman with one bell in Shipway, and we find again that they are very different. Thirdly, someone might suggest the continuous dodging behind, but this occurs in Treble Bob and many other systems.

There is then only one similarity left, and that is the fact that every bell in Stedman does the same work, and every bell in Shipway also does the same work; whereas in every other system practised at the time the bells in use were divided into two groups, hunts and working bells.

Before we compare these two groups let us enlarge our field of view by looking at other members of each group.

Stedman, Shipway, Duffield, Forward, and a new system on five bells published some time ago by Mr. John Carter, are all alike in this one feature, all the bells in each system respectively do the same work; but there is yet another system which conforms to this rule, and that the oldest of all (except single changes), the plain hunt system, in which every bell leads a whole pull, hunts across and lies a whole pull behind.

Shipway's system divides naturally into eights, Stedman and Duffield into sixes, Forward into fours, and Plain hunt into twos.

A bob in each of these is made in exactly the same way, and also a single, and they form a complete group different from anything else which has yet been published, but a group which has grown recently and probably will grow again.

What are we to call the members of this group? I answer each one is a Principle, for in each one only one principle is involved, represented by the work of any one bell, because all the bells work by one principle only.

Let us now turn to the other group; it consists of a great variety of systems. Plain Hunt Systems, Treble Bob Hunt Systems, Alliance Hunt Systems, but they have one distinguishing mark in common, they all involve the methodical arrangement of two principles, and hence are more complex in their nature than the first group.

E.G. Compare Plain Hunt Minor with Bob Minor. In Plain Hunt Minor every bell follows a similar path, the Plain Hunt. But in Bob Minor one bell follows the Plain Hunt Path, while the other five bells follow the Grandsire Bob Path, one bell rings Plain Hunt Principle while five bells ring Grandsire Bob Principle, and this combination constitutes the Plain Bob Minor Method.

Again compare Plain Hunt Triples with Grandsire Triples. In Plain Hunt Triples all the bells ring Plain Hunt Principle;

in Grandsire Triples two bells ring Plain Hunt Principle, and Five Bells ring Grandsire Bob Principle, and this constitutes the Grandsire Method.

To go a step further: In last week's "BELL NEWS" the Leytonstone ringers have produced a six-bell system (I do not say method because I do not think that a true 720 can be obtained), but assuming that it can, this system is founded upon Forward Principle. Let us compare it with Forward Minor (in which no 720 can be had).

In Forward Minor all six bells ring Forward Principle; in Leytonstone Minor one bell rings Forward Principle, and Five bells ring Leytonstone Principle.

To go another step: take Duffield Major, write out a plain course, and when the treble leads her whole pull and the bells should come round, make 2nds place and let the other bells dodge. This gives us a method having seven leads, each equal in length to a course of Duffield Major. It is in fact made from Duffield, as Bob Major is made from Plain Hunt Major.

To go one more step. Take Stedman Caters. Let us construct a Method upon Stedman's Principle on nine bells in the same manner as Grandsire Caters is constructed upon Plain Hunt Caters.

Now in Plain Hunt Caters every bell has a Plain Hunting Course, and so when the second turns the Treble from the Lead ninth's place is made, we get Grandsire Caters by making 3rds instead of ninths.

In Stedman Caters when the second (in slow) turns the treble (in quick) off the lead, 3rds place is made, therefore we can get a method by making ninths instead of thirds, thus—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	
2	4	1	6	3	8	5	9	7
4	2	6	1	8	3	9	5	7
2	4	6	8	1	9	3	7	5

Six-end

etc. Stedman Caters. Until the 2nd (in slow) turns the treble (in quick) from lead when 9ths is again made instead of 3rds.

At the end of the course of Stedman the bells run out 124638597 the first lead-end, and so the leads come up in the reverse order to Grandsire, but the same lead-ends, the course containing seven leads and 756 changes, make 5ths instead of thirds for a Bob when the treble takes the lead in quick, and 3rd, 4th, and 5th for a single.

(These last two methods are simply given here for comparison; they have neither of them been examined, but it seems probable that peals can be composed in either of them, and the peal of Caters would take ringing).

And now let me illustrate the difference between Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

Stedman Doubles is like a workshop in which five men are at work; they are all capable of doing the same kind of work, they have all invested the same amount of capital in the business, and they are all entitled to an equal share of the profits moreover (Stedman being complicated) they are all five clever workmen.

Grandsire Doubles is like a workshop in which there are three men at work, who are all capable of doing the same work, have all an equal share of the business, and all an equal share of the profits, and with them are two apprentices.

Compare the two; the first from a point of view of skill is the most complicated; but socially the second is the most complicated; in the first all is equal, in the second we have subdivision of labour.

Therefore we conclude that "A Principle" is a system of changes in which all the bells employed work on one of the same principle, while a method is a system of changes in which the bells are divided into two groups, each of which groups works upon its own principle, so that two principles are involved.

I propose to go on next week to consider what rules have been laid down by the Exercise in the past for each of those groups, and so to see what constitutes a Principle and what constitutes a Method for the Exercise. This will lead us to the words of the Report as presented to the last meeting of the Central Council, and pave the way for the improvement of the Report so that it may become of practical use in encouraging the performance of peals of true merit and in the banishment from the Exercise of the many mongrels which have from time

to time been foisted upon it, and on the performance of which much time has been wasted, which might have been better spent for the good of the Science.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—I should like with your permission to say a few words about the subject raised by the Rev. H. L. James in this week's "BELL NEWS." Ever since the Committee on Legitimate Methods was appointed, of which both Mr. James and myself are members, the use of the term "method" has been a question of dispute between us. Briefly Mr. James' position is this: that, scientifically only those systems in which the working bells revolve round one or more trebles are to be called "methods," the rest—Stedman, Duffield, Forward, etc.—are to be called "principles." On the other hand I have maintained that there is no authority for this restriction of the term, and have referred to the two classes of systems as "treble-dominated" and "non-treble-dominated" respectively. Now be it observed that there is no question of facts in dispute, only a question as to the proper use of the term "method." We are agreed as to the structural differences between the two classes of systems, it is only when Mr. James comes to name them that I object. Mr. James has defended his position by an appeal to the historical use of the term "method," and states that the ancients never used it for other than the treble-dominated systems, and that though the term is now used in the same way as Shipway uses "system" it is done so loosely, and even now no one speaks of the "Stedman method" as one does of the "Grandsire method." Surely that proves no more than that title the author gave it still sticks to it and that it would be grammatically absurd to speak of the "Stedman's Principle" method. When Stedman named his system I imagine that what he had in his mind was that here was a method founded on a principle totally different to the principles (I use the word in its everyday sense) of all other methods. So he called it Stedman's Principle. But I see no justification for the inference that therefore he did not consider it a "method." "Shipway's Principle," both in form and in name, is so obviously an imitation of Stedman's Principle that it adds no further weight whatever to Mr. James' argument. The only case in which so far as I know an attempt has been made to give a technical meaning to the word "principle" is in Heywood's "Duffield," where Sir Arthur describes it as an "arrangement by which the course of the bells is altered in the plain course." This is entirely opposed to Mr. James' view. The late Jasper Snowden wrote several ringing books, some elementary, some highly technical, but throughout he has always used the word "method" as including what Mr. James would call "principles"; and you cannot read any book or article on ringing without coming across the term used in the same comprehensive sense. But perhaps the most striking example is that the Central Council, which is presumably composed of or at least contains experts in the theory of ringing, appointed the very committee of which we are members to define legitimate methods and deliberately included not only "treble-dominated" systems but "non-treble-dominated" systems as well. Therefore there can be no doubt whatever that at the present day the term "method" is universally used and understood (not only in the loose phraseology of the belfry, but also in strict technical language) in its most comprehensive sense. Yet Mr. James on the authority of a strained view of Fabian Stedman's intentions would have the Committee advocate the restriction of its use to only a part of the systems. Surely it would be better rather to adopt new names altogether than to set ourselves to undo the process by which time has made the word mean what it does now. We should not succeed, but we should succeed in creating confusion and in adding to the tangle of terms which is now being slowly unravelled. And what should we gain? Merely the return to the meaning of a term which, if it ever possessed it has long since outgrown. Truly a poor compensation for handicapping our report with a term which would be to the uninformed members of the Exercise a stumbling block, and to the well-informed foolishness.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

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SUSSEX RINGERS IN KENT.

It having been the wish of Mr. C. Tribe, a well-known Sussex man and an enthusiastic change-ringer, now residing at Tenterden, that some of his brother-strings from Sussex should pay a visit to Tenterden and attempt a peal upon the splendid ring of eight at St. Mildred's, a small party, comprising Messrs. Geo. Williams, F. Bennett, and R. J. Dawe, of Brighton; A. Turner of Lewes; and S. Saker of Hastings, arranged to meet at Tenterden on Saturday, the 3rd instant, for a short ringing tour in the neighbourhood, during which four peals were to be attempted, viz.: at Tenterden, Rolvenden, Appledore, and Rye, with the assistance of local ringers. The residence of Mr. Tribe was the place of meeting, and each member upon arrival found a most excellent meat tea awaiting him, which was much appreciated after their long and dusty journey, Mr. Williams having cycled from Brighton (56 miles), Mr. Turner from Lewes (about 40 miles), Mr. Pitman from Lyminge (24 miles), while Messrs. Bennett and Dawe walked from Rye (10 miles).

Tea comfortably over, tracks were made for the tower, and after the usual preliminaries of adjusting ropes, etc., "go" was called for Bob Major, Mr. Edwards kindly taking the treble. Unfortunately the attempt was a failure owing to an unexpected trip after ringing 1 hr. 55 mins. The bells were left up with the view of obtaining permission to ring for the morning service.

By the kind invitation of Mr. R. Edwards the party adjourned to his residence, where an excellent supper was found to be in readiness, and it goes without saying that the various courses were brought to a successful termination, Mr. Edwards exerting himself to the utmost to add to the enjoyment of the guests, and his generous hospitality was much appreciated, especially his forethought in seeing every one safely housed for the night.

The visitors were much disappointed in the morning to find that their request to ring for service had been refused, and that they could not be allowed to ascend the tower.

On Sunday afternoon the party went to Rolvenden (3 miles), where they rung an excellent peal of Stedman Triples (already recorded), then an enjoyable tea, provided by Mr Burden.

The next item on the programme being a peal at Appledore, starting-time 8.30 a.m. on Monday, it was thought well to make the journey overnight. Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the residence of Mr. G. Johnson was the order, and a full band of eight were in due course comfortably seated around Mr. Johnson's breakfast-table, and having every attention paid them by Mrs. and Miss Johnson, even to the administering of a dose of medicine to one of the party who was unfortunately indisposed.

A start was made for the first peal of Stedman on the Appledore bells, and successfully accomplished, and has been recorded in this paper. Afterwards Mr. Johnson's residence was again visited, and a sumptuous meal enjoyed by all. This over farewell was said to all good friends at Appledore, and a start made for Rye, where all having safely arrived, and inspected the interior of the interesting old church dedicated to St. Mary, and viewed the harbour and surrounding country from the top of the tower, the last peal of the tour was rung, being the first peal of Major on the bells. The Vicar (Rev. A. J. W. Crosse) was the first person in the belfry to congratulate the ringers on their success.

An adjournment was then made to Ye Old Bell, the proprietor, Mr. Seers, being a member of the local band, and a most comfortable tea, prepared by Mrs. Seers, was thoroughly enjoyed previous to the separation of the company. Every one seemed to have enjoyed the tour, and all were satisfied with the success achieved, in ringing three peals out of four attempts, under the conductorship of Mr. George Williams. One and all desire through the medium of this paper to again thank those who did so much to make the tour enjoyable, and especially Mrs. and Miss Johnson; Messrs. Tribe, Edwards, Johnson, Burden, and Seers; and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells.

OTTERY ST. MARY.—On Tuesday, August 13th, at the Collegiate church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Empress Frederick. F. Stuckey (first quarter-peal), 1; J. H. Godfrey, 2; J. Fisher (first quarter-peal), 3; W. H. Godfrey, 4; H. R. Channon, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike conductor, 7; J. Lovering, 8.

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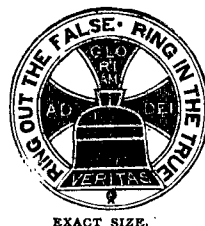
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ERECTION OF A MEMORIAL TABLET AT
ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL.

A tablet recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung with the bells muffled in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria has been placed in the above tower, the churchwardens paying all expenses. It is made of "marblette," by Messrs. Caspar and Co., and is a beautiful piece of work, the Royal Arms standing out prominently and in colours, together with the gold letters, make it worthy of the occasion. Those who took part in the above peal should take the opportunity of paying us a visit and see the above, which would repay them for the trouble. We should be pleased to see any friends either on Wednesday nights at eight o'clock, or on Sunday mornings at ten o'clock, or any other ringers who are about to erect tablets for the above, as these tablets are to be specially recommended.

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A BANKERS' PEAL.

It is proposed to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday, September 28th, in Bristol, the ringers to be composed of bank men only. The following have, so far, offered to take part: 1. Mr. F. E. Ward (conductor), Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., Cheltenham; 2. Mr. W. W. Gifford, Wilts. and Dorset Bank, Ltd., Salisbury; 3. Mr. G. R. Plummer, Wilts. and Dorset Bank, Ltd., Pokesdown; 4. Mr. P. W. Davies, National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Lichfield; 5. Mr. T. T. Hayward, Stuckey's Bank, Ltd., Midsomer, Norton; 6. Mr. F. S. Wilson, The Capital and Counties' Bank, Ltd., Abergavenny; 7. Mr. J. D. Manley, The Naval Bank, Totnes.

It is hoped that this notice will come before another ringing banker, and that he will offer to take part in the peal, and communicate with F. S. Wilson, The Capital and Counties' Bank, Ltd., Abergavenny.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS.—The Church Congress will be held this year at Brighton on the first four days of October. It is announced in connection therewith that Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., M.A., will read a paper on Bells, Bellringing, and Bell Ringers.

The Provinces.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY .. .. .Treble.	*WILLIAM SOMERVILLE .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS .. .. .2.	*JAMES RICHMOND 7.
ALBERT STOWELL* 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	*WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
HENRY T. HOWELL* 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the Empress Frederick, Princess Royal of England. *First peal of Stedman. This completes the four Standard Methods rung since July 13th, 1901, by the young members of the St. Nicholas band.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CASH .. .. .Treble.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. .5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR* 2.	HENRY SHUKER .. .. .6.
FRANK SMITH .. .. .3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
JOHN POTTER .. .. .4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

*First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

F. PHILIPS* .. .. .Treble.	F. M. STEWART .. .. .5.
T. G. BENNETT .. .. .2.	J. J. BRISTOW .. .. .6.
C. FORFITT .. .. .3.	C. W. GOODENOUGH 7.
E. WATERS .. .. .4.	T. BELBEN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. GOODENOUGH.

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

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE STUART, SEN. ..Treble.	EDWARD LESTER .. .. .5.
ALEXANDER TAILVOUR 2.	ISAAC MYERS .. .. .6.
JOHN HUGHES .. .. .3.	JAS W. WASHBROOK 7.
ANDREW STUART .. .. .4.	ANDREW BLACK .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

The above peal was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Empress Frederick.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

ERNEST BRUCE .. .. .Treble.	CHARLES GILES .. .. .5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
HENRY TUCKER .. .. .3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. .4.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. HOPGOOD.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES CASH .. .. .Treble.	JOHN POTTER .. .. .5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. .. .2.	TITUS BARLOW .. .. .6.
A. EDWARD WREAKS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER .. .. .7.
WILLIAM LEVER .. .. .4.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, of Chipping, and
Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER .. ..Treble.	JAMES GARRATT .. .. .5.
JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. .2.	WALTER PERKINS .. .. .6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 7.
JOHN J. MAWBY .. .. .4.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. ..Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and Conducted by T. R. HENSHER

Rung on the occasion of the marriage at the above church of Horace Hazeldine, of Irthlingboro', to Miss Ellen Beetson, of Higham Ferrers. The composition will be found in the Central Council Appendix, 1895, page 84.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER G. WEST .. ..Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
JOHN W. BARKER .. .. .2.	EDWARD READER .. .. .6.
WALTER SEAR .. .. .3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7.
HARRY SEAR* .. .. .4.	VALENTINE SEAR .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

*First peal as conductor. Messrs. Clarke and Barker hail from Bedford; Reader from Stockport; Freeman from Olney; West from Sherrington; the rest belong to Bletchley.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON 5.
HARRY WHITTLE 2.	TOM ALTON 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES LIVERMORE Treble.	SYDNEY SAKER 5.
FREDERICK LOCK 2.	WILLIAM J. THOMAS 6.
ALBERT E. BARROW 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns on its completion. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, hail from Blacklands, Hastings.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER, AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Monday, August 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt

HENRY CHAPMAN Treble.	*THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
JOHN EACHUS 2.	*JOHN POTTER 7.
ROBERT DAVIES* 3.	*JOSEPH POTTER 8.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 9.
FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE 5.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and
Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal of Royal. This is Richard Ridyard's 100th peal, a list of which will be found on another page.

PEAL ADDITION.—The peals rung at Woodstock and Appleton and reported last week were Oxford Diocesan Guild peals.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service at Christ Church, 600 Oxford. C. Taylor, 1; J. Peacock, 2; Jos. Thackray conductor, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. For evening service 240 Oxford. Jos. Thackray, 1; J. Peacock, 2; C. Taylor, 3; W. Walker, 4; Jno. Thackray, 5; J. Heckington, 6. Also 240 Violet and 144 Kent. Jos. Thackray conductor, 1; W. Walker, 2; C. Taylor, 3; others as in the morning.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On February 10th, at St. Sidwell's church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. Searle, 1; W. Drake, 2; F. Davey, 3; C. Carter, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; W. Richardson, 6; E. Shepherd conductor, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; J. Richards, 10. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; E. Shepherd conductor, 4; T. Mudge, 5; F. Davey, 6; J. Moss, 7; E. Sargent, 8. On February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. T. Mudge, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Davey conductor, 7; J. Richards, 8. On February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; J. Vanstone, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; E. Shepherd conductor

6; F. Davey, 7; T. Roberts, 8. On February 18th, three courses of Bob Minor. E. Searle, 1; J. Vanstone, 2; C. Carter, 3; A. W. Searle, 4; E. Shepherd conductor, 5; J. Moss, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING.—On Sunday morning, February 17th, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. E. Cottis (first quarter-peal), 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; J. Cottis, 3; C. Fenn conductor, 4; G. W. Faulkner, 5; A. J. T. Carter, 6; R. Fenn, 7; A. C. Hardy composer, 8. First quarter-peal ever rung by all natives of the parish, and was rung to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. T. L. Stevens as Suffragan Bishop of Barking.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, February 10th, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. Preston, 3; G. Clarkson, 4; W. Twigg conductor, 5; C. Preston, 6. On Tuesday, February 12th, 720 Cumberland Exercise. W. Twigg, 2; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; D. Preston conductor, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 720 Morning Exercise. J. Preston, 1; W. Twigg conductor, 6; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Imperial Treble Bob. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. For evening service 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Twigg, 1; J. Preston, 3; D. Preston conductor, 6; the rest as before.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH.—On Sunday, March 10th, for evening service at St. Leonard's church, 408 Stedman Triples. J. W. Howard, 1; H. S. Baker, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; B. Head, 5; J. E. Overton, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. Jones, 8. Also 210 Oxford Bob Triples. On Sunday evening, March 17th, 168 Grandsire, 408 Stedman, and 96 Oxford Bob Triples, with W. Overton, 3; H. W. Overton, 6; the rest as before. On Sunday, March 24th, 216 Stedman Triples. On Easter Sunday, for early Communion, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. On Easter Monday, seven of the above band paid a visit to Coalbrookdale, and with the assistance of Mr. Morgan, the local conductor, rang 840 of Darlston Bob Triples. W. Morgan, 1; H. T. Head, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; B. Head, 5; J. W. Howard, 6; J. Overton, 7; W. Overton, 8. Also various touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, with W. Overton, 1; W. Morgan, 8. On Saturday evening, April 13th, owing to the death of the Rev. Stanborough, formerly Rector of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung in 46 mins., with the bells deeply-muffled except the tenor, which was only half-muffled. J. W. Howard, 1; H. T. Head, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; B. Head, 5; W. Overton, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. W. Overton, 8. The whole conducted by J. Overton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell conductor, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; E. H. Nixon, 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; W. C. Hunt, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8. On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 448 Bob Major. W. C. Hunt, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell conductor, 7; G. H. Daynes, 8. Also 560 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. C. Bedwell, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; W. Bedwell conductor, 6; W. C. Hunt, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8. On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 560 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Davis, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. Bedwell conductor, 5; J. Davis, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; W. C. Hunt, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, July 7th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, 324 Grandsire Caters. E. Stenner, 1; L. L. Brooks, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Winfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; G. Hardage, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombs conductor, 9; H. Day, 10. First touch of Grandsire Caters by L. L. Brooks and G. Hardage. On Sunday, July 28th, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Ditch, 1; L. Brooks, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; W. B. Biss conductor, 4; C. Winfield, 5; G. Hardage, 6; W. Hatt, 7; H. Day, 8. On Sunday, August 4th, for Divine Service, 461 Grandsire Triples. W. Northey, 1; L. L. Brooks, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; A. Rowley, 4; C. Winfield, 5; G. Hardage, 6; W. Coombs conductor, 7; B. Tilley, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Thursday, February 14th, 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; H. Brooks, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 5; J. Monk conductor, 6; F. P. Powell, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, 350 in the same method. F.

Pounds, 1; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; T. Bull, 5; F. P. Powell, 6; J. Monk (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8.

DUCKLINGTON.—On Tuesday, February 12th, 120 Stedman Doubles. N. Spindlow, 1; H. Brooks, 2; F. P. Powell, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; J. Monk, 5; F. Pounds, 6. First 120 of Stedman on the bells. And 720 Bob Minor. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 4; J. Monk, 5; F. P. Powell conductor, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor on the bells.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Brinklow, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; F. T. C. Nevett, 4; H. Eden, 5; G. N. Price conductor, 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. H. Eden, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; F. T. C. Nevett, 4; F. Brinklow, 5; G. N. Price conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, 168 Stedman Triples. W. Norris, 1; W. Hodgetts, 2; C. George, 3; Walter Norris, 4; J. B. Bates, 5; F. T. C. Nevett, 6; G. N. Price, 7; F. Brinklow, 8. On Tuesday, April 9th, 360 College Single. F. Brinklow, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; H. Eden, 4; C. George, 5; G. N. Price conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, 1148 Grandsire Triples. R. Searle, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Norris, 3; Walter Norris, 4; W. Hodgetts, 5; F. T. C. Nevett, 6; H. Eden, 7; F. Brinklow, 8. For afternoon service 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Searle, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; H. Eden, 4; F. Brinklow, 5; F. T. C. Nevett, 6; G. N. Price, 7; T. E. Brewer, 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Monday, April 6th, at St. Michael's church, 720 College Single. G. W. Cartmel, 1; H. Hodgetts, 2; W. Hodgetts, 3; F. T. C. Nevett, 4; H. Eden, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, August 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 57 mins. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George composer and conductor, 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Empress Frederick. This is the first quarter-peal of Major on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt by the local band. It is also the first as conductor and the first by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 14th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Roffey, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; E. Raddon, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford conductor, 7; E. Heather, 8. And 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; S. Radford, 6; T. W. Radford, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. On Sunday, July 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Raddon, 1; F. Holden, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; J. Hunt conductor, 6; S. Radford, 7; A. Winch, 8. Holden and Winch hail from Weybridge. First 504 with a bob bell by F. Holden. On Sunday, August 4th, 448 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Radford, 1; R. Roffey, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Raddon, 5; J. Hunt conductor, 6; S. Radford, 7; E. Heather, 8. On Thursday, August 8th, for practice, a course of Superlative Surprise Major. J. J. Jones, 1; E. Raddon, 2; C. Willshire, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; S. Radford, 6; F. Blondell, 7; J. Hunt, 8. This was an excellent-struck course out of four or five which have been rung here lately, and is the first by a local band in the diocese. On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service, 1120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; G. Foster, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. This is the longest length in the method by members residing in the diocese, and the longest length in the method by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 4th, and was rung as a farewell to G. Foster, who is leaving Guildford for the neighbourhood of Oxford.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLANDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Raddon, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; G. Foster, 3; F. Blondell, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Hunt conductor, 6. A 720 Plain Bob. S. Radford, 1; E. Raddon, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; F. Blondell, 4; G. Foster, 5; J. Hunt (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Raddon, 1; S. Radford, 2; C. Hazelden, 3; G. Foster, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6.

APPLETON (Berks).—On August 6th, an attempt for Bob Major came to grief after 2 hrs. ringing. S. Wesley, 1; F. Tubbs, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; F. Wilford, 4; F. White, 5; F. Hopgood conductor, 6; W. Horne, 7; R. White, 8.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On August 6th, at St. Helen's church, an attempt for Grandsire Caters came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35

mins. F. Hopgood, 1; A. Adkin, 2; E. Humphries, 3; H. Holifield, 4; F. Powell, 5; W. Horne, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; C. R. Lilley conductor, 8; H. Humphries, 9; F. Wilford, 10.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On January 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Willis, 1; L. Woodworth, 2; E. Wagborne, 3; F. Beeken, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; J. Dyson, 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 4th, after evening service, 896 Grandsire Triples. J. Porter, 1; C. Mackenzie, 2; T. Miller, 3; W. G. Ellis, 4; W. Johnson conductor, 5; J. Malpas, 6; A. Flackley, 7; J. Washbourn, 8. W. Johnson and Malpas, for whom this touch was arranged, hail from Wednesbury, Staffordshire.

CHADDLESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, April 9th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Joseph Edmunds, of Swansea, brother-in-law to the Vicar, to Miss Woodward, of Malvern, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Broad, 1; E. Prry (longest length in the method), 2; J. Chance, 3; E. Gilbert conductor, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad, 7; W. Jones, 8. For evening service on Sunday, April 14th, a quarter-peal in the same method. F. Broad, 1; J. Chance conductor, 1; G. Hayward, 3; E. Playdon, 4; E. Gilbert, 5; J. Perrins, 6; G. Bourne, 7; T. Roberts, 8.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, February 3rd, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Cunningham, 1; W. Bellamy, 2; G. Semblance, 3; A. Holmes (conductor), 4; G. Hollis, 5. And four 6-scores of Plain Bob. W. Bellamy, 1; G. Semblance, 2; G. Hollis, 3; A. Holmes conductor, 4; G. Furness, 5. Also three courses of Stedman Doubles. W. Bellamy, 1; G. Semblance, 2; G. Furness, 3; G. Hollis, 4; A. Holmes, 5. For evening service two 6-scores of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob, standing as above conducted by A. Holmes. On Thursday, February 7th, several courses and 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. Bellamy, 1; J. Alford conductor, 2; G. Furness, 3; A. Holmes, 4; W. G. Jones, 5. First 6-score of Stedman by all except J. Alford.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, a muffled peal was rung as a token of respect to Edmund Prescott, who on January 23rd met his death whilst following his employment as underlooker at the Abram Colliery, Bickershaw, near Wigan. The body was borne to St. Peter's church, by his brother-ringers previous to being laid to rest in the cemetery. R. Calland, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; W. Blakeledge, 4; E. Tickle, 5; T. Tickle, 6; James Lang, 7; T. Eccleston, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On May 1st, 720 Duke of York. W. Hollocks conductor, 1; T. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Newman, 4; J. Fayers, 5; H. Poulson, 6. On May 4th, 720 Woodbine. A. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; J. Fayers, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On May 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Reed, 4; J. Fayers, 5; A. Symonds conductor, 6. On May 15th, 720 Kent. E. Newman, 1; T. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson conductor, 5; H. Poulson, 6. On May 25th, 720 College Pleasure. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; T. Levitt, 5; W. Kinsey conductor, 6. On May 29th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Crick (first 720), 1; T. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Newman, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On June 1st, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. Also 720 New London. T. Hollocks, 1; A. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Newman, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On June 22nd, 720 City Delight. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; T. Levitt, 4; W. Kinsey, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. First 720 in the method by all and on the bells. On June 25th, 720 Woodbine. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. This was rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Hollocks, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, August 5th, at St. Andrew's church, 560 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8. On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 222 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. B. Fenton, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George conductor, 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Tuesday evening, August 13th, at St. Mary's church, as a last token of respect to the late Empress Frederick, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 60 mins. W. H. Freeman, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; T. Maynard, 4; R. Maynard, jun., 5; C. S. Burden, 6; J. Cullen, 7; W. R. Pinsent, 8; F. A. Nunn conductor, 9; W. Crockford, 10.

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

TECHNICAL TERMS.

SIR,—I must thank Mr. Trollope for his letter in your issue for August 3rd. The cause of my writing was only to draw attention to the objection which he mentions, and if other terms are used instead, no difficulty will in future arise. I am sorry Mr. Baker cannot see his mis-quotation of my arguments, when it is pointed out to him; and I regret still more that he has now mis-quoted my words. As I am writing away from home I cannot give the exact words he refers to, but if he will turn to them he will find that I was referring to the fact that a bell leads a whole pull and lies behind a whole pull in *plain hunting*: therefore to take firsts and seconds places as examples in the matter in question, was likely to mislead beginners. I will grant that it is often very difficult for one who has not been trained as a teacher to know what examples are likely to be misleading. "Jingle's" suggestion of "concurrent" seems excellent; though not etymologically so correct as "adjacent," it conveys the idea better, and that is the chief thing.

There was a slight misprint on p. 148, col. ii., almost the middle line should read "different . . . from that, etc."

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—I much regret that owing to a slip of mine you reported that Mr. H. Till was elected chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Association. The correct name was that of A. J. Escott, Esq., churchwarden of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

H.D.

REPLY TO MR. DANIELL.

SIR,—Having been away from Brighton on holiday, I have only just seen "THE BELL NEWS" for August 10th containing Mr. Daniell's letter, which if I did not reply to same, your readers might well think that the first sentence of Mr. Daniell's letter was about right.

Before saying that the first sentence of my letter was *mere bluff* Mr. Daniell should have considered whether the quotation "to make a mountain out of a mole-hill" had in it any meaning applicable to himself.

Mr. Daniell still persists in trying to make your readers believe that I have been attacking the clergy *as a body*. This I most strongly object to, and in conclusion I would advise Mr. Daniell for the future not to put a meaning to another person's letter that was never intended.

GEORGE BAKER.

THE SIX-BELL RECORD PEAL.

SIR,—This, according to the late J. W. Snowdon, was rung at Wath-upon-Dearne, Yorks., on February 27th, 1816, by three Blackburns, and Messrs. Taylor, Myers and Rogers, viz., twenty-one 720s, 15,120 changes, in 8 hrs. 27 mins. Methods—Evening Delight, Evening Star, Cheapside, Cambridge, Symphony, Bob Royal, Morning Exercise, Morning Star, Morning Pleasure, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, College Pleasure, London Scholars', Oxford Treble, St. Ann's Delight, Navigation Bob, Violet, Duke of York, City Delight, and Rodney's Victory.

F. E. ROBINSON.

SIR,—With reference to the peal of 10,080 rung on six bells at Tunstall, Kent, on August 5th in nine methods, and believed to be a record on six bells, there is a peal-board at Wath-upon-Dearne, Yorkshire, giving the record of 15,120 rang in twenty-one methods in 8 hrs. 27 mins, on February 27th, 1816. Any one wishing to come and see the board we will try and arrange a practice to suit them.

R. J. RICKETTS.

SIR,—Mr. Heckingbottom, of Armley, kindly draws attention to the fact of a longer length—10,440—having been rung at Tong in 1896 in fifteen methods. Prior to this the Tong company—Messrs. G. Carter, H. Oddy, E. Webster, W. Bolland, G. Bolland, and J. Haley had rung on February 17th, 1883, a peal of 6000 changes in twenty-five methods to celebrate the

seventy-second birthday of Mr. Carter. Mr. G. Bolland conducted on this occasion also, and the methods rung were—Craven Delight, Oxford Delight, College Exercise, Royal Bob, Tong Delight, Evening Pleasure, Morning Pleasure, Ebor, Evening Exercise, Morning Delight, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Symphony, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Kent, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Messrs. Carter and Webster have since passed away.

T. MAUDE.

P.S.—In the account sent about the trip to Pateley, the writer must apologise for its probable indistinctness, and accepts "Plain Speaker's" reproof. It was the ringers from Pateley who accompanied us to Middlesmoor, and not those from Ramsgill.

OLD COMPANIES' RECORDS.

SIR,—I am not, I am sure, alone in feeling much obliged to Mr. May for his interesting contribution in your issue of August 10th. There are several points in the St. Stephen's ringers' ordinances which suggest some interesting consideration, and I think if we could get as complete a collection of old rules as possible, we should find much to throw a clearer light on the origin of ringing societies. I hope any of your readers who may know of any such rules or records will follow the example of Mr. May and Mr. Borrett, and give us the benefit of their knowledge. And in this connection I venture to make an appeal to the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Ellacombe, in the supplement to his *Church Bells of Devon* (p. 229) tells us that in the Library of All Souls College, Oxford, in a manuscript belonging in 1682 to Narcissus Luttrell, are contained the rules of the "Schollers of Chepeside," dated 1610. Also (id: p. 234) that the rules of the "Western Greencaps" dated 1683, are contained in Rawlinson mss. No. 884 in the Bodleian Library. Neither of these interesting documents has been transcribed, so far as I know. Will some leading spirit of the Oxford Diocesan Guild kindly arrange for the publication of their contents in your columns?

R. A. DANIELL.

THE "LEYTONSTONE" METHOD.

SIR,—I must thank Messrs. Redman and Hunt for their information, but must most certainly differ from the latter gentleman as to its being a Treble Bob method, for how can this be with that bell making places up and down?

T. H. BEAMS.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly ask through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" if the following is not a somewhat unique experience for a ringer?

Amongst the Birstall parish company of ringers is a youth not yet fourteen years of age, who rang his first 720 changes of a Standard method without being pulled through before he was thirteen; and in June of this year he was proposed and elected along with others of the same company as a member of the Yorkshire Association.

The Birstall parish church company and the youth's father consider him to be about the youngest, if not the youngest of any qualified change-ringer. Are we right in this conjecture, do you think?

J. A. CROWTHER.

LUTON (Beds).—In affectionate memory of our Princess Royal, the late Empress Frederick—Luton historical church shewed her loyal and dutiful respect by hoisting the Royal Standard during the week, by the tolling of the big bell during the funeral, and the ringing of the bells muffled in the evening.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells, to-day, Saturday, August 24th. Dinner at Cook's Restaurant, 11, High Street, at 1 p.m., at 2s. each (1s. only 10 members). Business meeting to follow, when the annual report will be presented and Election of officers take place. The election of a new Master and Hon. Sec. and Treasurer will have to be considered. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available after morning service, also St. Cuthbert's (8) and St. John's, Glastonbury (8).

HY. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. & Treas.*
Williton, Somerset.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Gravesend, to-day, Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.45. Half railway fare up to 2s. will be allowed.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Blackburn parish church, to-day, Saturday, August 24th, at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

T. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's Shrewsbury, on Saturday, August 31st. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., on Saturday, August 31st, by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Earl's Barton, on Saturday, August 31st. Usual arrangements.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—There will be a meeting of this Branch held at Chippenham, on Saturday, the 31st inst. Ringing at the parish church, and also at St. Paul's.

W. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, on Saturday, August 31st. Tower open for ringing at 4. Business meeting at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of this Association (by the kind permission of the Rev. S. Nunn) will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, September 7th. All members who intend being present are earnestly requested to give notice not later than Monday, September 2nd, to

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
95, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting of this Association (open to all) at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, September 7th, to appoint a new master and secretary for the north western division. Tea, tickets 6d. each, will be provided at The Chequers at 5 p.m. The towers of Bishop's Stortford and Staunsted will be open for ringing. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham.

NOTE TO PEAL.

MR. R. RIDYARD'S 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 11, conducted 3; Grandsire Major 1; Grandsire Caters 4; Grandsire Cinques 1; Stedman Triples 17, conducted 15; Stedman Caters 1; Bob Major 6, conducted 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 45, conducted 40 (including a peal of 10176); Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, conducted 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7, conducted 5; Superlative Surprise Major 1; Duffield Major 1.

***ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

W. WELLINGTON.—Please be patient. The composition, however, is worthless.

ENQUIRER (Harlow).—You will see what "P.S." has to say next week.

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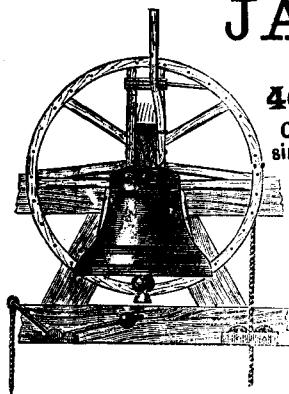
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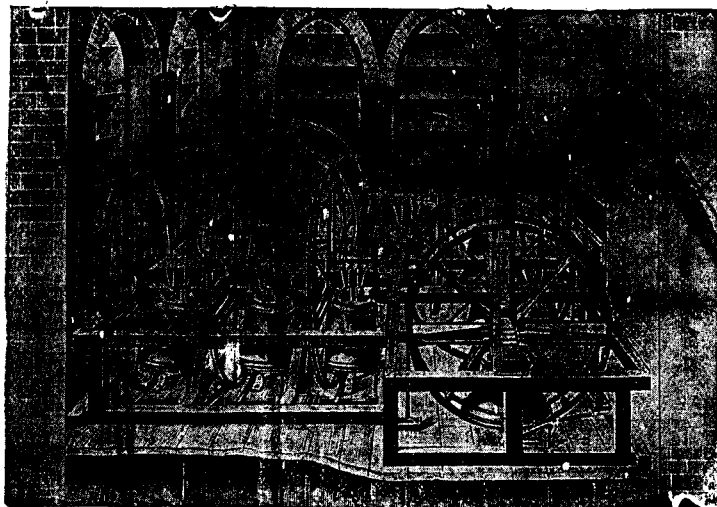
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THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

By R. A. DANIELL.

In one respect this discussion forcibly reminds me of playing *Hamlet* without the Prince of Denmark. Mr. James rests his view of the applicability of the term "principle" on what we know familiarly as "Stedman," but neither he nor Mr. Trollope, who opposes him, appears to have gone to Stedman himself for information. I do not intervene between these gentlemen by expressing any opinion on one side or the other, as I have no adequate knowledge of the subject, and I take it that in the long run whatever term is adopted to denote methods without a hunt will be the one which most commends itself to the learned of the Exercise in this matter, of whom I am certainly not one. I am only seeking to give them any assistance which may result from laying before them what it appears to me may be gathered from Stedman himself, without in any way seeking to press my views on either of them.

Stedman, as has been noted before, wrote two Ringing books, the *Tintinnalogia* published in 1668, and the *Campanalogia* published in 1677. The latter contains Stedman's principle on five bells; the former does not. The former has lately been reprinted and is thus accessible to the Exercise at large; the latter was never reprinted, and is extremely scarce; indeed the only copy I have ever seen or heard of is one formerly in the possession of Osborn and now in the library of the British Museum. It appears from a note on a flyleaf in Osborn's handwriting that this copy was formerly in the library of Sir Francis Gwyn, of Ford Abbey in Derbyshire, and was sold with many other old books to a Bristol bookseller named Kerslake in October 1846, and bought from him by Osborn in the following month. It is therefore probable that this copy owes its preservation to the accident of its having lain unnoticed for many years among the contents of a large private library. There may be one or two other copies about, but I am not surprised that Mr. James has not come across any of them. In my belief the book has been very scarce for many long years, and for a reason I will mention later, though I think one or more of the Authors of the *Clavis* had seen a copy, I do not think Shipway ever did. I may likewise remark that, as will shortly appear, I infer that Mr. James, though he cites the London Scholars' book, has not seen the earlier editions of that work.

Now both Stedman's books deal with Plain Changes—i.e. those in which only one pair of bells exchanged in each row—and Cross peals—i.e. the kind of things which we nowadays call Methods. In the *Tintinnalogia* plain changes occupy about one-third of the whole, in the

Campanalogia about one-fifth, thus shewing the progress of the Science within the interval elapsing between these publications. But there is in the *Campanalogia*, before Stedman's principle is reached, a plain change six-score, not appearing in the earlier book, which Stedman claims as his own composition, and which I will now reproduce.

12345	23514	13245
	32514	31245
21345	32154	31425
21435	23154	13425
24135	23145	13452
24153	32145	31452
42153	32415	34152
42135	23415	34125
42315	23451	43125
24315	32451	43215
24351	32541	34215
42351	35241	34251
42531	35214	43251
24531	53214	43521
24513	53241	34521
42513	53421	34512
45213	35421	43512
45231	35412	43152
54231	53412	41352
54321	53142	41325
45321	35142	14325
45312	35124	14352
54312	53124	14532
54132	51324	41532
45132	51342	41523
45123	15342	14523
54123	15432	14253
54213	51432	41253
52413	51423	41235
52431	15423	14235
25431	15243	12435
25413	51243	12453
25143	51234	21453
52143	15234	21543
52134	15324	12543
25134	13524	12534
25314	13542	21534
52314	31542	21354
52341	31524	12354
25341	31254	12345
23541	13254	

The name given to this composition is "Crambo" (the name of a contemporary game), and of it Stedman merely remarks—"The changes are all single; it hath a perfect course, and may be prickt many ways."

In the London Scholars' Book of 1702 little attention is given to plain changes: The Authors say that cross peals are more melodious and easy. Certainly Crambo does not look altogether simple for performance, and they do not give this old peal at all. But they prick Stedman

Doubles, with directions for ringing them, and instead of heading them Stedman's principle they simply head them "Crambo." The same heading appears in the editions of 1705 and 1733. There was an edition, referred to by Mr. Snowdon, in 1753, but as I have never seen it I say nothing of it. In Monk's Edition of 1766 the same pricking and letterpress appears as in the old editions, but with the heading "Stedman's Principle." It will now be obvious why I infer that Mr. James has not seen the early editions of this book.

Now it is easy to see why Monk (or possibly—if it be the case—the Editor in 1753) restored Stedman's original heading, because of what was going on at Norwich, which led to the practice of Stedman ringing on the higher numbers in London. But why did the original authors call Stedman's Doubles "Crambo"? If we look at the old plain change peal which I have pricked we shall see that there is no hunt, and that every bell does the same work. I infer that this particular feature first made its appearance in Stedman's Crambo; men knew it in that connection; and when Stedman had produced his principle, exhibiting prominently among other features this characteristic, men—in London at any rate—in common parlance transferred the name from the original composition which had ceased to be rung to the newer one which was being practised. Then what *was* Stedman's Principle? What did the word as used by him mean? Not, I think the absence of a hunt and the performance of the same work by all the bells. He had already called a composition shewing this feature, Crambo. I hope next week to lay before your readers—without in any way desiring to press it—my view of what Stedman meant, founded on inferences derived from statements in his books.

I am aware that in the above I have used the word "peal" in a sense against which Mr. Bulwer protests in the Glossary, but in dealing with these old books I do not know what word to use if I differ from the phraseology of their authors.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17th, a few of the neighbouring ringers were invited to meet the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers of Isleworth in the ringing-room of All Saints to unveil a peal-tablet which had been presented and placed there by Mr. J. Bowen, a member of the Association and a valued friend of all ringers who are in the habit of visiting the tower.

The Vicar having being introduced to, and cordially welcomed the visiting ringers, Mr. T. Beadle explained the object of the meeting, viz., to unveil a peal-tablet erected in memory of their late brother-ringer, Mr. William Stanney, whose jovial and cheering presence they all so sadly missed; also as a record of the band who rang a muffled peal to his memory. Six of the members of their own tower took part in it, and it was the first time for many years that so many of the local band had been in one peal. He then asked the Vicar to unveil the tablet.

The Vicar, before doing so, said he should like on behalf of the churchwardens and himself to thank Mr. Beadle, ringers, and friends for inviting them to this interesting ceremony. He assured them that they thought a great deal of their ringers. They held a very important office in the services of their beloved Church, and he could see

no better way of shewing their love and respect to their departed brother, whom it had pleased Almighty God to take from them for awhile.

He then untied a cord attached to a Union Jack with which the tablet was covered, disclosing a handsome and well-written one, bearing the following:—

"Middlesex County Association.—On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 Changes, Holt's Original, was rung in this tower. Alfred Saunders, *Treble*; Frederick G. Goddard, 2; Ernest V. Beadle, 3; George A. Ransom, 4; Thomas Beadle, 5; John Basden, 6; Henry Browning, 7; Alfred Sheard, *Tenor*. Conducted by John Basden. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to William Stanney. Rev. J. H. Champion McGill, Vicar; G. Wythes, N. Wotton, Churchwardens."

Mr. T. Beadle proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar said he hoped that he would always be able to be of some service to the ringers so long as he lived. He understood that some of them were about to attempt a muffled peal in memory of the late Mr. William Podger, a very old and influential inhabitant of Isleworth.

The churchwardens said they were always only too pleased to meet the ringers, and that anything they could do for them they would.

Mr. J. Basden said before they parted he would like, on behalf of himself and fellow-ringers, to heartily thank Mr. Bowen for his kindness in making and presenting the tablet.

Mr. Bowen, in reply, said that it was merely out of love and respect that he had done so. He thought it would be a good way to perpetuate the memory of their old friend, and that by accepting this he was very pleased that he had been able to do what he had.

A half-muffled peal of Bob Major, in memory of the late William Podger, was attempted, but unfortunately it was lost after ringing 1 hr. 55 mins. through the 7th rope breaking. On raising the tenor on Sunday morning following the tenor rope broke; so the churchwardens are soon able to fulfil their promise by providing a new set, which are badly needed, and for which the order has been given.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.

Last week, in the ringing-chamber of St. Saviour's church, Arklow, Mr. J. W. Washbrook was presented with a silver watch by the Arklow company, in commemoration of their first peal, and also to show their appreciation of his unfailing patience, and the trouble he had taken in teaching them the art of change-ringing.

Considering that not one single member of the company had ever been in a ringing-chamber before Mr. Washbrook came as their instructor, on the occasion of the opening of the new church with its lovely ring of eight bells two years ago, any experienced ringer can fully realise the difficult and uphill task that Mr. Washbrook had to tackle before he was able to pilot them safely through a peal of Grandsire Triples.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Whatever is this pother about Method-cum-Principle? The thing is getting foggy, obscure, complicated and mythical. (Some of you add a few more appropriate adjectives.) Mr. James wants to call Stedman and one or two *other methods* "Principles." Who objects? No one. He pays his money, and he takes his choice, as the old showman used to say. "Stedman" says he, "is a Principle." So it is beyond a doubt. It is a method also. I have read somewhere that Stedman is the Queen of all odd-bell methods. The Rev. H. Law James to be consistent, would say that Stedman is "the Queen of all odd-bell Principles." The rev. gentleman is taking a lot of trouble to establish his own ideas of Method and Principle, and some may give him credit for his trouble. But he nor anyone else will ever upset the word "method," it is too well established; it is concise, and answers every purpose, and all know what it means. I am afraid that many readers of our paper will be of opinion that his ingenuity could have been better employed upon some subject less fanciful and more useful; and I am also afraid that he will think it is like my confounded impudence to say so.

My old and esteemed friend George Baker still keeps on the war-path. You know George, or ought to know, that you dipped a little too deep in that first (I think) letter about the Bucknall affair. I have the great misfortune to know many clergy (not any ringing clergy) who have greatly mistaken their vocation, but I don't condemn or speak highly of the clergy as a body on that account. Taking all things into consideration (don't forget the importance of these five words—I will repeat them—"taking all things into consideration," I hold that our Church is very fortunate in possessing such a great many good, pious, charitable clergymen as it does. The subject is however, a knotty one for ringers to discuss in the "B.N." for both "principle" and "method" is involved in its treatment.

I have a communication concerning Harlow bells. I shall not mince this subject, or fight shy of it. Certainly in connection with the proposed new ring of bells at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, I have no cause to show the white feather. 'Twasn't any costs out of pocket that troubled me; I had induced others to go the same length as I did, and the result of our combined self-denial and vehement persuasion we did not regard complacently. "Put not your trust in—" (you may fill in the blank). In this matter there was shed a large amount of principle, but very little interest. Thus I became angered, somewhat. (You are not to criticise too deeply the grammatical, or the agricultural, or the pugilistical, or the ornithological, or the *methodical* construction of this paragraph.)

My correspondent wants to know something. He is evidently one of those who bitterly repented his gross indifference last year. He asks: "Is there any intention to formulate another similar scheme on behalf of the Harlow bells fund this year?" My reply, on a postcard, was that there was not the slightest intention on my part to be sold again. He returned to the charge more than once, and after several confabulations with those interested an arrangement of a sort was decided on. That arrangement, or, scheme, I will tell you about in the next number.

If this new scheme does not prove a greater success than the former one I shall get up some muffled peals in various parts of the country as a last—the very last—token of respect to those who did not, etc., etc., and so forth.

So we are to have a bankers' peal. Law! Principal and interest combined here, you see. Any method, Mr. Wilson, or is the peal to be rung only on Principle? Well, why shouldn't the banking men have a peal? We have had a great selection of this sort of thing. Clerical peals, Odd Fellows peals, Foresters' peals, name peals, bachelors' peals, and I know not what. This sort of thing has always been in favour, and if it pleases let us have it. Some of my readers have read of the "bald-headed peal," which was recorded in this paper some years ago. This was I expect intended by the writer as a caricature upon the inordinate length of the footnotes to peals which was then the fashion. As many readers may have never seen this peculiar record, they should get some kind friend to show it them. Well, the gentlemen ringers of the banking community are very estimable men, and I heartily wish them success in their undertaking. Would that I were a banker, merely to be able to stand in the peal, of course. No other reason whatever.

The female portion of the ringing community is increasing. Our premier lady ringer, I see, has just rung a peal of Caters. How much more entertaining was this than some other pursuits followed by the opposite sex.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The last quarterly meeting of this association was held at Usk, last month, when the Vicar kindly presided. Owing to the inconvenience of the time of the year there was but small attendance. One of the most important matters on the agenda was the acceptance unanimously of the design for certificate of membership, presented by Mr. Halliday. Aberdare was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, which will be held there on Saturday, September 28th.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

The ring of eight bells at Ripley church, near Derby, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Derby on Wednesday, September 11th, at three o'clock p.m.; and the following Sunday, September 15th.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On February 24th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. H. Dennison, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On March 3rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. J. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On March 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; the rest as before. On March 24th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Riley, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On March 31st, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. J. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On April 1st, for Confirmation Service, two 720s of Bob Minor. A. J. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor. T. P. Jackson, 1; the rest as above. Conducted by T. R. Jackson.

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Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—Before proceeding to the Report itself, Mr. Trollope's letter in this week's "BELL NEWS" calls for some remarks from me. I am sorry that Mr. Trollope has rushed into print before reading my second letter, because it contains certain explanations which tend to show that the historical use of the word "Method" is in accord with the facts, while the loose use of the word in ordinary ringing terminology is not.

Let me put the case plainly. We find three words in use—System, Principle, and Method. I have already shown conclusively that when the word Method first came into use it applied only in its technical sense to those systems in which there were one or two bells in the hunt and a certain number of working bells. In process of time the word was used in a looser sense, and finally in ordinary ringing terminology became synonymous with System, so that either one or the other of these two words is unnecessary, and this is a degeneration from a sensible nomenclature to a confused one. Now Mr. Trollope proposes that we should continue to use this degenerate nomenclature and get out of the difficulty by the use of two new terms. He would call all systems methods and subdivide them into treble-dominated methods and non-treble-dominated methods. I on the other hand propose that the Exercise should return to the old historical use of the word Method and subdivide Systems into all Principles and Methods. This system of nomenclature I have fairly shown to be historically correct, and I appeal to the Exercise at large to decide which is the simplest of the two nomenclatures.

SYSTEMS.

SYSTEMS OR METHODS.

Principles. Methods.

Non-treble-dominated methods.
Treble-dominated methods.

and I am certain that everyone will agree with me that the old is better.

Mr. Trollope tells us his ideas as to what was in Stedman's mind when he called his system Stedman's Principle. I do not pretend to guess what was in Stedman's mind; but I am certain that he did not think it was a Method, or compare it with other Methods, for the word Method had not come to have a technical meaning in Stedman's time; he called them all peals.

Mr. Trollope's reference to the appointment of the Committee at the Norwich meeting is entirely beside the point. This committee was called "The Committee for the Definition of a Legitimate Method," in the ordinary terminology of the belfry, and not in a technical sense; for the technical sense in which the Ancients used the word had never been considered by the Council, and my statement that Stedman was not a Method but Stedman's Principle was so novel to the members present that I did not think it was ever taken seriously at the time, although I meant it perfectly seriously, having considered the whole question some time before.

The end of Mr. Trollope's letter is not argument, and can scarcely be called polite, we certainly differ about the use of these words, but it is not argument to call your adversary's opinions foolishness, and if the Report began by stating the sense in which the words was used all who read it would be informed as to the use of the words themselves.

And now let me turn to the Report as it was submitted to the Council.

Draft Report.

The Committee, after a careful examination of all those Systems which have been most esteemed and practised by the Exercise, is of opinion that for the purpose of this report, all Systems must be divided into two classes.

Class I. consists of all those Systems in which all the bells do the same work.

Class II. consists of all those Systems in which one or two bells (called Hunts) do different work from the others (called Working bells).

They all obey the two following rules:—

I.—No bell may change places with any bell except one next to it.

II.—No bell may strike more than two consecutive blows in

the same place except at a call, where permitted to do so in the Report on calls.

Class 2 also obeys the following rule:—

III.—The Plain Course must consist of as many Plain Leads as there are working bells, so arranged that the working bells are in the same coursing order at all the Lead Heads and Lead Ends in the Course.

Appendix.

I.—The word "System" is used in this report in the same sense as it is employed by Shipway.

II.—A Plain Lead consists of a group of rows so arranged that at the Lead Head and the Lead End the working bells are in the same coursing order, and it reverses true to itself.

III.—That is to be deemed a "Bob" which alters the coursing order of three bells.

IV.—That is to be deemed a "Single" which alters the coursing order of two bells.

And now let us examine the Report to see where its various parts come from, and what is their result when we bring Systems to it to be examined.

Rule 1 has been accepted by the Exercise at large from very early times.

Rule 2 is a new one proposed by this Committee, but I think that we shall all agree to it because for a bell to toll tenor behind or inside for an indefinite number of blows is not change-ringing at all, but is of the essence of old single changes. It has the effect of declaring Bob Doubles, Bob Triples, etc., Grand-sire Minor, Grandsire Major, etc., illegitimate, and at some future date I intend before this series of letters closes to deal with the Grandsire Bob Method and show that Bob Minimus, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, etc., up to Bob Maximus are really one and the same method; and that Bob Doubles, Grandsire Minor and so on up to Grandsire Maximus are also one System and a totally different System from the others.

Rule 3 as the opening statement of the Report shows is obtained from a careful examination of *Standard Methods* and from a consideration of what constitutes a Plain Course.

Now every one will agree with us that a Plain Course must consist of Plain Leads, and every one will also agree that a Plain Lead and a Bob Lead must be of an essentially different nature, and any Lead which does the work of a Bob cannot be a Bob Lead.

Take a so-called Plain Lead of College Single Minor and compare it with rule three.

We start from 123456, we run through the Lead and the bells come up 135642. The coursing order of the first is 53246, but the coursing order of the second is 53624. The lead has therefore altered the coursing order of three of the working bells. It is therefore a Bob and not a Plain Lead at all; and the mere fact that it has been rung without Bob being called proves nothing or a peal of Grandsire Triples rung silent contains no bobs.

Take again Canterbury Pleasure Minor; we start from 123456; we go through the lead and we get 142563, the coursing order at the beginning of the Lead is 53246, at the end 53624. The coursing order of three bells is altered, and we have rung a bob and not a Plain Lead at all.

The same applies to Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, College Pleasure, City Delight, and Double London Court Major, as given in *Standard Methods*; not one of these contains a Plain Lead at all, and Yorkshire Court must also be condemned, for its Leads do not Reverse True to themselves.

All these systems contain two kinds of Bobs, one of which is called and the other is not; but no Method may have two Bobs according to the Report on Calls, except one or two exceptions of old standing in Triples which are there allowed.

This brings me to the end of the task set me by the Council in bringing this Report before the Exercise at large, and I only intend further to consider certain matters connected with it, and which flow out of it, and which will lead me to make certain remarks on classification.

I shall be glad to answer any questions and to deal with any difficulties which may present themselves to any ringers who feel interested in this matter.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—As a member of the above Committee I should like a word under the above heading before Mr. James goes further.

Method I consider a most excellent term, and its adoption by the Exercise at large supply a great want of many years' standing, that it has gradually fallen into its proper place and position, and it would be hard to find another word to supplant it, and further that it describes equally well both Stedman and other systems.

I don't know of any member of the Committee who stumbled at this word except the Rev. H. Law James, and when he tells us he in vain searched the Glossary for its meaning, I am led to ask if he looked over page 10 of the work wherein its meaning is well described.

I am not at present attempting to follow all the pros and cons of the argument, which I see by the way is not all method, but but also contains a bit of principle.

Stedman Doubles Workshop.

The rev. gentleman gives a very good description of *Stedman Doubles* as a workshop wherein all five, *men or bells*, do the same work, and as he says they are all clever workmen, and they are equally interested, and no one has a greater share than the other. Quite a social business, and upon the co-operative principle.

Old Doubles Workshop.

Now I have also a small workshop which has five *men or bells*, engaged in it, four of whom do the same work, the other is foreman or superintendent and does another class of work altogether. Just the same as takes place in *Old Doubles* as applied to the workshop above. This is not a social concern, and is not co-operative principle, but the business is carried out upon that known as the Capital and Labour principle. The methods of working are as distinct from one another as the principle or system upon which they are built. One has the treble in the work, the other has not.

H. DAINS.

METHOD AND PRINCIPLE.

SIR,—I, for one, am entirely in accord with Mr. Trollope's conclusions as to the mistaken character of Mr. James' contention *re* the proper application of the terms 'Method' and 'Principle.' But I should not have interfered in the controversy at present, if it were not for the danger of Mr. James' extraordinary argument being calculated to mislead those who do not know the facts. Mr. James assumes (on insufficient *data*) that "up to the present day the difference between Method and Principle" (as he lays it down) "is maintained whenever anyone begins to write about Stedman." The facts are that all writers, when dealing with the system of changes introduced by Stedman, have quite properly and justly retained the *name* given to it by its author; while at the same time they have called it a *method*, when it served their purpose to do so, in the same sense exactly as they apply that term to any other system of which they treat. I may, in support of this, refer the reader to the quotations cited by the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon in the opening of his "History of Stedman's Principle" ("BELL NEWS" vol. iii. p. 623). There he will find Shipway (1816) calling Stedman's Principle "a complex method of ringing." Mr. Snowdon himself calls it indifferently 'Stedman's Principle,' 'the principle,' 'this method,' or 'the method.' Lastly, the writer of the *Clavis* (1788), after giving a quarter-peal, says, "The learner might possibly expect a greater extent of changes in this method, perhaps the 5040" etc., etc. Thus we have the three authorities most regarded by the Exercise all applying the term 'method' to Stedman's Principle, and evidently not entertaining in their minds any such difference of meaning or distinction in application as that for which Mr. James contends. The term 'method' has been universally applied, in both recent and remote past, to any way of producing continuous changes by a definite rule of work, whatever the principle may have been upon which the construction of the work was based. 'Method' involves 'principle,' and 'principle' does not exclude 'method.' By taking the word 'principle' in its natural sense and making it with a capital P, the name of his new method, Stedman did not erect it into a technical term. It merely served to distinguish his Method from other Methods constructed on other principles.

H. EARLE BULWER.

CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—In response to Messrs. Bulwer and Davies' request for an expression of opinion as to the collection of peals to be issued by the Central Council, I am in favour of the latter gentleman's second proposal, viz., a small selection of the very best peals in all methods, and every number of bells above six. The question of copyright (if it comes in at all) might be got over by asking permission in the right quarter, and I would not have more than £10 spent on bringing out the work.

F. E. ROBINSON.

Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

PILTON, NEAR BARNSTAPLE.

At a recent meeting of the inhabitants of this parish, attention was called to the state of the eight beautiful bells of the parish church, and it was unanimously resolved that experts should be called in to report on the necessary work. This having been done a committee was formed to see the work carried out. It was decided that the bells should be rehung, nothing have been done to them for half-a-century, when Taylors rehung the old six (by Rudhall) and put in two new ones. The peal is said to be one of the best-toned in the West of England.

The committee appealed for £100, of which sum nearly one-third is subscribed; the remainder it is hoped will soon follow. The work has been entrusted to Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter, who will commence at once.

The local society of ringers at this place has been in formation for half-a-century, and is now composed of an enthusiastic band of young men. Half-pull ringing has never been introduced into the parish, but it is hoped that the time is not far off when the Art will be constantly practised, and the company become a branch of the Devonshire Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 5th, twenty members of the above branch journeyed to Crewe to attend the annual meeting of the Guild, Macclesfield, Prestbury, Sutton, Congleton, Disley, Astbury, and Biddulph being represented. A start was made from Macclesfield by the first train, and we were joined at Congleton by Messrs. Perry and Co. Arriving at Kidsgrove shortly after 7 o'clock we at once made tracks for Lawton church, a walk of a little over a mile, where they have just had two new trebles added by Messrs. Taylor, making a nice light ring of eight. Although the day was so young we were met by several of the Lawton ringers who had everything ready for our reception. The bells were raised and kept going in Treble Bob and Grand-sire for nearly two hours, the "go" of them being all that could be desired. After having had a look round the church we made our way back to Harecastle where we had about an hour to wait through the trains getting mixed or lost, therefore we passed the time as well as we could with touches on the hand-bells. We eventually arrived in Crewe just in time for the meeting, where the usual business was got through, grants of £5 being made to Lawton and Norbury churches towards the cost of augmenting and rehanging their bells. After the meeting an adjournment was made to the Hop Pole hotel for dinner, which some got, and more are still looking for, the caterer evidently not understanding the capacity of ringers. Several members took part in touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire on the bells of Christ Church. At 5.10 the return journey was commenced. On arriving at Kidsgrove we were met by two of the local ringers, and at once made our way to the church, where we rang several touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire on the light ring of six to be found there, and a 720 Treble Bob by three local and three Macclesfield ringers, conducted by W. Walmsley, of Macclesfield. During this the rest of the members watched the parachute descent from Clough Hall gardens. We wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicars and ringers of Lawton and Kidsgrove for providing pleasant breaks in our journey to and from the annual meeting of 1901.

J. N.

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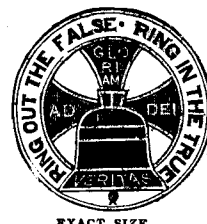
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1901.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 24th, a very interesting event took place at the parish church, viz.: the re-opening of the bells after being tuned and rehung by Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford. The service was fully choral and there was a crowded congregation, the sermon being preached by the Rev. A. Money Kyrle, vicar of Bewdley. Immediately after the service a band of ringers fired the bells three times and then rang 1260 changes of Stedman Doubles, in 47 mins., the ringers standing as follows: W. Mytton, 1; R. Browning, 2; E. Phillips, 3; T. Williams conductor, 4; C. Layton, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6. The first four ringers hail from Eastnor; C. Layton from Mathon; and W. Greenleaf from Hereford. The ringers were all delighted with the "go" of the bells and congratulated Mr. Greenleaf on the way he had completed his work. The Rector afterwards entertained the ringers and congregation to tea on the beautiful lawn in front of the rectory.

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.***On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

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WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Jeffries on completing his 32nd year. This was W. Foreman's 50th peal, a list of which will appear next week.

The Provinces.**BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, August 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by E. BREEZE.

*First peal in seven methods.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, August 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED WHIGHT Treble.	†GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
ERNEST RUNTER* 2.	WILLIAM J. PIPER 6.
CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 3.	GEORGE GREEN 7.
GEORGE W. SORRELL .. 4.	GEORGE W. PIPER Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by CHARLES H. HOWARD.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th each twelve times in 6ths place and the 2nd never there, and is believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells since 1815.
 *First peal. †First peal in the method. Runter hails from Broomfield; Howard from Braintree; Sorrell from Writtle; Williams from Rayne; Green from Great Baddow; the rest reside in Chelmsford.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF GREAT ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER PRIOR Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER 5.
WILLIAM WATTS 2.	*GEORGE CHARGE 6.
THOMAS SABAN* 3.	WALTER TARLING 7.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 4.	*WILLIAM CHARGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells. W. Charge was elected a life member of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*FRANCIS A. SMITH 5.
HENRY HODGETTS* 2.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS* .. 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	*REGINALD SEARLE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal in the method.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WIGGIN Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
ALBERT HUGHES 2.	JOHN JAGGAR 6.
HARRY MILLS 3.	ERNEST BROWN 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM MURRY Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BROWN.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. B. LATES'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
ARTHUR T. PEGLER 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY* .. 3.	HARRY WITHERS 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	*SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal of Stedman. This composition is now rung for the third time.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD MANKELOW .. Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. W. Page hails from Worcester and was elected a member previous to starting.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. Treble.	ALBERT BRAMALL 5.
GEORGE PARKIN 2.	GEORGE LEWIS 6.
JOHN DRONFIELD 3.	GEORGE W. DRONFIELD .. 7.
THOMAS W. ROBBINS .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS W. MCKEGG.

Bramall and George hail from Rugby; Lewis belongs to the St. Marie's company, Sheffield. This peal was arranged for Mr. George, he being elected a member before starting. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 3rd. This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

FREDERICK PALMER Treble.	ALPHEUS PERKINS 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER 2.	JAMES GARRATT 6.
JOHN J. MAWBY 3.	CLIFTON NEWMAN 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

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

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

MORTIMER MATHEWS .. Treble.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 5.
DOUGLAS HARRIS 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 6.
BERNARD JEALOUS 3.	HARRY SEAR 7.
ERNEST HERBERT 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by G. HUGHES, of Tipton, and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal on eight bells by B. Jealous. First peal of Major by H. Sear. The ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 5 hail from Woburn; 7 from Bletchley; the remainder from Bedford.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAVE Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW 3.	GEORGE TURLEY 7.
RICHARD PELLING 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	*THOMAS LUNGLEY 6.
ROBERT J. DAVE 3.	WILLIAM PAGE 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative, and was proposed a member of the above Association previous to starting. Mr. Page hails from Worcester.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 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 F. BENNETT, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey)—At the church of St. Nicholas, recently, for practice, 240 and several 224s, called differently, of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; E. Allen, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; C. Hazelden, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, 1; J. Hunt, 2; E. Raddon, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; E. Allen, 7; G. Reading, 8; T. W. Radford conductor, 9; E. Heather, 10. On Thursday, March 14th, for practice, 381 Stedman Caters. S. Radford, 1; J. Hunt, 2; C. Willshire, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; E. Allen, 5; J. Grundy, 6; E. Raddon, 7; F. Blondell, 8; W. Radford conductor, 9; E. Heather, 10. Also a course of Bob Royal and two touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal. S. Radford, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; C. Willshire, 3; G. Foster, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; E. Allen, 6; C. Hazelden, 7; J. Grundy, 8; F. Blondell, 9; J. Hunt conductor, 10. This is believed to be the first touch of Treble Bob Royal ever rung by a local band in the diocese. On Sunday, March 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. *R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; E. Allen, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; *C. Hazelden, 7; J. Hunt conductor, 8. *Longest length in the method also longest length of Major as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks)—On Sunday, February 24th, at St. Helen's church, for Divine Service, 240 each of Morning Exercise, Ebor, Tulip, and Primrose. On Friday, March 15th, for practice, 240 each of Ely Surprise, Coventry Surprise, Rochester Surprise, and Roystone Delight. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning Service, 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, and Morning Exercise, and 120 of Ebor. For evening service, 240 Ebor and 144 Primrose. On Monday, March 18th, for practice, 144 each of College Treble and Primrose, and 240 each of Tulip, College New Treble, and Roystone Delight, and 720 of Ely Surprise by the following all in the same position. J. Tinkler, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; J. H. Brothwell, 3; W. Lambert conductor, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 6; W. Allwood, 6.

SHEFFIELD—On Sunday, March 3rd, for Divine Service in the evening, at the church of St. Marie, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Bradshaw, 1; J. Wallace, 2; J. Mulligan, 3; G. Lewis conductor, 4; F. Burgar, 5; T. G. Sarel, 6; J. Dixon, 7; W. Midgeley, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk)—On Saturday, January 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hollocks conductor, 1; T. Hollocks (first 720 away from the treble), 2; A. Symonds, 3; E. Newman, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; H. Poulson, 6. On Saturday, February 9th, 720 College Exercise. H. Poulson, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. First 720 in the method by all, also first on the bells. On Wednesday, February 13th, 720 New London. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On March 9th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Hollocks conductor, 1; T. Hollocks (first in the method away from the treble), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; E. Newman, 4; J. Fayers, 5; H. Poulson, 6. On March 10th, for afternoon service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. D. Poulson (first in the method), 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On March 13th, 720 Duke of York. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Poulson, 4; H. D. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. On March 16th, 720 College Exercise. T. Hollocks, 1; E. Newman, 2; A. Symonds, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Hollocks conductor, 6. Also at the meeting room, Six Bells inn, the same evening, on hand-bells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). S. H. Symonds (aged 12), 1; A. Symonds conductor, 2; H. Symonds, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. This is the treble ringer's first 720, and he is the son of the conductor and grandson of the 3rd ringer.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On February 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Clarkson, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; A. C. Bowers, 3; H. H. Bowers, 4; W. Lane, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright conductor, 6. On March 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowers, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; W. Lane, 5; H. H. Bowers conductor, 6. On March 5th, 720 Plain Bob. H. H. Bowers conductor, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; A. C. Bowers, 3; J. P. Clarkson, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; W. Lane, 6. On March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. H. Bowers conductor, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; A. C. Bowers, 3; W. Clarkson, 4; W. Lane, 5; J. P. Clarkson, 6. On March 17th, 720

Kent Treble Bob. W. Clarkson, 1; H. H. Bowers conductor, 2; A. C. Bowers, 3; J. P. Clarkson, 4; W. Lane, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright, 6. Also on February 2nd, an unsuccessful attempt was made by the local band with the bells muffled, for a peal of Bob Minor, in memory of Queen Victoria.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, March 3rd, 168 Stedman Triples. F. Pounds, 1; T. Bull, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Monday, March 11th, 252 and 168 in the same method, standing as before. Also 120 Stedman Doubles and 120 Bob Doubles. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; T. Bull, 3; F. P. Powell, 4; J. Monk conductor, 5; J. Brooks, 6. On Thursday, March 14th, a plain course of Bob Major. H. Druce, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; T. Bull, 5; H. Brooks, 6; F. P. Powell, 7; J. Monk, 8. And another with Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 168 Stedman Triples. T. Bull, 1; N. Spindlow, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, 7; F. Pounds, 8.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, July 7th, for morning service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. T. Bartlett, 1; T. Laver, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Mogridge, 4; F. Murphy, 5; F. J. Shepherd, 6; J. R. Sandover conductor, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Bartlett, 1; F. Murphy, 2; J. R. Sandover, 3; T. Laver conductor, 4; J. Ford, 5; W. Mogridge, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Nethercott, 8. On Sunday, July 28th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Hancock, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; T. Laver, 3; W. Miflin, 4; W. Burrough, 5; J. R. Sandover conductor, 6; F. Murphy, 7; W. Lowton, 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE.—On Monday, August 12th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 changes, being 360 of Canterbury Pleasure and 360 of Grandsire Doubles. J. Godfrey, 1; H. J. Godfrey, 2; G. Dolphin, 3; G. Bozzard, 4; H. Salisbury conductor, 5; H. Sorrell, 6. This is the longest length of Canterbury Pleasure ever rung in Pershore by a local band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 25th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. E. Townsend, 1; F. Webb, 2; P. Holmes, 3; F. Suckling, 4; G. F. Williams conductor, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. After service, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; E. Townsend, 3; G. Williams, 4; J. Gould, 5; F. Suckling (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Holmes, Webb and Howard hail from Braintree; Williams from Rayne; the rest belong to the local company.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Sunday, February 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Sharples conductor, 1; T. Haworth, 2; S. Collinson, 3; R. Sharples, 4; J. Bentley, 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. On Tuesday, February 19th, 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, 1; T. Haworth, 2; S. Collinson, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. First in the method by Haworth and Collinson. On Sunday, February 24th, 720 Kent, standing as before. For evensong, 720 Oxford. On Sunday, March 3rd, 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, 1; T. Haworth, 2; R. Sharples, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; J. J. Haworth, 6. On Sunday, March 10th, 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, 1; R. Sharples, 2; S. Collinson, 3; J. Bentley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. J. Haworth (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Oxford. A. Walmsley, 1; T. Haworth, 2; S. Collinson, 3; R. Sharples, 4; J. Bentley, 5; C. Sharples conductor, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT (Durham).—On Saturday, August 17th, the Wylam ringers visited this parish church and rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 50 mins. J. Bean, 1; R. Vest, 2; A. Dodds, 3; A. Pigg, 4; C. L. Routledge conductor, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; E. Weightman, 8. The above was taken from Morris's six-part, and this was the longest by all except the conductor. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Bean, 1; R. Vest, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; H. Wilkinson, 4; A. Pigg, 5; E. Weightman, 6. Afterwards a capital meat tea was served in The Railway hotel, and the evening finished by a short smoking concert, at which Messrs. R. Wrightson and Kitching did yeoman service in the harmony line.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 5th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; W. Wilde, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. Also 720 College Single. W. Wilde, 1; J. Dean, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Merchant's Return. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley conductor, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Thursday, January 10th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. J. Fernley, 1; J. Dean, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Kellett, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday, January 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure, standing as before. On Sunday, January 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to our late Queen, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday, January 27th, 720 Merchant's Return. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, February 2nd, for the "in memoriam" service to our late Queen, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; S. Fernley conductor, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, February 9th, on the occasion of the branch quarterly meeting at New Mills, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; J. Fernley, 2; F. Holt, 3; S. Rutter, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Violet. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean conductor, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. For evening service, 720 Merchants Return, standing as before. On Sunday, February 24th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley conductor, 5; J. D. Warburton, 6. For evening service, 720 Warnham Court, standing as before.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, August 8th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a touch of Grandsire Caters. W. Northey, 1; L. L. Brooks, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; J. W. Jones, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss, 6; G. Hardage, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombs conductor, 9; W. Canter, 10. Another touch in the same method. J. Pitcher, 1; L. L. Brook, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; J. W. Jones, 4; C. Winfield, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; G. Hardage, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombs conductor, 9; H. Day, 10. For Divine Service, on Sunday, August 11th, 349 Grandsire Triples. L. L. Brooks, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; W. Northey, 3; W. Heath, 4; C. Winfield, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombs, 7; H. Day, 8. Also 216 Grandsire Caters. E. Stenner, 1; L. L. Brook, 2; W. Northey, 3; W. Heath, 4; C. Winfield, 5; W. B. Biss, 6; R. G. Daw, 7; J. Clutterbuck, 8; W. Coombs, 9; H. Day, 10. On Thursday, August 22nd, 604 Grandsire Triples. L. L. Brooks, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; W. Northey, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; C. Winfield, 5; G. Hardage, 6; J. Clutterbuck conductor, 7; H. Day, 8.

CHELSEA.—On April 14th, for evening service at St. Luke's church, 1344 Bob Major, in 50 mins. A. Newman, 1; E. Cassell, 2; W. Moss, 3; G. Langford, 4; W. Dean, 5; J. Willshire, 6; J. Baker, 7; F. Dench, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Newman (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Pryer, 2; W. Moss, 3; W. Dean, 4; E. Cassell, 5; E. J. Webb, 6; J. Willshire, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

PROCESTER.—On Sunday, March 24th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Curzon, 1; R. T. Prout, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; H. W. Fussell, 4; A. Sammers, 5; C. East first 720 as conductor, 6.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—On March 14th, for practice at the congregational chapel, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Kershaw, 1; G. Whittaker, 2; J. Rushworth, 3; H. Hudson, 4; F. Whiteley conductor, 6. On March 18th, for morning service, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. W. Rushworth, 1; G. Whittaker, 2; E. Kershaw, 3; J. Rushworth, 4; T. Sharman, 5; F. Whiteley conductor, 6. For evening service, 480 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. On Thursday, March 21st, for practice, 360 Violet Treble Bob. E. Kershaw, 1; G. Whittaker, 2; W. Rushworth, 3; J. Rushworth, 4; H. Hudson, 5; F. Whiteley (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, E. Gelder, 4; the rest as before.

Correspondence.

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

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

REPLY TO MR. BAKER.

SIR,—I take Mr. Baker to mean in his last letter that he never intended to attack the clergy as a body. Very well: I don't dispute this, but in that case he has used language which has conveyed more than he meant, and notwithstanding the advice with which he kindly favours me, Mr. Baker must know very well that when a man commits his sentiments to writing, the only clue other people have to his meaning is the form of words he uses to express himself. If he uses a form which does not do himself justice, and expresses more or less than he means, as we all are liable from time to time to do, that is not the fault of his readers, whom in such cases he unintentionally misleads as to his meaning.

I do not altogether understand Mr. Baker's second paragraph. Mr. Baker made a statement about me by my name. What was there for me to consider? Mr. Baker said that I evidently wished to make a mountain out of a molehill. Of course men frequently differ as to the actual importance of a statement and discuss their differences, but when one says that another "wishes" to perform the operation named, it is, if words mean anything, an imputation of wilful misrepresentation. I called that bluff; I do so still. At the same time, as Mr. Baker has used expressions about the clergy, the natural meaning of which, as it now appears, exceeded his intentions, it may be so in this case also. If it is, I withdraw the word "bluff." Indeed I now cannot help thinking that Mr. Baker's very right indignation at the reported conduct of the Rector of Bucknall has unconsciously hurried him into a breadth of statement which has been in fact, though not in intention, unfair to a good many people, not excepting himself. I assure Mr. Baker that my comments arose from nothing but what appeared to me, and still does, to be the natural meaning of the words be used.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE ONE THOUSAND COPIES OF "THE BELL NEWS."

SIR,—With reference to our old friend S. Slater's wish to know how many ringers there are who have taken "THE BELL NEWS" in from its commencement and have the copies, I may add my name to the list of subscribers, but I lost the run of the collection during my residence in India of nearly nine years.

"THE BELL NEWS" was introduced to me by my old friend A. J. Perkins when it was born, and I have watched its progress up to the present stage of perfection, and I think all fair honest readers will join with me in congratulating its founders and staff for the able manner which they have overcome all obstacles to attain this standard of perfection. Much might be written on the "changes" the science has passed through during this period. Its advancement, etc. which owes the greater part of its success to the above paper. I remember the time when if we wished to attempt a peal the band would have to be collected from seven or eight different parishes. Some of the younger members may not be able to appreciate its value like us who remember the time when we had only a small space allotted us in *Church Bells*. How many are there who would like to go back to that period? I think no ringer who loves the science would. I may add that during my stay in India and South Africa I have several weekly papers sent, but "THE BELL NEWS" takes precedence. I think the best way we can show our appreciation to the staff of our paper is to do our best to increase its circulation, so that it may go on and attain the success it deserves.

A. PYE.

Machadodorp, South Africa.

THE WITNEY PEAL.

SIR,—As the person who sent you our last notable performance on the Witney bells, I should like quite simply to express what I feel sure is the feeling of those who rang in it (although at present I am separated from them by many hundreds of miles). If it has been ruled that a peal of Triples cannot be counted unless rung with a covering bell the whole time, I hope those in authority will simply disallow the peal at

Witney of July 18th. We wish to take a mean advantage of no one, not even of gentlemen whose minds are only set upon scoring. The correspondence on the question was before I was in the habit of ringing much, and before I allowed myself the privilege of reading your valuable columns, neither was I aware that there had been any ruling on the subject.

If it is right then let it stand, if it is wrong let it go to the wall, Switzerland.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

A CLAIM.

SIR,—We, the Hatfield College Youths, claim to have rung the first muffled peal on account of the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, viz.: On January 23rd, 1901, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.; starting-time 3.20 p.m.

J. J. P.

REPLY TO THE REV. H. DRAKE.

SIR,—This letter is written, not to continue the discussion, but to point out to the Rev. H. Drake a fact that he has persistently ignored. Mr. Drake knows very well that I have all along been writing from the composition point of view, and by his last letter he shows that he is still arguing from the ringing point of view, the two things (as I have said several times before) are utterly different and cannot be confounded the one with the other. If I have misquoted Mr. Drake in any way, the fault (owing to the facts given above) lies entirely with himself.

GEORGE BAKER.

THE "LEYTONSTONE" METHOD.

SIR,—In looking over this method I find it is false, as any one will see by comparing the second lead with the twenty-ninth, the rows in 3-4 up of the one repeat in 3-4 down in the other, and vice versa. It is false at the treble leads and other places.

E. TIMBRELL.

THE YOUNGEST RINGER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Crowther, will you kindly allow me to say that my brother, Albert Lawrence, rang his first 720 (being Grandsire Minor) at the age of twelve, and rang inside a peal of Minor (three methods) at thirteen. I should like to know if this is a record.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

SIR,—For the information of Mr. Crowther I can say that on the 19th of May, 1889, Arthur E. Sheppard, of the Dalton Parish Church company, rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, he being only eleven years old; and on the 29th of September, 1889, he rang the treble in a 720 Grandsire Minor, being then twelve years old. On the 3rd of August, 1890, he rang the treble in a 720 of Plain Bob, and on the 4th of October, at the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at Manchester, he rang the treble in a 720 of Grandsire Minor, being then thirteen years old. At fourteen he rung his first 720 of Grandsire Minor inside, and his first 720 of Plain Bob inside when he was fifteen, and the same year he called a 720 in the latter method. He was a good ringer, and the Dalton company were very sorry when he left them in 1895. If any readers know a more unique experience, I shall be glad if they will publish it.

JAMES BURROWS.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Lowe, 3; P. C. Potter, 4; S. Oakes, 5; W. Lever, 6; J. Potter conductor, 7; M. Berry, 8. This quarter-peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Potter, wife of Mr. Alfred Potter, who was interred that day in St. Paul's church. The Walkden company wish to offer their heartfelt sympathy to their brother-ringer in his great bereavement.

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The Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, August 31st. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., to-day, Saturday, August 31st, by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Road, Barnet.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at Earl's Barton, to-day, Saturday, August 31st. Usual arrangements. *Wellingborough.* E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—There will be a meeting of this Branch held at Chippenham, to-day, Saturday, the 31st inst. Ringing at the parish church, and also at St. Paul's.

W. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, to-day, Saturday, August 31st. Tower open for ringing at 4. Business meeting at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of this Association (by the kind permission of the Rev. S. Nunn) will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, September 7th. All members who intend being present are earnestly requested to give notice not later than Monday, September 2nd, to

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

95, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting of this Association (open to all) at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, September 7th, to appoint a new master and secretary for the north western division. Tea, tickets 6d. each, will be provided at The Chequers at 5 p.m. The towers of Bishop's Stortford and Stansted will be open for ringing. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

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

Great Totham.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Berkhamsted District.—A meeting will be held at Flamstead to-day, Saturday, August 31st, at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited.

W. H. NEWELL, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham, on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea and business 5.30, probably at The Black Horse hotel, West Street. Those intending to be present kindly inform me by Friday, September 6th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Noranton, on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*
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Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Castle Eaton, on Saturday afternoon, September 7th. Members intending being present must let me know on or before the 5th.

S. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*

57, Chester Street, Cirencester.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Hull, on Saturday, September 21st. Details of arrangements next week. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Hartlebury, on Saturday, September 28th. The Rev. D. Robertson, vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Glossary will be ready for distribution to members at this meeting.

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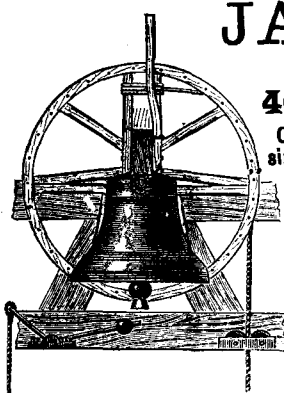
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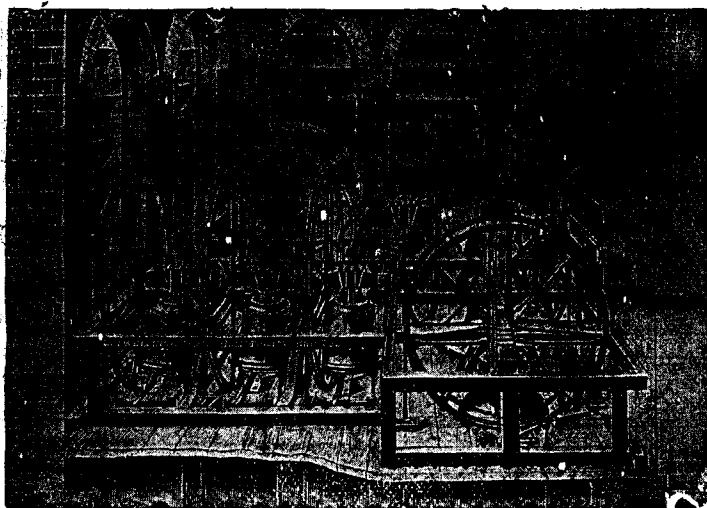
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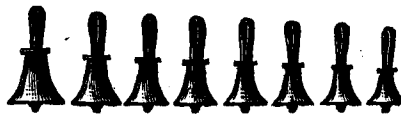
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THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

By R. A. DANIELL.

To day let us begin with Stedman's own words from the *Campanalogia*.

STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE.

The Changes are all double, two singles excepted. One double is made on the two first and two last bells, the next on the four last, and so by turns successively; excepting every sixth change which is double on the four first bells, and for distinction is called a parting change. All the bells have a like course. The general method is this: the three first bells go the six changes, and the two hind bells in the meantime dodge, then a parting change is made which parts the two hind bells, moving that in the fourth place down to the 3rd, and that in the 3rd place up into the 4th, and then the three first bells go the six again, the two hind bells in the meantime dodging as before; and then another parting change is made, and so successively on. Every bell that comes behind continues there dodging six changes with one bell and six with another and then in course the parting change brings it down. One six cuts compass, the next doth not, and so by turns successively. In the six which cut compass the two first bells of the three makes the first change of it, but in the other the two last of the three. By this method the peal will go sixty changes, and to carry it on further extreams must be made. An extream is made by the lying still of two bells when in course they should make a change as before I have showed more fully in the introduction,* but withall observing that whereas in this peal the bells have all a like course, therefore they may be all termed extream bells and consequently the extreams to be made according to this general rule, viz. the first extream may be made by any two bells that are in course to make a change within the compass of the first sixty changes of the peal; and the second extream must be made according to this rule. Whatsoever two bells are dodging behind at the first extream when the same two bells come to dodge there again is a certain warning for the second extream to be then made. And observe how many changes the first extream is made from a parting change, so many likewise must the last extream be made after a parting change also. And the single and extreme comes in course each of them to be made in the same place and by the same bells at the last extream as they were at the first. Here the singles are made behind and the extreams in the 2nd and 3rd places; and as the fourth and fifth bells do dodge behind at the first extream, so likewise when they come to dodge there again, the second extream is then made, the treble leading at both of them, as appeareth in the peals here pricked.

The first parting change is here made the third change from the beginning and that six cuts compass.

In all the several ways of ringing this peal, if the parting changes are made at the forestroke, as in course they are in this here prickt, then cutting compass is always on the same sixes as in this peal; but when the parting changes are made at backstroke then the contrary six always cuts compass to what doth here.

The above description seems clear enough. Any one not acquainted with some of the old terms that have long dropped out of use will find enlightenment on referring to the Glossary, and he will note that the term Single is not

used in the same sense as among ourselves, and about this also the Glossary is explanatory. Bearing in mind likewise that Stedman pricked the single like the single in in describing his principle. Stedman does not define the term method, and it is not worth while to enquire what precise meaning he here attached to it, because later on when dealing with Triples he says "the methods upon five may be pricked upon seven," thus shewing that he used methods in a general sense which, as he makes no exception, must cover his principle. He does not, indeed, prick his principle on seven, but after pricking Triples in a few methods, he concludes, "changes upon seven being seldom practised, I will therefore forbear to waste more paper in pricking down examples." It is clear, therefore, that he knew that his principle would extend to seven bells, and also why he did not trouble himself to prick it, and that unless we are to read into his words an exception which he has not made—which (unless upon clear grounds, which are certainly not to be found in his books), we have no right whatever to do—the conclusion must be reached that Stedman included his principle under the general category of methods.

I diverge for a moment to remark that it is interesting to note that the development of Stedman ringing took place at Norwich, because it is evident from their performances in other methods that the ringers of that city early overcame the disinclination to ringing Triples. The above also furnishes my reason for saying last week that I did not think Shipway had seen the *Campanalogia*; for he says that it is highly probable that Stedman did not perceive the extension of his principle beyond five bells—a statement which is clearly wrong, and which he could hardly have made had he read the book. On the other hand the Authors of the *Clavis*, or some or one of them, must, I think, have seen the book; otherwise it is difficult to guess how they could have referred to it in the way they do, and they make no such restrictive statement. I think that Shipway knew nothing more of the *Campanalogia* than what he learned from the *Clavis*, and not finding the principle pricked beyond five bells in the editions of the London Scholars' book inferred his opinion from that. But this is a digression from which I now return to face the question, What was there about this particular invention that led Stedman to call it his principle, when no such heading is given to any other peal in his books?

Stedman does not afford us a direct answer. But in my opinion the answer is to be found in the relation of the Principle to Cross Peals on the one hand and plain changes on the other. It, and it alone of all the peals in the book, is neither the one nor the other. By universal agreement it is not a cross peal, neither is it a plain change peal, though very nearly so. If this seems a strange statement to some of your readers, they must remember that it is quite impossible to understand the history of ringing in the seventeenth century without taking plain changes into account.

Now we learn from Stedman that the sixes were the first change-ringing invention, and he pricks them both

* "All peals of double upon five bells which go sixty changes complete without any single by making of two extreams will go 120."

Grandsire, I think any one will be able to follow his meaning. But the material point to the present discussion is that Stedman himself did not eschew the word method ways. It is likewise obvious that they are plain changes, as only one pair of bells can change at a time. As three bells can be as easily rung one way as another they were doubtless rung both ways. We know from Stedman that though he pricked Bob Major, the favourite mode then of using an eight-bell tower was to ring a six-score on five with three covering bells, and that one way of using the covering bells was to set the two immediately behind the work dodging throughout the performance, and he gives several combinations of these covering bells. If men who could ring on five so acted there can be no reason why three-bell ringers in a five-bell tower should not do likewise, and change one of the dodging bells for the sake of variety when they had rung as many sixes on the same bells as they wished. This I believe was done, and that Stedman's principle was the process whereby he turned this three-bell work and two dodging covering bells into a continuous course. In other words, the principle was not the invention of something entirely new so much as a modification of existing practice. Out of such small materials does genius bring great effects! It is true that this process involved every bell doing the same work, but I do not believe that to be the Principle itself, but an attribute of it. As in three-bell work every bell does the same work, and as the dodging bells behind also do the same work, and one by one the dodging bells are taken into the three-bell work, it becomes not only an attribute but an *essential* attribute that *every* bell does the same work.

It is hence obvious that as this is not a cross peal, so likewise it is not plain changes, for it breaks the rule that only two bells change in each row. Even if we regard Stedman Cinques as plain changes with nine covering bells during the progress of each six, of which one is fixed and eight dodge, which would be straining the idea, the shifting at the parting of the sixes would depart from the plain change rule. Still there is no doubt that Stedman's principle on whatever numbers is much more nearly allied to plain changes than to any cross peal.

It is consistent with the above that Stedman pricked this peal to go off as he did; he drew no lines under the six-ends. He naturally started in the way three-bell ringers were used to start, and this furnishes what seems to me a much more probable reason for the going off than I have ever seen stated.

I am therefore of opinion that the word Principle as used by Stedman does not indicate what Mr. James contends, and that so far as he relies for the use he proposes to make of it on the authority of Fabian Stedman, that authority fails him.

Since writing the foregoing Mr. Brighton has kindly informed me that he has seen a copy of Stedman's Campanalogia at Norwich, belonging, unless I misunderstood him, to Mr. Sadler.

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 PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—Perhaps the readers of "BELL NEWS" would be interested to hear what is actually being done in the case of the well-known bells of Painswick. For although it appears to be almost too late for any alteration to be made in the present

fate of these particular bells, yet a principle is involved which should be thrashed out, and on which ringers should have every opportunity given them of expressing a correct opinion.

It will be remembered that same time ago it was mentioned that the bells were at Messrs. Taylor's foundry to be refitted but not tuned; and that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies wrote to say that he was glad of this, as the very idea of tuning such bells made him shudder. So matters stood until the last meeting of the Midland Counties' Association at Loughborough; at that time the members who visited the foundry were naturally curious to hear how the bells sounded when on the ground, and conveniently placed for contrasting their tones. The result was so unsatisfactory that when the authorities at Painswick heard of it, the matter of tuning them as well as possible without recasting, was discussed. Ultimately deputations were sent from Painswick to Loughborough; the fact that the bells are badly out of tune was clearly evidenced, and the members of the deputations were so dissatisfied with their present condition, that it was decided that something must be done. They seem however to have fallen back on a "multitude of counsellors," but instead of the proverbial wisdom, they have obtained such contradictory advice, that not knowing what to take, they have taken none, and are having the bells rehung as they are.

As I am staying for a few days at Loughborough I rode over yesterday to the foundry and was pleased to find the bells are still there, though the fitting work is nearly completed. By the courtesy of Messrs. Taylor I was allowed special convenience to examine them. For instance we had the 5th and tenor struck consecutively a number of times. This octave I was told was the best in the peal, and of course it should be, seeing what an important place it holds in a twelve-bell peal. Now Mr. Davies may—figuratively—shudder at the thought of tuning bells; but if he will go over to Loughborough and hear these two bells, I promise him that he will physically shudder at the discord. A musical friend who was with me said the interval was more than a quarter of a tone short. That is to say that the 5th bell would be better placed were it rung as the 6th. Moreover the tenor in itself was distinctly discordant. The top-note (or "fundamental") was more than a tone out from the hum note. To listen to a corresponding octave that had just been tuned, afterwards, was like listening to Joachim or Sarasata after hearing a beginner trying to scrape a violin. I may say that I have not got the sound of that discord that should have been an octave, out of my ears yet. Two questions obviously arise: if the bells are so discordant whence their reputation? My own opinion when I heard the bells in the tower always was that they were not particularly good in themselves but were very happily situated over a valley so as to mellow the sound, and drown any discordant notes by distance; and it is from the other side of the valley (at Stroud), that most people hear them.

And again: can improvement be guaranteed without destroying any sentimental attachment to antiquity in the bells? Well, in the first place bells by Rudhall of date about 1731, are not so extremely rare that it seems worth spoiling so good a peal by refusing to have them recast. This however in this case has never been suggested; but Messrs. Taylor have guaranteed the greatest possible improvement without re-casting, and in this case this would, they have ascertained, make the peal nearly perfect in tune. Moreover they have generously offered to do this free of cost, in spite of the fact that the bells are not their own and have not their name on them, and so their firm would not get the credit for their improved tune in future years when present controversies are forgotten. Thus what had to be decided (and will have to be decided doubtless in other cases) is whether the bells should be out of tune (in the rough condition as they were left by the chipping hammer 170 years ago) or whether they should be tuned in the most accurate style known. For practical purposes it is as though a musician had to decide whether he would have a masterpiece played on an organ tuned roughly as was the best they could get 200 years ago; or whether he would hear it on an organ built and tuned in the most perfect style of to-day.

There is another point, which is no less important. To a ringer, listening for the changes, the recurring discords are overlooked. But many a hearer listening to an ordinary peal for a continued period, is wearied and annoyed, he know no

how. To this is due to a great extent, the present and growing difficulty in gaining permission for any considerable amount of ringing; besides the prejudice in many minds against bells at all. Unless we ringers are to be content to allow our ringing opportunities to be very greatly curtailed, we must use all our influence to have every peal in existence placed as speedily as may be in a condition of perfect tune, instead of the rule of thumb results now to be found in most towers.

I suppose I need hardly add that I hold no brief or interest for any particular foundry, and that Messrs. Taylor know nothing of (nor have at all suggested) my writing this. My only aim is that every founder should be encouraged to perfect his tuning, to the best interests of the Art.

H. DRAKE.

August 27.

THE YOUNGEST RINGER.

SIR,—Miss Beatrice Gower, on April 7th, 1897, rang the treble at Wroxham, near Norwich, to a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob—this was her 13th birthday, another sister rang the 2nd, and her father conducted. Both these young ladies had rung 720s on the handbells a year previously. This instance bears the palm, I think,—one of the “weaker” sex and a Treble Bob method!

C. E. BORRETT.

SIR,—In reply to Messrs. Crowther, Lawrence, and Burrows, I wish to claim that Arthur Rhys James, of Llangollen, North Wales, holds the record of being the youngest peal ringer, as on June 12th, 1889, he rung the treble in a 5040 peal of Grandsire Triples, he then being only twelve years old.

J. W. DAVIES.

SIR,—I should like to say a word or two with regard to Mr. L. A. Crowther's information about the youngest ringer, I having a son that rang 720s at the age of thirteen years and he rang a 5040 of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell, at the age of fifteen years, conducted by John W. Barker of Bedford. I know he is not the youngest, for I myself know a lad conducted a peal of Minor in seven different methods at the age of fourteen years.

Bletchley, Bucks.

VALENTINE SEAR.

THE LONG PEAL OF 10,080 AT TUNSTALL.

SIR,—The ringers of the above peal wish through THE BELL NEWS to apologise for the error made in the statement in the above, as they were not aware of such a performance having been achieved on six bells in the country, but will most willingly give up all claim as a record for the country, and rest content as being the first in their own county as having achieved such a performance, and congratulate the Yorkshire band on their success.

W. H. B. W.

A QUESTION OF PLACES.

SIR,—As Mr. Baker has so graphically explained how I have managed the impossible task of confounding two things that “cannot be confounded one with the other,” he will, I have no doubt, be able to explain from which “point of view” the Committee for a Definition of a Legitimate Method were looking, when they stated (as quoted in last week's “B.N.,” page 208) “II.—No bell may strike more than two consecutive blows in the same place,” etc. I suppose it must be “from the ringing point of view,” even then I am surprised at Mr. Trollope allowing the obnoxious word to pass; but I suppose “from the composition point of view” it would read—“No bell may strike more than two adjacent blows in the same place,” etc. (!), would it not? But the conclusion of the matter is its most admirable part:—“owing to” those reasons, if I have been misquoted “the fault lies entirely with” myself, (G.E.D.). Various wonderful powers have been attributed to me at different times, but that of being able to cause my own misquotation is something refreshingly original. Besides, a hypothetical conclusion seems hardly worth reaching; and somehow it does not seem “consecutive” to the “adjacent” periods.

But let that pass; what is the meaning of it—for I suppose even Mr. Baker means something sometimes. It evidently implies that the “composition point of view” involves misquotation somewhere. I gather then, if I were teaching (or learning?) composition that “owing to the facts given above,” my words must be misquoted,—or, must I misquote someone else's words? If so, perhaps the Report might then be read as saying: “No bell may strike more than one adjacent blow at the same time, except at a call, where it strikes both concurrent

and contiguous places simultaneously, when permitted to do so by Mr. Baker.”

I hope Mr. Baker will not be so unkind as to say that in “places” my argument is not “consecutive.” At any rate it is “adjacent” to the point at issue.

H. DRAKE.

Verwood, September 4th, 1900.

RINGERS' SOCIAL GATHERING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

Associated with the ancient and historic Abbey of Waltham there has been, for the past 70 or 80 years, a notable band of change ringers. Something like half a century ago the brothers William, John and James Carr were among the most distinguished of its members. Their names were well-known throughout the country, although at that time there were not the same facilities for reading of ringers and their doings as there are today. The brothers Carr, however, were in great request as ringers, and in the course of their experience they visited many parishes: hence their fame was spread abroad. The very difficult performance by William and John, of chiming four bells each in several methods, was much appreciated by those versed in the time-honoured art of campanology. This performance is commemorated in a record on a tablet in the belfry of the Abbey Church. Among other well-known names associated with the Abbey ringers, is Thomas C. Powell, who for many years was the conductor of the ringers, the members of which owe much to his careful instruction during his residence among them. The local ringing world remembers with veneration and respect many other former confreres, among whom are Messrs. T. Britten, P. Cleverley, J. M. Button, and T. Pallett, all of whom have journeyed hence. There has always been a desire that the best traditions of the local society should be maintained, and with that view there has been a very close and friendly association with the London ringers for more than fifty years. Some four weeks ago the local society decided to invite five of the veteran ringers of London down to Waltham Abbey, to have a pull on the Abbey bells now that they go so well. But unfortunately Mr. Powell and Mr. Cooter (each aged 77 years) could not be present. Mr. J. R. Haworth, Mr. M. A. Wood, and Mr. J. Pettit responded to the invitation, as did also Mr. E. Wallage and Mr. E. Hall, who are in the habit of assisting the local society every fortnight at their practices.

The visitors were met on the way from the station by Mr. Councillor W. A. Alps, and a call was made at the residence of the Misses Carr, daughters of the late Mr. William Carr, who was the highly esteemed parish clerk at Waltham Abbey for eighty-five years, and who passed to his rest in February, 1875, at the ripe age of 79. The visitors had an enjoyable chat with Miss E. Carr about old times, and having inspected the arm-chair and read the inscription thereon denoting that the chair was presented to Mr. William Carr in 1866 by the then incumbent of the Abbey and the churchwardens, when he had been parish clerk fifty years, the party made their adieux and proceeded to the tower, where, owing to the death of the Empress Frederick, the bells had been muffled (the tenor one side only), and during the afternoon a well-struck quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung in forty-seven mins., conducted by Mr. Councillor Alps.

Subsequently the company adjourned to The Green Dragon (the headquarters of the local society), where an excellent and a well prepared tea was capitally served by Host Wiggs. Councillor Alps (the Master of the society) presided, and Mr. T. Colverd (steward) occupied the vice-chair. Some interesting remarks were made by the chairman and other members of the company.

In the early evening two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the muffled bells, and afterwards the party returned to headquarters, where a pleasant evening was passed in harmony, and after a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Wiggs for the very satisfactory manner in which the catering had been carried out, the proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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METHOD AND SYSTEM.

SIR,—Mr. James reiterates his statement that the modern use of the word "method" makes it synonymous with "system." I doubt if this statement is as exact as it should be. It depends entirely upon the connection in which "system" is used. This word was not, I think, used in a formal way, either as synonymous with "method," or to describe a group of correlated methods, until Shipway employed it. "Method," therefore, is in connection with ringing the older word; and since we use it now for exactly the same descriptive purpose as it was used before Shipway's time, the modern use cannot be said to make it synonymous with "system." If Mr. James had said that Shipway's use of the word "system" in some instances made it synonymous with "method," I should not have been inclined to quarrel with the statement. I have always considered that Shipway's employment of the word "system" was much too free; and that in any subsequent classification of methods it must be restricted to its proper signification, and be applied to a group of methods connected and related to one another by a common "principle" and basis of construction. "Principle" and "system" are in fact much more nearly synonymous than "method" and "system," because "system" embraces all "methods" bound together by a common "principle" of construction, while the methods proper to each system may exhibit considerable diversity in working details.

In the Appendix to the Glossary the distinction to be drawn between systems and methods is clearly pointed out. It is analogous to the distinction which a naturalist would draw between "*genera*" and "*species*;" and as no naturalist would confuse these two and say that one is synonymous with the other, so no campanologist should confuse "systems" and "methods," or say that the one term is synonymous with the other.

Each method does not constitute a system by itself. There are only five known systems, properly so called; but there are dozens upon dozens of methods, good and bad, grouped under those five. For instance, there is one "system" in which all the bells engaged do the same work. It is called in honour of its inventor, the "Stedman System." It embraces four Methods at present—Stedman's Principle, Shipway's Principle, Duffield and Forward (to retain the names given by their authors). These methods, although exhibiting diversity in working details, are not separate "Principles" on separate "Systems" as Mr. James tries to make out. They each and all represent One Principle and One System; viz., the Principle of all the bells doing the same work, and the System which that Principle establishes.

H. EARLE BULWER.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—This week's "BELL NEWS" contains several letters, all of which are interesting additions to the discussion; and all of which have brought forward one point in common. Mr. Daniell, Mr. Dains, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and "Plain Speaker" seem to think that I wish to interfere with the ordinary use of the word Method; this is very far from my intention, in fact in my letter last week I used the words Standard Methods in the ordinary use of the words. I am simply dealing with the Scientific use of the word, and Scientific Language differs from ordinary language in every branch of Science, so that although we now all know that the effect of sunrise and sunset is due to the revolution of the earth and not to the motion of the sun, we still in ordinary use of language still speak of sunrise and sunset, and no reasonable person objects, but when we come to scientific discussion we must clear the ground and use words in a strictly scientific sense; so that "Plain Speaker's" attack is only an attack on a ghost of his own invention.

As I pointed out last week the facts compel us to subdivide Systems into two groups; are we in scientific language to call these groups Principles and Methods, or are we to call them Non-Treble Dominated Methods and Treble Dominated Methods; if there were no past we might do as we please, but the fact remains that in the oldest use of the word Method in the Campanalogia it was used only of certain systems in which

there were one or two bells in the hunt so that we have to choose between

SYSTEMS.

Principles. Methods.

SYSTEMS OR METHODS.

Non-treble-dominated methods.
Treble-dominated methods.

The first is the simplest, and has the early history on its side; the second is a modern invention of Mr. Trollope's introducing new words and much more cumbersome.

Mr. Earle Bulwer would not I think like to follow his argument to its natural conclusion; he first of all proves the common use of the word Method which I have never denied. It arose in the nineteenth century, and in ordinary language is quite good enough, but if the word Principle was used by Stedman as Mr. Earle Bulwer would have us use it, it ought in a strict scientific use of words to be applied to all other systems also; thus we should have Grandsire Principle and call it a Method, etc.

In reply to Mr. Dains I did look at page 10 in the Glossary, and I found a definition which I stated was of no practical use for the purpose of the Report.

Now let us turn to the Classification as given in the Glossary; Mr. Bulwer has subdivided all Systems into V groups.

This subdivision ignores the difference between group V and groups I. II. III. and IV. taken together, before we can subdivide into groups we must first of all subdivide into Two groups then subdivide one of these groups again, moreover group V is the simplest, and upon it all the other groups are founded. You must take some System belonging to Group V as a foundation upon which to build any one of the other groups, therefore group V which we must call either Principles or Non-treble-dominated Methods, ought to come first.

Then taking the other groups I. II. III. and IV., groups I. and II. are simply variations and should be Ia and IIb which brings me to the point at which I stopped last week, the Grand-Bob Method, when I promised to prove that Bob Minimus, Grandsire Doubles, etc. up to Bob Maximus are all the same Method.

First of all for history. In the Campanalogia page 51 I read Grandsire Bob, commonly called Plain Bob, and then follows Bob Minor, a fact which is mentioned by Mr. J. W. Snowdon in his book on Grandsire.

Now what does this mean? It tells us that the author or authors of this System considered Grandsire and Plain Bob the same Method, and we shall presently see that they really are.

Take Bob Minimus and reverse it thus; and Grandsire Doubles and reverse it thus:

1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3	2 1 4 3 5
2 4 1 3	2 4 1 5 3
4 2 3 1	4 2 5 1 3
2 4 3 1	4 5 2 3 1
4 2 1 3	5 4 3 2 1
4 1 2 3	4 5 3 1 2
1 4 3 2	5 4 1 3 2
1 3 4 2	5 1 4 2 3
	1 5 2 4 3
	1 2 5 3 4

Now the Method consists of two Principles, the Plain Hunt Principle and the Grandsire Bob Principle. What is the difference between these two? Bob Minimus has one bell ringing Plain Hunt Principle, and three bells ringing Grandsire Bob Principle. Grandsire Doubles has two bells ringing Plain Hunt Principle and three bells ringing Grandsire Bob Principle.

The two Principles involved is each one the same, the difference consists in an extra bell in one of the Principles. In this case the extra bell is added to the Plain Hunt Principle, but it does not alter the Principle, for at the parting of the leads behind 3rds place is made, and two bells dodge in 1-2. Take the course method of ringing each and they are both expressed thus: Treble turns you from behind, make 3rds and return behind; lead a whole-pull and dodge 1-2; dodge 1-2 and lead a whole-pull.

To get from Bob Minimus to Grandsire Doubles add a bell in the Hunt.

Similarly we get from Bob Minor to Grandsire Triples.

Now I ask is this anything but variation; if it is then we

have two different methods, but if it is take Grandsire Doubles and add two bells to the Grandsire Bob Principle and we get Grandsire Triples. What we have done is to add to one principle instead of the other, and so if Bob Minimus and Grandsire Doubles are not the same Method by the same rules Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples are not the same Method; for the addition of one bell to the Plain Hunt Principle only affects the other bells by adding one hunting place to all the bells, but the addition of two bells to the Grandsire Bob Principle not only adds two hunting places to the whole of the bells but also adds one dodging position, and so two dodges to all the working bells a much larger variation.

Let us now turn to so-called Bob Doubles, Grandsire Minor, etc. Again take Reverse Bob Doubles and Reverse Grandsire Minor.

1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 5	2 1 4 3 6 5
2 4 1 5 3	2 4 1 6 3 5
4 2 5 1 3	4 2 6 1 5 3
4 5 2 3 1	4 6 2 5 1 3
4 2 5 3 1	6 4 5 2 3 1
4 5 2 1 3	6 5 4 3 2 1
5 4 1 2 3	6 4 5 3 1 2
5 1 4 3 2	6 5 4 1 3 2
1 5 3 4 2	5 6 1 4 2 3
1 3 5 2 4	5 1 6 2 4 3
	1 5 2 6 3 4
	1 2 5 3 6 4

We can prove that these two are the same, for the place-making is the same, etc., as before, and we can also prove that they differ from the Grandsire Bob System before cited in as much as we have no addition of similar work, but a different principle altogether. No amount of imagination can connect four consecutive blows in front with the dodging and place-making of the Grandsire Bob System; and when we go to history we find it coincides with this conclusion, for in the Campanalogia page 139 we read—"New London Peals upon Seven Bells, Plain Bob Tripples," proving that this system was a new one, whereas Grandsire is given before it, and on page 165 "Bob Major, or Plain Grandsire Bob on Eight" after it.

Hence it is evident that given any method on six bells you can increase it to seven by adding a bell in the hunt, or to eight by adding two bells in the work, provided other rules are not transgressed in so doing; in this way Double Oxford Triples, Double Court Triples, Double Norwich Caters, Double Oxford Caters are obtained from their respective Minor and Major Variations.

Hence so-called Bob Triples is not Bob Triples at all, and so-called Grandsire Major is not Grandsire Major at all, but a different system involving a different principle altogether.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—In my last week's letter I compared Old Doubles with Stedman Doubles, which conclusively proved each method to be built upon a different principle. In this letter, with your permission I shall give my construction upon the Grandsire workshop, and prove to readers that the Rev. H. L. James' version is not quite correct in my opinion.

Grandsire Workshop.

In this method there is good business done, especially when leaving Doubles, and proceed on to Triples, Caters, and Cinques, and in the preparation for a long touch or peal, especially for the latter, quite a flutter of excitement and anticipation prevails as to success or failure of the attempted performance.

However in Cinques there are *ten* men or bells who do the same work, one who does a different class of work, but which is absolutely necessary to the proper performance of this method. This is the Superintendent or Manager, and I may at once say this system differs entirely from those previously noticed, as this Manager, the treble bell of course, always has a deputy or assistant following up and down from beginning to end. But it is not always the same person or bell, as by certain calls, etc. any one bell may be called upon to do duty as deputy, or to put the matter in ringing form I should say this deputy is the bell in the hunt. Now all bells except the treble are called in

turn into the hunt, all in turn are also called into the work, and so I say these are no apprentices as Mr. James terms them, but are all good ringers and do the same work. There is one other workman or bell, viz.: the tenor (or to speak workshop fashion, the timekeeper), and a great deal depends upon this performer, as he can make a good performer a bad one and a bad one a little better.

Now Sir I have spoken of the *three* systems or principles upon which methods of *Doubles* are built, and each are distinct and separate from one another and as different as it is possible for them to be. In this week's "BELL NEWS" I notice Mr. James gives a draft report wherein he says the Committee is of opinion; but Sir he don't say how many of the Committee, if any one. I told him before he presented the draft I was not a consenting party thereto; I was never asked, and did not sign the document. I therefore leave it to Mr. James as to the ground and the position upon which he stands in this statement. I never saw the draft till I arrived at Derby on Whit-Tuesday, and upon reference to a copy lying before me I don't see any member has approved this draft by signature.

I quite agree with what Mr. Trollope has written, and also the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and had I seen his letter previously, I might not have taken the trouble of writing at all.

H. DAINS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—For my own part I cannot see that such peals as Holt's ten-part or the Original, or Stedman by Thurstans', or Brooks' ought to be given in this collection, or Lates' peal of Treble Bob, or Annable's Bob Major, or Shipway's Double Norwich either, as they are already published over and over again, and must be I should think in everybody's hands, but to give the later compositions an opportunity of circulation. But Sir not more than one new peal in ten is worth preservation, although the whole should be published sooner or later. For my own fancy I should say put all odd-bell compositions in vol. 1; plain hunt even-bell composition in vol. 2; Treble Bob and Surprise composition in vol. 3; the remainder in vol. 4. But then there is the expense, and £10 should go a good way toward this, and I quite agree with the Rev. F. E. Robinson in this respect.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—I should like to add my humble support to the suggestion made by the Rev. F. E. Robinson in last week's issue, respecting the material in the hands of the Composition Committee. A volume containing a selection of peals in all methods, and on all numbers of bells, would be a great boon, and the most valuable addition ever made to change-ringing literature. The Council could then see if they would be justified in publishing the surplus compositions in separate parts.

C. E. BORRETT.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1901.

WE have not discovered whether the publication of the report of one particular peal in our last number has exercised the minds of the general body of composers. Mr. FREDERICK DENCH, a name well-known in these pages, has succeeded in producing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, with a less number of changes than any other known peal ever composed in the method. No one can doubt that MIDDLETON, who composed the first peal of Cambridge, endeavoured to get the number just produced by Mr. DENCH, and the same may be said of JOHNSON, and other distinguished composers of modern times. We have not yet been favored with the figures of this composition, though it has been thought that its appearance should have accompanied the performance. Perhaps the composer will see his way clear to have it published without delay.

We think it was Mr. DENCH who in a letter a short time ago pointed out that there were no new peals to be obtained in certain methods. We should like to supplement this by saying that there are no more quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples to be had than those already procured. We have such a quantity of these sent that it is necessary for our friends to be told, for their own happiness, that any recognition of them is impossible. Putting together fifteen leads with three bells at home at the last lead and repeating five times with a single midway and end, has been done before, and therefore is not new. Thirteen leads with one bell at home for four repetitions is also old, and nothing new can be done in this way. Our ambitious young friends can apply this information with benefit to themselves.

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This is the first time the ringer of the tenor has attempted to conduct a peal of Major.

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Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This peal was rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

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Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

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On Saturday, August 31, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATTWG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

EVAN DAVIES Treble.	WILLIAM B. BISS 5.
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FREDERICK ATWELL .. 3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 7.
FRANCIS S. WILSON .. 4.	BENJAMIN TILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, August 31, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

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WILLIAM ADKINS 2.	ARTHUR HUMFREY .. 6.
P. W. WILKINS, JUN.* .. 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	WILLIAM ABSALOM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Wilkins hail from High Wycombe, the remainder belong to the local band, and kindly met to oblige the visitors in the above at short notice.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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THOMAS SHORT 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 6.
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EDGAR HUMFREY 4.	HENRY J. HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Handbell Peal.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

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On Tuesday, September 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

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ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRED. HOLLINGWORTH .. 1-2.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH 5-6.
WILLIAM EARLE 3-4.	LEWIS HOLLINGWORTH 7-8.

Conducted by F. HOLLINGWORTH.

Referee—Mr. G. Tomlin. First peal on handbells by all.

Date Touches.

Low Moor (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 30th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of 1901 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Bailey, 1; H. Simpson, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; T. Simpson, 4; J. Pratt, 5; H. Kershaw, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup, 8. Composed by A. Sykes, and conducted by C. Dracup.

Miscellaneous.

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LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On April 7th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson. T. H. Beams (conductor), H. Bottrill, F. Withers, W. Miller, J. Moule. Also 720 Kent. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, J. Rann, F.

Withers, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule. On April 14th, 720 Kent. G. Dawson, J. Moule, G. Hayden, F. Withers, T. H. Beams W. Miller (conductor). Also 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Keeble (conductor), T. H. Beams. And 720 Cambridge. F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Doran, T. H. Beams, J. Moule (conductor), W. Keeble. On April 17th, 720 Oxford. G. Dawson, J. Moule, W. Keeble, F. Withers, G. Hayden, T. H. Beams (conductor). On April 18th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, W. Doran, F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor). Also another 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, W. Doran, F. Withers, W. Miller (conductor), W. Keeble. On May 1st, 720 Cambridge. G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Miller, J. Moule conductor, W. Keeble. Also 720 Bocking. W. Doran, W. Keeble, W. Miller, T. H. Beams conductor, J. Moule, G. Hayden. On May 8th, 720 London. C. T. Hopkins, W. Miller, W. Keeble, T. H. Beams, J. Mardell conductor, G. Hayden. On May 12th, 720 London. J. Moule, T. H. Beams, W. Keeble conductor, W. Miller, J. Mardell, E. Wightman. Also 720 Plain Bob. C. Dempsey, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, W. Doran conductor, G. Hayden. On May 15th, 720 Wells. G. Dawson, W. Miller, W. Keeble, J. Moule, J. Mardell, T. H. Beams conductor. On May 26th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, W. Doran, F. Withers, W. Miller conductor, G. Hayden. Also another 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, T. H. Beams conductor, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, W. Miller, J. Moule. On May 29th, 720 Bristol. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Keeble conductor, J. Mardell, W. Miller, J. Moule. On June 5th, 720 Wells. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Doran, W. Keeble, W. Miller conductor, J. Mardell. On June 12th, 720 Superlative. W. Doran, J. Moule, W. Miller, T. H. Beams, J. Mardell, W. Keeble conductor. On June 19th, 720 Cambridge. G. Hayden, T. H. Beams conductor, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Mardell, W. Keeble. Also 720 Superlative. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, W. Miller, J. Mardell, W. Keeble conductor, G. Hayden. On July 10th, 720 Woodbine. H. Bottrill, C. T. Hopkins, W. Doran, T. H. Beams, W. Miller conductor, G. Hayden. On July 14th, 720 Cambridge. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor. Also 720 Oxford. F. Withers, G. Hayden, H. Bottrill, W. Miller conductor, W. Doran, H. Torble. On July 17th, 720 Oxford. W. Keeble, H. Bottrill, W. Doran, F. Withers, W. Miller, T. H. Beams conductor. On July 28th, 720 Victoria. F. Withers, W. Miller, T. H. Beams conductor, W. Keeble, J. Moule, G. Hayden. Also 720 Kent. W. Miller conductor, H. Bottrill, J. Rann, G. Hayden, W. Clark, J. Mardell. And 720 Oxford. F. Withers, T. H. Beams conductor, H. Bottrill, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, H. Torble.

STANSTED.—On Tuesday, February 12th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, before the service of the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Oakshot, 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts conductor, 6. Also 360 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Jordan, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts conductor, 6. After service 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts conductor, 6. On Wednesday, February 13th, for practice, 720 Lincoln Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts conductor, 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob. J. Luckey, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts conductor, 6. And 720 Bradfield Exercise. H. Little, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 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 Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 360 Superlative Surprise, 180 Stedman Doubles. T. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts conductor, 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Delight. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts conductor, 6.

MISTLEY.—On January 31st, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. B. Francis, 1; W. Bridges, 2; J. Souter, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; T. Stewart, 5; A. Fuller conductor, 6. On March 20th, 720 Double Court Minor. W. Harvey, 1; W. Bridges, 2; J. Souter, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; W. Hazell, 5; A. Fuller conductor, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. Rev. C. Littlehales, 1; J. Souter, 2; W. Bridges, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; W. Hazell, 5; A. Fuller conductor, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, March 17th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Sherman, 1; S. Goodall, 2; J. Batting, 3; W. Bagley, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; J. W. Bagley, 6; R. Buckland, 7; G. Leslie, 8. Composed by J. W. Wilkins, and conducted by R. Buckland.

BURNHAM.—On Sunday, August 4th, at St. Peter's church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. E. Carter, 1; J. Basden, 2; H. Barney, 3; W. Pickworth (first quarter-peal in the

method), 4; W. Alder, 5; G. Alder conductor, 6; F. Carter, 7; T. Fowler (first quarter-peal), 8. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th hail from Hanwell and South Tottenham respectively, for whose visit the quarter-peal was arranged.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBBURN (Beds).—On January 21st, 408 Stedman Triples. E. Herbert, 1; M. Matthews, 2; D. Harris, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; M. Lane, 5; S. Avis, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; W. Smith, 8. On February 18th, two courses of Double Norwich. Chas. Herbert, 1; D. Harris, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; S. Avis, 5; M. Lane, 6; E. Herbert, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. On February 11th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. Cyril Herbert conductor, 1; D. Harris, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; W. Smith, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; W. Chibnall, 7; M. Lane, 8. Recently 252 Stedman Triples. E. Herbert, 1-2; Chas. Herbert, 3; M. Matthews, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6. Also 1680 Bob Major. M. Matthews, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; Chas. Herbert, 7-8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Monday, March 11th, at the parish church, for Confirmation Service, the following touches were rung: 168 Stedman Triples, 448 Double Norwich Major, and 608 Superlative Surprise. For practice on Friday, March 15th, two courses of London Surprise Major. The ringers taking part were Messrs. Alcock, Blakiston, Carter, Hall, Jones, Kidd, Metcalfe, McFarlane, Passman, Rudd and Titchener.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, March 12th, for practice, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. P. Howcroft, 1; T. Metcalfe, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; R. Alcock, 4; A. Barrett, 5; T. Beckwith, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; J. Newton, 8; W. Foster, 9; T. Stephenson conductor, 10. W. Foster hails from Bingley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY.—On Sunday, March 24th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; F. S. Wilson, 3; T. Robinson, 4; S. Hillier, 5; F. Price, 6; E. Bishop conductor, 7; J. L. Wells, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; T. Redman conductor, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6. On Sunday, February 10th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Campbell, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Hartley, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. On Sunday, February 17th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Campbell, 1; F. G. Pollard, 2; R. Hartley, 3; E. A. Pollard, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. Also 704 Kent. W. Walton, 1; T. Mouncey, 2; D. Campbell, 3; T. Redman conductor, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; F. Wagner, 7; R. Hargreaves, 8. On Thursday, February 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Burrows, 1; J. R. Eastwood, 2; D. Campbell, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman conductor, 6. On Sunday, February 24th, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. G. Pollard, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. On Sunday, March 3rd, 736 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. R. Eastwood, 1; T. Burrows, 2; D. Campbell, 3; E. A. Pollard, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. Also 672 Bob Major. J. W. Stirk, 1; C. Parkinson, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Duxbury, 4; F. G. Pollard, 5; F. Wagner, 6; R. Hargreaves, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. On Thursday, March 7th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Mouncey, 1; W. Walton, 2; R. Hartley, 3; N. Townend, 4; W. Heaton (from Colne), 5; T. Redman conductor, 6. On Sunday, March 10th, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. D. Campbell, 1; T. Burrows, 2; C. Parkinson, 3; E. A. Pollard, 4; N. Townend, 5; F. G. Pollard, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8. Also 672 Bob Major. J. Webster, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; C. Parkinson, 3; R. Hartley, 4; F. G. Pollard, 5; D. Heys, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman conductor, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday evening, March 24th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, 1232 Bob Major, in 47 mins. G. Baker, 1; J. Fryer, 2; W. Moss, 3; G. Langford, 4; W. Dean, 5; E. Cassell, 6; O. Baker, 7; F. Dench conductor, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Monday, March 18th, for practice, at the

Cathedral, 1080 Plain Bob Royal. G. Cheesbro, 1; J. Moorhouse, 2; F. Moorhouse, 3; J. T. Eason, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. E. Hartley, 6; T. L. Moorhouse, 7; D. Whiting, 8; F. Barker, 9; J. W. Moorhouse conductor, 10. Tenor 31 cwt. On Tuesday, March 19th, on handbells, at the residence of Mr. W. Scott, 518 Grandsire Triples, being the 5th part of Holt's ten-part peal. J. T. Eason, 1-2; A. Scott conductor, 3-4; J. W. Moorhouse, 5-6; J. Moorhouse, 7-8. On Sunday, March 24th, on handbells at the above place, 1120 Grandsire Triples, being the last part of Hollis's 5-part peal. J. T. Eason, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; J. W. Moorhouse conductor, 5-6; J. Moorhouse, 7-8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell conductor, 1; J. Rose, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; H. Dickens, 6; W. J. Jeffries, 7; H. Young, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Thursday, March 7th, for practice, 559 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Bartlett, 1; T. Attwell, 2; G. Saff, 3; A. Ashdown, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; W. G. Brockhurst, 6; W. T. Lightfoot conductor, 7; H. Remnant, 8. Also 280 Grandsire Triples. T. Attwell, 1; W. T. Lightfoot, 2; G. Saff, 3; A. E. Bartlett, 4; A. J. Bartlett conductor, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; W. G. Brockhurst, 7; T. Suff, 8. Also a plain course with H. Ellis on the treble and another with H. Holden on the treble, this being the first attempt at Triples by both. On Sunday, March 10th, for Divine Service in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Saff, 1; A. J. Bartlett conductor, 2; T. Attwell, 3; J. E. Russell, 4; A. E. Bartlett, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; W. G. Brockhurst, 7; T. Suff, 8. For practice on Thursday, March 14th, 181 Grandsire Triples. A. Rothwell, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; G. Saff, 3; W. T. Lightfoot conductor, 4; T. Attwell, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; A. J. Bartlett, 7; H. Remnant, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples, being the 1st part of Holt's ten-part. C. Remnant, 1; T. Attwell conductor, 2; G. Saff, 3; A. J. Bartlett, 4; W. T. Lightfoot, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; W. G. Brockhurst, 7; T. Suff, 8. Also 158 in the same method. C. Remnant, 1; W. T. Lightfoot, 2; A. J. Bartlett, 3; W. G. Brockhurst, 4; G. Saff, 5; T. Attwell, 6; A. Ashdown conductor, 7; T. Suff, 8. First touch as conductor and first attempt. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Attwell, 1; W. G. Brockhurst, 2; A. J. Bartlett, 3; A. Ashdown, 4; W. T. Lightfoot (conductor), 5; G. Saff, 6.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples. H. Hatton, 1; E. W. Beadsmore, 2; G. Hatton, jun., 3; A. Hitchcock, 4; J. Curtis, 5; G. Hatton, sen., 6; J. H. Dunmore, 7; G. Thornley, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins., by the same, conducted by J. H. Dunmore.

ASTON, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, August 17th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but after ringing 1800 changes in 1 hr. 8 mins., the 5th rope broke. W. Short conductor, 1; A. E. Pegler, 2; C. Dickens, 3; S. Reeves, 4; T. Reynolds, 5; J. George, 6; H. Middleton, 7; W. H. George (Eastleigh), 8; W. H. Barber, 9; T. Miller, 10.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, August 20th, at St. Martin's church, 517 Stedman Cinques. A. Walker, 1; J. E. Groves, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; W. Short, 4; B. Witchell conductor, 5; T. Miller, 6; H. Withers, 7; H. Middleton, 8; J. George, 9; W. H. George (Eastleigh), 10; A. E. Pegler, 11; S. M. Doddington, 12. And 253 Stedman Cinques. W. Short conductor, 1; J. Jaggar, 2; J. George, 3; B. Witchell, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; A. P. Smith, 6; E. Allaway, 7; A. Walker, 8; J. Neal, 9; W. H. George, 10; J. E. Groves, 11; S. Jessop, 12.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 120 Bob Doubles. C. Finedon, 1; F. Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Finedon, 4; W. Stapleton conductor, 5; M. Smith, 6. And 180 Plain Bob Minor. C. Finedon, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. Church, 3; W. Finedon, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; A. Robinson conductor, 6. For evening service 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Facey, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. Finedon, 3; W. Finedon, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; C. Robinson, 6. And three courses of Bob Minor. J. Facey, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. Finedon, 3; W. Finedon, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; A. Robinson, 6.

DARTFORD.—On Sunday, March 17th, for Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. J. French, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; R. Cullum, 3; J. Cullum, 4; G. Cullum, 5; R. Brett, 6; H. J. Castle conductor, 7; J. Blackman, 8.

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. R. McWhirter, 1; W. Axtell, 2; F. Grove, 3; J. Lowry, 4; C. Wilkins (conductor), 5; J. Garard, 6; E. Wightman, 7; D. Barnes, 8. For evening service a

quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. McWhirter, 1; W. Axtell, 2; C. Wilkins conductor, 3; J. Lowry, 4; H. Gibbs, 5; J. Garard, 6; E. Wightman, 7; D. Barnes, 8.

EAST TYTHERLEY (Hants).—On Monday, March 11th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 360 Bob Doubles, with 7-6-8 behind. J. Elcombe conductor, 1; C. Head, 2; D. Head, 3; F. Henshaw, 4; W. Whitlock, 5; C. Dowling, 6; A. Kneller, 7; F. White, 8. First by all except the conductor.

HENBURY (Gloucestershire).—On January 4th, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Iles, 1; A. Jones, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Gould conductor, 4; J. Martin, 5; E. Devenish, 6; R. Devenish, 7; C. Jefferies, 8. On January 18th, 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Davis, 1; A. Jones, 2; H. Edwards, 3; T. Rodman, 4; J. Martin, 5; E. Devenish, 6; J. Gould conductor, 7; C. Jefferies, 8. On January 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Sovereign. G. Davis, 1; A. Jones, 2; H. Edwards, 3; T. Rodman, 4; R. Devenish, 5; E. Devenish, 6; J. Gould conductor, 7; J. Martin, 8. On February 13th, on the occasion of the marriage of A. Jones, 216 Grandsire Minor, on the front six with 7-8 covering. H. Edwards, 1; R. Devenish, 2; J. Martin (first touch of Minor), 3; T. Rodman (first touch of Minor), 4; E. Devenish, 5; J. Gould conductor, 6; C. Jefferies, 7; H. Prewett, 8. The above is the first quarter-peal on the bells. Tenor 25 cwt.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, NEAR RUGBY.—On Sunday, August 18th, at the parish church, after evening service, a touch of Bob Minor. A. Dubber, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Bramall, 3; T. Holmes, 4; W. H. George (Eastleigh), 5; J. George conductor, 6.

PEASENHALL (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, March 2nd, at St. Michael's church, 720 Double Oxford. W. Nichols, 1; W. Bacon, 2; A. Friend, 3; E. Mills, 4; E. Rowe, 5; H. Last conductor, 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday morning, March 3rd, 720 Violet. H. Last, 1; W. Nichols conductor, 6; the rest as before. On Easter Sunday morning, 720 Plain Bob. J. Mills, 1; W. Nichols, 2; A. Friend, 3; E. Mills, 4; E. Rowe, 5; W. Bacon conductor, 6. For evening service 720 Kent. H. Last, 1; W. Bawn, 2; A. Friend, 3; E. Mills, 4; E. Rowe, 5; W. Nichols, 6. After service 720 Oxford, standing as before, conducted by W. Nichols. On Tuesday, April 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Double Court. W. Nichols, 1; H. Law conductor, 6; the rest as before.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service at St. Andrew's church, 336 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; A. Dubber, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; F. Sear, 4; A. Bramall, 5; W. H. George (Eastleigh), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; J. George, 3; A. Bramall, 4; A. Dubber, 5; W. H. George conductor, 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. On Monday, August 19th, 168 Stedman Triples. A. Dubber, 1; F. Sear, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; T. Holmes, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. George conductor, 7; J. Coales, 8.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, March 17th, 224 Double Norwich. R. Stone, 1; M. Whatley, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; S. A. Wright, 4; J. Heath, 5; W. G. Granger, 6; G. Steer, 7; D. Wright conductor, 8. This is the first touch of Double Norwich by an entirely local band.

WORTLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 1st, for Divine Service in the afternoon, at the church of St. Leonard, 336 College Single Major. J. Dronfield, 1; T. W. McKegg, 2; C. Dronfield, 3; J. Parkin, 4; T. W. Robbins, 5; J. George (Rugby), 6; G. W. Dronfield, 7; D. Brearley conductor, 8. Also at the residence of T. W. McKegg, 336 Bob Major, on handbells. T. W. McKegg, 1-2; J. Dronfield, 3-4; D. Brearley conductor, 5-6; J. George, 7-8. And 180 Bob Minor. Mrs. Brearley, 1-2; J. Dronfield conductor, 3-4; J. George, 5-6.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, March 31st, in honour of Squire Ingram's birthday, thirteen 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Humberstone, 1; J. W. Sampson, 2; R. Roe, 3; J. Rollinson, 4; A. Lading, 5; P. Carter, 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by the same band, in honour of the birthday of J. Samson.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Central Council correspondence is taking up a tidy space of the paper just now, and I among others are of opinion that we are not getting our penn'orth, at any rate so far as the value of this correspondence is concerned. It is thought by a few critics who generally are in the know that all the palaver now going on will end in smoke. The majority of ringing people do not see the value of the discussion now going on. Mr. Bulwer's response to Mr. James was to the point, and wanted no rejoinder. The last-named gentleman has led most of us into a dense fog, so he must get us out of it. I fear very many find his letters too complicated to follow. What a man he is for capital letters, I am told, to begin words with. That's one of his "methods."

The attempt at the method called "Leytonstone" with a dozen aliases, is *non est*. Mr. Timbrell has pricked this bubble. In the future originators of 6-bell methods should submit their inventions to the Tong veteran, Mr. George Bolland, before letting them see daylight. Then the harrowing feelings attending disappointment would be prevented.

That was a very good and generous letter from Staff-Sergeant Pye, who is in South Africa. I am commissioned to tell him that he is not forgotten at the office of this paper, nor the period to which he alludes. The "staff" will be happy to welcome him back to Essex when the fighting is over, and things are settled down in South Africa. We may hear of him ringing a peal out on the veldt, for of course he has a set of handbells with him, and has taught the principles and methods of ringing to his comrades. Good health to you, old friend, and a speedy deliverance from your end of the dark continent.

Now talking of handbells brings something else to mind. What do you think it is? Why the Harlow Bells' Fund. I know you have all been on the tiptoe of expectation during the past week, and naturally, therefore, you'll be anxious for what I am going to say about it. Well, there is a prize to be given. That bare statement only will ease you. But what sort of a prize, or gift? Ah! that's the point. What would you like? Something that cannot be had, perhaps. Your breathless anxiety may at once be put at rest. It is a peal of handbells. And such a peal! Not six, or eight, or ten, or twelve in number. Oh no. A set of fifteen at least! and of a good size too. This is the first gift. There may be more for all I know. You will see in due course.

The arrangement will be different to the last, and more simple. Collecting cards will be issued to whoever asks for them, and the individual who collects the greatest amount towards this grand object by the first of November next—All Saints' day—will receive the gift above-mentioned. This is open to all. The collecting cards can be had on application to the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, on and after Monday, September 16th next. Do not fail to apply for one or more collecting cards. There will appear further particulars next week.

The *Daily Chronicle* of Tuesday last had the following instructive paragraph:—

Some time ago it was announced that an Essex clergyman had found so much difficulty in obtaining bellringers that he had in-

vented an electrical apparatus for ringing his church bells by pressing sundry buttons in the vicarage. There is a church in London where this resort to science is not likely to be necessary for some years. It is St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, near Eastcheap. This church, says the *City Press*, possesses a bellringer who is able to ring eight bells without assistance and at one time. As the bells range in weight from $6\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. to 24 cwt., it will be seen that Mr. Henry Dix, the bellringer in question, is qualifying himself to be called the Hercules of campanologists. Seated on a bench, Mr. Dix places one bell rope under each foot, one over each arm, one round his neck, one in his mouth, and the remaining two in his hands. Then follows a strange contrast. The man writhes in vast contortions; ropes shake and mix; but away over the City and river float the notes of a soothing hymn.

It is a wonder how such careful newspapers as those named above published this. Of course no such thing ever happened. It is impossible for one man to ring more than one bell. What we understand by the above is that highly dangerous process known as "clocking," or "clogging," and the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Dunstan's should stop it at once, or they may find one or more of the bells fractured some of these days.

So the Arklow gentlemen gave a silver watch to their instructor, J. W. Washbrook. There is no doubt he has worked hard; and such presentations are very encouraging to the recipients. Now my friends of Arklow, don't be backward in coming forward; ring more peals in more methods, for J. W. W. is just the man to pull you through.

Everywhere we hear of what is called "bell restoration" going on. That brief account of the bells at a village named "Pilton," near Barnstaple, was "allright," as ignorant cockneys say. The inhabitants became awake to the fact that their church bells were going to pieces, and so they resolved to have them put right. Bravo Pilton! Would that other villagers followed your example.

At a village called "Much Marcle" (what a queer name), in Herefordshire, Greenleaf has been employed in re-hanging and tuning, the proceedings at the re-opening going off splendidly. The county of Hereford appears to have woke up lately, and the services of Mr. Greenleaf have been repeatedly called into requisition. But why is it we hear of no ringing at Leominster, where a year or two back the number of bells were increased?

FALSE COMPOSITION.—Mr. F. Dench writes:—"I am sorry to point out to Mr. Bradley, of West Ham, that the peal of Stedman Caters (5218) rung at Leatherhead, Surrey, in the early part of 1900, conducted by Mr. R. Newton, is false. I believe the peal was rung at Birmingham. I should have preferred writing to him privately had I known his address."

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A meeting of this Association (by the kind permission of the Rev. S. Nunn) will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, to-day, Saturday, September 7th. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
95, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting of this Association (open to all) at Bishop's Stortford, to-day, Saturday, September 7th, to appoint a new master and secretary for the north western division. Tea, tickets 6d. each, will be provided at The Chequers at 5 p.m. The towers of Bishop's Stortford and Stansted will be open for ringing. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham, to-day, Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea and business 5.30, probably at The Black Horse hotel, West Street.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton, to-day, Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Castle Eaton, this Saturday afternoon, September 7th.

S. MOORE, *Hon. Sec.*
57, Chester Street, Cirencester.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Hull, on Saturday, September 21st. Details of arrangements next week. B. T. COPELEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Hartlebury, on Saturday, September 28th. The Rev. D. Robertson, vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Glossary will be ready for distribution to members at this meeting. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Lancashire Association of Six-bell Ringers.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penwortham, to-day, Saturday, September 7th. J. HIGSON, *Sec.*
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th inst., and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th. Copies of the Glossary may be had by members of the Society at 3d. each, and by non-members at 5d. each post free, on application to WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Ringers requiring tea please notify George Hoyle, 5, Moss Street, Rochdale, not later than Thursday, the 12th inst.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above-named society will be held on Saturday, September 14th, at Tong. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to Mr. T. Smithson, 12, Jubilee Cottage, Reddish, not later than Thursday, 12th inst.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Berkhamstead Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, September 14th, at 5 p.m. All members and ringers cordially invited.

W. H. NEWELL, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at White Waltham, on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. The bells of Shottesbrook church will also be open for ringing.

W. E. YATES, *Branch Sec.*

Temple View, Marlow.

The Middlesex County Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to attend, and that they will signify their intention to one or other of the hon. Secretaries. Further particulars will be announced next week.

C. A. EDWARDS,

4, The Parade, Lampton, Hounslow.

ARTHUR T. KING,

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Joint Hon. Secs.

The Waterloo Society, London.—Members are urgently requested to attend a special meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 25th, for the purpose of discussing the proposed removal of the society's headquarters to St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

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THE PEAL AT LLANGATTOCK.—This is the first peal on the bells, and was specially rung in honour of the Rev. T. J. Bowen's seventeenth anniversary to the incumbency, and as a birthday compliment to B. Tilley, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. E. Davies bails from Caerleon; F. S. Wilson from Abergavenny; Messrs. Biss, Coombes, Clutterbuck, and Tilley, from Cardiff; and Jones and Atwell from Newport, Monmouthshire.

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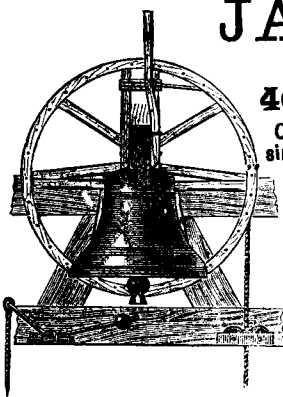
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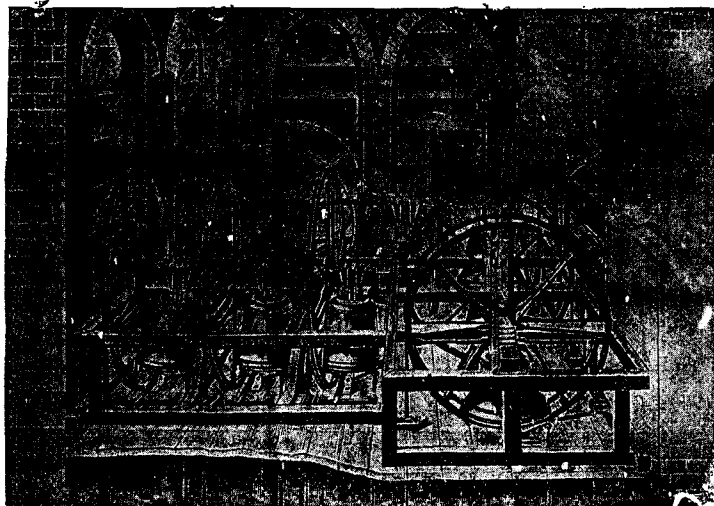
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ON VARIOUS MATTERS.

"THE BELL NEWS" has never been more interesting than it is at present with the excellent discussion that is being conducted in its columns on more than one important subject.

First, I am thankful that the question of the Collection of Peals is being taken up, and I hope that we may see still more letters on the subject, as the Committee will feel much fortified in any line of action that they may adopt if they have assurance that the general feeling of the Exercise is with them.

Regarding the definition of what constitutes a legitimate method I am tempted to say a word or two. It seems to me that Mr. James has given the rein too much, his analytical powers, and has been piling syllogism on syllogism, and deduction on deduction, till he has soared out of sight of the common everyday things of this sub-lunary sphere. He has really got into clouds whither I cannot follow him, and I much doubt it, after all, the question on which he seems to have taken wing is *the* question which the Committee were directed to investigate. Surely that question was not "which is the proper term, 'principle' or 'method,'" but "what rules must be observed in the production of changes on various numbers of bells?" So far as regards "principle" and "method" I agree in general with the various correspondents who have replied to Mr. James, and in particular with Mr. Bulwer. It has always seemed to me that the principles are the abstract rules of which the method is the concrete expression. At any rate, though I fear it will not much comfort Mr. James, I may say that all through the book on Stedman, that particular means of producing changes on odd bells has been called a "method."

Mr. Drake has referred to a former letter of mine on the subject of the Painswick bells. Now that they have been tried on scientific principles and found wanting, the question is of course at an end. I have always been a firm believer in the effect of the tower and surrounding neighbourhood on the tone of bells, and am quite willing to impute much of the charm of the glorious ten at Painswick to the spire and open space around. To me they have always seemed the most joyous bells that I have ever heard. I only hope that Messrs. Taylor may make them better still. Nothing can be right if octaves are wrong, but as regards other intervals I hope the bells will be tuned to the true scale of nature, and not to that unsatisfactory compromise, the scale of equal temperament.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A fine day, and the privilege of visiting one of the most interesting churches in England, and ringing the musical old six bells in its ancient Saxon tower, gave much genuine pleasure to members of the above Association on Saturday afternoon, August 31st. The Rev. R. R. Cobbold, who is one of the oldest honorary members, invited the Association to hold a meeting at Earls Barton in February last, but the death of the late queen caused it to be postponed. An excellent tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which about forty sat down, including the Rev. J. B. Fawsett (Mears Ashby), Rev. W. St. George Coldwell (Wilby), and Mr. John Abbott (churchwarden).

At the business meeting which followed Mr. Abbott presided. The Rev. H. R. Moule, the new Vicar of Bozeat, was elected an honorary member: and a number of ringing members from various places were also admitted. The Secretary referred to the death of two well-known old campanalogists—Mr. John Craddick, of Irchester; and Mr. Carpenter York, of Rothwell. He also spoke of the death of the Rev. F. B. Newman, formerly Rector of Burton Latimer, who was one of the original promoters of the Raunds, Wellingborough and district Association when it was first formed. Mr. R. T. Hensher, the Association's representative on the Central Council, gave his report of the large meeting held at Derby on Whit-Tuesday last, which was of a very satisfactory character.

It was decided that, if convenient, the next quarterly meeting take place at Burton Latimer the last week in October. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the kind interest he had taken in the meeting in every way, which was accorded with musical honours.

Mr. Abbott responded, and expressed his regret that the Vicar, who was away for his holiday, could not have also been present at such a pleasant gathering.

Ringling was continued at the church until eight o'clock, after which a very enjoyable "social" was held, enlivened by songs and handbell music. Members generally were much gratified by the "good going" of the Earls Barton bells. They are an old eighteenth century ring, evidently well looked after by the steeplekeeper. They were re-hung in the old oak frame in 1885. A new set of excellent bell ropes has recently been put up. Could two trebles be added to the present six they would make a bright handy octave such as ringers love to handle. The tenor weighs about 14 cwt., and was cast by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, in 1761. The last meeting of the Association held at Earls Barton was on Whit-Monday, 1891, on which occasion there was a heavy fall of snow in the early morning.

Earls Barton church stands on an eminence, and the view of the Nene Valley from the ringing-room window is most striking and beautiful.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

[From *The Wells Journal*.]

Members of the above Association met on Saturday, August 24th, for their annual festival. During the day touches were rung on the bells of the Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's church, and at half-past one the party, numbering about fifty, assembled at Wickenden's restaurant in High Street for lunch.

After the health of "The King, Queen, and Royal Family" had been drunk at the instance of the Ven. Archdeacon Ainslie, who presided, the business of the annual meeting of the Association was then proceeded with.

Mr. H. W. Tomkins (Williton), Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, read the annual report as follows:—"To those who have watched the work of our Association during the last six or seven years, and compared the result of each year's work, it must be a source of gratification to have noted the steady progress that has been made from year to year, and the past year has proved no exception—on the contrary, in some respects it has excelled in the average rate of progress any previous year. Most noteworthy has been our advance scientifically. Twenty-four peals have been rung, as against eleven in 1899, and the improved quality of those peals have raised us in "THE BELL NEWS" analysis from the 20th position with 120 points in 1899 to the 17th with 317 points in 1900. Twelve peals of Treble Bob Minor (seven in ten methods, four in seven, and one in four methods), one of Stedman Triples, one of Grandsire Triples, and two of Grandsire Doubles, or a total of sixteen peals, are to the credit of the Taunton Deanery. Dunster Deanery comes second with five peals of Grandsire Triples, and the Chew, Frome, and Bath Deaneries have each rung a peal of Grandsire Triples. The very satisfactory position of the Taunton Deanery is due mainly to the success that has crowned the efforts of the Norton Fitzwarren Guild, who have the credit of having the whole of the Treble Bob peals, including a 7,200 in ten methods, the record length by the Association. The Portishead ringers are to be congratulated on ringing their first peal, and the peal on the heavy ring at Mells will result, we trust, in further efforts being made in peal-ringing in the Frome Deanery. Numerically, as well as financially, the condition of the Association is one of absolute soundness. Our balance in hand of £29 6s. 3d. at the beginning of the year has been increased to the amount of £31 19s. 5d. Three successful meetings have been held during the year, viz., at Bridgwater, Bath (the annual), and Yeovil, all of which have been well attended. Our thanks are due to the clergy, organists, choirs, and ringers of those churches where our meetings have been held, and to those members who attended. The local secretaries are thanked for their co-operation with the Master and Hon. Secretary in the management of the Association. The requests from various parts of the diocese relative to belfry rules, condition of bells, etc., show no signs of diminishing, and, whilst replies to these requests give increased work to your secretary, it cannot be regarded as a healthy and satisfactory condition of things. Your Secretary sincerely regrets that during the past twelve months he has been quite unable, owing to the demands of business, to devote that time to the furthering of the interests of the Association that he has been able to in previous years. He feels that the Association must not be allowed in future to suffer on that account, and he therefore asks the members

to accept his resignation of an official connection with the Association which has extended over a period of seven years—a connection that has always been of a pleasant character. In conclusion we would urge each member to do his utmost to further the interests of change-ringing in the diocese, and endeavour to secure more members, both honorary and performing, and in this way make the Association more and more useful each succeeding year."

The balance-sheet showed receipts amounting to the sum of £48 9s. 9d., a balance in hand of £31 19s. 5d. remaining after meeting expenses.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Westbury, resigning his position as Master, and on the proposition of Mr. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Creed, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, of Bristol, was appointed in his place.

Mr. Boutflower, in acknowledging his election, remarked that he was rather a busy man, and he was afraid he should not be able to devote that time to the work of the Association which he was sure it demanded, but sooner than the Association should go begging for a Master he would accept the office for one year. He did not think they should go outside the diocese for a Master, and he should be happy to resign the post if they could find another gentleman to take his place.

The Chairman observed that Mr. Tomkins was pre-eminently fitted for secretarial work, which he understood very thoroughly. Mr. Tomkins, however, said the work was too much for him, and there was no true kindness in pressing a person to undertake a duty when they ought to spare him.

Mr. Tomkins said he was very sorry to have to resign, but it became absolutely necessary. Mr. Iles, of Taunton, had offered to take the office, and he (Mr. Tomkins) proposed that he be appointed as his successor.

Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Mr. Iles, in returning thanks, remarked that with Mr. Tomkins's very able assistance he would do his best to become nearly as good a secretary as he had been.

Seventeen new performing members and one honorary member (the Ven. Archdeacon Bottomley), were elected. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Frome. The Vicar of Hentstridge wrote inviting the Association to send a band of ringers to his parish on the 25th, the bells of the church having been rehung.

The matter was left to the Master and Secretary.

Upon the motion of Mr. Tomkins, seconded by Mr. Iles, thanks were accorded the Rev. H. C. Courtney for his past services as Master. Mr. Burgess proposed a vote of thanks to the late Secretary, Mr. Millard seconding. Mr. Boutflower, in supporting, said the work that Mr. Tomkins had done for the Association had been simply invaluable. Their late Secretary accepted the duties of his office at a very critical period in the life of the Association, which was in very low water when Mr. Tomkins, nothing daunted, came forward to undertake the secretarial work. The whole of the success of the Association he (Mr. Boutflower) attributed to the honest, hard work Mr. Tomkins had done.

Mr. Tomkins promised to assist his successor as much as possible, and thanked the members for the way they had supported him during the past seven years. He hoped the Association would succeed even better in future than in the past.

The Rev. H. E. T. Bassett (Devizes), proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the genial manner in which

he had presided. Mr. Tomkins seconding, the motion was carried.

The Chairman acknowledged the compliment.

During the afternoon a collection, which realised £2 odd, was made on behalf of a member of the Association who has lost one of his legs.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Crewe on Monday, August 5th, when members were present from Chester, Crewe, Bowden, Stockport, Grappenhall, Northwich, Macclesfield, and West Kirby. A special service was held in the parish church at 10.30, prayers being said by an assistant-curate, and the sermon preached by the Rev. G. J. Howson, late Vicar of Crewe, and at present Rector of Salford, who gave so good and really applicable address that he was requested on the motion of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Chester, and carried unanimously, to allow his sermon to be printed in the Diocesan Gazette. After the service all assembled at the Parish Room where the General Meeting was held, and at which there were present: The Ven. the Archdeacon of Chester and Master of the Guild in the chair; the Revs. Canon Holme, H. Leigh Mallory, G. J. Howson, A. T. Beeston, and about 200 ringing members from all the branches, with the two secretaries, Rev. R. Greenall and F. T. Spence. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting which was carried unanimously. The statement of accounts shewed a balance of £65 1s. 4d., and was laid before the committee and passed.

The Rev. G. J. Howson then proposed, and Mr. Bethell seconded that the Ven. Archdeacon Barber be re-elected Master of the Guild, which was carried with acclamation.

The Master proposed the re-election of the Rev. R. Greenall as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer with Mr. F. T. Spence as Assistant, which on being seconded by Mr. Holding was carried unanimously.

Seven honorary members were then appointed to serve on the Committee as follows: Rev. Canon Blencowe (West Kirby), Rev. Canon Holme (Great Budworth), Rev. S. A. Boyd (Macclesfield), Rev. H. Leigh Mallory (Mobberley), Rev. J. H. Thorpe (Stockport), Hatt Cook, Esq. (Northwich), J. Stringer, Esq. (Sandbach): and the following change-ringing members were re-elected: R. T. Holding (Crewe), F. T. Spence (Grappenhall), T. J. Bethell (Chester), Jas. Dillon (Bebington), W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), W. Gordon (Stockport), and Jas. Ashmole (Davenham).

Applications for grants of £5 each were then considered on behalf of the Lawton and Norbury towers towards the restoration and enlargement of their bells, which was allowed.

Mr. Norbury then proposed that the next annual meeting be held in Macclesfield on August Bank Holiday, 1902, which was seconded by Mr. Holding, and carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were given to the chairman for the able discharge of his duties, to the preacher for his excellent address, and the Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers, after which the members adjourned for dinner to The Hop Pole hotel.

In the afternoon the bells of Christ Church, Crewe, were kept merrily going until a late hour in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, as also the bells of other towers in the neighbourhood, which were kindly placed at the service of the ringers.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.

On Sunday, September 8th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, several members of the Thetford St. Peter's Company, by kind permission of the Rev. G. Watson, visited Shropham, and rung several touches on the bells which have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank. The first attempt to ring a quarter-peal failed, after ringing seven 120s all called differently. As there was time before service a quarter-peal was rung by Messrs. E. Carter, W. Westlake, W. Everett, E. Dunk (conductor), C. Carter. The visitors beg to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and they consider the "go" of the bells to be all that can be desired, and hope the time is not far distant when another bell will be erected in this fine old tower.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.—A meeting was held at Chippenham on Saturday, August 31st, at which there were about twenty present from the following places: Bristol, Bitton, Devizes, and Swindon. A short service was held in the parish church, after which a business meeting was held in St. Paul's belfry. Several belfry elections were confirmed, and new members elected. Touches of Grand-sire Triples and Bob Major were rung on St. Paul's and the parish church bells. The next meeting will be held at Dursley on the 21st inst.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7th, the members of the above Association, through the kindness of the Rev. S. Nunn, held a meeting at Lawton, Cheshire. Lawton is a small village on the borders of Cheshire and Staffordshire, and possesses a very nice ring of eight bells, having had two trebles added lately. The ringers are members of the Crewe Division of the Cheshire Association in which district the village is situated, and are also members of the Stoke Association. About forty members were present from the following towers: Audley, Crewe, Fenton, Kidsgrove, Lawton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke, Tunstall, and also some of the late Bucknall ringers. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, short touches in various methods being rung; and at 5.30 an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where an excellent tea was partaken of, kindly given by Miss Rigby, of Lawton, at which the Rector presided. After tea the Rector in a few choice words gave a hearty welcome to the members saying how pleased he was to meet with the members of the Stoke Archdiaconal Association, and although they came from a different Diocese, County, and Association, they were all members of the same Church, and it shewed that there was a greater feeling of brotherhood amongst ringers to-day than in former times, and he hoped to welcome them on some future occasion.

A vote of thanks to Miss Rigby for so kindly providing tea was proposed by Mr. W. Twigg, seconded by Mr. Vickers (Audley), and was carried with applause.

A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector of Lawton for so kindly allowing the meeting to be held there, and also to the ringers of Lawton for having everything ready.

Touches of Stedman, and Bob Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close about 9.30.

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 PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—I never heard Painswick bells; my musical ear is so defective that, if I heard them, I should probably not notice their alleged discord; and I have no interest in Messrs. Taylor's work, which, indeed, needs no recommendation. But it has struck me, in the correspondence about these bells, that it seems generally assumed that bell-tuning is a hap-hazard, risky operation, to which a fine peal ought not to be subjected. That might have been true some years ago; and perhaps it is not yet generally known that following up the researches of the late Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth in Sussex, Messrs. Taylor—and for aught I know, other bell-founders too—have devised machinery by which bell-tuning has become an exact and scientific process. Each bell in a peal can now be brought into harmony not only with the others, but with itself, as regards its "fundamental," "nominal," and "hum" notes. I trust that I shall not be considered an interfering outsider, if I suggest that the Painswick authorities should read Canon Simpson's pamphlet "*Why bells sound out of tune!*" and in the light of it reconsider their decision not to avail themselves of the improvements by which bell-tuning can now be, as I have said, exactly and scientifically carried out.

T. L. PAPILLON,

Master of the Essex Association.

MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO THE REV. H. DRAKE.

SIR,—Since writing last I have obtained a "Glossary," and on perusing the same I have come to the conclusion that the Rev. H. Drake and I had better call a truce, as I find that in the Glossary neither the definitions that I have used, nor those that Mr. Drake would use are given, and if the Glossary is to be our future guide (as it deserves to be), it would be well to accept the definitions given in same, even if we do not altogether agree with them.

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—In the Glossary "adjoining" is used to describe places made together by two bells occupying two rows, and "contiguous" is used to describe two places made by a single bell occupying four rows.

SOME CORRECTIONS—AND THE GLOSSARY.

SIR,—Owing probably to my bad writing in my letter on the Painswick bells—I wrote it at intervals while cycling about the country, and in the tower while ringing was going on,—several words have got slightly altered. The most important is "top-note" for "tap-note." The former looked as if I were referring to the "nominal" or the highest of the three octave-notes heard when a bell is struck. This is the one tuned by Continental bell founders; but English ears are accustomed to listening for the "fundamental" or "tap-note,"—the middle octave; and it was this we noted as being so far out of tune with the "hum" or after-note.

"Near" Loughborough—"Sarasate"—and "knows not why" are more obvious corrections in the same column.

During the last three days I have carefully read through the Glossary, now in the hands, I suppose, of all your readers. And although the pages are well marked with ms. notes, etc., already, I could not help marvelling as I read every one of its ninety-six pages, at the amount of accurate and valuable information that has been found room for. I had been expecting so much from it, I was afraid I should be disappointed; but the reality far exceeds my expectations. There is certainly as much information in this book as in any five shilling scientific book I know of, and this book is to be obtained for fivepence or even less. Moreover it is well-written, and this is not always the case with more costly books. The descriptions of methods in the Appendix are remarkable for their clearness and conciseness, and especially those of Surprise and other Treble Bob methods. I notice that on page 10 "lead" and "behind" are excepted from the positions in which places can be made. This is more definite than the statement of mine which was challenged in your columns the other day; (but see pp. 49 and 66). Also I notice on p. 52. that "adjoining places" are those made in

juxtaposition at the same time by two bells, and "contiguous" those in succession by the same bell. This disposes of another controversy. Though, if this definition is still open to criticism, I should be inclined to say these terms are not sufficiently differentiated; it is difficult to remember which is which. If it be not too late for suggestions, and "consecutive" and "adjacent" are ruled out, as having being used in contrary senses, I would propose Mr. Jingle's "concurrent" for places made at the same time; and "successive" for those made in succession. The latter is naturally suggested by the above definition.

I have always had an idea that the origin Mr. Daniell conjectures for Stedman was the true one; and I am glad to see there is good ground for believing it to be so.

Verwood.

H. DRAKE.

EXPLANATORY.

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me to point out that part of my article in your last issue has got wrong in its work, and I find it making a "place" "adjacent" to that to which it is not properly "consecutive"? The first three lines of the first column of page 218 have no business there at all; they should follow the third line of the second column of the preceding page. Probably most of those who have read the whole will have found this out, but any one who has not spotted it will think that in "places" I have not been always "continuous."

R. A. DANIELL.

THE YOUNGEST RINGER.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Lawrence re youngest ringer, I beg to state my son James R. Mackman when eleven years old (1886), rang three peals of Grandsire Doubles and 336 of Triples. At the age of twelve a 720 Plain Bob, a quarter-peal of Triples, and a 336 of Grandsire Triples on the 2nd.

R. MACKMAN.

SIR,—With regard to the correspondence about the youngest ringer, I should like to say that when I was ten years I rang my first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. At eleven I could ring Stedman, and rang my first peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell at 13.

E. BARNETT, JUN.

ANOTHER CLAIM.

SIR,—Seeing in last week's of "THE BELL NEWS" a claim by the Hatfield College Youths of having rang the first muffled peal for the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, I beg to claim for the Tenterden branch of the Kent County Association (with the assistance of Mr. H. Barton, of Deal), the honour of having rung the first peal in honour of the Accession of His Majesty King Edward VII. to the throne, Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples being rung at Tenterden on Monday, February 4th, 1901, conducted by Harry Barton, and duly published in "BELL NEWS."

C. TRIBE.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, FROME, SOMERSET.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space to sincerely thank C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., Mr. Tomkins, and all the other gentlemen at our annual meeting on Saturday, August 24th, who kindly towards the fund for our afflicted brother-ringer, J. Witchell. I have since then to acknowledge a donation of 2s. 6d. from Mr. J. Sully through our respected Master. The loss of a leg is a serious matter, and if this should meet the eye of any member of the Exercise who would care to contribute a trifle, it will be thankfully received by me as above on his behalf up till September 28th.

F. PRESCOTT.

MAISEMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 12th, 720 Bob Minor. A. C. Brunston conductor, 1; G. Condict, jun., 2; R. A. Judd, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; T. Newman, 5; W. T. Pegler, 6. Also four 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, conducted by B. Etheridge.

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Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—Mr. James's illustrations of his theory, as given in your last issue, fail him entirely, and if he has no better examples for support, the whole of his argument is worthless.

MINIMUS is an even bell method, the foundation of the Plain Bob system, and is built upon the plain hunt principle. In this method *adjoining* places are made next the treble when at full lead.

GRANDSIRE is an odd bell method, and is the foundation of the twin hunt system built upon the plain hunt *principle* also, and in which method thirds is the only place allowed to be made.

Everybody knows the dodging of Plain Bob is done when treble is at full lead, while the old way to ring Grandsire is to listen or watch for the treble to lead and then dodge, and if Mr. James will continue to confound one method with the other, well Sir, all I hope is that he will find no one to follow him or believe what he says. Why, Sir, by such an argument as he uses, all methods would be alike, and the same rule apply to each.

He also makes a very erroneous statement in saying Group V. is the simplest, and upon which all others are founded. Now I don't like to say this is sheer nonsense, but Sir, the fact remains! and as a practical illustration, ask any ringer who has accomplished Grandsire to try and ring Stedman or Treble Bob without first learning the method, and see how he gets on.

In reference to the term *Grandsire Bob* used by Mr. James, may I ask him to turn to page 25, *Clavis Campanalogia*, and see what the *critical* part of the Exercise there say! viz.: Bob Minor, &c.

I for one am obliged to Mr. R. A. Daniell for his articles upon Stedman, which throw good light upon the subject. I have not yet seen this *Campanalogia* of 1677. Now upon the question of why and wherefore, the method invented by Mr. Stedman and published in this work, has been known as Stedman's Principle. I have a rather different view to that expressed by Mr. Daniell. Now *Tintinologia* was first published by Stedman, I believe, in 1668, and here it is we first find *Grandsire*, the best of methods I suppose up to date, and built upon the *hunt* principle or plan. Now our old friend Stedman may or may not have designed *Grandsire*, but as the old plan of hunts was not of his design he could not say this method was upon his or a new principle. So like a true Briton he again goes to work and invented a new method upon another plan without a hunt bell, and thus earned the honour of entitling the work as built upon his principle, and clearly proving that another principle already existed.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—The value of a term consists in its ability to convey an idea to and from those who use it.

Mr. James admits that the terms "method" and "principle" at present mean something different from what he means by them.

The majority of evidence seems to show that the terms never meant what Mr. James means by them.

Therefore the probability is that many who read any statement containing these terms will have a different idea conveyed to them from what is intended.

This is the case against Mr. James' terms. The rest of his letters for the most part I fully agree with.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SIR,—I beg to differ from Mr. James in his remarks on Plain Bob and Grandsire. Why not compare them as they are generally rung, not the reverse way?

Mr. James says "it is evident that given any method on six bells, you can increase it to seven by adding a bell in the hunt." Take Bob Minor, and add a bell in the hunt; the working of the bells is the same till a bob or single is made. Then what becomes of the bell in the hunt? And again, bobs and singles in Bob Minor are not anything like Grandsire.

I think we all know that (using the late J. W. Snowdon's

words), the peculiarity of the Grandsire method is—"during the interval between any two calls one bell has a plain hunt with the treble," and this is certainly not found in Plain Bob.

W. R. WARNER.

Obituary.

BENJAMIN CHARLES PRATCHETT.

We regret to announce the death on the 22nd inst. of the above Hendon ringer, at the age of thirty-five years, after a long and painful illness. He was for several years a member of St. Mary's, Hendon, and was buried in the churchyard on Wednesday, the 28th ult., his brother-ringers carrying him to the grave, assisted by two friends of the deceased. As a last tribute of respect to his memory the bells of St. Mary's were half-muffled in the evening, when the whole pull and stand was rung, also a 240 Plain Bob, one of deceased's favourite methods. Mr. King, the Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex County Association, attended the funeral, and also assisted in the ringing. A muffled peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, August 24th, by members of the Royal Cumberlands, deceased being a member of that society. He had rung nineteen peals, of which two at least were notable peals, one being the only peal rung on handbells by the late George Newson. Also on January 14th, a peal of Bob Major at St. Albans Cathedral, being the first in the method on the bells for over for over 100 years.

WILLIAM BIRKS.

It is with deep regret that we have record the death of one of our most respected ringers of Wath-upon-Dearn, Yorkshire. Mr. Birks passed away on Tuesday, September 3rd, in his seventy-fifth year, and was interred at Wath-upon-Dearn cemetery on September 5th. The deceased, who had a unbroken record of fifty-two years' ringing at Wath parish church, gave up as a regular ringer nearly six years ago, but was always pleased to go when any strangers was here to have a pull with them, his favourite bell of late years being the tenor. The deceased kept no record of his ringing, but in his younger days they often used to ring a 5040 on a practice night, and on one occasion the old company made up their minds to break the record of 15,120 which was rang at Wath on February 27th, 1816. They practised the methods in 120 and 240, and started with 360, and one night they had got to the seventeenth 360, when some one wanted the conductor, and not making them stop by rattling the door, climbed up and got through the window and broke them down, which finished the attempt. To show our respect to Mr. Birks six members of the Yorkshire Association met on Thursday, September 5th, and rang with the bells muffled 720 Oxford, 240 Violet, and 120 New London Pleasure; and with the bells half-muffled, 240 London Scholars' Pleasure. S. Woodcock, A. Crossman, W. Woodcock (conductor), W. Allwood, R. J. Ricketts, W. Morris.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.—The annual outing of the above Society took place on August 26th, when London was visited for the third year in succession. Through the kindness of Mr. Winney, the bells of Christ Church, Spitalfields, St. Dunstan, Stepney, and St. Augustine, Kilburn, were at the disposal of the members during the morning. Kilburn, with its Belgian bells, was a decided novelty; the little bells, with their erratic clappers, requiring some careful handling. The remainder of the day was spent at Earls Court, with its manifold attractions. The ringers wish to thank Messrs. Winney and Brighton for their great kindness, and the Rector of Christ Church, Spitalfields, for his hospitality.

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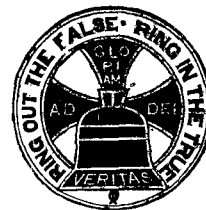
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1901.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Bishops Stortford on Saturday last, September the 7th, for the purpose of electing a Master and Secretary for the north-western division of the county. Thirty-six members attended, the Master of the Association (Rev. T. L. Papillon) in the chair; the Hon. Secretary (Rev. H. T. Eyre) being also present. The new Vicar of Stansted (a well-known six-bell ringing centre), the Rev. G. H. Oakshott, was appointed Master, and Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, Secretary for the division. Before and after the meeting touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, and Treble Bob Royal were rung.

The new arrangement, by which the county is divided into four districts, each with a local Master and Secretary, will come into force in 1902.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at South Normanton on Saturday, September 7th, members being present from Bolsover, Clay Cross, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Pleasley, Shirland, North Wingfield, and Mr. Brown from Spalding.

A splendid tea was provided by the Rector (Rev. J. H. Lewis), to which nearly thirty sat down. Although the Rector was unable to be present, he wrote welcoming the Association to South Normanton, and expressing regret at being absent from home.

After tea the meeting was held, the Rev. J. Evans being unanimously voted to the chair.

The minutes being read and confirmed, votes of thanks were passed thanking the Rector for entertaining the members to tea, also for the use of the room and bells for the day. The ladies who presided at the tables were also thanked for their kind services.

The chairman then gave a very instructive address, which was listened to with rapt attention by all present, and it is much to be wished the useful advice he gave will not all fall to the ground unfruitful.

Mr. Evans was heartily thanked for his address and for presiding, which he duly acknowledged. After a few remarks from Mr. Brown the ringers wended their way to the tower. The bells were kept merrily going till nearly 10 p.m. It is much to be wished these grand old bells were put in proper tune and repair, and if possible another treble added to make six. The tenor weighs about 11 cwt., and goes as heavy as a 30 cwt. bell in good order.

A most enjoyable day was spent by all. The best thanks of the Association are due to the local ringers for making all feel at home and welcome.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5097 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD* .. 3.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 8.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
HERBERT LANGDON 5.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal of Stedman,

The Provinces.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES L. ROBINSON .. Treble.	WILLIAM GORDON 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	SAM RUTTER 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. 3.	FRED HOLT 7.
WILLIAM LOWRY 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Wm. Marshall, a member of the local band, to Miss M. J. Gaunt. The conductor belongs to the Pendleton company; Gordon to Stockport; Barnes to Reddish; the rest are local men.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, September 7, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

DAVID ELLIOTT Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
THOMAS CRANFIELD† .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
GEORGE HUMM 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
EDWARD HAYWARD 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

†First peal.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 6, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK STILL .. Treble.	RICHARD PELLING 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	ARTHUR GODLEY 6.
JAMES MAYNARD 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	JOHN THORPE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Benjamin C. Pratchett.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1901, 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 21 cwt.

ALBERT E. REEVES .. Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	WILLIAM HORNE 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES W. WILKINS 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT IMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON† .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ARTHUR R. JACOB 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE HOWSE .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	*ALBERT REED 6.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
HERBERT RANN 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, is a reduced variation of a 5376 by G. Lindoff, without the 2nd in 5-6.

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BLETSOE, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, September 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***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 about 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BIRD Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, September 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
HERBERT RANN 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	WILLIAM H. JENNER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells; also the conductor's 500th peal, a list of which will appear next week.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, September 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CATHEDRAL,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. ENGLAND Treble.	J. T. EASON 5.
T. L. MOORHOUSE 2.	ALBERT SCOTT 5.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 3.	F. MOORHOUSE 7.
THOS. HY. ORMOND 4.	W. PEAKER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of the treble and tenor, who were proposed members of the Association the day previous.

Date Touches.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SOMERLEYTON (Suffolk).—On August 15th, a date touch of Minor, consisting of 720 Kent, 720 Oxford, and 471 Bob Minor. D. Hayward, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Richards, 4; A. Jacob, 5; C. Jackson conductor, 6. This visit was arranged for Messrs. Jackson and Jacob and will not only be remembered by the ringers, but also by many of the inhabitants for the happy moments spent during the evening.

Miscellaneous.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes. H. Meakin, 1; T. Marshall conductor, 2; J. W. Bayley, 3; J. Barlow, 4; J. A. Gordon, 5; J. Hankinson, 6; A. S. Gordon, 7; W. Gordon, 8; E. Reader conductor, 9; J. W. Bailey, 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and belong to St. George's, Stockport, the rest are local men.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On August 10th, for service 575 Grandsire Caters. H. Wright, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; D. Hayward, 4; W. Secrett, 5; G. Read, 6; C. Jackson conductor, 7; J. Matthews, 8; A. Jacob, 9; F. Pestell, 10. On August 20th, for practice, 1080 Bob Royal. H. Wright, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Blyth, 4; D. Hayward conductor, 5; W. Secrett, 6; G. Read, 7; W. H. Inglesant, 8; G. Orford, 9; A. Jacob, 10.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—On August 18th, after evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Fuller, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; W. H. Inglesant, 3; R. Christian, 4; D. Hayward, 5; A. Jacob conductor, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Jacob, 1; W. H. Inglesant conductor, 2; R. Christian, 3; A. Fuller, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; D. Hayward, 6.

WINTERTON (Norfolk).—After practice, Messrs. Jacob and Inglesant having expressed a desire to see and hear the bells at Winterton with their patent clappers, 1.45 p.m. to-morrow was the order from Boss Hayward, Beach station, but on arriving at the belfry we found only five ropes for six bells, but we soon found the missing link and the bells set going to the tune of Bob Minor and Grandsire. C. Harding, 1; W. Empson, 2; R. Christian, 3; D. Hayward, 4; A. Jacob, 5; W. H. Inglesant, 6. A. Jacob hails from London, W. H. Inglesant from Loughborough.

SPROUGHTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 23rd, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 26 mins. C. Mee conductor, 1; G. W. Mee, 2; H. Borrett, 3; F. Mee, 4; A. G. Rivers, 5; F. Borrett, 6. First 720 by H. and F. Borrett. Also 720 Plain Bob. W. Brown, 1; H. Mee, 2; F. Borrett, 3; H. Borrett, 4; H. English, 5; F. Mee conductor, 6. On Sunday, June 30th, for service, nine plain courses in the following methods: Superlative Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons conductor, 6. On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean conductor, 6. On Wednesday, June 5th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons conductor, 6. On Sunday, June 9th, for morning service, 360 Violet, standing as above. On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure, standing as before. On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 360 Oxford. G. Siddons, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer conductor, 3; J. Mason, 4; H. Dean, 5; F. Dean, 6. Also for afternoon service, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Siddons, 1; W. Rigby, 2; G. Buckley, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; A. Archer conductor, 6. W. Digby hails from Lawson, Cheshire.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLMARSH. —On Saturday, June 29th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Greaves, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Shaw, 3; S. Robinson conductor, 4; G. Marsden, 5; W. Collins, 6. Also 720 Duke of York. W. Collier, 1; C. Fowler, 2; W. Price, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. P. Tarlton conductor, 6.

ECKINGTON. —On Sunday, June 30th, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Oates, 1; J. Atkin, 2; W. Bugar, 3; F. Bugar conductor, 4; G. T. Sarel, 5; W. Biggin, 6; J. Allen, 7; G. Butcher, 8. Also 640 Treble Bob Major. A. Slater, 1; H. Madin, 2; E. James, 3; H. Mottershall, 4; A. Worthington, 5; W. Worthington, 6; T. Smedley, 7; A. Knights conductor, 8. Also a touch of Stedman Triples, the first on the bells. W. Bugar, 1; F. Bugar conductor, 2; J. Atkins, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; G. T. Sarel, 5; W. Mulligan, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Allen, 8. It being Feast Sunday at Eckington twenty-seven ringers paid a visit from the following towers; Sheffield, Chesterfield, Norton, Staveley and Killamarsh.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITYCOMBE RALEIGH (Exmouth).—On Tuesday, July 2nd, at the church of St. John, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing 2520 changes, it came to grief. G. Stocker, 1; F. J. Shepherd conductor, 2; J. Snow, 3; F. Murphy, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; H. Burch, 6; A. H. Snow, 7; W. Lowton, 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and tenor are of the Heavitree Society, the rest belong to the local band, and this is their longest length on an inside bell. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr. A. H. Snow for having everything in readiness and kindly entertaining us to supper afterwards.

HEAVITREE (Devonshire).—On July 4th, 336 Bob Major. T. Bartlett, 1; F. Shepherd conductor, 2; J. Ford, 3; W. Burrough, 4; F. J. Shepherd, 5; J. R. Sandover, 6; W. Modgridge, 7; F. Murphy, 8. On a recent Sunday morning, for Divine Service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. T. Bartlett, 1; T. Laver, 2; F. Murphy, 3; J. Ford, 4; W. Modgridge, 5; F. J. Shepherd, 6; J. R. Sandover conductor, 7; W. Nethercott, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On June 15th, at St. Paul's church

120 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Stedman Doubles. On a recent Sunday morning, for service, 120 each Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles. H. Wilson, 1; G. Edwardson, 2; L. Edwardson, 4; J. J. Wilson, 4; E. Edwardson conductor, 5; H. Flood, 6. First by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 6th. First of Stedman Doubles by all, and probably first ever rung in the tower of St. Paul's.

RIBCHESTER (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 29th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Strickland conductor, 1; F. Timbrell, 2; D. Sanderson, 3; R. Sanderson, 4; J. Vogwill, 5; W. Timbrell, 6. Also 360 College Single. R. Dewhurst conductor, 1; W. Timbrell, 2; D. Sanderson, 3; R. Sanderson, 4; — Robinson, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. Rung on the occasion of the branch meeting held here on the above date.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, July 6th, at the church of St. Peter, Walworth, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. G. H. Newman, 1; E. J. Webb, 2; E. H. Oxenham, 3; T. Langdon, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; T. Langdon, 6; H. Langdon conductor, 7; W. R. Crockford, 8. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which was specially arranged to commemorate the 150th anniversary of its first being rung, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWINESHEAD (Lincolnshire).—On December 26th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; W. Woods, 2; E. Houlden, 3; J. Holmes, 4; F. Warrington, 5; H. Nash, 6; T. Woods, 7; W. Dickinson conductor, 8. First Major on the bells.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, December 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples and 784 Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; J. Clark, 7; W. Dickinson conductor, 8. On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; W. Woods, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson conductor, 7; J. Holmes, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, 576 Kent. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Woods, 7; W. Dickinson conductor, 8. On January 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Woods, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; W. Woods, 6; J. Clark conductor, 7; W. W. Houlden, 8. On Sunday, January 13th, 704 Kent. E. Houlden, 1; W. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; F. Warrington, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Holmes, 6; J. Clark, 7; W. Dickinson conductor, 8. On Monday, January 14th, 704 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, 1; W. H. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; T. Woods, 6; W. Woods, 7; W. Dickinson conductor, 8. On Monday, January 21st, 970 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; W. Dickinson conductor, 6; W. Woods, 7; A. Sneath, 8. On January 24th, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Houlden, 1; W. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson conductor, 7; F. Warrington, 8. On January 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Clark, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Woods, 7; W. Dickinson conductor, 8. On Saturday, February 2nd, 420 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Queen Victoria. T. Woods, 1; W. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Clark, 5; J. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson conductor, 7; F. Warrington, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

WOODCHURCH.—On June 11th, for practice, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob. Also 720 Oxford Bob. J. Stanley, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Duckers, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; J. Dillon conductor, 6. First 720 Oxford Bob by all except the conductor. On June 18th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Bennett, 2; E. Phillips, 3; W. Duchess, 3; W. Wilcox conductor, 4; J. Dillon, 5; W. Bennett, 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, June 6th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. L. Brooks, 1; D. Thomas, 2; W. B. Biss conductor, 3; H. V. Wilkins, 4; C. Winfield, 5; H. Brown, 6; G. Hardage, 7; H. Day, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—Recently at the church of St. Mary, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gilmore, a quarter-peal composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." H. Dawson, 1; H. Richell, 2; W. Newman, 3; W. Lily, 4; G. Piper, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Richell, 7; A. Whight, 8. This quarter-peal contains all the different positions of 5-5-7.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 25th, at St. Peter's church, 120 Bob Minor. F. Lowe, 1; M. Smith, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Finedon, 4; J. Church, 5; W. Barker conductor, 6. On the following Thursday 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Robinson, 1; C. Chasty, 2; M. Smith, 3; W. Stapleton, 4; W. Finedon, 5; S. Smith, 6. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Doubles. J. Perkins, 1; A. Robinson, 2; W. Finedon, 3; M. Smith, 4; W. Stapleton, 5-6. A course of Bob Doubles. W. Stapleton, 1; M. Smith, 2; A. Robinson, 3; C. Chasty, 4; W. Finedon, 5; S. Smith, 6. On Sunday, September 1st, a plain course of Oxford Bob Minor. F. Keech, 1; M. Smith, 2; F. Lowe, 3; W. Stapleton, 4; W. Finedon, 5; A. Robinson, 6. A plain course of Bob Minor, standing as before. On the following Tuesday 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Perkins, 1; M. Smith, 2; W. Finedon, 3; W. Stapleton, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5-6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TOWCESTER (Northants).—On Saturday, June 21st, at the church of St. Lawrence, 720 Bob Minor. W. Rogers, 1; F. Hopper conductor, 2; A. Stewart, 3; A. Moore, 4; E. Haxley, 5; F. Wilford, 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob. E. Haxley, 1; F. Hopper, 2; A. Stewart, 3; A. Moore, 4; F. Wilford, 5; W. Fairey, 6. And another 720 Bob Minor. S. Lawrence, first 720, 1; A. Stewart, 2; F. Hopper, 3; W. Rogers, 4; E. Haxley, 5; F. Wilford conductor, 6.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, June 18th, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, at the church of St. Mary Without the Walls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Alfred Willcox, 1; John Sconce, 2; William Sconce, 3; Arthur L. Prince composer and conductor, 4; James Moulton, 5; William Moulton, 6; Gilbert Gerrard, 7; John Tomlinson, 8.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Thursday, August 15th, at All Saints' church, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Spencer Hogg to Miss Brada Hutton, 720 College Single. J. W. Lett, 1; J. Lovell, 2; F. Mynard, 3; W. Mynard, 4; W. Freeman (conductor), 5; H. Lett, 6. A 720 Oxford Bob. C. H. Lett, 1; J. W. Lett, 2; F. Myers, 3; W. Mynard, 4; J. Lovell, 5; W. Freeman conductor, 6. A 720 Bob Minor. W. Freeman conductor, 1; J. W. Lett, 2; F. Mynard, 3; H. Lett, 4; J. Lovell, 5; F. W. Booth, first 720 with a bob bell, 6. A 360 Bob Minor. F. W. Booth, 1; J. W. Lett, 2; F. Mynard, 3; H. Lett, 4; W. Freeman, 5; J. Lovell conductor, 6. Another 360 Bob Minor. H. Lett, 1; W. Mynard, 2; J. Lovell, 3; F. W. Booth, 4; W. Freeman conductor, 5; F. Mynard, 6. On Friday evening the ringers were entertained at supper by Mr. Hutton, father of the bride, wishing the bride and bridegroom long life and happiness.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 1008 Bob Major. F. Cope, jun., 1; A. Bowler, 2; T. Meredith, 3; W. Dempster, 4; H. Meacham, 5; P. W. Davies, 6; L. Bullock, 7; F. Cope, sen., (conductor), 8. Messrs. Bullock and Meredith hail respectively from Burton-on-Trent and Barton-under-Needwood.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, July 7th, at St. Edward's church, one of the Editor's 1-peals of Grandsire Triples. W. Watson, 1; G. Roughton, 2; W. Pye, 3; H. Catterwell first quarter-peal, 4; H. F. Dawkins first quarter-peal as conductor, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; E. Pye, 7; R. Vyse, 8.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 7th, at the church of St. Thomas 720 Plain Bob Minor, Holt's Original. A. Beavan, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; W. Short, 3; J. Bass, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; J. Pagett conductor, 6. W. Short hails from Birmingham, J. Pagett from Kidderminster.

WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Friday, evening, July 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Humberstone conductor, 1; R. Roe, 2; J. W. Sampson, 3; J. Rawlinson, 4; A. Ladkin, 5; H. Vann, 6. Also on Sunday evening, July 7th, after Divine Service, 600 in the same method. T. Humberstone conductor, 1; J. Wilson, 2; J. W. Sampson, 3; R. Roe, 4; A. Ladkin, 5; H. Vann, 6. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Rev. H. J. Mason, late Vicar of Wigston.

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ST. GILES, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

On Tuesday, September 2nd, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the above church, when the Mayor (Alderman R. B. Mellard), unveiled in the presence of a large gathering of ringers of the Stoke Archdiaconal Association, two peal boards recording a peal of Stedman Triples and a peal of Grandsire Triples. Supporting the Mayor were the Rector of Newcastle, the Rev. W. H. Redknapp, the Rev. W. R. Cole, Alderman T. P. Heath, J.P., Mr. H. Stone, Mr. Skerrett, &c.

The Mayor, in performing the ceremony, referred to the bells having been rehung by Mr. E. Turner, who had also recently had the chimes improved at considerable cost, and regretted that Mr. Turner was unable to be present. He had much pleasure in unveiling the two tablets, and hoped that those who would follow the present ringers would endeavour to emulate the successful efforts that were recorded upon them. His Worship then withdrew the veils amid applause. The inscription on the peal boards are as follows:—

"STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—ST. GILES, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.—On Thursday, April 18th, 1901, the ringers of St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, rang Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., the first peal in this method on these bells. Conducted by H. Page. Performers—S. Churton, *Treble*; T. Allen, 2; J. Steele, 3; A. Clowes, 4; J. B. Beardmore, 5; T. Mountford, 6; H. Page, 7; T. Rose, *Tenor*. Rev. W. H. Redknapp, *Rector*; F. Allen, W. F. Rennell, *Churchwardens*."

"STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—ST. GILES, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.—On Tuesday, February 19th, 1901, the ringers of St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes in 3 hrs. and 4 mins. Performers—T. Allen, *Treble*; S. Churton, 2; J. Steele, 3; A. Clowes, 4; T. Mountford, 5; T. Austin, 6; H. Page, 7; J. Tittleton, *Tenor*. Conducted by S. Churton. Rev. W. H. Redknapp, *Rector*; F. Allen, W. F. Rennell, *Churchwardens*."

Mr. Page, who replied, in the course of his remarks, thanked his Worship the Mayor for so kindly coming amongst them that evening. They were well aware that a gentleman in the position of Mayor would have a great number of calls on his time, and therefore they (the ringers) felt that a great honour had been bestowed upon them. He should also like to thank Mr. Stone, who had so kindly given the board for the peal of Stedman. They made an attempt for the peal a fortnight previous to its being rung, and after ringing about an hour and a half they unfortunately broke down. Being in the company of Mr. Stone during the same evening, that gentleman kindly promised them that as soon as the peal was rung he would be most happy to give a board for it. So a fortnight later another attempt was made for the peal, which was successfully accomplished. Mr. Stone had kindly fulfilled his promise as the board hanging up fully testified. As regards the board for the peal of Grandsire that was a matter between the ringers themselves, and they thought it would be as well to have that unveiled at the same time so as to kill two birds with one stone. He hoped that when ringers from other towers came up and saw those boards it would be an inducement for them to go and do likewise, and he trusted that they would be as fortunate as what they, the Stoke ringers, had been, and would have some kind gentleman come forward and present them with a board, and that they would also have the honour of having a Mayor to unveil it.

Mr. Stone, in reply, said he was very pleased indeed to present the board, for though he was not a ringer himself

he was very fond of bells and liked to listen to them, and it had given him great pleasure to do what he had done, and he was very glad the ringers had succeeded in accomplishing the peal.

After some remarks from the rector, Mr. S. Kerrett proposed, and Mr. Riley seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Mayor for his kindness in coming amongst them that evening, which was heartily given.

After a course of Stedman Triples had been rung and a touch of Grandsire Triples, the ringers being the same who had rung in the peals, an adjournment was made to the Central Hotel, where a good dinner had been provided by the host (Mr. Stone), when 21 sat down, and after being liberally responded to a convivial evening was spent, songs being the order of the day, the chair being taken by Mr. Page. The Mayor being unable to come to the supper dropped in later in the evening, accompanied by Alderman Heath, J.P.

At the close of the proceedings, a vote of thanks having been accorded to Mr. Stone for the capital dinner he had provided, Mr. S. Kerrett rose and said he should like to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor and also to Alderman Heath for their presence amongst them. It was needless to say they were very glad to have them in their company, and trusted the Mayor would stand in the same capacity as he now stood for the ensuing year.

Mr. Churton, in seconding this proposition, said he should like to say a few words as regards the tower and bells of Newcastle. He assured the Mayor and Alderman Heath that the tower was the finest in the county and would very comfortably hold twelve bells, and he hoped the Mayor would use his influence to have either 2 or 4 bells added to the existing eight as a memorial of the coronation which is to take place next year.

The Mayor, in reply, said he was greatly obliged to them for the reception accorded him. It had given him great pleasure to be amongst them, and as regards the extra bells spoken about by Mr. Churton he would not fail to bear it in mind. Alderman Heath also having spoken a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the company singing "God Save the King."

THE EDMONTON SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 31st, the members of the above society journeyed by brake to Hunsdon, Herts. Leaving Edmonton at one o'clock, Hunsdon was reached at 4 p.m., and having put up at The Turkey Cock, a move was made for the tower of St. Dunstan, where Stedman Triples and Treble Bob was successfully brought round. At 6.30 a move was made for The Turkey Cock, where justice was done to a good meat tea, after which they made another move to the tower and were met by the Vicar, and after a pleasant chat the party returned homeward having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Monday, March 11th, at the parish church, for Confirmation Service, the following touches were rung: 168 Stedman Triples, 448 Double Norwich Major, and 608 Superlative Surprise. For practice on Friday, March 15th, two courses of London Surprise Major. The ringers taking part were Messrs. Alcock, Blakiston, Carter, Hall, Jones, Kidd, Metcalfe, McFarlane, Passman, Rudd and Titchener.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above-named society will be held to-day, Saturday, September 14th, at Tong. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. **WALTER IDLE, Sec.**
47, *Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Reddish, to-day, Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at White Waltham, to-day, Saturday, September 14th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. The bells of Shottesbrook church will also be open for ringing. **W. E. YATES, Branch Sec.**

The Royal Cumberland Society.—On Friday, September 20th, the election of officers of this Society will take place at head-quarters, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. **A. JACOB.**
10, *St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.*

The Yorkshire Association.—By kind invitation of our local branch, the next general meeting will be held at Hull, on Saturday, September 21st, for which the following arrangements have been made: The headquarters for the day will be the Old Corn Exchange, North Church Side. By kind permission of the respective Vicars, the following rings will be at the disposal of members: Holy Trinity (10), St. James (8), All Saints (8), St. Marys (6), St. Mary's, Cottingham (8). Cottingham is situate about four miles from Hull, to which there is a good train service. The official committee will meet for the transaction of Association business in the Vicar's room at the Old Grammar School. Tea will be served in the Old Grammar School at 5 o'clock to those who have sent intimation to Mr. J. W. Stickney, 111, Waverley Street, Hull, so as to reach him not later than Tuesday, September 17th, for which the usual charge of sixpence will be made, according to rule. The business meeting will follow immediately after tea.

The Middlesex County Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Hillingdon (Uxbridge), on Saturday, September 21st. The bells of St. John's church as well as those of St. Andrew's will be available from 2 p.m., and if desired, a peal could be rung at St. Andrew's, commencing at 11 a.m. There will be a service in St. Andrew's church, at 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the parish room. A substantial tea will be provided for members and their friends at 1s. 6d. a head. The Hon. Secs. hope that members will make a special effort to attend this meeting, giving them early notice of their intention in order that proper provision may be made. **C. EDWARDS, } Hon. Secs.**
ARTHUR T. KING, }

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bollington, on Saturday, September 21st. Tea at 5 p.m. **J. NORBURY, Sec.**

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Dursley, on Saturday, September 21st. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. Cheap train from

Bristol (Temple Meads), leaving 2.37 p.m., fare 1s. 9d. return. **C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.**

The Waterloo Society, London.—Members are urgently requested to attend a special meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 25th, for the purpose of discussing the proposed removal of the society's headquarters to St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton. **F. J. SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec.**
29, *Warner Road, Camberwell, S.E.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th inst., and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th. Copies of the Glossary may be had by members of the Society at 3d. each, and by non-members at 5d. each post free, on application to **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
"Frodingham," *Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.*

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Hartlebury, on Saturday, September 28th. The Rev. D. Robertson, vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Glossary will be ready for distribution to members at this meeting. **JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.**
36, *Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frome, on Saturday, September 28th. Particulars later. **A. I. W. ILES, Hon. Sec.**

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at S. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at The New Inn, at 7 p.m. **J. W. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.**
5, *Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Aberdare, on Saturday, September 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Bells available after mid-day. **C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.**
J. H. ALDRIDGE, Ass. Hon. Sec.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The general half-yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough, on Saturday, September 28th. The parish church tower will be open for ringing. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.

GEO. CHESTER, Branch Secretary.
Granville House, Carlisle Road, Lincoln.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Blackpool, on Saturday, September 28th. Tea will be provided in St. John's parish school for those members who send in their names to Mr. R. Clitheroe, 94, Raikes Road, Blackpool. Other particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, J. WILSON, J. SHEPHERD, Secretaries.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Richmond, Yorkshire, on Saturday, October 5th. Tea, 9d each to members, at 4.30 in the parish church room, Dundas-street. Members intending to be present, kindly inform the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 1st. **REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Stokesley, R.S.O. Hon. Sec. and Treas.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Copies of the "Glossary of Technical Terms," put forth by the Central Council, can be obtained by Guild members from Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, price 2d., or with postage 3d.

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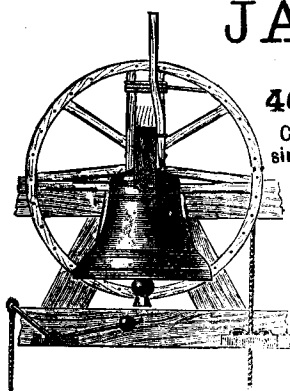
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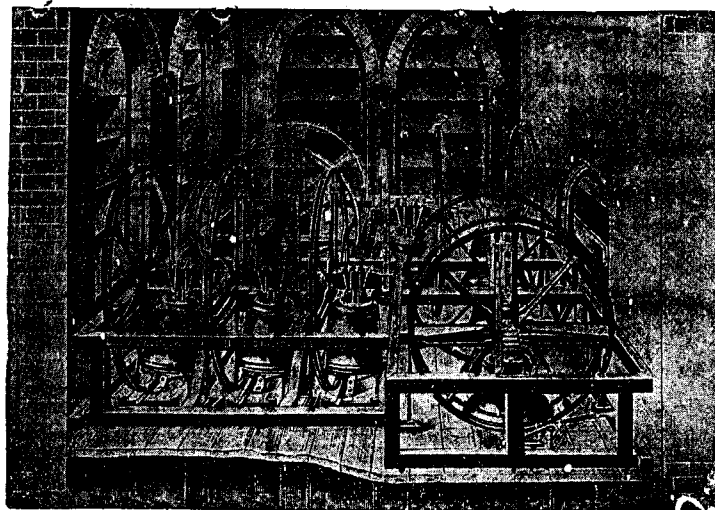
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ALBRIGHTON, NEAR WOLVERHAMPTON.

The ring of six bells at the parish church having been fitted with a new frame, two bells recast, and all fitted with new iron stocks, re-tuned and rehung by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, the whole work was consummated by services of thanksgiving on Sunday, August 18th, being the eleventh Sunday after Trinity. On the previous day before the workmen left a new Royal Standard was run up on the top of the tower marking the conclusion of the work.

The men who had restored the bells, being themselves well-known change-ringers, invited a party of their friends to ring on the opening day, and the following are the names of those who handled the ropes on that occasion: Messrs. W. H. Godden (Handsworth), C. H. Watts (Birmingham), R. Cartwright, J. Bate, and H. Sadler (Wombourn), E. Bingham, and J. Bradney (Shifnal), J. Jagger (Smethwick), A. Roberts, H. Knights, and J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton).

Shortly after ten o'clock the Vicar ascended the belfry, and as the ringers stood round, rope in hand, prayers were offered that the Divine blessing may attend upon the work now so successfully completed. The men then went at it with a will. They rang again after service, also during the afternoon, and again before and after evensong. During the day the following touches were successfully brought round: 720, 360 and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor: 720 and 336 Bob Minor; three 120s of Stedman Doubles; and four 120s of Grandsire Doubles.

Both services began with a processional, that in the morning being "When morning gilds the skies," and in the evening "All people that on earth do dwell." The Vicar preached about church bells at both services, taking as his texts Psalm xix. 3—"There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them;" and "One thing is needful," the narrative of Mary leaving earthly cares to sit at the feet of Jesus, forming the Gospel in an ancient office for the benediction of bells.

An excellent dinner and tea provided for the company at The Crown hotel was well looked after, the chair being occupied by Mr. R. Cartwright, and the vice-chair by Mr. J. Bradney. The ringers unanimously expressed their great satisfaction at the manner in which the work had been carried out, and most heartily congratulated Messrs. W. H. Godden, C. H. Watts, and J. E. Groves on the excellent result obtained. They all also expressed a wish that they may have the pleasure of ringing again at Albrighton on many future occasions, at the same time universal regret was felt that the number of bells had not been augmented to a ring of eight, especially as two extra pits are provided in the new frame for that purpose. Let us all hope the two extra bells will soon be forthcoming.

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NEW BELLS AT RIPLEY CHURCH, DERBY.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Bishop of Derby dedicated the three new bells, thus making a fine ring of eight for the Ripley parish church. It was decided at the Easter vestry that if the ringers defrayed the cost of one bell the Vestry would endeavour to place two others. Shortly afterwards, the Vicar's Warden, Mr. A. Leslie Wright and Mrs. Wright, came forward and promised to defray the entire cost of two bells. The ringers, headed by their conductor, Mr. H. George, and Hon. Sec. Mr. J. W. G. Pickering, determined to collect subscriptions to defray the expense of a "Queen Victoria Memorial Bell," whilst the cost of repairs and rehangings will be met by public subscription.

At the dedication service there was a large congregation, and the clergy present were; the Right Rev. the Bishop of Derby, Rev. W. E. Bradstock (Vicar), Rev. F. E. Hooper, Vicar of Dronville, Rev. W. E. Rouse, Vicar of Derwent Woodlands, Rev. G. Irvine, curate-in-charge. At the conclusion of the second hymn, the clergy, churchwardens (Messrs. A. Leslie Wright and Jas. Crossley), processioned to the galleries where the Bishop read the dedicatory service.

Immediately at the conclusion of the dedicatory service, Mr. Leslie Wright, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Crossley, each pulled off one of the new bells, when the ringers gave a touch of Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Knight of Chesterfield, standing as follows: W. Fox (Wirksworth), H. F. Ward (Derby), E. D. Taylor (Loughborough), B. Sugden (Duffield), A. Knights (Chesterfield), H. George (Ripley), J. George (Rugby), F. Kay (Ripley).

The procession having returned, the Bishop preached from the first words of Psalm cl. verse 1. The Bishop alluded to the two bells so kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. Wright, and also the one given by the ringers. He said the bells were a distinct help to the church, and to the service of God, and were just as requisite to the worship of God as the choir. So they dedicated the bells to God's service that day and hoped their music would call many a heart to worship and speak to them through their tones.

At the of the service 224 Bob Major was rung. W. Fox, H. Ward, W. Wallace, B. Sugden, E. Taylor, H. George, A. Knights, J. George (conductor). After service the ringers and their friends adjourned to a tea generously given by the churchwardens. In the evening 1344 Kent Treble Bob was rung, conducted by A. Knights, of Chesterfield. A. H. Ward, A. Knights, W. E. White, B. Sugden, W. Wallace, H. George, J. Pagett, J. George. Also 144 Stedman. A. H. Ward (conductor), A. Knights, W. E. White, B. Sugden, E. D. Taylor, J. Pagett, J. George, W. Wallace. And 503 Grandsire. A. H. Ward, A. Knights, E. D. Taylor, W. Fox, G. Oldham, W. E. White, J. George (conductor), J. Pagett. Also 108 Grandsire Triples. — Shardlow, — Day, W. E. White, E. D. Taylor, G. Oldham, W. Fox, J. George (conductor), F. Key.

The three new bells and rehangings and retuning of the old bells were well accomplished by Messrs. Taylor, of

Loughborough, at the cost of £307. It is mainly owing to the enthusiasm of the ringers and their friends in pushing the movement that Ripley church can now boast of such a fine peal of bells.

As the ringers are all working men and deserve every encouragement, subscriptions towards the "Ringers' Bell" will be thankfully accepted by Mr. J. W. G. Pickering, Hon. Secretary, Rose Cottage, Ripley, Derby.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in St. Stephen's church schools, Carlisle, on Saturday last, and was attended by a number of ringers from Aspatria, Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Keswick, and Workington; the Rev. W. R. Burnett accompanying the Keswick men. The chair was taken by the Rev. Nigel Buchanan, Vicar of St. Stephen's. The Secretary's report and statement of accounts, the former of which among other things congratulated the members on the satisfactory financial position of the Association and on the all-round improvement in change-ringing which had taken place during the past twelve months, were read and adopted. The President, the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, was re-elected, as also were the Vice-Presidents, with the addition of the Rev. W. R. Burnett, and the exception of those who had ceased to contribute to the funds. The Secretary, Mr. J. D. Baxter, was re-elected, and the hearty thanks of the meeting was accorded to him for his services in the past. The shield competition was fixed to take place on the Saturday in Easter week at Keswick, the touch to be 720 of Double Court. It was unanimously decided to ask Mr. Chapman, of Salford, to again act as the adjudicator. A medal was chosen from samples produced by the Secretary, and the usual resolution allowing out of the funds half ordinary railway fares or full excursion fares to competing bands was carried. It was proposed that in future practice be allowed on the bells where the competition was fixed to take place any time prior to the competition, but after a deal of discussion this proposition was withdrawn, as a section of the members considered that owing to the great distance between some of the belfries and the place of competition it would be practically impossible for the ringers of those belfries to get any practice, and they would therefore be unfairly handicapped.

Mr. C. L. Routledge, Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, was elected a Life Member.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Workington. This concluded the business meeting, and an adjournment was made to another room where through the kindness of the Vicar the members found a capital tea awaiting them, which they thoroughly enjoyed, and for which they accorded the Vicar their hearty thanks. Before dispersing a few of the members rang several short touches on the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

The usual quarterly meeting of the above was held at Horsham, on Saturday, September 7th, but was not so well attended as was expected, seeing there are several towers near. Those represented were: Angmering, Brighton (St. Nicholas), Crawley, East Grinstead, Heene, Horsham, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, and Midhurst. Also Messrs. C. Allen, Guildford, and W. Short, Warnham, independent

members, and the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Bennett and Evans, numbering sixteen. Owing to the tenor going very badly, not much Major ringing was attempted, the general order being for Grandsire and Stedman Triples. One good touch of Treble Bob, was however, accomplished, the veteran from Crawley (Mr. F. Rice), thought he could manage the tenor for one touch. Tea was held at The Black Horse hotel, at 5.30, Mr. A. B. Bennett presiding, after which the usual business was transacted. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was then suggested that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Steyning. The Secretary was also requested to write to Canon Daniel, and thank him for the use of the bells. The tower was again visited and ringing continued till 8 o'clock.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, August 31st. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. George Gilbanks, the tower and bells (6), were at the disposal of the members, Miss Mabel Gilbanks, daughter of the Vicar, taking part in the ringing of a 720 Bob Minor. The usual service in the church had to be omitted as the church was being restored and renovated. At the business meeting held in the schoolroom the Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the members of the guild. He said he was much pleased to meet them at Wollaston and was very much in favour of such associations; he was sure much good had been brought about by the different bands of ringers throughout the country forming themselves into associations and guilds, and meeting together for social intercourse and mutual improvement. These meetings were the means of bringing the ringers and clergy together, and a better understanding existed between them than in days gone by. His early experience of ringers was different to that of the present day, and he was sure the change for the better was brought about through the agency of the different associations and guilds like the one he was addressing. It was for these reasons he gave a hearty welcome to those present, and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again on some future occasion. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, and explanations were given why peals arranged to be rung during the quarter were not successful. It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Sedgely, on the last Saturday in November. The rev. chairman was unanimously elected an honorary member, after which a vote of thanks to the vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells and schoolroom brought the meeting to a close.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the above guild was held at Pewsey, on Saturday, September 14th. Representatives attended from Devizes, Bromham, All Cannings, Great Bedwyn, and Burbage. Tea was provided at Mr. Thomas Fowler's, High Street, to which about nineteen sat down. After tea Mr. Heginbotham having been voted to the chair, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. J. Crees, of All Cannings, and Mr. Thomas Pike, of Devizes, were elected members. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

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CHURCH BELLS IN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF FURNESS.

A meeting of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Antiquarian and Archæological Society was held recently at Ravenstonedale and Kirkby Stephen. Amongst the sixty-three members and friends present were Sir Edmund Bewley, Dublin, the bishop of Barrow, Judge Steavenson and Mrs. Steavenson, Gelt Hall; Colonel Sewell, Brandlinghyll; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hodgson, Carlisle; Mr. W. G. Collingwood, Coniston; Canon Bower, Carlisle; Rev. C. Boutflower, Terling, Essex; Mr. T. Wilson, Kendal; Mr. J. Gunson, Ulpha; Mr. H. Gaythorpe, Barrow; Mr. W. O. Roper, Lancaster; Rev. A. G. Loftie, Great Salkeld; and others.

Among the papers laid before the society during the two days were: "Bishop Nicholson's Diaries," by the Right Rev. the President; "Church Bells in the Archdeaconry of Furness," by Mr. Harper Gaythorpe, F.S.A. (Scot); "A Note on the Art of Aspatia Cross," and a paper on "The Battle of Stainmore in Legend and History," by Mr. W. G. Collingwood, M.A.

The paper on "Church Bells" opened up a new and most interesting field of investigation and research. In it the author gave the history and a detailed description of the pre-Reformation church bells at Colton, Kirkby Ireleth, and Broughton, of the 18th century at Woodland of the more modern bells at Kirby Ireleth, Broughton, and Seathwaite. A full account was also given of the ancient bell at Kirkby Ireleth, which disappeared so mysteriously about 50 years ago, and an explanation of the grotesque design on it, which was said to have represented the head of a lamb and the body of an ass. The paper was illustrated with photographs of the inscriptions on the bells, taken from plaster casts. An additional feature of interest were the photographs of the ancient bells at Whicham and Broughton, and the 18th-century bell from Lowick, which was recently recast, and now forms part of the new bells at St. Matthew's, Barrow. Rubbings of the inscriptions from the bells referred to were also shown.

KIRKBY STEPHEN, WESTMORELAND.

Readers of this paper may be interested to hear of some old usages in connection with the bells which still continue in the ancient parish of Kirkby Stephen, in Westmoreland. This must be one of the very largest parishes in England, and contains 22,000 acres, with numerous townships, and cottages scattered over its enormous area. Up to the year 1875 the church possessed four bells. At that time a new tenor was added, and the ring augmented to eight. On Sundays after the morning service the 6th bell is rung, and is called the "kail" bell. This was probably the sermon bell rung of old to give notice of a sermon in the afternoon, but which has degenerated into a baser use. The ancient uses in connection with death and burial are still more interesting and peculiar. There is, strictly speaking, no passing or death bell, but on the day preceding the burial the bells are said to be "crossed." At 10 a.m., if the death occur in the country, *i.e.* outside of the town, or if the death be in the town, at 3 p.m. three strokes are given on each bell from the 4th to the 7th (this is a continuation of the use upon the old ring of four), and repeated three times. The same number both for male and female, but in the case of a child under twelve, only two strokes instead of three are given. After the bells have been thus "crossed," the tenor is tolled for five minutes. On the day of the funeral the tenor is tolled for five minutes at 10 a.m., and again as soon as the funeral is in sight, and again for a few minutes at the conclusion of the ceremony. These old customs exist I suppose with variations in other parishes, but it would be difficult, I should presume, to trace the origin of the bells being tolled at different hours on the day previous to the funeral.

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Central Council Correspondence.

The following letter arrived too late for publication last week:

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—Mr. Earle Bulwer's letter this week contains a statement about the two words System and Method. Mr. Bulwer begins by telling us that in his opinion Shipway's use of the word System should apply to a group of Methods; he further states that the words Principle and System are in fact more nearly synonymous.

Now, Sir, my whole object is to obtain a definite proper scientific use of these three words, and so Mr. Earle Bulwer and I so far agree; but if Mr. Bulwer will look back to my first letter he will see that I there proved from Shipway's use of the word System that it was synonymous with our word Method. I now refer to the Appendix to the Glossary, and find a new use for the word System; a much better and scientific use, but still a use which does not quite go far enough.

Mr. Bulwer compares the use of System and Method to the use of the words genera and species. I cannot admit the analogy both Botany and Zoology in which these words are used by Biological Sciences and cannot be compared with change-ringing; but there is an analogy and a very good one between these words and the words element and compound as used in Chemistry; but before I go to this analogy let me go back to the word Principle, because some private correspondence I have had with Mr. Trollope has shewn me that the way in which I have used this word has not been thoroughly understood.

Principle is the Latin word principium, a beginning, commencement, origin.

Now Stedman called his System Stedman's Principle, and although Mr. Daniell has tried to show us Stedman's meaning, I am sorry to say that I for one do not now pretend to know what Stedman meant more than the mere meaning of the Latin word, moreover I never relied upon Stedman's authority for my use of the word for I have several times stated that I did not know what he meant, I rely upon the Latin principium.

Mr. Bulwer stated, I think last week, that Shipway did not use the word in a technical sense. Again, I never said that he did, but when Shipway called his system Stedman's Principle, the word immediately became the technical name for a group or class of Systems having certain points in common and every other system having the same points in common with those two (*i.e.* having all these bells doing the same work) ought to be called Principles.

And now for the analogy. All matter consists of atoms, and all atoms are combined to form molecules. Now all matter consists of elementary bodies which are not capable of sub-division. These are the atoms, and they are capable of combining either with other atoms like themselves to form elementary molecules, or with other atoms unlike themselves to form compound molecules.

Now Systems like Stedman, etc. are like these elementary Molecules, systems like Grandsire, etc. are like the Compound Molecules; an element cannot be a compound, so a Principle cannot be a Method. Mr. Dains' letter requires no answer from me as regards Grandsire; the answer appears in front of it in my last letter, but Mr. Dains says that he never received the Draft Reports. He forgets to say that I told him that it was posted to him, so that the post-office is to blame for that. The Report was signed by Mr. J. Carter and accepted by all the members of the Committee before the meeting at Derby except Mr. Dains.

And now let me return to my remarks upon classification, first of all pointing out a misprint in my last letter, which should read groups I. and II. are simply variations, and should be Ia and Ib (not Iib as printed).

Groups III. and IV. are perfectly satisfactory as they stand, but the classification might be carried much further, thus—

All methods are founded upon Principles and classified according to the Principle upon which they are founded.

These Principles at present in use are—

a.—Plain Hunt. Stedman, Forward, Duffield and Mr. Carter's Principle.

b.—Treble Bob Hunt, Alliance Hunt.

Of these groups *a* are capable of being used as methods, but group *b* cannot be so used, as they produce false changes.

Methods.

- I.—Plain Hunt System.
a.—Grandsire Bob Methods. *b*.—Court Bob Methods.
 II.—Treble Bob Hunt System.
a.—Treble Bob Methods. *b*.—Surprise Methods.
 III.—Alliance System.
a.—Bob Alliance Methods. *b*.—Surprise Alliance Methods.
 Definitions. I. founded upon the Plain Hunt Principle.
 Ia. 2nd place on even Nos. and 3rd on odd made across the parting of the leads, or the equivalent from the back, or both.
 Ib. No consecutive places made together and Grandsire Bob Places not made.
 II.—Founded upon the Treble Bob Hunt Principle.
 IIa Only Treble Bob Places (*i.e.* such places as are necessary to let the treble dodge), or Grandsire Bob Places (*q.v.*) are made.
 IIb Other places in addition to Treble Bob Places, with or without Grandsire Bob Places.
 III.—A combination of I. and II.
 IIIa the same as IIa.
 IIIb the same as IIb.
 "Plain Speaker" complains of the obscurity of my arguments. This I cannot help; ringers must remember that ringing is not only an agreeable exercise, but also a complicated science, and just as it requires a man with trained rope-sight to ring a method, and a man with a mathematical training to prove hard points in composition, so it requires a scientific training to understand what really constitutes a method, and this is the reason why ringers find difficulties in the subject.

H. LAW JAMES.

Mr. James writes that the foregoing letter having arrived too late last week, the two must appear together.

SIR,—First in reply to Mr. Davies if he will look at the report he will see that it does in fact consist of rules for producing changes, and leaves the use of the words rigidly alone. The whole discussion about the words is a matter of my own apart from the report, which naturally flows from it.

As regards the words my opinion has not in the least altered, but as it is only a matter of words we will let it go; the scientific basis of the report is the important matter, and if as regards words we are to call all systems methods, may I suggest names for Class I. and Class II. in the report, which will I think bring out the difference between those two classes, although I do not think them so good as Principle and Method.

Call I. Elementary Methods. Class II. Compound Methods (*vide* illustration from Chemistry in my last letter).

And now for the Scientific side of the question as raised by Mr. Dains and Mr. Warner in last Saturday's "BELL NEWS."

Mr. Dains begs the question about Plain Bob and Grandsire and says that my illustrations fail me, and Mr. Warner asks why not compare them, as they are ordinarily rung.

I reversed them in order that we might see that the 2nd place of Plain Bob and the 3rd place of Grandsire are the same; let us look at them as they are ordinarily rung, and to see the same point we will number the hunts and letter the working bells thus:

Bob Minimus.	Grandsire Doubles.
1 a b c	1 2 a b c
1 a c b	2 1 a c b
a 1 b c	2 a 1 b c
a b 1 c	a 2 b 1 c
b a c 1	a b 2 c 1
b c a 1	b a c 2 1
c b 1 a	b c a 1 2
c 1 b a	c b 1 a 2
1 c a b	c 1 b 2 a
1 c b a	1 c 2 b a
	1 2 c a b
	2 1 c b a
	2 c 1 a b

Now notice in Bob Minimus you have one hunt bell, it therefore leads two blows and the natural division between the leads

lies between the two leading blows of the treble, across the division of the leads the nearest work place *a*'s place is made; and the other two bells dodge in *b-c*.

In Grandsire Doubles we have two hunts, and the natural division between the leads is the central point of the four blows *i.e.* when 2 turns one from lead and the nearest working place *a*'s place is made across the parting of the leads and the other two bells dodge in *b-c*, where is the difference one has two hunts and the other one, and as I pointed out in a previous letter the difference between two hunts and one is less than the difference between three working bells and five.

Now let me illustrate this. Imagine a hurdle race run on upon a path in the shape of the letter S with its two ends joined by an extra piece of path and arrange the hurdles on that part of the path in the shape of the letter S so that they are one on each of the three turns and so close together. One man runs and jumps over the first hurdle, A then over B, then over C, he runs rounds the connecting path and jumps over them again in the same order A, B, C. While he is going round the connecting path the second time C is moved into A's place, A into B's place, and B into C's place, and he then jumps again over C, A, B twice; lastly he does the same thing over B, C, A twice. This represents Bob Minimus. Now moving the hurdles in the same manner and letting two men jump instead of one, we have Grandsire Doubles; and the Method of moving the hurdles is the same in both cases.

Now let me finish with Mr. Warner and then go back to Mr. Dains. If Mr. Warner will read my letters he will find that the words Bob and Single are never once mentioned except at the end of the Report to show by comparison what a Plain Lead is. We are dealing, Sir, throughout this correspondence with Plain Leads, and if Mr. Warner wants to know my opinions on calls and the Classification of Methods for the purpose of considering calls he must read the Report on calls with which I agree.

If Mr. Dains will agree that Plain Bob is the even-bell variation and the Grandsire the odd-bell variation of the same method, we have nothing more to say on this subject, but as he looks at the matter, contrasts the full lead of the treble in Plain Bob with the turning of the treble from Lead in Grandsire, then Grandsire is not symmetrical, but if he will look at the two hunts taken together he will see that Grandsire is really perfectly symmetrical, and that the places made are really the same *i.e.* the nearest working bell place to the lead.

I come lastly to Group V. where Mr. Dains is in a fog, when I said that Group V. was the simplest Group. I was not thinking of practical ringing at all; a system of changes in Group V. may be far harder to ring than a system in any other group; but the group consists of the simplest symptoms from a scientific point of view all the same.

Group V. consists of all those systems of producing continuous changes in which all the bells work alike, and the Plain Course may be compared to a single revolution of one wheel.

But the other groups all involve two kinds of work, and may be compared to two cog-wheels in gear together, so that in the Plain Course of Grandsire Triples, for instance, the small wheel representing the two trebles, revolves five times while the large wheel representing the working bells revolves once. The first arrangement is simplicity itself; the second is a machine.

Further Mr. Dains selects Stedman to compare with Grandsire, and this is not fair. If you are to compare Group V. with the other groups you must compare like things in those groups. Thus the oldest system in Group V. is the Plain Hunt System. *e.g.* on four bells; compare this with Bob Minimus and then say which Group is the simplest.

1 2 3 4	Division head
2 1 4 3	Division end
2 4 1 3	
4 2 3 1	
4 3 2 1	
3 4 1 2	
3 1 4 2	
1 3 2 4	
1 2 3 4	

In conclusion let me draw attention to these eight changes. As everyone knows Stedman divides naturally into sixes, these eight changes divide equally naturally into two's, and this shows that the sixes of Stedman are not comparable to the Leads of Methods.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—Pressure of other matters last week prevented me from following up my previous letter in time for your last issue. I now wish to make a few remarks on Mr. James' Report. I say "Mr. James' Report" because, after what Mr. Dains has written, it would seem that what we have to deal with is really a one-man Report, and not the Report of a Committee. It is a question whether the Council ought to receive at all a Report which, apparently, had not been submitted to and approved by the majority of the Committee deputed to draw it up previous to presentation. If this is the Report of a minority of one the Council ought also to have presented to it the Report of the majority.

My objections to Mr. James' Report are, first, that by it he virtually invites the Council to be inconsistent with itself, and after it has sanctioned and approved one mode of Classification in the "Report on Calls," to give its sanction and approval to another mode. Mr. James attacks the Classification adopted in the Appendix to the Glossary without considering that it was dictated by the Classification already sanctioned and accepted by the Council in the "Report on Calls." The Council cannot go back on its former decision without adequate reason; and Mr. James has entirely failed to produce any reason that is adequate. His contention is that the former Classification was not adapted to the purpose of his Report. I fail altogether to see any force in this argument; for, as a matter of fact, the former Classification would have served his turn quite as well as his own, had he chosen to use it. He could have referred to the Groups by their numbers, quite as easily as he could create Classes to include them. Secondly, I object to the perpetuation of Shipway's blunder in making "Systems" synonymous with "methods." The Council calls for an answer to the question "What is a legitimate method?" and Mr. James replies that certain Systems must conform to certain canons of construction. This is confusing. "System" is one thing, and "Method" is another, and they ought to be kept distinct. Moreover, some of us are of opinion that the time has come when certain other points in construction might well be laid down as essential; such as the non-parting of tenors; and sufficient inherent "truth" in a method to admit of the attainment of 5000 changes in composition. I take no objection to Mr. James' rules of construction, so far as they go; but I should like to see them go further. Neither do I take any exception to the illustrations with which he has supported his argument; but only to some of the conclusions he draws from them. For many years I have been aware of the similarity in simple working between Grandsire and Plain Bob, and of the obvious relationship of one to the other. That is nothing new. But it has never occurred to me to make one "System" out of the two. The presence of an extra bell in the hunt, involving, as it must, dissimilarity of work as soon as calls begin to be made, is quite sufficient to differentiate the one "System" from the other. To jumble them up together is to create confusion instead of promoting order.

H. EARLE BULWER.

SIR,—I had not intended to have prolonged this discussion in your columns, but in justice to Mr. James I must ask you for one further indulgence. From the very first I have freely criticised Mr. James' statements, but while my criticism has been directed against points of detail, and especially against the terms he used, several members of the Exercise whose names carry very great weight—Mr. Dains and Mr. Davies for instance—have impugned his facts. Lest therefore it should be thought that Mr. James stands alone in the Committee, let me state the following facts, which I am wholly at one with him in considering the basis of all methods. The subject is highly technical, and not to be understood without much thought, but I am sure that if Mr. Davies will work it out he will come to the conclusion that apart from detail Mr. James' statements are founded on absolute fact. The facts I want to draw attention to are these:—

1. All "methods" are founded on "Principia."

2. A "Principium" is a collection of rows which form a perfect round block in which

- (a) Each bell does the same work.
- (b) No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time.
- (c) No bell lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place.

3. Methods are formed from Principia in two ways, viz.:—

A. A Principium may be used as a "Method" when it conforms to the following rules:—

- (a) It must be true within itself.
- (b) It must be divisible into as many divisions as there are bells, each division containing the full working of the method.
- (c) In the case of those methods in which the course order is altered by an alternate slow and quick, these divisions are sub-divided.
- (d) Each division, or in "C" each subdivision must reverse true to itself.

B. One or more bells in any Principium may be allowed to retain their original paths, and the places of the others taken by working bells which revolve about the treble or trebles subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) No bell shall move up or down more than one place at a time.
- (b) No bell shall strike more than two consecutive blows in any one place.
- (c) The bells shall be in the same course order at each lead-end.
- (d) Each lead shall contain the whole method, and shall reverse true to itself.

Calls and their effect are ignored. These facts do not cover all the ground of the Committee's work, but they supply a basis for forming rules of what constitutes a legitimate method.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—The term "Principium" equals Mr. James' "Principle," and was adopted for use between us as we were not agreed as to the proper meaning of the latter term.

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SIR,—My opinion is that it would be best to publish in one volume a small collection of peals in all methods, and every number of bells above six selected for their good musical qualities, and to meet the varied abilities of conductors, preference being given where possible to contemporary authors. Each method should have a chapter on conducting, the structure of the compositions and the effect of bobs pointed out, with observations for each peal, the whole tending to give would-be conductors a correct, easy grasp of their work. I do not support the suggestion to limit the capital expenditure to £10, and consider the Committee should not have their hands tied.

G. T. DALTRY.

SIR,—I would not omit any of the well-known and time-honoured peals mentioned by Mr. Dains, however often they may have been published, because I wish the collection to be complete as well as concise, containing all peals that have a history, or merit, or originality.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1901.

ANOTHER of those crimes which now and then convulse humanity from one end of the world to the other has been enacted—the beneficent rule of the President of the United States has been brought to a premature end by a treacherous Italian, while pretending to offer the hand of friendship to the distinguished statesman and soldier, who so recently was, under happy circumstances, re-elected to preside over the destinies of his countrymen for a second term of office. This diabolical act is of a nature calculated to disturb the serenity of the calmest mind, and with difficulty to refrain from language breathing the most dire vengeance, not only upon its diabolical perpetrator, but upon everyone who has the temerity to recommend

the exercise of moderation or justice to criminals such as he.

The painful affair in all its bearings is well known to our readers. Our duty is clear. The Exercise at large numbering its many thousands, should express their feelings of abhorrence at the crime in as public a manner as possible. Perhaps it is hardly our place to recommend the *modus operandi* of giving expression, as change-ringers, to our feelings of sympathy and condolence with a great nation, but the idea that some general message should by our various Guilds and Associations be sent to the President of the Central Council, with a request that he would forward it to the American Ambassador, seems worthy of consideration.

It is a melancholy pleasure to see that many of our brethren have already grasped the situation in ringing muffled peals and touches to the memory of the late President. No doubt we shall hear of more. There is some gratification in knowing that in no other parts of the world but English-speaking countries can such a form of shewing respect as ringing a muffled peal be accomplished.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR T. KING Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
HARRY MILLER 2.	SIDNEY JONES 6.
WILLIAM TEGG 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KING, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal away from the tenor. This peal is now rung for the first time.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR R. JACOB Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN... 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 3.	HENRY A. BARNETT 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	WILLIAM MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

The Provinces.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4th, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

S. GOUGH Treble.	J. ALLEN 5.
R. H. GREEN 2.	W. HUGHES 6.
T. JENNIONS 3.	G. W. HUGHES 7.
F. C. NEWTON 4.	J. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by W. HUGHES.

This peal was rung in memory of the late Queen Victoria.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble.	WALTER C. HUNT 5.
JOHN WYATT 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
HARRY HORREX 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOHN HOYLE 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM KNIGHT Treble.	FRED. G. MAY 5.
HERBERT TUCKER* 2.	CHARLES GORDON 6.
JOHN THOMAS* 3.	*JOHN BURFORD 7.
WILLIAM CAVE 4.	*GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

*First peal in the method. This composition has the 6th its extent home without and or 3rd in 6ths.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, September 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.
HARRY WITHERS 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON 4.	EDWARD BRYANT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The above was rung after meeting short for Superlative This peal was arranged for Mr. Lindoff, who hails from Dublin.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

F. WAGSTAFF* Treble.	*W. BUTLER 5.
T. BETTISON 2.	J. W. COLLIER 6.
J. T. BUTLER* 3.	J. P. TARLTON 7.
J. FLINT* 4.	*T. CLOUGH Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. P. TARLTON.

This is now rung for the first time. *First peal on eight bells. First as conductor on eight bells by J. P. Tarlton. Messrs. Wagstaff and Flint hail from Bolsover, Bettison from Killamash, Collier from Eckington, the brothers Butler, Clough and Tarlton from North Wingfield.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM GORDON Treble.	JNO. W. BAYLEY 6.
CECIL DARWIN* 2.	ALLAN S. GORDON 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING 8.
THOMAS SALE 4.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE 9.
JOSEPH BARLOW 5.	†GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM GORDON.

*First with a bob bell. †First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late President McKinley.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble.	MAURICE SMITHERS 5.
JOHN C. TRUSS 2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6.
ARTHUR WALKER* 3.	FREDERICK GOMM 7.
ARTHUR MARTIN† 4.	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal. ‡First peal of Major away from the treble.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

FREDERICK PALMER Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER 5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6.
JOHN J. MAWBY 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, Essex. Rung on the eighteenth birthday of the ringer of the treble. This is W. R. Hensher's sixtieth peal.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

G. H. S. BURCHER Treble.	JOHN W. JONES 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	ROBERT THOMPSON 6.
HENRY GARDNER 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
DR. N. F. SEARANCE 4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal of Bob Triples by the ringers of 3, 4 and 6.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

* AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
FRANK BLONDELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late President McKinley. This is the conductor's 700th peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HENRY MIDDLETON Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	RICHARD E. GROVE 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor.

Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Thomas J. Salter.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HBYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor about 22 cwt.

JOHN WM. BARKER Treble.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
JOSEPH CHURCH 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 7.
FRED. WILFORD 4.	WILLIAM FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	*WILLIAM HARPER 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	*LEWIS SILVER 7.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	*WILLIAM LANE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late President McKinley.

CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

HENRY T. HOWELL Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON 6.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	FREDERICK MUSTY 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
WILLIAM SUMMERVILLE 5.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE TOMLINSON* .. Treble.	†JOHN W. WOODS 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES 6.
ROBERT MARSHALL* 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7.
THOMAS B. WOODS 4.	*RUPERT RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. The ringers of the 4th and 5th belong to Great Hale, the 6th and 7th to Heckington, the rest to Surfleet.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HERBERT A. POOLE* .. Treble.	STEPHEN THOMAS 5.
FREDERICK G. LEAKER† .. 2.	ALGERNON LEWTON* 6.
FREDERICK J. PORCH 3.	FREDERICK J. COOPER† .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CAVE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late President McKinley.
*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY GEORGE .. .. .Treble.	JOHN WARDMAN .. .. .5.
CHARLES ALLSOP* .. .. .2.	GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. .6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. .3.	FREDERICK JOHNSON .. .. .7.
BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. .. .4.	WILLIAM FOX .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

*First peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. .Treble.	*ALF. PADDON SMITH .. .. .7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. .. .2.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. .. .3.	JOHN BUFFERY .. .. .9.
CHARLES DICKENS .. .. .4.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. .. .10.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. .5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. .11.
THOMAS MILLER .. .. .6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. .Tenor.

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

*First peal of Cinques. This peal was rung as a farewell peal to the conductor who is leaving for Dublin. Also as a birthday peal for T. Reynolds, on his 49th birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. This composition contains the 6th nineteen courses behind the 7th in the tittums, and nineteen courses behind the 8th in the inverted home position, and is now rung for the first time.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

NOBLE SPINDLOW .. .. .Treble.	FRANK SMITH .. .. .5.
MARK WOODCOCK .. .. .2.	JOHN MONK .. .. .6.
GEORGE FOSTER .. .. .3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. .. .7.
ALFRED FOX .. .. .4.	HARRY BROOKS .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

Rung for the Festival of the Dedication of the church. Foster hails from Guildford; Fox from Oxford; Smith and Woodcock are old Witney men.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 30, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1901 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Samuel Gough, R. H. Green, T. Jennions, J. T. Lowe, F. C. Newton, G. W. Hughes, Walter Hughes conductor, J. Allen. This touch was rung muffled in memory of our late Queen.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, June 9, for morning service, 120 Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. N. Wood (first touch of Royal), C. W. Clarke conductor, S. J. Cullip, S. Church, W. Hall, B. Jealous, C. Chasty, I. Hills, G. Valentine, J. W. Barker. On Thursday, June 20, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 4626 changes in 3 hrs. 10 mins., it came to grief through a change-course. A. N. Wood, C. Chasty, H. Sear, J. Church, J. W. Barker, B. Jealous composer, W. C. Hunt, C. W. Clarke conductor, G. Valentine, W. Freeman. Sunday, June 30, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's). J. W. Barker conductor, W. Hall, C. W. Clarke, S. J. Cullip, C. Chasty, I. Hills, A. N. Wood, J. Sear. Sunday, July 6, for morning service, 168 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip,

J. Church, W. Hall, B. Jealous, I. Hills, C. Chasty, A. N. Wood conductor, J. Sear. Sunday, July 14, for morning service, 306 Stedman Caters. A. N. Wood, S. J. Cullip, C. W. Clarke conductor, J. Church, W. Hall, B. Jealous, C. Chasty, I. Hills, G. Valentine, J. Sear. Sunday, July 21, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples. B. Jealous, J. W. Barker conductor, C. Chasty, S. J. Cullip, I. Hills, G. Valentine, A. N. Wood, J. Sear.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRAMLEY (Hants).—On Sunday, June 16, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Ward, A. E. Reeves, E. Bruce, J. Ballard, C. Giles conductor, H. White. 480 of Kent. Dora White, C. Giles, J. Ballard, E. Bruce, A. E. Reeves, H. White conductor. For evening service 720 of Kent. C. Giles, J. Ballard, F. Hopgood, E. Bruce, W. Horne, A. E. Reeves.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 7th, prior to Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell conductor, C. H. Browett. The following Sunday morning, for early Communion, another 720, ringers as before. Tuesday, April 16th, 720 of Kent. J. Austin, A. A. Waite, G. Smith, H. Mitchell, H. Browett, W. T. Pegler conductor; 360 of Bob Minor by A. Howley, J. A. Waite, G. Smith, W. T. Pegler, H. Mitchell conductor, C. H. Browett; and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles by A. A. Waite conductor, J. Austin, G. Smith, W. T. Pegler, H. Mitchell, L. Robinson. Sunday evening, April 28, before Divine Service, 480 Bob Minor. J. A. Waite, A. A. Waite, G. Smith, F. Price (Twinning), H. Mitchell conductor, C. H. Browett; and after service several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and 360 Bob Minor by L. Robinson, J. A. Waite, H. Mitchell, F. Price, C. H. Browett, A. A. Waite conductor. Tuesday, April 30, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. L. Robinson, J. A. Waite, G. Smith, H. Mitchell, G. H. Browett, A. A. Waite conductor. Tuesday, June 4, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. L. Robinson, A. A. Waite, J. A. Waite, W. T. Pegler conductor, H. Mitchell, H. Browett. Tuesday, July 9, 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. L. Robinson, J. A. Waite, G. Smith, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell conductor, G. H. Browett. Tuesday, July 23, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. L. Robinson, J. A. Waite, G. Smith, H. Mitchell, C. H. Browett, A. A. Waite conductor. The following Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. L. Robinson, J. A. Waite, G. Smith, H. Mitchell, C. H. Browett, A. A. Waite conductor.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 2, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. R. Meager, H. Sear, W. Sear, E. Reader, A. Atkins, E. Marks, F. W. Hedges conductor, H. Thurlow.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 15, 480 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire Doubles. A. Clarke, W. Tucker, G. Cowly conductor, W. Bonham, H. Sear. 360 Grandsire by W. Bouham, G. Cowly, H. Sear conductor, W. Tucker, R. Tucker. Two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by H. Sear, W. Tucker, A. Clark, W. Bonham, G. Cowly conductor.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—July 28th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. R. Christian, T. Godfrey, D. Hayward conductor, W. Secrett, J. Nixon, G. F. Read, J. Matthews, F. Pestell. On Tuesday, September 10, 629 Grandsire Caters. H. Wright, J. Godfrey, W. Blyth, R. Christian, D. Hayward conductor, W. Secrett, G. Read, Rev. J. F. Hastings, G. Orford, J. Matthews.

GORLESTON (Suffolk).—July 28th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Fuller, J. Godfrey, R. Christian, J. Nixon, D. Hayward, G. Orford conductor.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, June 22, a quarter-peal of Bob Major by A. J. Perkins composer, H. Bottrill, W. Doran, J. Monle, R. Fenn, C. Fenn, G. Hayden, J. Dale conductor. Saturday, July 6, 576 Bob Major. A. J. Perkins, I. Dear, W. Doran, H. Torble, G. R. Pye, G. Hayden, J. Moule, J. Dale conductor. First quarter-peal on the bells. Tenor 20 cwt.

RYE (Sussex).—On Thursday evening, July 18, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. E. Curd, L. Seers, G. Billennees, C. Price, E. Reed, W. Billennees conductor, A. Vincent. Thursday, July 25th, another 720, standing as before. Sunday, August 11th, for morning service at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Empress Frederick of Germany, Princess Royal of England, 1000 Grandsire Doubles in 38 mins. E. Curd, L. Seers, C. Price, E. Reed, W. Billennees conductor, A. Vincent.

SANDHURST (Gloucestershire).—Monday, May 13, 720 Bob Minor. A. Price, A. Halford, W. T. Pegler conductor, E. J. Webb, T. New, man, G. Condict, sen.

Correspondence.

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

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

REPLY TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—I note that in the final paragraph of Mr. Dains' last letter he disagrees with the views I have expressed about Stedman's Principle, though to what extent I am not quite sure. I note also that he (though many years a holder, as he has told me, of a reader's ticket at the British Museum) has never even seen the Campanalogia. I have given my reasons for my theory, which I formed from a consideration of Stedman's books long before this controversy burst into your columns, and I am not going to add anything on that head. But I find one remark of Mr. Dains' suggestive about what Stedman did *not* mean by the term Principle. Mr. Dains points out—what is undoubtedly true—that Grandsire, with a hunt, is of earlier date than Stedman's Principle, without one.

Now if we follow this out, the question seems to arise—If we go back to the birth of Change Ringing, is composition with a hunt or without one the earlier? This depends upon the nature of changes upon three bells.

In the Tintinnalogia Stedman says of them:—

On three bells there are six several Changes to be made; in Ringing of which, there is one Bell to be observed, which is called the Hunt, and the other two are Extream Bells (but they cannot properly be so called, because every Bell hunts in the six Changes; yet because 'tis commonly rang by observing a Hunt and two Extream Bells, I will therefore proceed in that course). The name of Hunt is properly given to it, because of its continual motion up and down amongst the other bells, which motion is called Hunting, and the two other are called Extream Bells because when the Hunt is either before or behind them, that is at the Extream, or utmost place, there is a change then to be made between them, called an Extream Change. There are two several ways to ring the six changes. One whereof is to make the Treble the Hunt, and the other way is to make the Tenor the Hunt.

He then pricks out, with explanation, the six changes by hunting the treble, and six more by hunting the tenor, making twelve in all, though of course each six is only a different arrangement.

But in the Campanalogia he writes of three-bell work as follows:—

There are six changes on three bells; which are made by this rule: the two first and two last notes must be changed by turns The six changes are sometimes rung by observing a hunt therein, which is very improper, since every note has a like course. Yet I confess in demonstrating the methods on twelve, I did there admit a hunt into the six changes; but that was only for demonstration sake.

The "methods on twelve" must, I conceive, refer to the twelve changes in the Tintinnalogia, as Stedman does not in either of his books deal with twelve-bell ringing.

Be that as it may, it is evident that by the time of publishing to the world his Principle, Stedman had arrived at the conclusion that every bell doing the same work without a hunt is an inherent characteristic of the earliest and plainest form of change-ringing, to the invention of which he lays no claim. How then can we suppose that by the term "Principle" he claimed this particular characteristic as his invention, unless we are to attribute to him a stupidity or confusion of mind to which the lucidity and system of both his books give the lie direct?

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—Do the learned nowadays consider three-bell work to be done with or without a hunt? The point is of no practical importance, but I should be interested if some one will kindly tell us.

R. A. D.

WANTED—INFORMATION.

SIR,—I am afraid I am getting dull of intellect in my old age, and do not understand my mother tongue when I see it in print, therefore perhaps the Rev. H. Drake or some other kind friend will help me in my difficulty and kindly explain what the

Glossary means with regard to Plain Bob (see page 49) when it says "The *place-making* is confined to *leading*, and *lying the whole-pull*, and *second's place* when the treble is leading (the italics are mine).

In writing of Burton Variation of Superlative Surprise the authors of the Glossary say that adjoining places in 1-2 and 7-8 are substituted for dodges. Adjoining places in 1-2 are twice mentioned with regard to New Cambridge Surprise.

May I ask if it is anyhow possible to have adjoining places in 1-2 if the whole pull at lead is not a place? Also if it is possible to have adjoining places in 7-8 if the whole pull behind is not a place?

I have noted what the Glossary says on page 10, but somehow (I may be wrong) I think the authors were writing of *ringing terms* in this particular instance, and the Appendix I believe (again I may be wrong) is written to describe *Methods* and the *place-making* found in the construction of each.

An answer to the above questions will relieve the tension of my confused brain, and will be much esteemed by

GEORGE BAKER.

PLACE-MAKING.

SIR,—I may be allowed to thank Mr. Drake for his kindly criticism of the "Glossary."

The exception of "leading" and "lying" from the definition of "place-making" may perhaps be considered pedantic; but it was necessary to rigid accuracy in the definition; and besides, "leading" and "lying" are separately defined. For the purpose of concise description, however, as in the passages of the Appendix referred to, a relaxation of the rigidity of the definition is allowable, and would mislead no one. Practically, two blows struck in the same place, whatever that place may be, is the "making" of that place; nevertheless, in theory "place-making" is confined to places *within the "row,"* between its two extremities.

Also for purposes of description it was necessary to select two expressions for the two different kinds of place-making. I chose two which, all things considered, seemed most convenient, and assigned an arbitrary application to each. It does not seem to me that any further differentiation is needed.

H. EARLE BULWER.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can any reader of "THE BELL NEWS" give information of a peal of Triples supposed to have been rung on the parish church bells of East Grinstead, Sussex, by a London or Croydon band somewhere between 1866 and 1871.

Neither the College Youths, Royal Cumberlands, or Croydon ringers have any record of it.

ARTHUR HUGGETT.

STAINES.—On Sunday, September 5, 504 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. H. Day, F. Holden, H. W. Cotton, A. Wicks, W. E. Judd, F. Richardson conductor, G. Harrison, J. Philips. Cotton and Judd from London.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, May 25th, 360 and 120 Bob Minor. June 5, 360. June 9, a 720, a 120, and 360. Ringers taking part were C. Valentine, G. Valentine, sen., E. Yates, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowly conductor, R. Valentine, A. Clark, A. Giles.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday evening, September 15th, after Divine Service, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled out of respect to the late President McKinley, in 45 mins. C. Goodbody, B. Sheldon, W. Watchorn, E. Wells, R. G. Carter, J. E. Sykes, W. J. Aldridge conductor, H. Beckford.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The great topic of the day is the assassination of the American President—Mr. McKINLEY. The world stands aghast at the deed. What can be done to stay the madness of these people called "anarchists?" is now being considered by those in high places. Writers in one, or more, of the daily papers advocate very strongly the use of the lash, not infinitesimal doses, but the heavier numbers of lashes repeated *ad lib.* I believe such a step would take effect in the right way, and the madness of these fellows would soon be cured by such a measure. The nine-tailed whip has more terrors for anarchists, dynamiters and such like miscreants, then even death.

The peal which was to have been attempted by members of the banking community has collapsed owing to a difficulty which could not be surmounted. The following intimation concerning it has been received from Mr. S. Wilson, of the Capital and Counties Bank, Aber-gavenny:—

"The proposed Bankers' Peal, which was to have been attempted in Bristol on Saturday, September 28th, has fallen through, owing to the inability to fill the eighth place."

There is a saying that "a man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still: "and this seems to be the condition of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies with regard to the tune or tone of Painswick bells. It may not be known to all that the rev. gentleman is an authority upon such a matter. In the earliest numbers of this paper several very interesting articles upon the subject were written by him. There is a belief in the minds of many people who have what is called a good ear that the "surroundings" of a ring of bells have a great deal to do with the pleasure or otherwise of hearing them. In spite of what has been said and written as to the superiority of iron or steel bell-frames, many yet cling to wood as the best material, and adhere strongly also to the opinion that metal frames may in some cases affect the tone of the bells. A test of such belief will be afforded by Painswick bells when once again they have been rung.

On account of being called away last week—not to my estate in the North of Ireland—as friend "Jingle" would say, but to attend upon an interesting family event, I could not keep my promise relative to any further particulars anent the Harlow bells fund. The first thing handed to me on Wednesday morning last on my entering the office, was a telegram, which gave the welcome intelligence that that good old ringer, and ringers' friend—the Master of the Oxford Guild, had sent one sovereign sterling to this worthy object, *i.e.*, the Harlow Bells Fund. "Good old Master!" was my spontaneous exclamation. To those who are able I say with all earnestness, "Go and do likewise."

There is very little further information

to relate in addition to what has already been told. The Harlow Bells Fund should, and no doubt does, recommend itself to all ringers; there is not one of them who do not wish it success; and if I can persuade a good number of them to come out of their shells, and to put a little energy into the movement at very little cost (if any) to themselves, the result aimed at will probably be accomplished.

There are a quantity of 4-page collecting cards issued, or to be issued, and one of these cards can be had on application to the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow. The idea is not new, but has been adopted with success in many instances. What I would suggest is that ringers should get several cards, say half-a dozen, and put them about among their friends. I shall have just one dozen of them, and get all the help I am able, to get them chock full of subscriptions, from the smallest coin of the realm to the largest. The children will canvass with cards in their hands, and I expect a good return from my young hopefuls.

I ought to let you know that should the gift of seventeen handbells be awarded to me, I shall decline it, and pass it on to the individual who has got the next *heaviest* card. Now send for your cards at once; get them filled up *at once*, then send for more, and so on *ad infinitum*. I hope to hear soon that 1000 applications have been made; and that more sovereigns have been sent on.

Referring again to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, I have been shewn the record of his 700th peal! And I am asked to say that a list of these performances will appear next week. Seven hundred peals! With what a number of ringers he must have rung in company with. I am of the number, and I shall look forward with pleasure to taking part in his 1000th peal.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE LATE FRED. J. HARRISON.

The members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, together with the late Fred. J. Harrison's co-workmen, propose to erect a headstone to suitably mark the last resting-place of one who had done so much for the above Association, and who was held in such high respect by every member. It is impossible by circular to reach the bulk of the non-resident and honorary members, and many with whom he rang, who might wish to identify themselves with the object, and those who do not receive other notice may send subscriptions to Mr. R. S. Story, 8, Lombard Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Treasurer to the fund.

FALSE COMPOSITION.—The peal of Stedman Caters (5218) by J. P. Bradley, of West Ham, which Mr. Dench pointed out false, has not been rung in Birmingham.—W. H. BARBER.

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 Yorkshire Association.—By kind invitation of our local branch, the next general meeting will be held at Hull, to-day, Saturday, September 21st, for which the following arrangements have been made: The headquarters for the day will be the Old Corn Exchange, North Church Side. By kind permission of the respective Vicars, the following rings will be at the disposal of members: Holy Trinity (10), St. James (8), All Saints (8), St. Marys (6), St. Mary's, Cottingham (8). Cottingham is situate about four miles from Hull, to which there is a good train service. The official committee will meet for the transaction of Association business in the Vicar's room at the Old Grammar School.

The Middlesex County Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Hillingdon (Uxbridge), to-day, Saturday, September 21st. The bells of St. John's church as well as those of St. Andrew's will be available from 2 p.m., and if desired, a peal could be rung at St. Andrew's, commencing at 11 a.m. There will be a service in St. Andrew's church, at 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the parish room. A substantial tea will be provided for members and their friends at 1s. 6d. a head. The Hon. Secs. hope that members will make a special effort to attend this meeting.

C. EDWARDS, } Hon. Secs.
ARTHUR T. KING, }

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bollington, to-day, Saturday, September 21st. Tea at 5 p.m. J. NORBURY, Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Dursley, to-day, Saturday, September 21st. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. Cheap train from Bristol (Temple Meads), leaving 2.37 p.m., fare 1s. 9d. return. C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Waterloo Society, London.—Members are urgently requested to attend a special meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 25th, for the purpose of discussing the proposed removal of the society's headquarters to St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton. F. J. SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec. 29, Warner Road, Camberwell, S.E.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th inst. Copies of the Glossary may be had by members of the Society at 3d. each, and by non-members at 5d. each post free, on application to WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec. "Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Ipswich on Thursday, September 26th. A special service will be held at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45, when an address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence. Dinner at 1.30 in the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, at 2s. 6d. for honorary members and friends, and 1s. 6d. for company members. Business meeting after dinner for the election officers.

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

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Hartlebury, on Saturday, September 28th. The Rev. D. Robertson, vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Glossary will be ready for distribution to members at this meeting.

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

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at The Union Jack, Cork Street, Frome, on Saturday, September 28th, at 5 o'clock. Service in the parish church at 3 o'clock. Members intending to be present should write to the local secretary, Mr. W. D. Bishop, 15, Shepards Barton, Frome, before Wednesday.

A. I. W. ILES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at S. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at The New Inn, at 7 p.m. J. W. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Aberdare, on Saturday, September 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Bells available after mid-day. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Ass. Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The general half-yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough, on Saturday, September 28th. The parish church tower will be open for ringing. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.

GEO. CHESTER, *Branch Secretary.*
Granville House, Carline Road, Lincoln.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Blackpool, on Saturday, September 28th. Tea will be provided in St. John's parish school for those members who send in their names to Mr. R. Clitheroe, 94, Raikes Road, Blackpool. Other particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, J. WILSON, J. SHEPHERD,
Secretaries.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday afternoon, September 28th. 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, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at the parish church, Coseley. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided at one shilling per head for all those sending in their names not later than the 30th inst. The nearest stations are Deepfields, London and North-Western Railway, and Princes End, Great Western Railway. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will

be held at Richmond, Yorkshire, on Saturday, October 5th. Tea, 9d each to members, at 4.30 in the parish church room, Dundas-street. Members intending to be present, kindly inform the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 1st. REV. W. P. WRIGHT,
Stokesley, R.S.O. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Copies of the "Glossary of Technical Terms," put forth by the Central Council, can be obtained by Guild members from Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, price 2d., or with postage 3d.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT WALDRON, SUSSEX (reported last week).—This was the first peal of Stedman on these bells, and the 500th peal rang by the conductor. At the completion of the peal the band were all kindly invited to tea on the lawn, at the Rectory close to the tower, by Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Attree, and which was very much enjoyed, and they wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank them for their hospitality. The bells sadly want over hauling, and it is hoped by Mr. Attree's advice during his stay at Waldron, a practical bell-hanger will soon be called in.

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Gloucester ..	3	1
Westminster ..	3	1
Norfolk ..	2	1
Champion Major ..	1	—
College Exercise Major ..	1	—
Double Norwich ..	60	49
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ..	1	—
" " Royal ..	9	3
" " Major ..	29	24
Oxford Treble Bob Major ..	3	2
Stedman Cinques ..	1	—
" " Caters ..	15	11
" " Triples ..	118	86
Union Triples ..	7	3
Grandsire Caters ..	1	1
" " Major ..	1	1
" " Triples ..	56	45
" " (on handbells) ..	4	4
Bob Royal ..	1	1
" " Major ..	24	19
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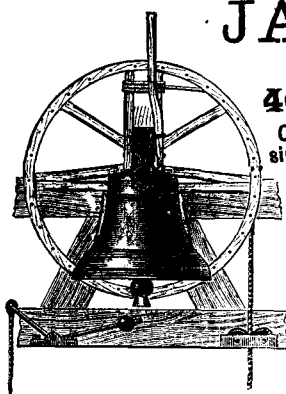
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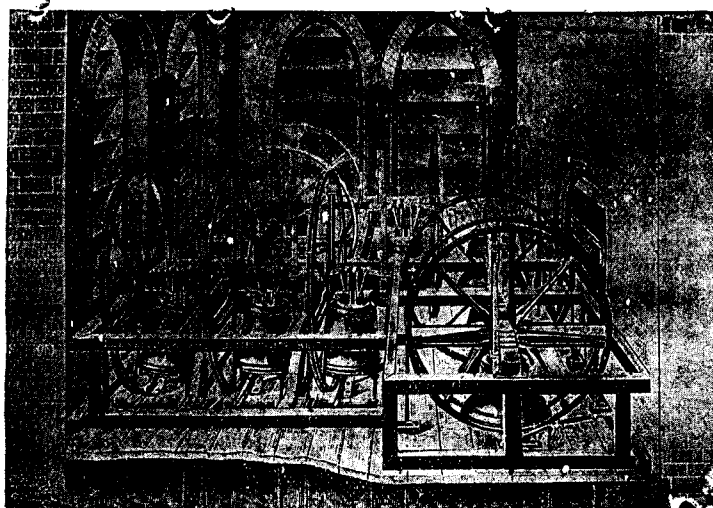
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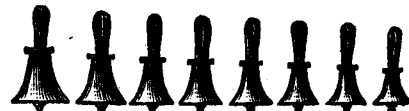
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

After an interval of eleven years, and for the third time in its history, the Yorkshire Association held its general meeting at Hull on Saturday last. Railway Companies having learnt by experience of the unfailing popularity of the "fourth port" as a place of visit, there was no lack of special excursion trains to meet the convenience of members in various parts of the county. And also, there was no lack of visitors. For myself, I choosed what seemed to me the quietest, and consequently the most comfortable, of these specials, but found myself on the station platform in the midst of a big throng. However, the railway officials were evidently in good humour, so carriage after carriage was added to the train for our accommodation. Prompt to time we were on our way through Airedale, stopping at busy Leeds to pick up a still further large contingent. Then on past suburban residences, green fields and collieries, hamlets and rural surroundings, through quaint old Pontefract, past Howden, with its magnificent tower, till Cannon Street was reached, where we detrained (excuse this militarism) and were quickly on our way in the direction of the Old Corn Exchange, "North Church side," where the local Committee was in readiness to bid us welcome, arrange for ringing in the several towers at disposal, and distribute the bits of pasteboard which were subsequently to vouch for our *bona-fides* at the tea tables.

This reference to "the several towers at disposal" compels a remark anent the extraordinary ringing facilities of Hull. We read occasionally in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" of a week's peal ringing expedition here and there—mostly southwards, by the way—though, to the best of my recollection, this mode of enjoying a holiday has not been copied by Yorkshire. But here in Hull is just the very ideal place for such an outing. The great tower of the equally great church of Holy Trinity possesses a splendid ring of ten bells with a 26 cwt. tenor, the very acme of opportunity for Caters and Royal; fine in tone, and everything to be desired in the way of hanging. Then hard by is the handy ring of eight at St. James's with a 15 cwt. tenor; All Saints', with a similar ring in point of weight; St. Mary's, Lowgate, with its lighter ring of six, tenor 11 cwt. (hung, by the way, like All Saints', Derby, in the reverse way to what is customary); then, four miles away, is the ring of eight at Cottingham with its 20 cwt. tenor; and the ring of six at Kirk Ella, almost as heavy the "back six" of Cottingham. A short ride from Hull also, brings one to the two fine rings at Beverley. Besides these, within reasonable distance, are also other rings, amongst which, not merely a week's but a full month's peal-ringing excursion might be spent.

But I am discoursing, and will merely remark here that the eight towers I have named were open to the members who desired to avail themselves of the opportunity thus readily afforded by the respective vicars. Previous to the general assembly, the bells had little rest, for bands were

made up, and the strains of Royal, Caters, Major, Triples and Minor reverberated through the streets of the city.

A little before five o'clock steps were wended in the direction of Holy Trinity Church, at the west end of which, under the glorious old window, seats, rugs, and stands had been placed, in order that Mr. Robert Watson, an old ringer of Hull, and now one of its most efficient photographic artists, might execute a memento group. I need not tell you of the preliminary arrangements for this interesting occasion; most of you will know by personal experience of the "squaring and grouping," the "eyes straight, and all look pleasant" sort of thing which are inseparable in this connection. Suffice it to say that Mr. Watson speedily had all in order, and once again we appeared on the camera.

This over, some of us availed ourselves of the open doors to walk once more reverently along the aisles—Cathedral in proportion—of this grand old church, enjoying only too briefly the sight of its statuary, its great arches, and its fine stained windows. Reluctantly we left—as time was pressing—and, turning round the corner of the Market Place, entered the Old Grammar School—dating 1538—where we found a numerous posse of ladies busily engaged in the preparation of a welcome tea. Appetites had evidently been wetted, for with very little trouble or commotion the spacious room, with its many long tables, was soon filled to its utmost capacity. Grace having been sung heartily, all were busy directly with the welcome beverage which is proverbially said to cheer, etc., but not do the other thing; while piles of sandwiches, sweet cakes, and so forth, especially the seemingly inexhaustible supply of large hot pies, disappeared like magic, testifying to the quality of the good and acceptable edibles provided.

Tea over, the business meeting commenced without a break, Mr. W. Snowdon, president, occupying the chair, who was supported by the Rev. — Ram, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, Lowgate; Mr. C. R. Moxon, ex-Churchwarden of Holy Trinity; Messrs. W. H. Howard (York) and George Bolland (Tong), vice-presidents; Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstal), hon. treasurer; Mr. B. T. Copley (Bolton), hon. secretary; several members of the Committee and other gentlemen. The minutes of the previous meeting at Oxenhope having been read and adopted, the Chairman, after a brief but warm allusion to the hearty welcome with which they had been met, proceeded to speak on the proceedings at the Central Council, at which he, along with Mr. C. H. Hattersley, attended as representatives of the Association. The meeting altogether, he said, was most interesting, as would have been gathered from the exhaustive report in "THE BELL NEWS"; not the least important item in connection with which was the issuing of the Glossary of Technical Terms, 700 copies of which had been procured by the Committee for distribution amongst the members. He contended earnestly for sustaining the standpoint adopted by the Council in the matter of accuracy of peals, of more honesty in connection therewith, and of maintaining a high standard in their performances. In concluding, he referred with pleasure

to the fact that the Rev. Canon Quirk, formerly Vicar of Rotherham and one of the clerical honorary members of the Association, after leaving the county for a stay at Bath, had returned as Vicar of Doncaster and Suffragan Bishop of Sheffield, formally moving a congratulatory resolution which included wishes for God-speed on his return to the county and to so high and honourable a position in the Church.

This was seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley and carried amid cheers.

Mr. W. Stainthorpe then moved, and Mr. G. Bolland seconded, an alteration of rule with reference to postage of members' circulars. By the new rule, members requiring such to be sent to them individually will have to forward to the hon. secretary three stamped and addressed postal wrappers, in place of the two penny stamps as heretofore.

No invitations for next meeting being forthcoming, arrangements for the same were left with the Committee.

Mr. Thomas Maud (Tong) and Mr. W. Stickney (Hull) were appointed auditors.

The president moved, and Mr. W. H. Howard seconded, a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells, and to the Rev. Dr. Earnes for the use of the Grammar School. To this the Rev. Ram responded, explaining the unavoidable absence of his brother clergy, but trusted their visitors would liken the warmth of the room in which they were assembled to the warmth with which they at Hull greeted them on their visit.

After the transaction of some ordinary business, Mr. George Breed (York) proposed, and Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Hull branch for their hospitality, and to the ladies for their valuable assistance. Upon the subsidence of the cheers which greeted this resolution, Mr. Charles Jackson acknowledged the vote in his customary versatile fashion. He paid tribute to the memory of the Rev. William Knight, a former vicar of St. James's, who had done much to cultivate change-ringing in Hull, and spoke warmly of the great amount of work done by Mr. Moxon in procuring the new ring at Holy Trinity—a work which would associate his name with those bells as long as ever they remained in the tower, concluding with a humorous recital which greatly delighted the large audience.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. B. T. Copley (Bolton), seconded by Mr. W. Southwick (Hull), brought the business meeting to a close.

We then adjourned to make the most of the only too short time left at our disposal. Towers were again occupied, from which the sound of the bells came in sweet cadence to those who (like myself) preferred to ramble and listen. In whatever direction we went we heard them above the din of the crowded market place, the innumerable tram-cars, omnibuses and other vehicles which made peregrination along the streets at times most difficult. Then we spent a few moments in social company at the Old Corn Exchange, with pleasant chat, courses, and tunes on handbells till the inevitable time of departure arrived. We left with reluctance—time had been too limited for our desires; but visits like this, in common with all good things, were bound to come to an end; so we threaded our way through the busy streets past the docks, took our last look at the colossal monument of Wilberforce, and the golden equestrian statue of King William III. on our way, reaching Cannon Street Station again, where the trains were in waiting to carry us back homewards from the good old City of Hull, with its docks and its ringers, and no less the remembrance of such a hearty reception and a pleasant and altogether successful meeting.

P.S.—I should not omit to add that copies of the photographic group to which I have referred—measures 15in. by 12in.—may be obtained on application to Mr. Charles Jackson, 75, English Street, Hull, at the low charge of 2s. 6d. each.

STURMINSTER NEWTON (Dorset).—On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Mary's church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. S. M. Dodington, A. Inkpen, G. Fry, J. Beal, T. S. Inkpen, T. Burt. J. Rose conducted, though taking no part in the ringing. For evening service, another 6-score in the same method.

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HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 21st, the above village was visited by ringers from Norton, Brown Edge, Leek, and Kingsley. On arriving there we wended our way to the tower with its masonry of large stones and the carved gargoyles at the top, which are well worthy of notice. The tower contains a beautiful ring of six bells, re-cast by Rudhall in 1753, but originally brought in all probability from the Abbey of Dieulacres on its dissolution in 1539. Their legends—

- 1st—Hark to our melody.
- 2nd—Peace and good neighbourhood.
- 3rd—Prosperity to this parish.
- 4th—Abraham Rudhall cast us all.
- 5th—William Read, Richard Myett, Churchwardens.
- 6th—Unto this Church I do men call, and to the grave do summon all.

The belfry screen of Jacobean work is dated 1615.

On arriving in the belfry we set the bells going to the tune of "Duke of York," and then adjourned to the Crown Inn, where a splendid repast was prepared by Host Goodwin, to which everyone present did full justice. The inner man being satisfied, we again made for the tower and rang a 120 Oxford Treble Bob. The bells were kept going until nine o'clock, when we walked to Rudyard Station to entrain for our different destinations, and take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. W. Blakeway for the use of the bells and also Mr. D. Bradbury for having everything in readiness.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, September 14th, Mr. George Luff, a much respected member (and also a good ringer) of the Chiddingfold band, was married at Pepperharrow church to Miss K. F. Knight, of Hove, Brighton. To celebrate this the local ringers thought that a peal should be attempted, so at 5 o'clock that evening saw them meet in the belfry to try and bring this off, but unfortunately after two attempts it had to be abandoned although some good ringing was done. However, not to be denied, the ringers started for and successfully accomplished a 576 of Bob Major, standing as follows: A. Rothwell, 1; H. Mullan, 2; A. J. Bartlett, 3; A. E. Bartlett, 4; T. Attwell, 5; A. Ashdown, 6; W. G. Buckhurst, 7; W. T. Lightfoot conductor, 8. Ringing being over we were invited to spend a few hours with the happy little party at the house of Mr. George Luff, sen., where the wedding was kept up. Songs were contributed by the bride and bridegroom, the bride's mother and brother, Messrs. T. Luff, T. Attwell, A. Ashdown, W. Lightfoot, and A. J. Bartlett, and Miss Ada Luff. A well-struck 168 of Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung on handbells by W. G. Brockhurst, 1-2; A. J. Bartlett, 3-4; T. Attwell, 5-6; G. Luff conductor, 7-8. The ringers presented a clock to Mr. Luff as a memento of the esteem in which they held him. The party dispersed just before midnight by wishing the bride and bridegroom every happiness.

A. J. B.

BANBURY, OXON.

On Saturday, August 31st, some members of the Warwick society, accompanied by Mr. Large, of Moreton-in-Marsh, visited the parish church of the above place and rang several short touches of Grandsire Triples on the fine peal of eight bells. The visitors were Messrs. E. H. Adams, Collett, F. and H. Salt, Jones, Needle, Letts, and Dickens, and they were assisted by Messrs. Pannal, W. Tandy, and E. Vigorn of the local society. Many thanks are due to the vicar, wardens, and ringers of Banbury for their hospitality in allowing the use of the bells and in receiving their visitors. Later in the evening several of the band went to Wardington, where is a magnificent ring of six bells recently rehung, and where several 6-scores of Doubles were rung, one of the local band ringing the tenor. It is pleasing to learn that the sound of change-ringing, not often heard at Wardington, has resulted in a warm invitation to pay another visit.

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STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, September 18th, 1901, the Staveley branch of the Yorkshire and Old East Derbyshire Associations held their thirty-fifth anniversary of the restoration of the parish church, when a good substantial supper was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bates, host and hostess of the Hotel Victoria. After the cloth was drawn Mr. H. Madin, Master of the Society, was voted to the chair, and Mr. J. Hunt, of Chesterfield, vice-chair. The usual loyal toasts being given, not forgetting "THE BELL NEWS," the Chairman said it gave him great pleasure to be with them once more on such an occasion. Last year he was unable to be with them through illness, and he was sorry that one of the Society (A. Worthington) was away from them through illness that time, but hoped he would soon be able to join the band again. Their host and hostess left no stone unturned to provide a good repast for them, and he hoped they would be spared to meet again another year. He concluded by drinking the health of the host and hostess, with musical honours.

Mr. Bates, replying, said he felt proud of the honour the Society had done by drinking the toast. It would always be their desire to provide a good repast for them, as they were worthy of it. He had known the ringers of Staveley many years, and always found them to be a very respectable and pleasant company; he was quite interested in them, and it would always be his best endeavour to make them happy and comfortable. He concluded by drinking "The health of the Society."

Mr. Batho, pianist at the Hotel Victoria, said he was proud of the invitation to dine with the company, as he never enjoyed himself better than he had done that evening with the Staveley ringers. He was proud of them, with being a good, respectable, and jovial company, and he hoped all present would be spared to enjoy themselves together another year.

During the evening Mr. Batho presided at the piano and rendered valuable service. Courses of changes and tune-ringing was rung on the handbells, and songs and glees were sung by Messrs. Madin, W. Worthington, H. Mottershall, S. Smedley, J. Worthington, S. Palmer, and W. Daffin, all having enjoyed a comfortable and pleasant evening up to eleven o'clock.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Services commenced on Thursday evening, September 19th, 1901, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, also gifts of bread, fruit, eggs, and vegetables, the offertories at the special services being devoted to the Assistant Clergy Fund. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the local band, assisted by several well-known ringers, who kindly came and gave their services. Before the evening service touches of Grandsire Triples by W. R. Small, F. Bywater, W. Fisher, E. Jones, S. Baker, W. Hinton, E. Painter, B. Lewis, S. Reeves, conducted by W. R. Small, were rung also after evening service 504 of Grandsire Triples. The special services were continued on Sunday, September 22nd, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before the morning service, also at evening service. The ringing was conducted on Sunday by W. R. Small and R. Cartwright.

LITTLE GRANSDEN, HERTS.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church of Little Gransden, Herts., by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It shows the time on one large dial and strikes the hours on the largest bell.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HASLEMERE.—The ringing of this peal reflects great credit on Mr. Attwell for the way in which the Haslemere ringers have got on with change-ringing since he gave them a course of lessons a winter ago. Credit is also due to the conductor for the able manner in which he called the peal considering that it was his first peal. It was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Buckton, of Haslemere. Messrs. Attwell and Bartlett hail from Chiddingfold, the rest are local men.

Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—I am glad I wrote as I did, and so draw from the Rev. H. L. James the statement he makes in your last issue concerning the views upon this report. This committee has never met, and have had no opportunity to ascertain each others' views; I therefore think the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer right in saying it is a one man's committee.

I will reply to the several small points mentioned by Mr. James. In the last issue of our paper he says I begged the question. Well I agree with what the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer says about Grandsire and Plain Bob, be the question begged or not.

I am not in a fog; I took Mr. James to mean what he said, and he never used the word "practical" ringing.

Finally the rev. gentleman says I am unfair in comparing Grandsire and Stedman; so then was Mr. James when he compared the Stedman with the Grandsire workshop, the latter he said contained apprentices.

It seems that Mr. James and Mr. Trollope have arrived at some understanding as to the fact that every method is built upon a Principle, and in this I quite agree as a fundamental or foundation to start upon, and hope to live and see in due course some satisfactory details established.

Mr. Trollope says *Principia*; Mr. James says *Principium*. Now *Principia* is I believe the title of a work written by Sir Isaac Newton upon his discovery of the laws of gravitation, and one authority tells us there were at the time of its publication not perhaps a dozen Englishmen that could read and understand the book, and as I am not one of the learned I shall stick to the term we all know, and that is *principle*. Both these gentlemen have given their views of separating and distinguishing methods from Principle and Systems, etc. I consider it my duty to shew my way (or another way) of doing the same thing.

Before so doing just let me say I look upon the term Grandsire Bob Major as *obsolete*; it may have been used for want of a better, and while the old masters were sending for another; or who is there that will tell us it was not intended for what is now known as Grandsire Major, and I should not have mentioned this except that Mr. James makes such a free use of it, just as if memory was clear and distinct.

PRINCIPLE.	SYSTEM.	METHOD.
Plain Hunt.	Twin hunt or companion bell.	Grandsire. Union, etc.
Plain Hunt.	Plain Bob, Oxford, Court.	Bob Major, etc. Double Oxford. Double Norwich.
Dodging Hunt.	Treble Bob.	Oxford. Kent. Westminster. Albion, etc.
	Surprise.	Superlative. Cambridge. London. New Cumberland. Oxford. Bristol. Norfolk. *Champion.
Plain and Dodging Hunt.	Alliance, a composite.	Alliance Bob, etc.
Stedman no hunt or hunters.	All the bells do the same kind of work.	Stedman, Shipway, Duffield, Forward, etc.

*This method has an extended hunt.

In reference to the remainder of details, such as place-making, dodging, etc., I think we are all agreed, or nearly so.

HENRY DAINS.

SIR,—This week's "BELL NEWS" shows a much nearer approach to unity of opinion upon the important subject which

we have been considering, and so I have only one or two points to write about.

1. The Report.—Mr. Bulwer seems to think that it is mine and not that of the Committee, and so it is necessary that I should say something about its History. The original draft which I wrote differed from it considerably; it made use of the words Principle and Method in the sense in which I have been using them in my letters, and some of the definitions were also different, it circulated among the members of the Committee and came into its final shape as a compromise, the difference about words being shelved and the word System as used by Shipway adopted for want of a better, leaving the controversy about Principle and Method for another time in order to obtain unity amongst members of the Committee on matters of fact without compromising the other controversy; so that we might have a Report to present.

The final draft was printed about a week before the Meeting and posted by me to all the members of the Committee except Mr. J. Carter.

I was in Gloucester at the time, and felt sure that it would be accepted by all members except Mr. Carter., and so instead of posting to him I called on him in Birmingham, and we talked the matter out and agreed. Mr. Dains's copy seems to have gone astray, and so he did not see it until the meeting, but that is not my fault, and I was very sorry for it.

That the Council did not accept the Report then I consider a very good thing because I hope in the end that the result of this correspondence will be first of all a better report, and secondly that when the report is issued it will be better understood by the Exercise at last.

Mr. Bulwer then goes on to try and tie us down to the Classification in the Report on calls and says that I could have adopted it in this subject also. Now Sir, as I stated at the Council Meeting, this is impossible; that classification is admirable for its purpose, but when we come to deal with this subject we cannot have Group V., which is the foundation, and all the others put last; it must come first, for you cannot build a house without a foundation.

Mr. Bulwer then goes to the scientific side of the questions and says that he accepts it, but asks for something more, "such as non-parting of the tenors; and sufficient inherent 'truth' in a method to admit of 5000 changes in composition."

The first of these two is secured by Rule iii. in the Report, and it would require considerable ingenuity to produce a Method with the tenors more apart than together under this rule.

The second seems to me utterly uncalled for; the majority of ringers are anxious to ring peals, and you need only tell them that a given Method has never had a peal composed, and they will not trouble to practise it, and if you lay down as a rule that a Method must be capable of producing a peal, you run the risk of consigning to oblivion some valuable method because no one has produced a peal, when no one has proved it impossible to get one; on these grounds no one ought to have rung Grandsire Triples until Holt's Original was produced.

Finally as regards Plain Bob and Grandsire. I do not want to make one System out of the two but to state boldly that they are identically the same method, for there is more difference between Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles than between Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor, and if Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles be the same Method it follows that Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor are the same, and as I said last week in reply to Mr. Warner, the question of calls has nothing to do with it; see also last week's illustration.

Now let me turn to Mr. Trollope's letter, just to point out one thing. "Methods are formed from Principia in two ways, viz.: A Principium may be used as a 'Method,' etc."

Now I ask the Exercise to judge if this does not really concede the whole point about the words.

Notice: You take a Principium, you do not form it into a Method, but you use it as (*i.e.* like) a Method, whereas in strict accuracy it is not a Method but only does duty for one.

In concluding this letter let me thank Mr. Trollope for his letter. He has stated the case in different words, the same case that I have stated, and but for the little slip I have noticed I can agree with the whole of it; what he states about this subject being highly technical and requiring much thought is quite

true, and has cost us both not only thought but I might almost say reams of paper in private correspondence during the past twelve months.

This brings this matter to a conclusion, but before I close let me say again that I shall be very pleased to answer questions.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—Whatever may be the conclusions resulting in the end from this correspondence, one point seems to me absolutely clear, namely, that there is no truth in Mr. James's contention for the historic distinction between the terms Method and Principle. In the first book in which the term Principle appears, Stedman speaks of it as a method, and the writers of the classical books of the Exercise down to the present time have done likewise. Their words remain and must be construed reasonably. If Shipway, for instance, in his account of "Stedman," calls it indifferently, as he does, both Principle, System, and Method, it is impossible to contend successfully that he drew any distinction between the terms Method and Principle.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—As one with some knowledge of the cost of printers' ink I cannot see how the expenditure of a £10 note would result in the issue of anything that would be at all satisfactory, at the same time I do not think it would be treating the Committee with that respect which is due to them for their labours to let he ms. find its way into the wastepaper basket. However many times some of the peals may have been previously published, I am of opinion that such a collection, as the resolution passed at the last Council meeting was intended to cover, would be useful in many towers. In some it would lead conductors to pluck up the courage to go for a peal in some other "method" or "principle" not hitherto attempted, while in others it might be an inducement for young hands to attempt to "call ye Bobs." Might I suggest the desirability of obtaining an estimate for the publication, say, of 1,000 copies? and those Associations, Guilds, etc., attached to the Central Council should be appealed to to know how many copies at a fixed price they would take? If each Association purchased a copy for its eight-bell towers there would not be much difficulty in the disposal of 1,000 copies.

Romford.

B. KEEBLE.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, July 20th, a very pleasant little ceremony took place in St. Leonard's belfry, viz., the unveiling of a peal-board to commemorate the death of our late beloved Queen Victoria. Before the ceremony, a 408 of Stedman Triples was rung by J. W. Howard, A. Baker, J. Elcock, F. Foxall, B. Head, W. Overton, J. Overton (conductor), and H. Overton.

When the company had all assembled, the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary Oldham, in a few well-chosen words alluded to the irreparable loss we had all sustained by the death of our late Queen, and said how pleased he was to have anything, however small, in memory of so noble a woman. He then asked Mrs. C. H. Deighton to unveil the peal-board, which that lady graciously did, saying what pleasure it gave her to do so.

The Rev. W. R. Gledhill proposed, and Mr. J. Overton seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Deighton for her presence there that evening. Councillor C. H. Deighton thanked the company on behalf of his wife, which concluded the ceremony.

Before the ladies and gentlemen left the belfry a 720 of Oxford bob triples was rung by the above band, excepting that Mr. H. Jones rang the tenor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

A meeting of this Branch was held on Saturday last, the 21st inst., at Dursley. Short service was held at the Parish Church at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. E. Bartleet. Very few turned up at this meeting—only sufficient to ring Minor. Several touches of Bob Minor were rung during the evening.

MILD AND BITTER.

The heat waves have come and gone—perhaps that is the reason why ringing has been all “at sea,” for the peals were few and far between! At the same time it was good business—for the “comps.”

There is a tide in the affairs of these men usually during the summer, when they find frequent excuses to visit a man who keeps a house at the corner. It is almost superfluous to mention that the aforesaid man stands behind a bar, and is mighty pleased to see them.

Yes, the heat wave was an unmixed blessing, for excepting some Holt's ten-partisans and a few who were still in the throes of Thurstans' Fourpart Stedmania; the pealsnatchers ceased from troubling and the wobcallers were at rest.

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As Artemus Ward would say: “N.B.—This is not rit sarkastick.” My own opinion is that it shows pluck to play the game the year round, and of late we have seen a few peals of real merit. The handbell peal of Superlative called by H. R. Pasmore—only a stripling—will take the place of honour in any future work on handbell ringing, and as the whole band are but young men, no one can safely put a limit to their ability. It has been the writer's privilege to hear them ring the method in hand, and, with the confidence they possess, there seems no pinnacle, however high, to which they may not ultimately attain.

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It is at all times gratifying to see new blood shewing itself, and while it is our bounden duty to honour and respect the veterans of our art, it is to the rising generation we must look for a perpetuation of it. Hence it is that at all times I note without fear or favour those who are manfully struggling up the campanological ladder.

I see young Taffender, of St. Paul's, has made his *début* as conductor, and followed this up by ringing a working pair of handbells through a peal of Stedman Triples. The footnote to the former says: “First peal as conductor and first attempt.” A glance at the composition shews it to be “Thurstans's One-part” and called off the *treble*! No words of mine can add to the high standard of ability here displayed. Sufficient to say that I doubt very much whether such a feat has hitherto been performed by a novice, though my friend, John Carter, called the Original in his maiden (!) effort.

Another persistent and clever performer just now is Mr. H. P. Harman, who hails from Bromley, Kent. This gentleman seems perfectly at home at anything varying from Plain Bob to London Surprise, whatever part of the country he is travelling in.

I am given to understand that it was he who originally suggested the method “Erin,” which I believe is Stedman's principle with all slow sixes.

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The following cutting is from that organ of veracity “The Daily Mail”:—“A rare phenomenon, a lunar rainbow, was observed in Cheshire on Tuesday night. Mr. A. Jones describes it as follows:—Moonlight was brilliant to the south, east, and west, while to the north was a heavy raincloud. Beyond was a reflected cloud on which appeared a most marvellous rainbow, stretching the full width of the horizon. The rainbow was clear for five minutes. The last time Mr. Jones saw a lunar rainbow was twenty-five years ago!” Did anybody say “Shanghai”? No! Well, I was about to remark that as the “Mail” is so reliable, and George Washington in its accounts, particularly “from our own correspondent,” I wrote a friend in Cheshire to investigate this lunar rainbow, and he reports that a dray was seen to dump a barrel of something down the cellar of a Jones, who was observed to be wandering about soon afterwards with his necktie under his ear.

Cheshire is famous for cheese and cats, likewise mild-and-bitter.

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The Stepney Borough Council having made application to the Local Government Board for sanction to the payment by the Council of the cost of winding and keeping in repair the church clocks of the borough, and the ringing of the bells on

occasions of public rejoicing, have just received a reply stating that the Council cannot contribute toward such expenses!

Very well, if there are to be no Coronation bells, the ringers can enjoy themselves and see the “show.” There are some people who always expect the “bellringers” to do their “duty” (!) under all circumstances. I was one of the number who rang from morn till night last February for the Queen's funeral without as much as “thank you.” Now I would sooner ring a peal for the love of it than I would ring call changes for payment, but if at the Coronation we ringers are expected to shut ourselves up in the belfry all day, free, gratis, and for nothing, while others are enjoying themselves, I must beg to be excused. My loyalty will scarcely stand the strain of that, besides, the doctor says I need fresh air!

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The death of poor Fred Harrison came to me as a shock. Although my colleague, Plain Speaker, has tenderly touched on it, I should like to add my tribute, for our Northern friends are hard hit.

I met Fred some ten years ago and rang in a peal with him. He conducted from the tenor and rang her like clockwork. The Durham and Newcastle Guild will mourn a good ringer and one of the mainstays of the Association. It is hard to lose those whom we have learned to look on as part of ourselves, even when they have passed the meridian of life, but to be cut off in the prime in this tragic manner brings to mind the lovely lines of Schiller:—

Ah! I had planned full many a sanguine scheme
Of earthly happiness, romantic schemes,
And fraught with loveliness; and it is hard
To feel the hand of Death arrest the steps,
And hurl one's soul *untimely* to the shades,
Lost! in the gaping gulf of blank oblivion.

But not lost in oblivion will be the name of Fred J. Harrison. In the years to come, when ringers meet around the table with pipe and bowl, his terrible tale will be told, and his name on peal-boards will tell of his prowess to those who follow after. R.I.P.

JINGLE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

It may have come under your notice that this Association has lost one of its prominent members in the death of Mr. Fred J. Harrison, who was accidentally killed while following his employment as foreman platelayer on the North Eastern Railway. Mr. Harrison has been attached to the Association for twenty years, and had for part of that time very usefully served on the executive. He was an honorary and performing member, and was very instrumental in advancing the interests of the Association. He was held in high esteem by all who came in contact with him, being of a kindly, honest, and straightforward disposition, and, needless to say, an expert ringer. It has been decided, in conjunction with his fellow-workmen, to erect a headstone to his grave, and, as treasurer to the fund, in addition to receiving subscriptions from the members of belfries, I shall be glad to receive any from honorary and life members who may wish to subscribe.

R. S. STORY, President.

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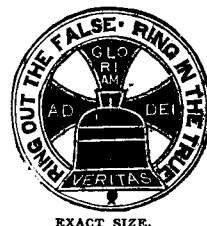
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1901.

Up to the present time it has always been asserted with confidence that to ring more than one church bell at a time was a practical impossibility. What is meant by such assertion is that not more than one bell can be rung for any short period even. The task has been attempted for a few rounds perhaps, but never to our knowledge has it ever been seriously entertained for anything else. This week we publish the record of a peal of Grandsire Triples in which two bells have been rung by one individual! Some of our readers upon reading so far will think of only one man who would have the temerity to attempt such a thing. The ringer in question is J. W. WASHBROOK, who also "called" the peal—Holt's Original. In sending to us the report of this extraordinary per-

formance Mr. WASHBROOK says that the peal was very well rung and carefully struck. He also adds: "I have rung several long touches before, quarter-peals and such like, and pieces of Stedman, and it requires a vast amount of practice, especially when you get one at back and the other at hand, and of course it is necessary to do all the work with your arms, as if you use your body you check the one while pulling the other, and therefore soon come to grief. Our bells here are hung with iron stocks, and there is a great inclination to suck and try the wrist, even when ringing one bell."

We are willing to believe that Mr. WASHBROOK imagines that the above-mentioned conditions, good striking, etc., was as he says, though we should be inclined to think that he had every faculty employed in ringing the two bells, and was hardly able to attend to the striking or anything else. However this may be, we have no hesitation in saying that the whole thing is a monstrosity. It is absurd to suppose that such a performance as this can ever become general, even if we were to have a legion of ringers as clever as J. W. WASHBROOK. If so, the Art of ringing would soon become degraded, and its beauty, poetry, and refinement things of the past.

It can hardly be expected that the assertion that anyone has rung a peal double-handed upon church bells will be received with absolute credulity. Very few will accept the record as true, and will continue to doubt it until it is done before responsible and experienced witnesses. We may accept the statement which has been given, but a lurking doubt exists concerning it which for the present cannot be removed.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
HARRY HOSKINS 2.	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 7.
HARRY FLANDERS 3.	WALTER INGHAM 8.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES* 5.	FREDK. W. THORNTON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and
Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late President William McKinley. *First peal upon ten bells. This was F. W. Thornton's 100th peal, particulars of which will appear next week.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	HENRY GEORGE HILL 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 6.
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JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES ALDRIDGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. G. Hill and H. J. Sayer upon completing their 45th and 24th years respectively. *First peal of Stedman. †First attempt at calling a peal of Stedman.

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

On Monday, September 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, "FRODINGHAM,"
ELMHURST STREET, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 1-2.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 5-6.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7-8.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire—Mr. W. T. Cockerill. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Pasmore, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day.

The Provinces.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	CHARLES BAILEY 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	EDGAR BAILEY 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	FREDK. S. BAYLEY 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

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

JAMES ELCOMBE Treble.	FREDK. S. BAYLEY 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	EDGAR BAILEY 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2.	CHARLES SAMSON 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE. 3.	JOHN M. BUTTON 7.
CHARLES BAILEY 4.	ALBERT J. LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Messrs. Weatherstone and Bedwell hail from London; and for whom this and the Kelsale peals were kindly arranged.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY	Treble.	WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE ..	6.
GEORGE T. DALTRY ..	2.	C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER ..	7.
ALBERT STOWELL ..	3.	WILLIAM STOWELL ..	8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ..	4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE ..	9.
HENRY T. HOWELL ..	5.	JOHN BURFORD ..	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late President McKinley.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, September 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5074 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM ROUGHTON ..	Treble.	JAMES MOTTS ..	6.
SAMUEL CORNISH† ..	2.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN ..	7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER ..	3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ..	8.
WILLIAM MOTTS ..	4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ..	9.
WILLIAM TILLET* ..	5.	WALTER LAST ..	Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS

*First peal. †First peal in the method. This was arranged expressly to oblige Mr. Robert H. Brundle, a respected member of the above Society, who attained his fiftieth birthday on that day, one and all wishing him many happy returns.

TWYFORD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY WHITE ..	Treble.	GEORGE DENT ..	5.
HERBERT P. HERMAN ..	2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY ..	6.
GEORGE N. PRICE ..	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
ISAAC G. SHADE ..	4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ..	Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HERBERT A. POOLE ..	Treble.	VINCENT I. S. O'BRIEN ..	5.
CHARLES H. HORTON ..	2.	JOHN THOMAS ..	6.
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ..	3.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON ..	7.
ROBERT H. LEAKER* ..	4.	FREDERICK J. COOPER ..	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. HORTON.

*First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. Owing to the death of President McKinley, the bells were half-muffled.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES GIBBONS* ..	Treble.	†THOMAS ATTWELL ..	4.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT† ..	2.	*WILLIAM YOUNG ..	5.
THOMAS MACK* ..	3.	*HENRY MULLARD ..	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MULLARD.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Further reference will be found on another page.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SHORT ..	Treble.	JESSE GILLET ..	6.
W. G. ELLIS ..	2.	THOMAS NEWMAN ..	7.
CHARLES DICKENS ..	3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ..	8.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY* ..	4.	THOMAS MILLER ..	9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS ..	5.	*SYDNEY JESSOP ..	Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Caters. Messrs. Gillett and Newman, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Gloucester.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LEVER ..	Treble.	SAMUEL OAKES ..	5.
HARRY CHAPMAN ..	2.	WILLIAM DENNER ..	6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON ..	3.	JOSEPH POTTER ..	7.
WILLIAM FOX ..	4.	JOHN POTTER ..	Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

W. Lever belongs to Farnworth; Chapman to Pendleton; Rev. A. T. Beeston to New Mills; Fox to Wirksworth. W. Fox was elected a member (non-resident) before starting for the peal.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL J. CULLIP ..	Treble.	BERNARD JEALOUS ..	6.
CHARLES CHASTY ..	2.	FRED. WILFORD ..	7.
ISAAC HILLS ..	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE ..	8.
JOSEPH CHURCH ..	4.	JOHN W. BARKER ..	9.
HARRY SEAR ..	5.	FRANK WEBB ..	Tenor.

Composed by B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late President McKinley. This peal which is now rung for the first time has the 6th bell extent behind the 9th and 3rd in the titlums and inverted home position respectively.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH BLACK* ..	Treble.	EDWARD LESTER ..	5.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR ..	2.	ANDREW STUART ..	6.
JAS. W. WASHBROOK ..	3.	ISAAC MYERS ..	7.
JAS. W. WASHBROOK ..	4.	ANDREW BLACK ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to President McKinley. This is the first time two tower bells have been rung by one person.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE ..	Treble.	JAMES LIVERMORE ..	6.
WILLIAM BILLBNNESS ..	2.	SYDNEY SAKER ..	6.
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.* ..	3.	WALTER FRANKS ..	7.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS ..	4.	JOHN SINDEN ..	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

*First peal of Triples, and bells from Walthamstow, Essex. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late President McKinley whose funeral took place that day.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
(THE ST. BENEDICT'S SOCIETY, WOMBOURN.)
On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

JAMES BATE Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY 5.
WILLIAM ROGERS 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
PERCY SADLER 3.	*HORACE SADLER 7.
WALTER E. SADLER .. 4.	GEORGE HARRY SADLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by HORACE SADLER.

*First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of esteem to the late President McKinley.

GREAT BERKHAMPTSTEAD, HERTS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
HERBERT MARTIN 4.	WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

MALCOLM OLDFIELD* .. Treble.	FRANCIS SMITH 5.
JOHN SMITH 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
THOMAS LINGARD 3.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. 7.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 4.	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

*First peal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT,
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	WALTER C. HUNT Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

GLOUCESTER.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt. in E

FRANCIS S. WILSON .. Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL 7.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 5.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON Tenor.

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

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Ward, Wilson, and Dodington, who hail from Cheltenham, Abergavenny, and Derby respectively.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,
On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS 7.
FRANK BOREHAM 4.	BENJAMIN PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first time this composition has been rung in the County of Bucks. T. Faulkner hails from Barking, Essex, and T. H. Taffender from London and Marlow.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED RBEVES Treble.	WILLIAM HOMNE 5.
GEORGE L. BODDINGTON .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE 6.
ERNEST BRUCE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM NEWELL 4.	HERBERT FRANKUM Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Court Bob, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK ROLFE Treble.	CHARLES MEE 4.
HARRY J. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 5.
ARTHUR MORRIS 3.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK MEE.

A. Morris hails from Harwich; the rest are of the local company.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13 cwt.

VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN .. Treble.	H. W. BROWN 5.
GEORGE TEMPLE 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL 6.
REV. H. A. COCKEY 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	JOHN HEATH 5.
ROBERT STONE 2.	HENRY J. SELBY 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON* .. 4.	WALTER INGHAM Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

*First peal of Stedman.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Wednesday, June 12th, a Date Touch of Bob Minor, 1901 changes in 1 hr. 4 min. J. S. Betts, G. R. Winter, F. Phillips, C. Metcalfe, H. Hurst, A. Street (conductor). Longest length by all except ringer of second.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL.—On April 9th, 840 Bob Triples. J. Mannering, J. E. Ashcroft, S. Spence, S. Jenkins, S. Horsfall, J. Booth, F. Spence conductor, A. Kinsey. April 15th, 720 Oxford Single. F. Spence conductor, J. Booth. First in the method by ringers of 2, 3 and 4. On April 28th, 504 Bob Triples and 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, J. Fairhurst, S. Spence, F. Spence conductor, S. Hoasfall, J. Booth, J. E. Ashcroft, A. Kinsey. April 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Kinsey, S. Jenkins, J. Ashcroft, S. Spence, F. Spence conductor, J. Booth. On May 2nd, 720 Oxford Single. S. Horsfall, 3; rest as before. May 5th, 504 Bob Triples. J. Mainwaring, J. Ashcroft, S. Spence, S. Horsfall, F. Spence, J. Booth, S. Jenkins first 504 as conductor, A. Kinsey. Also 447 Grandsire. S. Jenkins, 5; F. Spence conductor, 7; rest as before. On May 6th, 720 College Single. A. Kinsey, S. Jenkins, S. Horsfall, S. Spence, J. Ashcroft, F. Spence conductor. On May 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure standing as before. On May 13th, 720 College Single as before. On May 12th 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Mainwaring, J. Ashcroft, S. Spence, S. Jenkins, S. Horsfall, J. Booth, F. Spence conductor, A. Kinsey. May 16th 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Kinsey, S. Jenkins, S. Horsfall, F. Spence conductor, J. Ashcroft, J. Booth. On May 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Ashcroft, 1; J. Priestley, 5; the rest as before.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WETHERSFIELD (Essex).—On Saturday, September 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Goldstone, H. Bedlow, E. Townsend, H. E. Bowers, W. Gould, F. Suckling (conductor). H. E. Bowers is late of Great Bentley, and now resides here; the rest bail from Great Bardfield. It is hoped, with the assistance of neighbouring friends, to form a change-ringing band here during the coming winter.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Thursday, August 1st, at St. Michael's Church, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after 1 hour 20 minutes' ringing, the noise of the clock striking preventing a single, which was called at the time, being heard. W. H. Hammond, W. J. Collins, J. Motts (conductor); C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard, D. Elliott, G. F. Williams, E. W. Beckwith. On Thursday, September 5th, 1024 Kent. F. Webb, W. Farrow, G. F. Williams, W. Hammond, C. H. Howard (conductor), P. Holmes, H. Coote, H. J. Collins. On Sunday, September 8th, 800 Kent. F. Webb, H. Howard (conductor), H. Collins, W. Hammond, H. Pilcher, P. Holmes, H. Coote, G. F. Williams.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, September 14, at St. John the Divine, Vassall Road, Brixton, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. Frederick W. Thornton (conductor), William R. Crockford, Arthur Hardy, Frederick G. Perrin, Ferris J. Shepherd, Edward J. Webb, Walter C. Hunt, Herbert Langdon.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, September 15, at St. Alfege Church, a quarter-peal of Kent, 1280 changes, in 1 hr. 3 min., with the bells half-muffled in memory of President McKinley. John J. Lamb, Thomas Taylor, William Foreman, George R. Newton, Harry Hoskins, Walter Ingham, Frederick W. Thornton, Harry Flanders.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday evening, September 15th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins. A. Swannack, E. Cellingburn, A. T. Winter, G. F. Clarke, G. W. Metcalfe, H. Haigh, G. R. Winter, H. Warburton, J. B. Joyes conductor, R. Miles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sorrow and regret on the death of President McKinley.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY END.—On Saturday, August 17th, at St. Mary's church,

720 Kent. R. Searle, H. Hodgetts, W. Hodgetts, F. T. C. Nevett, H. Fden, G. N. Price (conductor). First 720 in the method by all except the ringers of the 5th and 6th.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, September 15, after evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber, J. Coales, A. Brammal, J. George (conductor), T. Holmes, J. W. Shotton. This was rung half-muffled in memory of the late President McKinley. On Thursday evening, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 57 mins. A. Coleman, R. Watson, F. Sear, A. J. Gillings, J. B. Fenton, J. George (conductor), A. Bramall, T. Holmes. This was also rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the late President McKinley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY.—On Monday, August 5th, for practice at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. E. Meffin, G. Weldon, C. Taylor, J. W. Seamer, J. W. Chapman, T. Scrimshaw, W. H. Heyhoe conductor, F. Howden.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—Recently, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, Alice White, C. Holdaway, F. Wilson, J. Ward, F. Redgate, J. Ballard, A. Knight. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late President McKinley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. Martin's Church, for morning service, 7200 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, F. Nixon, R. Bevan, E. Young, W. J. Nudds (conductor). On Thursday, January 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Prior, N. Alderman, E. Bonfield, W. J. Nudds, W. Steggall, R. Bevan (conductor). On Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 723 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, E. Young, J. Nixon, W. J. Nudds (conductor), G. Smith. On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, E. Young, J. Nixon, W. J. Nudds (conductor), R. Bevan. On Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, E. Young, C. H. Martin, W. Burrows, W. J. Nudds (conductor). On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, E. Young, J. Nixon, W. J. Nudds, R. Bevan (conductor). On Thursday, April 25th, for practice, 360 Kent. H. Ellis, W. Prior, F. Smith, W. Burrows, W. J. Nudds, R. Bevan (conductor). On Thursday, June 20th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, C. Prior, F. Smith, R. Bevan, E. Young, W. J. Nudds (conductor).

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On May 26th, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Miller, A. Glasscock, S. Ansell, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, J. Miller, S. Wade conductor, H. Balaam. On June 6th, 1344 Bob Major. A. Glasscock, E. Marshall, F. H. Ponton, F. W. Ford, H. Miller, S. Jones, F. C. Newman, S. Wade composer and conductor. On June 9th, 1260 Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), W. Charge, J. Armstrong, R. Charge, J. Miller, G. Charge, F. C. Newman, S. Wade conductor, H. Miller. On June 23rd, 1280 Kent Triple Bob. H. Miller, A. Glasscock, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, F. C. Newman, W. Pickworth, J. Miller, S. Wade conductor, On July 21st, 1280 Kent. H. Miller, R. Charge, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, G. Thruswell, W. Pickworth, J. Miller, S. Wade. On July 28th, 1280 Bob Major. S. Ansell, W. Tegg, F. W. Ford, H. Miller, S. Jones, W. Pickworth, J. Miller, S. Wade composer and conductor. Tenor 25 cwt.

BRAMLEY (Hants).—On Sunday, June 16, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Ward, A. E. Reeves, E. Bruce, J. Ballard, C. Giles conductor, H. White. 480 of Kent. Dora White, C. Giles, J. Ballard, E. Bruce, A. E. Reeves, H. White conductor. For evening service 720 of Kent. C. Giles, J. Ballard, F. Hopgood, E. Bruce, W. Horne, A. E. Reeves.

GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday, August 6th, at St. Andrew's church, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part. T. Steeles, G. Weldon conductor, C. Taylor, J. W. Seamer, P. Long, J. W. Chapman, H. Bower (Sheffield), F. Howden. On Tuesday, August 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Steeles, G. Weldon, P. Long, J. W. Seamer, A. Knights, Scrimshaw, W. H. Heyhoe, F. Howden.

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

THE PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Drake I am sure all the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" are well versed as to what is being done to Painswick bells, as some three months ago in answer to an inaccurate statement that the bells were to be tuned, I gave full particulars in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," that before the bells left Painswick, it was the unanimous wish of the parishioners that the bells should not be retuned, and it was strictly under those conditions that Messrs. Taylor & Co. accepted the contract to rehang them, but before arriving at that decision, we had the advice of several of the best ringers in England, and also looked into the matter from a scientific point of view, and the unanimous decision was to leave the re-tuning strictly alone. The Painswick bells have always been noted for their beautiful crisp and clear tone, and I honestly say who during my whole career as a change ringer, I have never but once heard an uncomplimentary remark from any ringer who has visited Painswick, and that is saying a great deal, considering the hundreds that come to ring on that beautiful peal; that exception was Mr. Taylor on his first visit, on hearing the quarters strike, hardly a fair test. After the testimony from all those ringers and such a splendid history attached to those noted bells, is the testimony of these men to be ruthlessly cast aside, because a new idea, or rather a very old Belgian idea, of some 300 years old, is just entering into an experimental stage into the tuning of English bells? It is known that some Belgian tuners have practised to perfection the so-called new tuning process for centuries, but the secret has been zealously guarded and handed down from one generation to another, on the testimony of Mr. Taylor himself. I heard him say in Painswick church before the Vicar and churchwardens, that it was only as recently as four years ago that they found out the secret of how to turn out perfect bells; that system was brought to the front by an excellent book, edited by Canon Simpson; but we have to bear this fact strongly in mind that it is of the greatest importance that the bells used in Belgium, and in fact, all continental towns, used exclusively for tune playing, should be tuned to perfection. What is a perfect bell as suited to music? There is a note struck by the clapper from the sound-bow, this is the prime or pitch note of the bell, the vibration from this main note sets all the mass of metal throbbing, from which the following notes are sounded: at one eighth of the height of the bell from the brim a third above the fundamental note is given; at three-quarters of the height a 5th; and at the shoulder the cord is completed by the octave; besides these, there is developed a hum note. A bell perfectly in tune would have all these five notes absolutely in tune with one another. We realise that for tune playing it is absolutely necessary, but if that system of tuning is carried out in England every bell served so will have exactly the same characteristics, that was one of the chief reasons we decided to let Painswick bells stop as they are. As ringers, we know that every peal tuned under the old system for change-ringing has entirely different characteristics from the last we heard before. My firm belief is where the noted Painswick peal has always scored upon the testimony of Mr. Taylor himself. He says the main notes of the Painswick peal are nearly perfect and when these notes are running in quick succession, about 200 a minute, or at the rate of nearly $3\frac{1}{2}$ per second, in all sorts of ways, musical and the reverse, there is not the time to listen to the hum notes or distinguish vibrations, and I firmly believe that it is these irregular vibrations following the true main notes that gives that beautiful wild fascinating characteristic to many peals of bells, including our Painswick peal. When Mr. Taylor wrote to our Vicar respecting the uncomplimentary remarks made by the members of the Midland Counties Association, which Mr. Drake has now put into print, I will here say that ringing associations ought not to interfere with trade enterprises; it was decided to act fair, and a deputation of four from the bell committee visited Loughborough and listened to our own bells, and also a peal tuned by the new process, and I say now what

I said then: that the bells so tuned are too true for change-ringing, they sound so mechanically true and would get monotonous. After hearing Mr. Taylor's peal, our bells were then struck round, the effect was instantaneous, there was a delightful piquancy in their tones, for although the Painswick peal was a half-note flatter than the new peal, the slightly irregular tones following the main notes made them appear at least half a note sharper, whereas in the new style after the main note the tones simply hold on in one long vibrating continuous note. What I say is that when we adopt the continental style of playing tunes instead of practising change-ringing, then by all means adopt the new system of tuning, but till then for change-ringing give me the old English system, which gives a different tone and characteristic to every peal you ring on. Mr. Drake said that the deputation clearly evidenced that the bells were out of tune. Upon my visit we were very well satisfied with the back 10 bells but gave Mr. Taylor a free hand if he could improve the trebles, but contrary to what Mr. Drake said, Mr. Taylor said it could not possibly be done without recasting 3, 4, and possibly 5, and retuning the back 8 bells. Ringers! consider what this means. You have to take the flattest bell and bring all the others to it or even below for correct pitch, as you cannot with safety sharpen them. The whole characteristics of the peal would be changed and although there may be plenty of Rudhall's bells, there are few complete peals of ten in the same tune as they left the old original founders, and they are no doubt a most remarkable specimen of the bellfounders' art of their day. Among all the many changes and opinions it is our candid firm desire to hand down to posterity the bells in the same tone, which has pleased past generations and no doubt will in future. One of the most convincing part of Mr. Drake's communication is not his proposal to quack-doctor the tones of the Painswick bells, but the concluding paragraph, in which he by anticipation meets a possible suspicion that he is holding a brief for the wholesale Taylorising of our peal. But for this frank statement there would be no doubt whatever that at least a few people who are familiar at first hand with the facts and correspondence would have come inevitably to the conclusion that Mr. Drake's letter was dictated in Mr. Taylor's office.

Painswick, Gloucestershire.

WILLIAM HALE.

WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Caters rang at Appleton, Berks, on August 5th, I give up all claim to, owing to ringing without a cover bell, and all claim to its being booked to the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

C. R. LILLEY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 20th, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, the following were unanimously elected:

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BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, September 22nd, at St. James' church, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor with the tenor covering. W. Gill, 1; F. Palframan (first 720 away from the treble), 2; A. Beason, 3; B. T. Copley (conductor), 4; A. Gill, 5; S. Palframan, 6; J. Palframan, 7.

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The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Hartlebury, to-day, Saturday, September 28th. The Rev. D. Robertson, vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in the church, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The tower and bells will be open for ringing. The Glossary will be ready for distribution to members at this meeting. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at The Union Jack, Cork Street, Frome, to-day, Saturday, September 28th, at 5 o'clock. Service in the parish church at 3 o'clock.

A. I. W. ILES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at S. Chad's, Far Headingley, to-day, Saturday, September 28. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at The New Inn, at 7 p.m. J. W. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Aberdare, to-day, Saturday, September 28th, at 2.45 p.m. Bells available after mid-day. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Ass. Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The general half-yearly meeting will be held at Gainsborough, to-day, Saturday, September 28th. The parish church tower will be open for ringing. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.

GEO. CHESTER, *Branch Secretary.*

Granville House, Carline Road, Lincoln.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Blackpool, to-day, Saturday, September 28th.

A. E. WREAKS, J. WILSON, J. SHEPHERD, *Secretaries.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at Ashford to-day, Saturday September 28th. 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, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Norton to-day, Saturday, September 28th. Peal of eight bells. Meeting at The New Inn at 5 p.m.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at the parish church, Coseley. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided at one shilling per head for all those sending in their names not later than the 30th inst. The nearest stations are Deepfields, London and North-Western Railway, and Princes End, Great Western Railway. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will

be held at Richmond, Yorkshire, on Saturday, October 5th. Tea, 9d each to members, at 4.30 in the parish church room, Dundas-street. Members intending to be present, kindly inform the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 1st. Catterick bells will be available also. REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Longton, on Saturday next, October 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Kay, 53, Ashwood, Longton. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Ripponden on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready from dinner-time. Business meeting in school at six o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Sarum Diocesan Guild.—Salisbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at the Minster at 4.15. Tea and meeting at The Magnet at 4.45. Tickets 7d. each to those sending notice by October 8th to the Rev. C. Wood, Coombe Bissett.

North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at Misson, Bawtry station, G.N.R. Conveyances meet trains to take passengers to Misson. Tea at 4.30. 1s. each. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tea at Town Hall at 5 o'clock to be followed by business meeting. Parish church opened for ringing at 3 o'clock.

C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting at Barking on Saturday, October 19th, to elect a Master and Secretary for the south-western division of the county. The Vicar has kindly promised to give tea. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

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" Norwich Major c ..	80	5
Duffield Major ..	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major ..	3	—
Kent Treble Bob Major ..	14	2
" " " Royal ..	9	—
" " " Maximus ..	2	—
Duffield Royal ..	1	—
Superlative Surprise Major ..	48	6

	Rung	Conducted.
Cambridge ..	16	4
London d ..	13	3
Total	700	283

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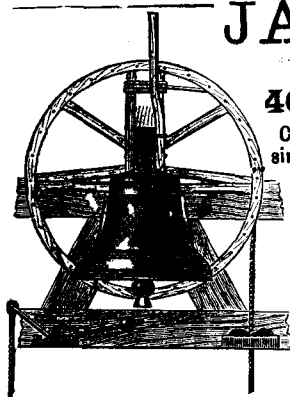
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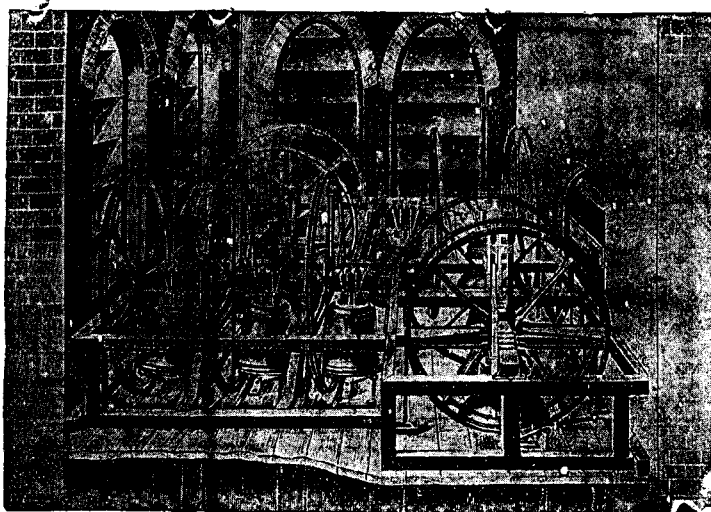
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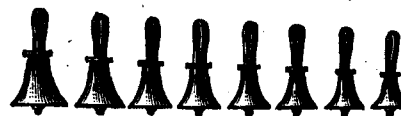
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT RYDE.

The Annual Festival of this Guild was held on Monday, July 1st, the weather being very favourable. Ryde is not a very accessible place, but it was felt that a visit to the Isle of Wight would probably give a stimulus to ringing, and some 140 members were present. The Vicar of Ryde, Rev. J. Shearme, was most kind in making arrangements, and lent his parish mission room for the annual business meeting, which was held at 11.0. It was not till 11.20 however, that the Master, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (in the unavoidable absence of the President, J. P. Stilwell, esq.) took the chair. There were several important matters on the agenda paper, but owing to the want of time discussions had to be considerably curtailed, to the disappointment of many present. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting at Gosport were read by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and passed, and the minutes of the last annual meeting at Leatherhead were re-read. The officers of the Guild then retired, the Vicar of Ryde taking the chair. All the officers were re-elected to their several positions, including the Standing Committee. The only vacancy among the district secretaries—that at Petersfield—was filled by the appointment of Mr. W. Wilkinson in the place of the Rev. C. P. T. Edwards. Mr. Edwards was congratulated on his appointment to the benefice of Mottisfont.

The Master and Hon. Secretary returned thanks to the meeting for the renewed confidence which members accorded to them every year.

Twenty-three performing members were duly elected from the following companies: Basingstoke, Weybridge, Shalford, Ryde, Chiddingfold, Privett, Capel, Swanmore, Bagshot, Leatherhead, and Yateley. One honorary member and two compounding members were added to the list.

The balance-sheet, which had been printed, was then adopted without discussion on the proposition of Mr. T. W. Fairey, seconded by Mr. H. C. Ingram. It showed a balance in hand of £56 19s. 10d., which was considered eminently satisfactory.

Mr. M. Steer (Hawley), introduced the question of the formation of a new district for Yateley, York Town, Farnborough, Hawley, and Bagshot. He said that such a district would relieve the Guildford district, which contained more towers than any other in the diocese.

Mr. A. Grist (Bournemouth) held that such a course would disarrange surrounding districts, and might cause jealousy.

Mr. Jones (Guildford), said he could not understand the reasons adduced for the formation of this new district, and it ought not to be decided without the permission of all members in the districts which would be affected by the proposed alteration.

Mr. Hilton (Yateley), said he was quite taken by surprise, and had always felt that they were very well represented in that part of the diocese. He maintained that the new district was not needed.

The Master held that such a proposition would require

careful consideration. They had some five years ago carefully mapped out the whole diocese into seven districts, and so far those several divisions had worked smoothly. He was of opinion that under peculiar circumstances it might be desirable to form new districts; but this required more time and deliberation than they could bestow on the matter then, and he suggested it be referred to the next quarterly meeting.

The proposition which was seconded by Mr. C. Pearce (York Town), was not put to the meeting but postponed.

The Hon. Secretary next introduced the question of a new rule, which he had given notice of at Guildford on February 16th. The proposed rule was:—"A performing member who fails to pay his subscription for two years when called upon by the Treasurer to do so, shall cease to be a member of the Guild." Since he had been in office he had never been able to make the amount of the performing members' subscriptions tally with the numbers on their several lists. In 1898 they had 456 members, and received £35 instead of £45 12s. 0d. In 1899 there were 450 members, and received £38 8s. 0d. instead of £45. He could bring other figures forward if necessary, but those two were sufficient to prove that there was a very considerable leakage. If it was worth while belonging to a Guild like this, members should consider it an honour and privilege to support it. It was not fair to those who did pay up regularly every year. In other affairs, such as benefit clubs, etc., members *had* to pay or lose all the privileges of membership. Something ought to be done to put a stop to such conduct, and he did not see how it was to be prevented unless they had some definite rule.

Mr. R. White (Romsey), contended that such a rule would be of much service, and seconded the proposition.

Mr. Hilton (Yateley), said that if every foreman kept a record of payments and collected regularly from his band, no such rule would be needed.

Mr. Ingram (Portsea), proposed that the rule should comprehend the re-election in certain cases of those whose subscriptions had fallen into arrears. He suggested "if a member declined to pay arrears for two years, he shall not be eligible for re-election."

The Master thought it rather difficult to frame a rule of this sort. They should not do anything in a hurry. It would be rather hard if a man left his parish for a year or two, and had no chance of ringing, and then could not be re-elected without paying up arrears. In such cases a ringer's subscription could not be reasonably expected from him. If they re-elected members great care should be exercised.

The Rev. C. T. P. Edwards suggested that each case for re-election should be considered on its merits.

The Revs. J. Shearme and H. Wheat having both spoken, W. Scott-Evans, esq. (Bournemouth), maintained that two distinct propositions were before the meeting, resignation and re-election. A member must resign before he could be re-elected, and this would require two rules.

The Hon. Secretary said he had no desire to press this

proposition upon the meeting; he thought it was an important one, but would leave it entirely in their hands.

On the proposition of Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Ingram, it was unanimously decided to postpone the question till the next Annual Meeting.

On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Master, a grant of two guineas was made towards the restoration of the bells at Bishops Waltham.

The next business on the agenda was a proposition that the Guild should defray half the cost of the Annual Dinner out of the funds.

Mr. Jones introduced the subject, and considered that the present plan was unsatisfactory. On such an occasion as the annual meeting they should all meet together at dinner. He proposed that in future members should pay one shilling towards the dinner, the Guild defraying the balance.

Mr. Pearce thought that the railway fares were more important than the dinner; there were certain bands whose dinners were provided by the generosity of churchwardens and others, and in such cases how could the Guild assist?

An amendment was proposed by Mr. C. Willshire (Guildford), seconded by Mr. Harper—"That members pay 1s. 6d. each towards the dinner next year only, the Guild paying the balance." This amendment was carried.

For the place of the next annual meeting in Surrey Hersham and Farnham were respectively proposed and seconded. Hersham received the greater number of votes (63), and was therefore chosen.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed at York Town on the proposition of Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Lucas.

The much debated question concerning Monday or Saturday for the next annual finished the business. Messrs. J. Jones and A. Grist proposed a Saturday; Messrs. J. Harper and J. Heathorn proposed a Monday. A good deal of discussion followed.

Mr. C. Willshire thought that the ballot which had taken place previous to the meeting should hold good, and considered that they were out of order in discussing it, as 124 had voted for Saturday and 120 for Monday.

Mr. Fairey (York Town) maintained that this ballot had not been a general one, as many of their members had not had the opportunity to vote at all.

Mr. Willshire held that the ballot should be utilized; personally he had no preference for either day.

The Master then put it to the meeting whether the ballot should hold good, or whether they should decide the question now. The latter course was chosen.

The Revs. H. Wheat and C. T. P. Edwards were both in favour of the meeting deciding only for next year, after that they could again discuss the point. The amendment was carried in favour of Monday.

The annual service was held at the parish church (All Saints) at 12.15, the usual hymns being sung. The sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Shearme, from Psalm lxvi. He said that the duties of praise and worship were the highest acts of the creature towards the Creator. God had disclosed some of His attributes, some stern, some loving, and He had sent His only begotten Son as a Man among men. Thus he knew men's trials and temptations and sympathised so wonderfully with all their difficulties. It was this which enabled St. Paul, and successive generations of great and saintly men to say "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The worship of God entailed a system properly organised with many offices. These were

suited to all sorts and conditions of men—all could not be hastors and teachers, but many could minister to God's glory by ringing the bells—such was an honourable and a dignified call to be executed in the belfry, a part of God's pouse. The music of the bells conveyed so much to the world outside, messages of joy and sorrow, the knell of the dying year, or the welcoming home of those who had fought at the front—all these meant more than language could express. Their festival every year should help them to recognise their responsible position in the Church of God and in their diocese. They should see that it was not merely an annual reunion of kindred spirits, but that they dispersed with the desire and intention of making their services a better sacrifice for the glory of God.

The Annual dinner, at which eighty-three were present, took place in the Town Hall at 1.15. The Rev. C. E. Matthews presided, in the absence of the Master. At the conclusion he moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Shearme for his sermon, and for the kind welcome he had given them. Mr. Shearme briefly replied, and the various bands then dispersed to ring at neighbouring towers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—ANNUAL HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

Nearing the close of the above tour in 1900 it was arranged to commence that of 1901 on Saturday, September 14th, and accordingly during the afternoon of that day members began to arrive at the usual rendezvous: Hope Cottage, Fareham, the residence of Mr. J. W. Whiting, and by tea-time the following had arrived:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley (Portsea), W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), C. Giles (Reading), H. P. Harman (Bromley), Geo. N. Price (Oxhey), C. R. Lilley (Bedford), G. Williams (Brighton), and H. White (Basingstoke). After the usual greetings had been exchanged and tea over, it was time to start business, and soon the bells of SS. Peter and Paul were tapping away at Superlative Surprise. A good peal was rung in 3 hr. 6 min., after which a social hour passed all too quickly, and the party separated under orders to breakfast at Mr. Whiting's at 8 a.m. on the following morning and not one of them could be registered late, for all were there prior to the appointed time. After the meal, wishing Mrs. Whiting and family good-bye, Fareham was left behind and Southampton reached shortly after 10 o'clock en route for Netley. On crossing over the floating bridge a short visit was paid to Mr. E. J. Heathorn at Woolston, and, engaging a Jehu, the distance between Woolston and Netley seemed all too short. The Victoria Hotel was to be the head-quarters, and while dinner was in progress a tap was heard at the window, followed by the appearance of a hungry-looking face. Some said it was a "Shade," but it had travelled all the way from Greenwich, and proved to be of a very substantial sort when seated at the table. The next item was to be an attempt for a peal of Cambridge, and this is all it proved, for after about three courses a hitch occurred, and another start was made, but somehow or other the bells either didn't know Cambridge or wouldn't ring it, so the handbells were trotted out and Stedman Caters and Triples by the sea-shore whiled away the afternoon. Before evening service a touch of Stedman Triples finished the ringing for service. In the evening two peals of Stedman Triples on handbells were attempted by H. P. Harman 1-2, G. N. Price 3-4, G. Williams (con.) 5-6, C. Giles 7-8, and all went well until the fifty-seventh course, at the end of which it was found a shift had occurred. Monday morning, shortly after 6 o'clock, another attempt was made for Cambridge, but a hitch and a second start only resulted in about two hours' ringing, when it was resolved to get on to Romsey as quickly as possible. Breakfasting at Southampton, Romsey was reached soon after 11. Here London Surprise was to be the method, but just about 12 o'clock, when all was

ready for a start, the Vicar came up and announced that owing to his having to give a lecture at 2.15, of which he did not know till that morning, we could not start for the peal till after 3. This was too late to admit of Mr. G. Williams (who was due back at Brighton that night) taking part in it. The Rev. F. E. Robinson arriving about half-past one, it was decided to ring Stedman Triples, and about 3.15 the bells went into changes. Mr. Williams having heard the start, commenced his journey on his bike, but if he kept on as long as the bells (3 hr. 9 min) then he wanted a change of apparel very badly when he dismounted, as it commenced to rain shortly after he left and continued until after the peal was over. The band was then entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Cooke Yarborough, who had very kindly provided tea at the Rectory. Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock the party started in a covered brake for East Tytherley. Smoking, chatting, and hand-bell ringing filled up the time of the journey, and on reaching the church and getting things in readiness, go for Superlative was called, and though first six and then sixteen courses were rang no peal was scored. Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow, having found out that the place was on the programme for Tuesday, now put in an appearance, having walked from Dunbridge Station. As the place where the dinner and tea was to be obtained was situated about one and a half miles from the church, only one more attempt could be made that day, and it was considered best to have a quiet afternoon. An early tea, and then start for the peal again. Goodbye had now to be said to another of the party, Mr. F. S. Bayley, who was returning to Southsea. After nearly two hours' good ringing the last attempt for Superlative also came to grief, and Tytherley and both peals were soon left behind. On Wednesday Twyford was reached between nine and ten, and Mr. G. Brown, who was waiting at the church, had obtained permission for the bells to be rung through the morning service, which is at 11 a.m. This was pleasing news, and a start was at once made for Stedman Triples, which was successfully accomplished in 3 hr. 2 min. Hearing from the Vicar of Alresford (where the last of the peals was to be attempted) that owing to the death of President McKinley they did not wish to have the bells rung permission was readily obtained for the use of Basingstoke bells from the Rev. Dr. Cooper-Smith. Starting after evensong, Stedman was again in full swing, and some very quick ringing indulged in, but fate seemed to decide against peals, and in the thirty-fourth course this, the last attempt, came to grief. A general parting followed, all making tracks for their respective destinations. Thus ended, if not the most successful from a peal-ringing point of view, one of the most enjoyable outings it has ever fallen to the lot of the writer to take part in. The band one and all regretted very much that Mr. Whiting's state of health did not permit him to take part in the ringing, and that ere long he may be able to again do his share in scoring peals. They wish to tender their hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Whiting and the Vicar of Romsey for their kind hospitality, Mr. Elcombe (Romsey) and Mr. G. Brown (Twyford) for their assistance in making arrangements, and the Rectors who so kindly permitted them to ring in the various towers.

H. W.

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

THE PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—When one reads letters so painful as those which have emanated from Painswick lately on the above subject, one is compelled to the conclusion that a case which needs such support must be bad indeed.

Mr. Hale makes a number of statements and insinuations in connexion with my name, all of which are incorrect and unjustified; with regard to those which he makes of "Mr. Taylor himself" (*sic*) of some I know the same applies, and of the rest I believe it also to be the case. I think I could safely rely on the judgment of your readers without troubling them to prove my case; but it may be more satisfactory to give an instance. Mr. Hale states categorically in his letter in your issue of to-day, that I have "now put into print" "the uncomplimentary remarks made by the members of the Midland Counties' Association"; it seems incredible, but there is absolutely no reference to any such remarks in my letter in your issue of September 7th. Moreover I never heard of such remarks, and do not believe any such were made. It is difficult (for me, if not for Mr. Hale) to imagine anyone so foolish and uncharitable as to "put into print" other people's "uncomplimentary remarks." My statement was that certain members of the Midland Counties' Association were curious to hear how the bells sounded, and that the result was unsatisfactory.

Mr. Hale objects to this: it is not clear; why? does he mean that bell foundries are never to allow their foundries to be inspected at meetings of Ringing Associations? or that that the fact, that people who visit such foundries are members of Associations, is never to be mentioned? Mr. Hale's words are especially unfortunate:—"I will here say that ringing Associations ought not to interfere with trade enterprises." What does he mean "ought not" to be done? Does he imply some arrangement "between the foundry and the Association? or is the "trade enterprise" something at Painswick that is being "interfered with"? Whatever his real meaning, Mr. Hale certainly "ought" never to have penned these words.

After this I think your readers will have no doubt that the statements which I received from the three Messrs. Taylor, are more correct than Mr. Hale's version of their statements, about recasting the bells. I stated that the fifth bell would have been nearer its true place had it been the sixth; Mr. Hale does not deny this, but says that "Mr Taylor himself . . . says that the main notes . . . are nearly perfect." Such a statement needs no remark from me.

On the general question, such arguments as those of Mr. Hale would apply equally to any other instruments. The individual characteristics of other instruments are not destroyed by their being properly tuned, but rather enhanced; and no musical person with ordinary reasoning power can doubt that the same applies to bells. Mr. Hale's theory about bells in tune being monotonous, is at once shattered by once listening to a peal, or ringing on them. I referred before to the Brierley Hill bells, on which I have rung, and which are especially suitable for comparison, as there are so many good rings within ear-shot, or almost so. I am sure I can safely appeal to my friends of the St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley, the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, who know the bells well, to support me in this. Of one thing we may be certain: that, in a few years time, the long suffering public, which does not much appreciate the music of change-ringing, but has been accustomed to hearing all musical instruments properly tuned, will refuse to allow such bells to be rung: though they may well be kept as costly curiosities.

I may add that it will be impossible (for me, at any rate) to take any further notice of Mr. Hale, until he has unconditionally withdrawn his insinuations of sharp practice against the Midland Counties' Association, the firm which has been referred to, and your humble servant

H. DRAKE.

TONE AND TUNE IN BELLS.

SIR,—Mr. W. Hale, in his letter in your issue of September 28th, says that if the system of tuning which Canon Simpson

succeeded in re-introducing into England be carried out, "every bell served so will have exactly the same characteristics."

This is an instance of the old confusion between *tone* and *tune*. It might as well be said that all pianos, or all organs, or all harmoniums, would have exactly the same characteristics, if they were all exactly in tune. Tune and tone are entirely distinct qualities. The veriest tin-kettle of a piano may be as perfectly in tune as the masterpiece of Erard or Broadwood. A set of cast iron pots might be perfectly in *tune*, as Lord Grimthorpe remarked long ago in his book on "Clocks, Watches, and Bells"; but the less said about their *tone* the better. If all the bells in England were brought into perfect tune to-morrow, the peals would still retain their own individuality. They would still vary in key, pitch, compass, and above all, in scale. There would still be bells of proper thickness and corresponding excellence of tone, and there would still be bells spoiled by people who demand a depth of note which no human art can render satisfactory with the weight of metal they are willing to pay for.

I should be sorry to think that the Painswick bells owe their excellence to their being out of tune. It is due to their admirable quality of *tone*, and they would doubtless be better still if they were perfectly in *tune* in their subordinate harmonics. I am astonished that Mr. Hale should think that in bells tuned "in the new style, after the main note, the tones simply hold on in one long, vibrating, continuous note;" because the new method consists in first bringing out the harmonics powerfully, and then bringing them into tune with the nominals. Not only the hum-notes, but the upper octaves of these bells are very strong indeed. I remember when the St. Mary's bells here were being hung last year, how I was struck with the clearness with which I could hear the tenor in the third, and the third in the tenor. Surely it is a poor ear which cannot detect harmonics unless they are discordant.

There is, of course, a great deal one can understand in the anxiety of the good people of Painswick, from the antiquarian point of view, to preserve their interesting peal as far possible as it came from Rudhall's hand. But when we come to new peals, there can be no possible doubt but that the new or revived method of so moulding and tuning bells that each may give out (to use the words of Sir A. P. Heywood) "a true and melodious chord instead of the usual discordant clang" is certain to prevail. Bells are musical instruments, and to a refined musical ear the immense superiority of perfectly tuned bells is unquestionable. Besides this, they possess another great advantage, which it does not require the ear of a Simpson, or a Heywood, or a Cattley to detect; and Mr. Hale himself draws our attention to it when he tells us that on hearing the Painswick bells struck round in the Loughborough foundry after a peal tuned by the new process, they appeared at least half a note sharper than the new peal, whereas, in reality they were half a note flatter. This depth of tone strikes everybody on hearing perfectly tuned bells. We are so accustomed in this country to sharp hum-notes and fundamentals that the full volume of the deep harmonics in the new bells makes everybody think them deeper than they are. I have been taken in myself in guessing notes in Taylors' foundry more than once. Continental hum-notes are generally flat, and that is one of the main reasons why travellers often think them so grand as compared with ordinary English bells. I do not know what new peal Mr. Hale heard, but if he doubts the "piquancy" and brilliancy of bells tuned in the new method, let him come and listen to the trebles in the new peals at Beverley and Hull, when they are rung. You cannot judge of the brilliancy of the tone of bells when they are softly struck, resting on their crowns; the better the bells are, the less this quality will assert itself. If you were struck with this characteristic (certainly in fairly large bells) when chimed, they would sound sharp or harsh when rung, compared with bells in which a soft, rich melody was the predominating feature when chimed.

In my judgment, the sweet and penetrating clearness of the treble ($7\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. in E) in our new peal at the Minster, is quite as remarkable as the soft, full richness of the tenor ($41\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in C); and the peal when heard a mile off is like a distant organ. Some of your readers may say that my judgment does not go for much. Neither does theirs (if I may so reply without offence) until they have been to hear and judge for themselves.

And if they will let me know, they shall have a hearty welcome, and every facility for amending their judgment.

The concluding paragraph of Mr. Hale's letter induces me to add that I was simply led to write this from one of my ringers showing me his letter last night. I have therefore not had the advantage of any assistance from Mr. Taylor's office.

H. E. NOLLOTH.

The Vicarage, Beverley Minster, October 1st, 1901.

THE PEAL AT ARKLOW.

SIR,—Judging from the tone of your remarks in "THE BELL NEWS" of 28th ult. on the peal of Grandsire Triples rung here on 19th September, in which J. W. Washbrook rung two bells himself, you evidently think the thing is impossible, and that Washbrook, in sending the record to you, was trying to "pull your leg." In this you are quite mistaken, as Washbrook both rang the two bells and also called the peal, and as a matter of fact he constantly on Sundays rings two bells in Grandsire Triples and Minor and Stedman Doubles, owing to insufficient number of competent ringers turning up. I am afraid your time is too valuable to expect you to pay us a visit, in order that we might convince you by ocular and aural demonstration, though, needless to say, you would receive a hearty welcome in our ringing-chamber, but I would suggest that you should ask some experienced ringers to come here and satisfy themselves by ringing a peal with us, that Washbrook can do what you evidently don't believe possible. I am sure if you asked, say Dr. Cherry, K.C., President of the Irish Ringers' Association, and Mr. Lindoff from St. Patrick's, Dublin, both of whom you must admit are competent judges of change-ringing, to come here, they would do so, and we shall only be too pleased to welcome them, or anyone else you like to name, in our ringing-chamber.

A. TAILYOUR,
Master of Arklow Guild.

Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—Confining myself to Mr. James' expressed opinion as to the meaning of the term "Principle" in the ringing science, it appears to me that this correspondence leaves us no wiser on this point than it found us, except that Mr. James has made it clear that his argument rests upon a *petitio principii*. He has added nothing to our knowledge of the historic use of the term, and he has—to my great astonishment, and I doubt not to that of others—neglected all scientific method in what he has told us about it, which in the case of a man of Mr. James' mental gifts seems inexplicable.

If there is one rule more elementary than another in tracing the history and meaning of terms, it is that you must go back to the earliest use of the term you are dealing with in the particular science you are considering. This arises from the imperfection of human language, which results in very few words having one and only one meaning. Take this word "principle." Any one who will consult a standard English Dictionary will find several meanings given to it. Professor Skeat, for instance, defines it as "a fundamental truth or law, a tenet, a settled rule of action." I am not sure that this is his entire definition, but what I have cited suffices to show that the word is of very wide application. It is beside the point for Mr. James to refer to the Latin word *principium*, because a similar width of meaning belongs also to that, as witness any decent Latin Dictionary. Obviously no one by merely consulting Skeat's Dictionary could be reasonably sure what the word principle means in ringing literature. What then is a man who wants to teach others its meaning in this respect, to do? Clearly not to dictate with reckless assertion, but to patiently investigate all the authorities, beginning with the earliest. This is exactly what Mr. James has not done, and just because he has not done so, his views can carry no conviction with them. To tell the Exercise what the term Principle means without thinking Stedman's Campanalogia worth looking at is simply to affront our intelligence.

Whether or not Mr. James might take the same view as I do

if he consulted the Campanalogia I of course cannot say. But at present a consideration of the classical authorities beginning with that work convinces me—

1—That they have all included Principle under Method, and—

2—That though they have not actually defined the term Principle no one of them has considered it to mean what Mr. James contends, but rather they all take it to mean something in the combination of working and dodging bells, exemplified in the first instance by Stedman's sixes and bells behind the work.

Holding these views what do I find set against them? Only the opinion of Mr. James, who has begged the question and proved nothing to the purpose. Therefore I am unable to accept Mr. James' proposed terms of classification, for I cannot see that Principle ever meant what Mr. James says, nor any reason why we should now make it do so.

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—I find an inaccurate statement in my communication in your issue of the 7th September last. I will correct it later. It is not material to the above.

SIR,—Permit me to say the letter referred to by Mr. James in your last issue arrived at my house on Monday morning, just twenty-four after Mr. G. Williams left for the Midlands.

This history given concerning report No. 1 seems very meagre indeed, and I consider we are entitled to know all particulars. I enquired about this some nine months ago, but as yet have no reply.

The last explanation as given by Mr. James *re* principle and method is, to say the least, a very curious one, and is really my excuse for giving the following.

The Principle of Stedman is designed without a hunting bell. Each do the same work, and there is no Bishop or Lord of the Manor amongst them. All are of equal degree, quite distinct from and include the principle upon which Grandsire is constituted. Here the treble is Queen of the river, and Lady of the isle.

The Method by Stedman is divided into sixes, and the work of the three front bells is elaborately subdivided into quick and slow work, whole and half turns, both wrong and right. In the quick six one bell runs from the dodging in 4-5 down to lead, and back again to the dodging that is continually going on above 3rds place, and quite distinct from the Grandsire method which is divided in treble leads, etc.

So you see, Mr. Editor, there is a vast difference in my humble opinion between the method and principle presented us by Fabian Stedman.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—Mr. Dains' letter calls for an answer from me, and I most gladly sit down to write because Mr. Dains has come much nearer to my ideas in his last letter than heretofore.

Mr. Dains first deals with Grandsire and Plain Bob, but I must leave this until I have dealt with the end of his letter, because he does not yet understand what I mean by Principle.

Secondly, Mr. Dains complains that I never used the word "practical" ringing: I own I did not, and it would perhaps have been better to do so, but I thought it unnecessary because we have been considering the science and not the practice of ringing throughout this correspondence.

Thirdly, Mr. Dains says that if he was unfair in comparing Grandsire and Stedman I was also unfair in comparing the Stedman with the Grandsire workshop. I admit this, but I was unfair to myself. Mr. Dains was unfair to me: I tried by comparing them to show that Grandsire from a scientific point of view was a higher organism than Stedman. Mr. Dains tried to prove the reverse not from science, but from practice, and I complained that this was not fair, as Grandsire should have been compared not with Stedman, but with another member of Mr. Bulwer's Group V. namely Plain Hunt.

And now for the word Principle. Mr. Dains does not yet understand what I mean by this word, and he himself under the heading Principle in his letter uses it in two different senses; now I use it in one sense only and always mean the same thing by it, *i.e.* the same as Mr. Dains in his first four cases, but not as he uses it in case five.

What then is a Principle? If Mr. Dains will get *Standard Methods* and open the book of Diagrams, on the first page of Diagrams, and look at the red line drawn through the treble from 12345 to 13254 inclusive, that line represents the Plain

Hunt Principle on five bells; if he will turn the page and look at the red line drawn through the Treble in Plain Bob from 123456 to 132546 inclusive, that red line represents the Plain Hunt Principle on six bells; then turn to Oxford Treble Bob and look at the red line from 123456 to 124365 inclusive, that red line represents the Treble Bob Principle on six bells. Now turn over to the last page, Stedman Doubles, and look at the red line from 12345 to 12345 inclusive, that represents the Stedman Principle on five bells. Turn back a page to London Surprise Major and look at the blue line through the 2nd from 12345678 to 12345678 inclusive, that blue line represents the London Surprise Principle on eight bells, etc.

And now having explained what I mean by Principle let us go once more to the question of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Take Plain Bob Minimus and examine it, we have one bell ringing the Plain Hunt Principle and 3 bells ringing another Principle which we will call the Grandsire Bob Principle; thus we have 2 Principles only employed in the Method, we desire to extend the Method to 5 bells and also to six bells, we can add to which principle we like, and in doing so modify both principles a certain amount.

We will add one bell in the Hunt and we get Grandsire Doubles; by doing so we modify both the Grandsire Bob Principle and the Plain Hunt Principle by adding to each an extra hunting place and so two extra blows.

We will now add two bells to Bob Minimus on the Grandsire Bob Principle the other principle employed; we get Bob Minor and we modify both Principles employed, for we add two hunting places to the Hunt bell and two hunting places and two dodging positions to all the working bells.

Hence the variation from Bob Minimus to Bob Minor is greater than the variation from Bob Minimus to Grandsire Doubles.

But Bob Minor and Bob Minimus are the same Method much more than are Bob Minimus and Grandsire Doubles the same Method. Q.E.D.

Mr. Dains says he looks upon Grandsire Bob Major as obsolete, or suggests that it meant what some people call Grandsire Major. Mr. Dains must have read my letter very carelessly or he would have seen that I quoted straight from the Campanalogia, and I might refer him also to Mr. Snowdon's *Grandsire*, where he will see the same quotations given.

Last, I have Mr. Daniell to deal with. Mr. Daniell says that in the first book in which the term Principle appears, Stedman speaks of it as a Method. Will Mr. Daniell kindly quote the passage in full with a fair amount of context, as I have no access to the original.

H. LAW JAMES.

HALLIWELL, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, September 26th, in St. Peter's church tower, Halliwell, a peal-board was unveiled in memory of the late Queen Victoria. The ceremony was performed by J. T. Dobie, esq., one of the churchwardens, who has taken a great interest in the matter. Speaking of the late Queen, he couldn't say anything regarding her that would add to the reverence in which she was held, and in complimenting the ringers he hoped all the old members would keep together, and that when the learners looked at the board it would spur them on to further efforts. He considered it quite an historical event, as the board would be looked on no doubt as long as the tower existed by ringers in the years to come. The contents of the board are as follows:—

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The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, September 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS LANGDON* Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 6.
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HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	†THOMAS LANGDON .. 8.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD.. .. 4.	ARTHUR R. JACOB .. 9.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and

Conducted by THOMAS HENRY TAFFENDER.

*College Youth. †Cumberland Youth. Further reference elsewhere.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN MOULE Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
EGBERT BORRETT* 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	*WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT* .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. C. and F. R. Borrett hail from Pulham Market, Norfolk

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	SIDNEY WADE 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS 2.	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	WILLIAM B. MANNING 8.
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.* .. 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. .. 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER* Treble.	SIDNEY JONES 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK† .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 6.
FRANK C. NEWMAN 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal of Treble Bob; †First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell

The Provinces.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5073 CHANGES

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD* .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	JOHN SMITH 8.
ALFRED ROWLEY† 4.	HARRY PRICE 9.
ARTHUR SPITTLE 5.	CHARLES ROLLASON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as an act of sympathy with our American friends at the loss of their respected President.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

BENJAMIN J. HILL .. Treble.	*EDWIN WATKINS 5.
WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 2.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 6.
ALBERT HILL 3.	GORDON CHECKETTS .. 7.
HENRY WILKES 4.	THOMAS MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM DICKINSON.

*First peal. W. Dickinson for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Heckington, Lincolnshire.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs.

W. JOHNSON Treble.	G. CHECKETTS 5.
H. ALLEN 2.	H. T. KNOWLES 6.
G. HINTON 3.	C. THOMAS 7.
R. G. KNOWLES 4.	W. PAGE Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by W. PAGE.

Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

NEHEMIAH W. TARLING .. Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER 5.
WALTER HOBBS 2.	HENRY J. TUCKER 6.
WALTER PRIOR 3.	ISAAC CAVILL 7.
WILLIAM WATTS 4.	*CORNELIUS CHARGE .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

BRETTENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two-Scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD CARTER .. Treble.	EDGAR HUNT 3.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 2.	WILLIAM EVERETT 4.
CHARLES CARTER Tenor.	

Conducted by EDWARD R. J. DUNK.

This is the first peal by all the band except the conductor, and also the first peal on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5.
HURBERT EDEN 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	*HARRY A. HORREX 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY A. HORREX.

*First peal as conductor.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

REUBEN STANDING .. Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT 5.
JOHN FAICE 2.	CHARLES HILLS 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	EDMUND LINDUP 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	*THOMAS GRINER Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Evans, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE BELLFOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.

R. F. LANE Treble.	J. HUTCHBY 5.
T. H. COLBURN 2.	W. H. ABBOTT 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 7.
W. H. INGLESANT 4.	W. FOX Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston hails from New Mills, and it is his first peal of Stedman Triples. W. Fox from Wirksworth. It is the first peal on the bells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	HENRY SPRINGALL 5.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2.	WILLIAM A. ALPS 6.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 3.	SAMUEL HAYES 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	EMANUEL HALL Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS DAY, of Birmingham, and

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This one-part peal of sixteen courses has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 6.

ALFRED MILLIS Treble.	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5.
GEORGE CLEAL 2.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON 3.	JOHN BUTTERTY 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 4.	WILLIAM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. ASHCROFT Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
SIDNEY SPENCE 2.	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6.
WILLIAM WILCOX 3.	JAMES DILLON 7.
WILLIAM HUGHES 4.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by FREDERICK T. SPENCE.

First peal of Major by all except the ringers of 7th and 8th.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM FRANKUM* .. Treble.	†HERBERT FRANKUM 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	†GEORGE W. T. SMITH .. 6.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	WILLIAM NEWELL 7.
ROBERT FRANKUM† 4.	ERNEST BRUCE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of 1, 4, 5, 6 belong to the local band; the rest hail from Reading.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
SAMUEL BAKER 2.	†ELMER SIDNEY HODGES .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	GEORGE HUGHES 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 4.	EDWARD GOODREDS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES BOOTH Treble.	ALFRED BARNES 6.
GEORGE ASTBURY 2.	HIRAM MEAKIN 7.
THOMAS JACKSON 3.	JOHN WM. BAYLEY 8.
TOM MARSHALL 4i	EDWARD READER 9.
WM. GORDON, SEN. 5.	GEORGE MARSHALL .. Tenor.

Composed by WM. WILLSON, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES CLIFFE* Treble.	*WILLIAM C. BENNETT .. 4.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2.	JOHN W. ROBINSON 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	JOSEPH PATTISON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

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

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE DUNSTER GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HOLE* Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5.
GEORGE STACEY* 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
JAMES R. JONES 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six 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.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble.	*GEORGE F. SWANN 5.
FRANK FAY* 2.	CHARLES DICKENS 6.
JOHN C. ADAMS 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 7.
WILLIAM T. ELLIS 4.	*PATRICK FINITY Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as mark of respect for the late Joseph Saunders, who for forty-five years was connected with the choir of St. Chad's, Birmingham.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY .. Treble.	*SIDNEY CLARK 5.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 2.	ALBERT SCOTT 6.
JOHN T. EASON 3.	*DAVID WHITING 7.
EDWIN WHEATER 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

This is the first peal of Grandsire on these bells for upwards of forty years. *First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble.	JOHN A. BURFORD 6.
FREDERICK W. ELLES 2.	ALGERNON LEWTON 7.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	RICHARD CLARK 9.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 5.	HENRY BRIDLE Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by RICHARD CLARK.

ERITH, KENT—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1901, 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.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
EGBERT BORRETT* 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
*First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	GEORGE PAICE 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 15. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble.	CHARLES E. READ 5.
GEORGE PRICE*† 2.	HARRY G. BEAMS 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
HENRY FEDERICK† 4.	†WILLIAM POLLETT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings withing him many happy returns.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. Treble.	JAMES BARRATT 5.
FRANCIS SMITH 2.	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 3.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

This is A. E. Wreaks's 150th peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

KEITH HART Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM PALMER 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES GILES Treble.	HENRY TUCKER 5.
REV. H. C. BELL 2.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 6.
ALFRED W. REEVES 3.	ALFRED WATMORE 7.
ERNEST BRUCE 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Composed by J. DAY, and Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, July 28th, for morning service at Christ Church, 240 Kent and 312 Oxford. C. Taylor, J. Peacock, J. Summersall (Pateley Bridge), Jos. Thackray conductor, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom. For evening service 240 each of Oxford, Kent and Violet, and 120 Duke of York. J. Peacock, Jos. Thackray, C. Taylor, Jno. Thackray conductor, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom. On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 240 Kent, followed by 144 Kent and 240 Oxford. For evening service 360 each of Kent and Oxford. C. Lockwood, J. Peacock, C. Taylor, Jos. Thackray, Jno. Thackray conductor, J. Heckingbottom.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.—On Monday, August 5th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Watling conductor, W. Drew, J. Avis, R. Wells, F. Thompson, E. Pemberton. And 360 Double Court. C. Smith, F. Watling, E. Pemberton, R. Wells, F. Thompson, W. Drew conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. W. Hancock, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd conductor, W. Burrough, W. Miffin, J. R. Sandover, W. Mogridge, W. Lowton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN.—On Monday, June 3rd, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, Cyril Herbert conductor, Chas. Herbert, D. Harris, E. Avis, M. Matthews, M. Lane, E. Herbert. On Monday, June 10th, 336 Double Norwich. S. Avis, D. Harris, Cyril Herbert, M. Matthews, E. Herbert, M. Lane, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, W. Chibnall conductor. On Monday, June 17th, 336 Double Norwich. Chas. Herbert, Cyril Herbert, M. Matthews, S. Avis, D. Harris, M. Lane, W. Chibnall conductor. On Monday, June 31st, 252 Stedman Triples. B. Jealous, D. Harris conductor, E. Herbert, M. Matthews, M. Lane, I. Hills, W. Chibnall, Rev. W. W. C. Baker. And 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Herbert, S. Avis, D. Harris, M. Matthews, I. Hills, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, B. Jealous conductor, M. Lane. On Saturday, June 1st, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. M. Matthews, I. Hills, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, B. Jealous conductor, M. Lane, 8. On Saturday, June 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Matthews conductor, 1-2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6. On Saturday, June 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. Chas. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert conductor, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; M. Matthews, 7-8. On Monday, July 15th, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Chas. Herbert

1; E. Herbert, 2; S. Avis, 3; D. Harris, 4; M. Matthews, 5; M. Lane, 6; Cyril Herbert conductor), 7-8 On Monday, July 22nd, 305 Grandsire Triples. C. Herbert, 1; M. Lane, 2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; M. Matthews conductor, 7-8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY.—On Sunday, June 16th, 336 Stedman Triples. J. Monk, T. Bull, H. Brooks, N. Spindlow, F. P. Powell, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, J. Brooks. Also 252 in the same method. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, T. Bull, H. Brooks, G. Room, F. P. Powell, F. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Brooks. On Monday, June 17th, 360 and 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Monk conductor, F. P. Powell, H. Brooks, T. Bull, J. Brooks. On Sunday, June 23rd, 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, G. Room, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Brooks, J. Monk conductor, F. P. Powell, J. Brooks. On Monday, June 24th, 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Thorn, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, N. Spindlow, F. P. Powell, J. Monk conductor, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Brooks.

TILBURN.—On Saturday, June 1st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Sawyer, E. Bruce, A. E. Evans, C. Chapman, W. Horne conductor, A. Reeves. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

WORKINGHAM.—On Saturday, June 15th, at All Saints' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Bruce, B. Hawkins, S. Clark, W. Horne, C. Chapman, J. Hunt conductor. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Hunt, E. Bruce, S. Clark, C. Chapman, B. Hawkins, W. Horne conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STEBBING.—On Saturday, June 22nd, at the parish church, two 720s of Minor. E. Hynds, W. Farrow, E. Claydon, J. T. Barker, F. Rudkin conductor, F. Slade. A 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Barker, J. T. Barker, E. Claydon, H. Bedlow, W. Gould, F. Suckling conductor.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, September 25th, at St. Michael's church, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Hammond, F. Webb, E. F. Slade, G. Williams, H. Collins, P. Holmes, C. H. Howard conductor, B. Wiffen. On Sunday, September 29th, 702nd anniversary of the dedication of the church, for the early celebration, 1888 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, P. Holmes, H. Collins, C. H. Howard conductor, G. Williams, W. Hammond, H. Coote, E. F. Slade. For morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. For afternoon service 518 of the same. F. Webb, G. Williams, H. Collins, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Slade, P. Holmes, W. Hammond, B. Wiffen. For evening service 832 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, E. F. Slade, E. Chaplin, H. Collins, G. Williams, H. Coote, W. Grimwade. On Monday, September 30th, 336 Bob Major. G. Sentance, F. Webb, E. F. Slade, C. H. Howard conductor, E. Newman, P. Holmes, H. Coote, G. Williams. E. Newman is late of Preston, Suffolk, and now resides in Bocking.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, July 9th, for practice at All Saints' church, 448 Superlative. H. Whittle, T. H. Colburn, W. H. Inglesant, J. H. Grundy, F. Burleigh, J. Smith, H. W. Abbott, J. Hutchby conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON.—On June 22nd, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. T. Hollox, E. Newman, A. Hollox, J. Fayers, A. Symonds, W. Hollox conductor. On June 22nd, 720 City Delight. T. Hollox, E. Newman, H. Gladwell, T. Levitt, W. Kinsey, W. Hollox conductor.

FELSHAM.—On June 23rd, 720 College Pleasure. T. Hollox, E. Newman, H. Gladwell, T. Levitt, A. Symonds, W. Kinsey conductor. Also 720 Woodbine. For Divine Service in the evening 720 College Exercise. J. Horrex, E. Newman, H. Gladwell, J. Fayers, A. Symonds, W. Kinsey conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday evening, June 16th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. H. G. Hill, H. Harvey, W. Watchorn, J. C. Harvey, R. G. G. Carter, A. M. Phillips, W. J. Aldridge, H. Beckford.

RUGBY.—On Sunday, September 29th, for morning service at St. Andrew's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. George conductor, R. Watson, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, T. Holmes, H. Stubbs.

ST. JAMES'S, BOLTON (Bradford).—On Tuesday evening, October 1st, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Palframan conductor, J. Palframan, A. Gill, A. Benson, H. Good, H. Sugden, B. E. Howe, S. Palframan. Rung to commemorate the 18th birthday of F. Palframan.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.

For many years past the inhabitants of this charming village on the borders of Somersetshire have not had the pleasure of listening to their bells, which were condemned as unsafe by the then vicar, the Rev. R. C. Ainslie, the present Archdeacon of Taunton. Shortly afterwards the tower was pronounced unsafe. Great things, however, have recently been done—the tower has been entirely rebuilt and the bells rehung. The old ring consisted of five bells only (by Rudhall), or, as one ringer remarked, of four and a bit, the old tenor having lost a large piece out of the crown. Three of the old bells have been recast (the treble, second, and tenor) by Messrs. Taylor, who have also added a new treble. The whole makes a musical ring of six, with tenor about 20 cwt. The hanging of the bells in the new tower was entrusted to Mr. J. Sully, of Stogumber, near Taunton, and right well has he carried out the work. The local ringers have not yet acquired the art of change-ringing, although they are anxious to learn, consequently up till Wednesday last no change-ringing had been heard on the bells, although the work of rehanging was completed some months since. Wednesday was the day selected by the present energetic vicar, the Rev. G. Dowell, for holding a bazaar to aid in clearing off the debt still remaining on the building fund. The bazaar was held in the village school-room, and opened by Lady Theodora Guest, who has taken a generous interest in the work. The vicar being anxious to have some good ringing so that the bells might be heard to their best advantage, placed himself in communication with the Honorary Secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The present Master, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, of Bristol, undertook the task of selecting the band, which consisted of Messrs. C. H. Shearn and H. Kenten, of Midsomer Norton; E. Fricker, of Frome; and the Brothers Prescott, of Buckland Dinham. These gentlemen, accompanied by the Master, reached the village about 4.45. and were at once accompanied to the tower by the Vicar and Mr. Sully. Having admired the bells, their frame and fittings, with the eye, they proceeded to test the bells with the ear, and, needless to say, they stood the test well. After ringing a 6-score the bells were soon going in Minor, and the first 720 was accomplished in the presence of the Vicar. After having regaled the inner man at the Vicarage, through the kind hospitality of the Vicar, some more change-ringing was indulged in, and the party left for home about 8 o'clock. The present ring certainly does great credit to the founder and hanger.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT GREENWICH (RECORDED LAST WEEK).—FRED, W. THORNTON'S "CENTURY."—Grandsire Triples 43, conducted 16; Grandsire Caters 2; Stedman Triples 16, conducted 6; Stedman Caters 7; Stedman Cinques 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 16, conducted 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Bob Major 2; Bob Royal 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Oxford Bob Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Superlative Surprise Major (treble bell only) 2; total 100, conducted 26.

THE PEAL AT MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to H. T. Knowles, and is the first peal of Major on the bells, also first peal of Major by the 4th and 6th ringers. Messrs. Johnson, Hinton, Checketts, and W. Page Mail from Worcester; H. Allen and C. Thomas, who were elected members of the association previous to starting, from Colwall; and R. G. and H. T. Knowles from Malvern.

THE PEAL AT STOCKPORT.—This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor, also first peal in the method as conductor, and first peal of Stedman Caters by the above Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. W. Gordon belongs to the parish church company; A. Barnes to the St. Elizabeth company, Reddish; the remainder all belong to the local company.

THE PEAL AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.—This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, in consecutive order behind the 9th. This is the first time the conductor has attempted to call a peal on ten bells and was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William Truss to Miss Annie Joyce, which took place the same day at All Hallows, Great Tower Street, City.

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Notices.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, October 5th, at the parish church, Coseley. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. The nearest stations are Deepfields, London and North-Western Railway, and Princes End, Great Western Railway. **S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Richmond, Yorkshire, to-day, Saturday, October 5th. Tea, 9d. each to members, at 4.30 in the parish church room, Dundas-street. Catterick bells will be available also. **REV. W. P. WRIGHT,**
Stokesley, R.S.O. **Hon. Sec. and Treas.**

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Longton, to-day, Saturday, October 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Kay, 53, Ashwood, Longton. **W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.**

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Ripponden to-day, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells ready from dinner-time. Business meeting in school at six o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Sarum Diocesan Guild.—Salisbury Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at the Minster at 4.15. Tea and meeting at The Magnet at 4.45. Tickets 7d. each to those sending notice by October 8th to the Rev. C. Wood, Coombe Bissett.

North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at Misson, Bawtry station, G.N.R. Conveyances meet trains to take passengers to Misson. Tea at 4.30. 1s. each. **B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.**

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge to-day, Saturday, October 5th. Tea at Town Hall at 5 o'clock to be followed by business meeting. Parish church opened for ringing at 3 o'clock.

C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, Hon. Sec.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 9th, at 4 p.m. at the Salisbury Hall, at Cranborne. Tea at 5 p.m. (6d. each only to those whose names I receive by October 5th). Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Committee meets at 3 p.m. The Sturminster Newton meeting is postponed for a month.

Verwood, Wimborne. H. DRAKE,

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, October 12th. Tea free at 6 o'clock if notice is given to

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY, Hon. District Sec.
Sunset Villa, London Road, Watford.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Bull, at the Church of St. Paul, Hounslow, on Saturday, October 12. Bells available from 6 p.m. till 8.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Heavy Woollen District of Change Ringers.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, October 12th, meeting to commence at 6.30. There will be an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, to commence about 3 o'clock. **WALTER IDLE.**

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Southport on October 12th. The Bishop of Liverpool will be present. Full particulars by circular. **Rev. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Secs.**
W. BENTHAM,

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stroud on Thursday, October 17th. Service at the Parish Church. Business and tea afterwards. All intending to be present please notify A. T. Ford, Esq., Stroud. Copies of the "Glossary" will be distributed at this meeting to all who produce their receipt for the current year free. **FRED. G. MAY, Hon. Sec.**

St. George, Bristol.

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting at Barking on Saturday, October 19th, to elect a Master and Secretary for the south-western division of the county. The Vicar has kindly promised to give tea. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

Great Totham.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, October 19th. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools at 4 p.m., followed at 4.45 p.m. by tea and general meeting. The towers of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Alkmund's Churches (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., but will be closed during the time of tea and general meeting. Tea (1s. each) will only be provided for those who notify Mr. A. E. Thompson, 52, Silver Hill Road, Derby, by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, of their intention to be present.

Cotgrave, Notts. **W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.**

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 19th. The tower will be open from 2 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Special service at 4.30 o'clock. Tea, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, at 5. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Oct. 13.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

Arran, Baldislow Road, Hastings.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at the Cherry Tree Hotel. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19, at Caversham. Evensong with sermon in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea at 9d. for all who give notice by October 15, in the Parish School, at 6.30. Address by Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 264th anniversary dinner will be held at

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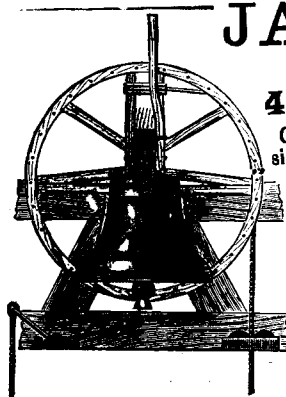
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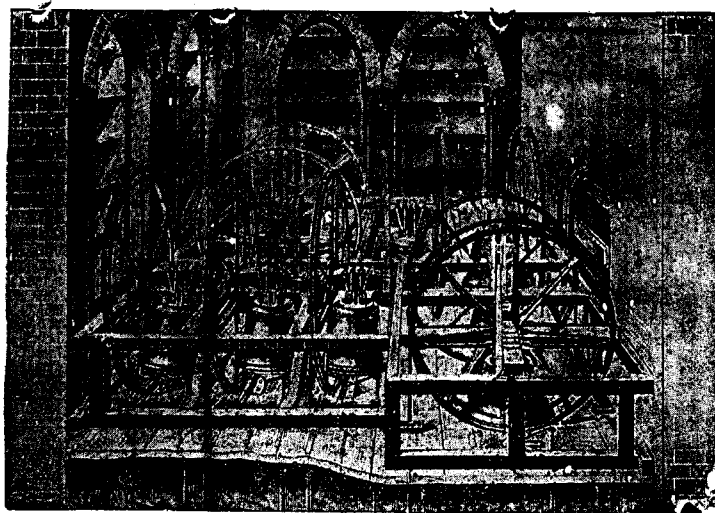
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Monday, September 26th. There was a fairly good attendance of members from the following among other places: Aldeburgh, Aylsham, Beccles, Bramfield, Bloxhall, Cretingham, St. Cross, Debenham, Diss, Eye, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Halesworth, Helmingham, Ipswich, Kelsale, Leiston, Norwich, Otley, Pulham, Sproughton, Thornham Magna, Wetheringsett, Wickham Skeith. Quite thirty of those present had sent no notice of their intention to the Hon. Secretary, thus causing some inconvenience, and apprehension that the caterer, Mr. W. H. Cook, might not have made sufficient provision. Fortunately Mr. Cook proved equal to the emergency, but none the less the Hon. Secretary felt compelled to insist on the necessity of sending notice previously to him, for although such notice was no longer required for getting cheap rail fares, it was impossible to provide fare of the other description if one did not know the numbers that would need to be fed.

The special service was held in St. Mary-le-Tower, when an excellent practical address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, from Zech. xiv. 20.

The dinner was served at the Carpenters' Hall, Carr Street, after the service, the chair being occupied by the Archdeacon as one of the vice-presidents of the Association, absence from home preventing the attendance of the president—J. Sanicroft Holmes, esq. After the loyal toast, Dr. Meadows proposed "The Bishop and Clergy," with thanks to the Archdeacon for his address, who in his reply, referred to his old acquaintance and friendship with the Hon. Secretary twenty years before, and to the importance of maintaining good and cordial relations between the clergy and ringers. He gave "Prosperity to the Association," coupled with the name of the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Bulwer in his reply thanked the members for the cordial reception they always accorded him on such occasions, and expressed his delight at again meeting the Archdeacon, the sight of whom recalled the pleasant associations and friendships of twenty years before in connection with the belfry at Redenhall. He had no intention of saying much just then, as the report was about to be read, but he wished to emphasize the remarks he had made at the last Annual Meeting as to the need there was for more thorough and efficient organization of companies, and hoped that before long the Central Council would be able to promulgate recommendations and regulations with that object in view. He also wished to say that he had come provided with a number of copies of "The Glossary," which members could have at cost price, viz.: 2d. each. The book had been, as they knew, very well spoken of by those who had examined it, and though his name by the wish of the Council had been placed on the title-page as its author, he wished them to understand that a large portion of the credit attaching to its publication was due to the gentlemen of the committee who had so greatly assisted in making it what it was. Having read the annual report he proceeded to mention

the projected restoration of the fine old church at Wymondham, part of the scheme including the rehanging of the five bells, and recasting two of them which were cracked. He had been asked by an honorary member if they could not do something to help in making the ring more worthy of the church by the immediate addition of a 6th bell; and he had accordingly written to the Vicar of Wymondham to tell him that he intended to bring the matter before the Annual Meeting; and he thought that, as a special case, they might, if they thought well, spare a donation from their working balance on condition that an eight-bell frame was erected, and a 6th bell, at least, added to the ring.

Mr. F. Cooper (Aldeburgh) demurred, thinking that it would be preferable to do something more to assist their own members towards meeting the expenses of attending meetings. This view was supported by Mr. Warne (Norwich).

The Hon. Secretary replied that the matter was entirely in their hands, and that nothing could be done in it without the consent of the meeting. He had considered anxiously what could be done towards easing the expense of attending meetings, and had not been able to come to any satisfactory conclusion, but would be pleased to hear any suggestions. Notice had been given of a motion to reduce the number of general meetings, and to pledge the Association to the payment of half the expense of holding one meeting a year in the several districts, but as the gentleman who should have moved it was not present it would have to be dropped, unless some one else would undertake to propose it.

Mr. Mee (Sproughton) proposed, and Mr. F. Thompson (Kelsale) seconded, and carried: "That a specified sum be subscribed to the Wymondham bell restoration fund, provided an eight-bell frame, and the addition of a 6th bell at once, were made features of the scheme."

Mr. Warne proposed, and Mr. Lincoln (Bungay) seconded: "That the difference in rail fares between ordinary return and fare-and-a-quarter should be paid by the Association to those members attending meetings who were unable to obtain the reduced fare from the railway company."

The Chairman pointed out that this might entail too heavy a drain on their reserve fund, and might always be a temptation to forego the trouble of trying to get cheap fares from the railway company.

The Hon. Secretary also pointed out that members could still obtain reduced fares from the railway company if they would take the trouble to amalgamate with members from other towers, so as to make up a party of eight. That this was quite manageable they had evidence that day in the making up of three or four parties, who had come with reduced fares from certain stations. He agreed with the chairman in fearing that if it were known that the Association was bound to pay the difference if the railway company did not, it would be an inducement to those wishing to attend a meeting not to take any trouble to make up a party. Reduced fares ought always to be obtained from the railway company, if possible. If there

could be some guarantee that efforts would always be made in the first instance to get the reduced fares from the company, he should make no objection to reimbursing those who failed, provided they were prepared to furnish him with a statement of the amount of the difference to be repaid.

Mr. Borrett (Norwich) proposed as an amendment, and it was seconded by a member of the Wetheringsett company: "That the plan should be tried for one year to see how it worked, and what the expense to the Association would be." Carried.

The Hon. Secretary having explained the absence of the President, resigned office on his behalf, and also his own office as Secretary.

On the motion of the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, J. Sanicroft Holmes, esq., and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, were unanimously re-elected President and Secretary respectively.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of six non-resident life-members, two honorary and twenty-six performing members, and eight probationers.

The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Margaret's were well-patronised during the day, which was beautifully fine, and enjoyable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23rd, a quarterly and committee meeting took place at Hartlebury, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. D. Robertson, M.A. Upwards of fifty members were present from Areyley Kings, Brierley Hill, Cbaddeley Corbett, Dudley, Grimley, Hallow, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Suckley, Tipton, Wolverhampton, Worcester, etc.

At 5.30 the members assembled in the church, where the Association's form of service was said by the Rector. The rev. gentleman then gave a very interesting sketch of the bells in his church, in which he remarked:—

"The tower of Hartlebury church is ancient. It was built by Archbishop Sandys in the days of Queen Elizabeth. There is now a good ring of eight bells in it, and a sketch of their history may be of some interest. The most interesting bell is No. 6. It is more than 500 years old. Upon it, in very old-fashioned letters (such as were used before the days of printing) are these Latin words—"Sancta Maria virgo intercede pro toto mundo quem genuiste regem orbis," which may be translated 'Holy Virgin Mary, intercede for the whole world with thy Son, the King of the universe.' In all probability it was rung at the coronation of twenty-five kings and queens and England! When it had hung for 250 years or more, three new bells were given to the parish in the reign of Charles I. Upon the largest of these is the inscription 'Master Eyre the Coroner gave this bell: Thirtie Pounds 1640.' This bell is No. 7. On No. 5 were inscribed the names of three churchwardens, and round the rim were embedded what seemed to be nine silver coins of the reign of Charles I., but the authorities at the British Museum pronounced them to be impressions of a gold coin of that king's reign which had never come into circulation. No. 4 bell has only this short inscription: 'Master Urban Eyre 1640.' These four bells hung for more than 100 years, when the big tenor bell, cast by Rudkin, of Gloucester, was added in 1749. It has this inscription: 'I to the church the living call: and to the grave do summon all.' It is a fine deep-toned bell, and weighs a ton.

"In 1812 another bell, by John Briant, Hertford, was added; making a ring of six; but provision was made in the tower for two more. These six were rung for more than 80 years, until 1900, when two more bells were given to complete the eight, cast by Mears and Stainbank. The treble was given by Alfred Baldwin, esq., M.P. for Kidderminster, and has the following: 'Man gave me voice and bade me say, How Time doth steal his life away; But I shall sound from forth the tower, When man has had his little hour.' No. 2 was given by the late John Corbett, esq., of Droitwich. It was found that one of the old bells, No. 5, was badly cracked. It was recast, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank took the greatest pains to copy exactly the impressions of the coins upon it. The full peal was rung for the first time on Ascension Day, 1900, being the birthday of the late Queen Victoria.

"In the mission church of Bishops Wood there is also a ring of six little bells in the small wooden belfry, weighing in all only

1 cwt. These were cast in Belgium. The founder of them, M. Van Aerschoot, of Louvain, who is since dead, was said to be the best tuner of bells in the world. They are like musical glasses, and their sweet chimes can be heard by the cottagers within a mile of the church. Long may these bells, ancient and modern, hang between earth and heaven, pouring forth their music softly over the graves of the dead into the homes of the living, ringing out messages of joy and consolation to Christian men toiling and waiting below, bringing to many hearts sweet thoughts of home and heaven."

An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where the rev. gentleman presided over the business meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Seventeen new members were elected; and Messrs. W. Micklewright and H. Mason were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year. Oldbury was selected as the place of next meeting in January, 1902.

During the miscellaneous business the Hon. Secretary remarked that he was pleased to see the names of Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies as speakers at the Church Congress at Brighton, on that important branch of Church work with which they were so closely connected, viz.: "bells and bellringers." This was a source of gratification to the whole Exercise, who felt that some good would come from the efforts of these gentlemen.

On the motion of Mr. W. R. Small, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the rev. gentleman for his interesting account of the bells, for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells. The rev. chairman, in reply, stated that it had been a very great pleasure to him to meet them, and that the conversation had learnt him some very important lessons in connection with bells, belfries and ringers, and although he was afraid he was getting too old to visit some of the towers in his deanery, he would, where possible, pay a visit so that he might see if the belfries and bells were in order and harmony with the Church.

Touches by mixed bands in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening on the bells, which are a good ring, and the "go" everything that can be desired.

It may be mentioned that the church is situate close to Hartlebury Castle, the residence of the Lord Bishop of Worcester. The See was founded in the year 679, Bosel being its first Bishop. The building of the Castle was finished by Godfrey Giffard, Lord Chancellor in 1268. There has been 103 Bishops, the present Bishop being the Right Rev. John James Stewart Perowne, D.D. The See has yielded to the Church two martyrs, and to the calendars of the churches of England and Rome four Saints, and to the English nation five Lord Chancellors, three Lord Treasurers, one Chancellor to the late Queen, one Lord President, and one Vice-President of Wales.

J. S.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH AND BELLS AT HODDESDON, HERTS.

This quiet picturesque village on the eastern border of Hertfordshire, was *en fete* on Thursday, October 3rd, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Barking to dedicate the church and a new ring of bells. The church was built in 1823 as a Chapel-of-Ease to Broxbourne, and although consecrated in that year had never been dedicated. The service took place at 3.30 p.m. and was fully choral. The Bishop then dedicated the church and the bells, followed by a very interesting address on the origin and use of bells. At the conclusion of the service a touch of Superlative Surprise was rung by the band who after the evening rang a peal in the same method. Other touches were also rung by the visitors and local ringers.

The bells are a very handy ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp, the tone and "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired, and Messrs. Warner and Sons, the founders, have completed the work by fitting the ringing-room with every comfort. The bells are the gift of Mr. Christie in memory of Charles Peter Christie and Isabella Constance Christie whose names are inscribed on the tenor. The ringers were entertained during the day by the donor of the bells, and Messrs. Warner are to be congratulated upon the complete success of their undertaking.

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RINGERS AT THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

As previously announced in these columns, a paper was read on "Bells, Bell-Ringers, and Bell-Ringing" at the Church Congress held at Brighton, by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. This took place on Thursday, October 3rd, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies also reading another paper on the same subjects; one or two other gentlemen, well-known in the ringing world, being present. The following is culled from *The Sussex Daily News* :—

BELLS, BELFRIES AND BELL RINGERS.

When the meeting began there were, not counting those on the platform, scarcely twenty people in the compartment. The chair was taken by Archdeacon Mount. The first paper was read by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., who pointed out that ringing was exclusively an English accomplishment, so that England had become to be known as the "ringing isle;" and the ringing of bells had become associated with many of our joys and sorrows. He regretted that clergymen, churchwardens, &c., often lost their interest in bells directly the peals had been hung. He proceeded to give a brief sketch of the evolution of ringing. In the 17th century, he said, ringing became a fashionable pastime. It was with change-ringing that he would particularly deal, for it was in that that the fascination and excitement lay. A great advance was made in the status of the ringers (who, after the first rage of ringing as a fashionable pastime were practically confined to the lower classes), when ringers became recognised as Church officers (applause). During the last fifty years the majority of bell ringers had raised themselves with but little assistance into a highly respectable body. The speaker proceeded to give a number of suggestions as to the construction of belfries; some hints on the management of ringers: and finally urged that by taking a real interest in them the clergy might constitute bellringers into a valuable factor in strengthening a regard for the Church among the masses (applause).

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies's paper was written with a view to shewing that ringing and ringers were worthy of hearty recognition and encouragement on the part of the Church at large, and that the Church was likely to be a gainer by holding out to ringers the hand of fellowship. He first gave an outline of change-ringing, shewing that it was an art which invariably called for the exercise of many sterling qualities. From this the inference was that change-ringers were likely to possess such qualities. He then pressed home finally his main point that the Church failed in her duty if she gave them the cold shoulder, and that where she fostered the art and shewed care and solicitude for those who practised it, she would not only be benefiting others but would surely find that she was benefiting herself. Ringing was no small trainer of character, and what ever trained character in a right direction was a handmaid of the Church (applause).

Mr. R. A. Daniell (Master of the Cumberland Youths) thought that the clergy should recognise that ringers could not always ring on Sunday. Ringing should not be looked upon as a parochial affair (applause).

The Rev. Herbert Drake made a good-humoured complaint at the management which had resulted in a sectional meeting being held while a burning question was being discussed in the Dome. He thought too much was made of the difficulties of ringing. Many objections which people had to bells were because the bells were out of tune. He dwelt on the care required in the belfry and the great distinction between round ringers and change-ringers; and regretted the very small percentage of clergymen who took an intelligent interest in ringing. He deprecated the payment of ringing individually,

and suggested the making of a common fund, also the advisability of payment for instruction (applause).

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, of Writtle, Chelmsford, spoke a few words of encouragement to clergymen who were going in for ringing.

Mr. Chambers remarked that the desire had been to make the Congress a practical one, which accounted for that meeting. He thought that ringers should always, when possible ring in sight of the congregation.

The Rev. Edward Muirhead Evans, of Ilkeston, and the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen (West Grinstead), also addressed the meeting. Despite the small attendance much interest was shown in the papers and the discussion.

The following letter appeared in *The Guardian* last Wednesday :—

CHURCH CONGRESS RINGING MEETING.

SIR,—I would ask you to allow me to make one or two remarks in your columns on the above subject.

1. To offer to the Church Congress Committee the best thanks of ringers (some 30,000) for allowing this subject to be discussed.

2. Advertently or inadvertently the Church Congress has recognised ringers as church officials, which position is claimed by the several associations for its members. A difference may exist in some cases between parson and ringers in the non-attendance of ringers at services. Yet I venture to suggest to Bishops and clergy that if they would only take a personal interest in ringing and ringers, they would help ringers to acquire their due position; then the sympathy and help of these men would be enlisted, and no more loyal body of men could be found to assist the Church in her work. I, therefore, ask all the clergy to read in the official report what was said at this meeting and help us.

Midhurst, October 5th, 1901.

A. B. BENNETT,
Hon. Secretary of the Sussex
County Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

The half-yearly general meeting of this branch was held at Gainsborough on the 28th September, and although the number of members was not large, the enthusiasm of those present amply made up the smallness in number. The bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the branch through the kindness of the churchwardens (the new Vicar not having been inducted), and ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening. Prior to tea the Vice-President of the Gainsborough district (F. F. Linley, Esq.), kindly invited the members to take a stroll round his grounds. The invitation was responded to with celerity, especially by those who indulged in the fragrant weed. The tea was held at the Coffee Rooms, and the members were joined by the ringers from Lea, who had been sent over by their Vicar. The business meeting took place immediately after tea, presided over by the Vice-President. The chairman spoke of the pleasure the local members had always taken in seeing the Northern Branch visit Gainsborough and reminded those present that the first general meeting was held fifteen years ago there, and that the first peal of the Northern Guild was rung on their parish church bells. Six new members were elected, and the honorarium to the Secretary was confirmed. The new certificate, which the Vice-President has kindly undertaken to put in hand, was discussed, and the Committee were authorised to get estimates of the cost and submit the same to the next meeting. A *resume* of the work of the Central Council was given, and the vice-president generously presented a copy of *The Glossary* to all those present who were not already possessed of one. Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and to the churchwardens for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting, after which the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept in motion until late in the evening.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge. Ringing was commenced early in the afternoon both at St. John's and St. Andrew's churches, but owing partly to the threatened inclemency of the weather, and partly to the refusal of the railway authorities to give any reduction in the ordinary return fare to ringers attending this meeting, there were fewer members than had been expected. Touches were rung in various methods till 5.30 p.m., when a service was held in St. Andrew's church. The church was tastefully decorated, and the service was fully choral. The preacher was the Rev. C. T. Roberts, Vicar of Baulking, who based his discourse upon a double text, the words "partners" from St. Luke's Gospel, and "Two are better than one" from the Book of Ecclesiastes. In earnest and impressive language the preacher pictured to his hearers the isolation which a clergyman in a large parish would oftentimes feel but for the fact of his having around him a staff of willing workers to help him in winning souls to God. There was a real partnership in such help, and if only ringers would grasp this notion of partnership they could not fail to be conscious that in their calling there was a solemnity and importance which perhaps they had never realised before.

The social function followed at the Girls' Schoolroom, where a profusion of good things had been provided with the help of a committee of ladies who were good enough to render personal service in the arrangements of the evening. Provision had been made for a great many more than those in actual attendance; but later in the evening the room began to fill up a little with late arrivals, though at no time were there as many as fifty present. In spite however of such a meagre following, it was agreed on all hands that it was one of the most enjoyable evenings spent in the experience of the Association. Supper over, the business meeting commenced by the reading of the Report for the past year. The number of members admitted during the past year had not been precisely ascertained, but it would probably be found that after allowing for deaths and removals, the number of members would be found to approximate to 500. Seventy-three peals had been rung since the last annual meeting, viz.:

	Peals.		Peals.
Bob Minor (7 methods) ..	1	Superlative Surprise Major ..	10
Bob Triples	1	Cambridge Surprise Major ..	1
Oxford Bob Triples	2	New Cambridge Major	1
Grandsire Triples	7	Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	23	Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Bob Major	6	Stedman Caters	13
Double Norwich Major ..	2	Stedman Cinques	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ..	1		
		Total—	73

The conductors were as follows:

	Peals.		Peals.
W. Pye	30	Sydney Carter	1
J. R. Sharman	9	Cornelius Charge	1
S. Wade	8	George Lucas	1
J. H. Cheesman	4	W. B. Manning	1
F. W. Thornton	4	J. E. Miller	1
J. Basden	5	F. Nunn	1
J. Parker	3	J. J. Pratt	1
H. W. Chandler	2	W. Ward	1
E. E. Huntley	2		

and it is worthy of notice that no less than twenty of the peals were new compositions, rung for the first time.

After the election of new members the officers of the Association were re-elected, viz.: Rev. H. G. Bird (President); Mr. F. A. Milne (Treasurer); Mr. J. Basden (Master); and Messrs. C. Edwards and Arthur T. King joint Hon. Secretaries.

The design for a certificate of membership was approved, and the preparation of the certificate will be taken in hand so soon as the funds of the Association permit. It was pointed out, however, that owing to the lack of support from Honorary Members, as compared with most of the County Associations, it would be necessary to make a small charge for the certificate, so long as the funds of the Association were practically confined to the shillings of the ringing members.

A vote of thanks to the preacher for his admirable address was proposed by R. A. Daniell, esq., and carried with acclamation. After the meeting there was more ringing, and it was

owing to the desire of those present to get back to the belfry that the usual complimentary votes to those who thoroughly deserved the thanks of the members for their active efforts in ensuring the success of the meeting, were unfortunately omitted. So far as regards the officers of the Association, who naturally look for a full meeting to requite them for a year's arduous duties, the poor attendance must have been a bitter disappointment; but those who had enthusiasm enough to brave the elements were rewarded for their pluck, and unquestionably experienced a thoroughly pleasant and enjoyable outing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, September 28th, and was fairly well attended, ringers and friends being present from the following places: Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Holbeck, Headingley, Leeds, and the local company. Tower ringing in the following methods were indulged in, viz.: Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major, until time for the business meeting, which was held at The New inn, and presided over by Mr. Tom Lockwood. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read on the motion of Mr. H. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. C. D. Smith.

The Secretary having received a cordial invitation from the Shipley company to hold the next meeting there, it was resolved to accept the same. Six new members were then elected, after which a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements, was passed with applause.

Mr. George Barraclough responded on behalf of the local company, and expressed his pleasure at being present, and offered a cordial welcome to all visitors.

This concluded the business. The handbells were then introduced, the ringing being thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wilts. branch was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tea was provided at the Town Hall. The Rev. J. H. Burn presided at the business meeting that followed. The following members were elected, viz.: S. Crees, J. Bengier (All Cannings); E. C. Fricker (Bath); W. J. Prescott (Frome); T. Ricketts and J. L. Wells (Swindon). West Lavington, Melksham, and Marlborough were selected as the next places of meeting. A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. H. Burn for presiding, and the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells concluded the meeting. Ringing members from Swindon, Bristol, Bath, and Freme attended, and the following local towers were represented: Devizes (St. John), and St. Mary, Bromham, Bishops Cannings, All Cannings, Seend, Melksham, and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire Triples, several 6-scores of Doubles, and a course of Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SPELDHURST.—A muffled peal was rung at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst, on the evening of Tuesday, October 1st, in memory of Mrs. Streatfield, of Groombridge Place. She was a great lover of bells, and a great benefactor to the parish of Speldhurst, of which living she was patroness. This was G. Baker's first peal, and J. Thorpe's first with a bob bell.

THE PEAL AT BIRMINGHAM.—W. G. Ellis's 50 peals.—Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 7; Stedman Cinques, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Triples, 11, conducted 1; Double Norwich, 1; seven methods, 2.

THE PEAL AT ROMFORD.—This peal was rung at the first attempt, and it is the first in the method by all on handbells, and is the first rung out of London, and the first peal of Surprise Major ever rung on handbells at the first attempt. The band met and brought round 12,352 changes in sixteen practices. The band are also members of the Middlesex County, Norwich Diocesan, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

Correspondence.

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

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

"A MONSTROSITY."

SIR,—That "there's nothing new under the sun" is an adage pretty well recognised, and one which was brought to my mind forcibly when I read your editorial remarks of the 28th last, respecting the Arklow peal—eight bells with seven men. You stigmatised this as "a monstrosity;" but why should you? Only the other week we read in the papers of some clergyman or other ringing the whole of the eight bells in his tower with the aid only of the electric current. If a *parson* can ring eight bells single-handed with merely the aid of an electric cable, surely a common layman might be credited with doing this on two, without that assistance! As to whether you and the great majority of brother-strings actually credit the veracity of the reputed Arklow performance may be a moot point; but what is there that is impossible or "new under the sun?" We should be surprised at nothing now-a-days. The mere ringing of third and fourth bells through a 5040 Grandsire Triples, including even the conducting thereof, is a small matter—comparatively speaking. I expect ere long that—now the sea serpent has died a natural death—and the ball has started rolling, we shall be hearing from our Yankee cousins across the water of bigger and more out-of-the-way feats than this, as for instance the ringing of the whole peal by one or other members of a band, including conducting, calling round (especially the latter) and so forth. The Master of the Arklow Guild appears to be indignant at your remarks anent the said performance, and suggests the attendance of some "competent judges of change-ringing" at Arklow tower to have an ocular demonstration of this double-handed feat. Quite right; so far so good. But why any of us here in this benighted island having to brave a passage across the Irish sea, with its only too certain accompaniments of *mal de mer*, to do this, before we know what we can have at home? Let them, instead, come to our place and "see what they will see." We have a tower some thirty feet square, with a ringing circle for our twelve bells of about twenty-five feet in diameter, (and a tenor of some three tons, "be the same more or less"). Let them come and see one of our men ringing the second and eighth through a peal of Stedman Cinques or Treble Bob Maximus, single-handed, and even putting the covering tenor in for the former as a mere insignificant item in the "performance." Two of our men are contemplating bringing off a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus. If one of them doesn't turn up at the appointed time (somewhere about midnight when everyone else is sound asleep) why the other one will tackle the thing single-handed, and think nothing about it, but send up his report to "THE BELL NEWS," and tell us how the peal was so "very well rung and carefully struck," notwithstanding the circumstance of the bells being "hung with iron stocks" and the consequent inclination of them to "suck, and try the wrist," and so forth. Therefore when this peal comes off, like the Arklow one, please do not express the doubts of the great bulk of the Exercise as to its veracity, but "take it all in" without a question, childlike and confiding, believing all you read, like as we have done the story of the lately famous French traveller, or the experiences of Baron Munchausen. Above all, don't put it down as a "monstrosity." That would be cruel, and might deter another of our men who is ambitious to lift the tower bodily—bells and all—and balance it on his chin while the other two (or one as the case may be) ring the peal of Superlative as before-mentioned.

CREDULOUS.

A RINGERS' NOTE-BOOK.

SIR,—As I have often felt the want of the above when teaching ringers to prick changes, I thought that perhaps a description of one I am having specially printed by the Midland Educational Company, Birmingham, might be useful to the Exercise. It is similar to the book known as "Drawing to Scale" note books. It is of a size that, while ample, will easily double up for the pocket; it has twenty pages ruled both sides; squares of the convenient size of six to the inch, and heavily ruled every sixth line. This is convenient for Stedman

as well as any other method. It costs me ten shillings a gross, and I dare say your readers could obtain it at tenpence a dozen, or could get a local printer to rule similar books.

H. DRAKE.

Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—I cannot follow Mr. James when he tells me to look up the blue line of London Marvel diagram, to find the principle of London Surprise. I maintain when looking up this blue line I am looking up the method of London, and if this line don't represent method, I am certain the red line in the same diagram don't. No wonder he tells me I don't understand, when he so confuses matters.

H. DAINS.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Daniell's letter in this week's "BELL NEWS," I must remind Mr. Daniell that at the Derby meeting I stated that I was examining the use of the word "Principle" and Method in the oldest books on change-ringing that I had access to, and I appealed to the members present to lend me any old books in their possession or in any other way help me in the investigation. Mr. Daniell was I believe present at the meeting, but he never sent me any information or told me where to get it, and now complains that I have not made use of it.

Stedman's Campanalogia I have never seen, and I much desired to see it before I wrote and should like to do so now, and if Mr. Daniell can help me in the matter I shall be pleased.

Mr. Daniell then states that he is convinced of two facts from the study of old authorities. These two facts I am bound to oppose on *a priori* ground, because Principle is necessarily a more elementary term than Method.

I shall look next week for Mr. Daniell's quotation which I asked for last week, with much interest, next Saturday.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—I note Mr. James' concluding paragraph last week. In your issue of the 7th September last I set out all Stedman's words about his Principle, and so far as that goes Mr. James has there what he seeks. As to other allusions I have made, I will comply with Mr. James' request as soon as possible; but I cannot do so without going to the British Museum to make the necessary *verbatim* extracts. I have been away for a few days, and returned too late to do this in time for your next issue, but I will endeavour to be ready for your issue of the 19th inst.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—I can well understand that a selection of the most valuable peals would be both attractive and useful; but is not this rather a work for private enterprise than for the Central Council? From them one would look for an exhaustive collection, and one too, brought up to date by supplements, say every five years.

One would think this might be done by printing the more valuable peals with full explanations, and compressing the others as concisely as possible.

It would however be well if the Committee were to set up a standard so as to exclude all worthless peals, and explain clearly the different classes of peals which are so excluded, and why.

In any case it would be most useful (and saleable) if published in as small parts as practicable; divided according to the different methods or systems, after the admirable example of Snowden.

H. DRAKE.

OAKLEY (Beds).—On Thursday, July 11th, five members of St. Peter's, Bedford, rang the following touches: 360 Grandsire Doubles. C. Findeon, W. Findeon, A. Robinson, F. Lowe, W. Stapleton. Also 120. A. Robinson, W. Findeon, C. Findeon, F. Lowe, W. Stapleton conductor. And 120 Bob Doubles. C. Findeon, F. Lowe, W. Stapleton, W. Findeon, A. Robinson conductor. Another 120, standing as before.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1901.

THE members of the Norwich Association at their annual meeting on the 26th ultimo, passed a very good resolution, one which can be heartily commended to such-like bodies of ringers. It appears that a scheme is projected for the restoration of a fine old fabric—Wymondham Church, which includes rehanging the bells, and recasting where necessary. The Hon. Secretary of the Association suggested to the members that as a special case, they might, if they thought well, spare a donation from their working balance on condition that an eight-bell frame was erected, and a 6th bell, at least, added to the ring.

This was eventually carried. In the brief space at our disposal this week, there is sufficient room to say that such an act is worthy of the greatest admiration.

The Metropolis.**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 7.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 9.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5.	*EDWARD J. WEBB .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

*First peal on ten bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5026 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR R. JACOB .. Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 2.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM PYE .. 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	ERNEST PYE .. 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 5.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition has the 5th and 6th each twenty-three courses behind 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.**BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**

On Tuesday, October 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	*HARRY WITHERS .. 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 2.	ALFRED P. SMITH .. 8.
ALBERT WALKER .. 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 9.
WALTER BRYANT .. 4.	JOHN BUFFERY .. 10.
CHARLES DICKENS .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLEE .. 11.
HENRY MIDDLETON .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. A reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

GEORGE BAKER .. Treble.	JAMES MAYNARD .. 5.
JAMES BAKER .. 2.	GEORGE IZZARD .. 6.
JOHN THORPE .. 3.	ARTHUR T. GODLEY .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY .. 4.	FREDERICK STILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

COLN ST. ALDWYN'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

HARRY LEWIS .. Treble.	F. PROTHEROUGH .. 5.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 2.	J. KITCHENER .. 6.
F. J. LEWIS .. 3.	FRED. LEWIS .. 7.
H. C. BOND .. 4.	H. CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. LEWIS.

ERITH, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, October 3, 1901, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY AUDSLEY* .. Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD .. 5.
HORACE J. SAYER† .. 2.	JOHN GARARD .. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 3.	†LEWIS SILVER .. 7.
CHARLES WILKINS .. 4.	DAVID BARNES .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Anderson, who, for upwards of seventeen years was a member of the church choir.

HODDESDON, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, October 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 5.
ERNEST PYE .. 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

WILLIAM KNIGHTON* .. Treble.	CHARLES SWAN .. 4.
FRED. WILFORD .. 2.	JOHN BETTS .. 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHT .. 3.	REGINALD LOVEDAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by REGINALD LOVEDAY.

*First peal.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK HARRIS .. Treble.	REUBEN HALL .. 5.
JOHN W. PARISH .. 2.	JOHN TILLEY .. 6.
SAMUEL ASBURY .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR .. 7.
JAMES HALL .. 4.	ABRAHAM KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

This is the first peal rung by an entirely local band on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 15.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JESSE BEAMS .. Treble.	*EDWARD T. GROVE .. 5.
GEORGE PRICE .. 2.	CHARLES E. READ .. 6.
JOHN BEAMS .. 3.	HARRY G. BEAMS .. 7.
HENRY FEDERICK .. 4.	GEORGE FEDERICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Reginald C. Hunt who commenced his duties on the following day. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	RICHARD P. HEALD 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	*WALTER HENSHALL 6.
JOHN MOSCROF 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal in the method.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM FOX Treble.	ALBERT H. WARD 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	JOHN WARDMAN 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 3.	CHARLES DRAPER 7.
BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. 4.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER HONEYWOOD* .. Treble.	GEORGE W. MOSS 5.
ERNEST G. FENN† 2.	ARTHUR T. MORRIS 6.
HARRY J. MEE† 3.	THOMAS STEWARD 7.
FRANK ROLFE† 4.	CALEB FENN Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY, Barking, and
Conducted by CALEB FENN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Brothers Fenn hail from St. Margaret's, Barking.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT P. KNIGHT .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE DALE 2.	*FREDERICK J. SAUNDERS.. 6.
SIDNEY MACEY 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	SIDNEY AMES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on eight bells.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BIRD .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4.
FRANK WEBB 2.	JOSEPH CHURCH 5.
WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 3.	JOHN WM. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED COCKS* Treble.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5.
SAM STOTT 2.	JAMES PRIESTLY 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
WM. JAKEMAN 4.	BEN THORPE Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and Conducted by BEN. THORPE.

*First peal in the method.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PLATTS !.. Treble.	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 5.
THOMAS START 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 6.
WILLIAM JOHNSON .. 3.	RICHARD F. LANE 7.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN .. 4.	THOMAS HILL Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD F. LANE.

R. Christian hails from Yarmouth. Messrs. Colburn, Burleigh and Lane from Loughborough.

RUSHFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD CARTER .. Treble.	WILLIAM EVERETT 4.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 2.	CHARLES CARTER 5.
THOMAS FITZJOHN* .. 3.	*JOHN DEEKS Tenor.

Conducted by E. R. J. DUNK.

*First peal.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one
each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Dob Minor.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DELL .. Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.
ERNEST W. MARSHALL .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5.
JOHN E. MILLER 3.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—Wesley Watson. Further reference to this peal elsewhere.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The ringer of the 5th in the peal rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry was F. G. Burleigh, not J. Hutchby, as reported in last week's issue.—The peal of Stedman Caters at Westminster was rung on September 28th, not the 21st, as reported last week.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FRED HOLLINGWORTH .. 1-2.	H. HOLLINGWORTH .. 5-6.
W. EARLE 3-4.	L. HOLLINGWORTH .. 7-8.

Composed by ARTHUR E. BAMES, of Melbourne, Australia, and
Conducted by FRED HOLLINGWORTH.

Referee—Mr. Geo. Tomlin.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Woodbine. J. Cavill, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. For afternoon service 720 Ely Surprise. J. Cavill, H. Little, G. Gray, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, March 13th, for practice, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. W. Watts, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, J. Watts conductor. Also 720 Oxford Surprise. J. Luckey, I. Hammond, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Little, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, March 20th, for practice, 720 College Exercise. T. J. Watts, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 London Surprise. H. Little, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor. Also 720 Chester Surprise. T. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells. On Wednesday, March 27th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Lichfield Surprise. I. Hammond, H. Little, G. Gray, W. Watts, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, September 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. R. G. Dewey, H. Sharp, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, P. Webb, W. B. Kempton, W. Eusden conductor, F. Bawn. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Brown, R. G. Dewey, J. Taylor, H. Sharp, P. Webb, G. Taylor, W. Eusden, W. B. Kempton.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Hancock, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd conductor, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, J. R. Sandover, W. Mogridge, W. Lowton.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRANCH FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF WILTS.

TROWBRIDGE.—At the quarterly meeting on October 5th, 168 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, G. D. Heginbotham, E. C. Fricker, T. Ricketts, A. Draper, J. Hillier conductor, W. J. Prescott, C. Neate. A 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, C. E. D. Boutflower, C. D. Heginbotham, T. Ricketts, A. Draper, J. Hillier conductor, W. J. Prescott, C. Neate. And a course of Stedman Triples. C. D. Heginbotham, T. Ricketts, J. Hillier, E. C. Fricker, C. E. D. Boutflower, W. J. Prescott, J. L. Wells, C. Neate.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—On October 5th, 336 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, W. McCaffrey, T. Ricketts, J. L. Wells, E. C. Fricker, J. Hillier conductor, W. J. Prescott, C. Neate. Also 220 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, E. C. Fricker, T. Ricketts, J. L. Wells, W. J. Prescott conductor, J. Hillier, A. Draper, C. D. Heginbotham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, September 15th, at St. John's church, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Rose, 1; W. J. Jeffries conductor, T. Deal, J. Law, W. C. Hunt, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes, H. Young. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late President McKinley. On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob. A. C. Bedwell, J. Rose, W. C. Hunt, E. H. Nixon, W. Bedwell conductor, J. Davis, G. H. Daynes, W. J. Jeffries. On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. C. Hunt, T. Deal, W. Bed-

well, A. C. Bedwell, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes conductor, B. Miller (first quarter-peal.)

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELTSHAM (Wilts).—Recently, at the parish church, 360 Bob Doubles. Rev. H. E. Bassett, W. G. Lock, S. Hillier conductor, W. S. Burbridge, A. West, H. Davis. Another 360. W. J. Truss, W. G. Lock, S. Hillier conductor, W. S. Burbridge, A. West, H. Davis. A 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Mees, W. G. Lock, S. Hillier conductor, W. S. Burbridge, A. West, —Legge. This is the longest length by all except the conductor, and rung entirely by a local band except the Rev. H. E. Bassett.

DEVIZES.—On August 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Hampton, C. S. Burden, T. Raddon, C. D. Heiginbotham, C. R. Hampton, S. Hillier conductor, A. Draper, R. Phillips. This was arranged for C. S. Burden, who hails from London. On August 13th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores, called differently. C. H. Hampton, C. D. Heiginbotham, W. H. Johnson, S. Hillier conductor, A. Draper, R. Phillips. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Empress Frederick.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. T. Ansell, W. Hackney conductor, G. Flintham, R. E. Clarke, G. Chester J. W. Watson.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Saturday, September 28th, on the occasion of the meeting of the Northern Branch, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. S. W. Buller, W. D. Tinker, R. E. Clarke, H. Haigh conductor, P. O. Bixby, G. Chester. And two courses of Kent Treble Bob. W. D. Tinker, R. E. Clarke, J. Swannack, G. Chester, J. T. Ladd, P. O. Bixby, F. S. W. Buller conductor, G. Wilson.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDBURY.—On Thursday, September 19th on the occasion of the funeral of the late President McKinley, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled came to grief after ringing 2000 changes. On Thursday, September 26th, for practice, 1800 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Bennett, J. W. Parish, J. Hall, S. Astbury, R. Hall, J. Tilley, J. Jaggar conductor, F. Harris.

BLETCHLEY.—On June 30, 490 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, H. Sear conductor, W. Sear, L. Meager, A. Atkins, E. Marks, F. Hedges H. Thurlow. On July 7th, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, A. Atkins, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, F. Hedges, E. Marks, E. Whitbread, H. Thurlow.

GREAT HORWOOD.—On June 29th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, E. Marks, A. Atkins, H. Thurlow. Another 360. A. Atkins, W. Sear, L. Meager, H. Sear conductor, E. Marks, J. Marks.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On October 1st, for practice at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Wright, A. Webber, — Todd, E. R. Caron, D. Hayward conductor, W. Secrett, J. Matthews, G. Oxford. Also touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters, with G. Read and C. Harding.

HANSLOPE (Bucks).—On July 6th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Smith, H. Sear conductor, W. Tucker, W. Bonham, E. Whitbread. Another 120. H. Rainbow, W. Tucker, E. Whitbread, W. Benham, H. Sear conductor.

HENFIELD.—On Tuesday, August 13th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Empress Frederick, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Markwell, C. Tyler, T. Burt, A. E. Lish, L. Payne, G. Payne conductor, A. Heasman, A. Hodges. On Sunday, August 18th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Lish, A. E. Lish, W. Markwell, S. Burt, W. Hillman, L. Payne conductor, A. Heasman, C. Tyler. On Monday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Markwell, W. Hillman, J. Lish, S. Burt, G. Payne, L. Payne conductor, A. Heasman, A. Hodges.

LONDON.—On Thursday evening, October 3rd, for Harvest Festival at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassal Road, Brixton, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Flower, G. W. Wild, H. Langdon, E. J. Webb, F. Davis, E. Brett, J. E. Davis, J. Miller.

LLANDUDNO.—On Thursday, July 25th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Grandsire Minor. Colour Sergt. G. Maries conductor, Lance-Corporal J. Tipping, Private R. Seddon, Lance-Corporal J. Moore, Sergt. E. Tipping, Lance-Sergt. T. Allanson. This is supposed to be the first 720 on the bells, and was rung during the encampment of the second volunteer battalion East Lancashire Regiment at Conway. All the above are members of M company, and hail from Lytham.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The last wonder of the world is the peal at Arklow. When relating the circumstance to an acquaintance of mine he asked: "Where did you say this peal was rung?" "In Ireland," I answered. "Ah! that accounts for it then," was the rejoinder. But we shall have to accept this record, I think. Many people tell me round Oxford way that it used to be a common thing for the hero of the day to ring two bells at once, and strike them well! Well, perhaps so; but a touch is not a peal, it should be remembered.

It is a most unfortunate thing that some talented ringer acquainted with the ins and outs of things, was not invited to be present. It would have been very easy. Gabriel Lindoff is in Dublin, and Dr. Livermore close by at Waterford. If either of these ringers had been asked to attend, the likelihood is that we should have read a very interesting account of the affair. Why ever did you neglect this precaution J.W.W.? But the prevailing notion is that you have frequently erred in this way.

This manner of ringing has been stigmatised as "a monstrosity," a thing to be reprobated, and avoided. Certainly the Art of ringing is not expected to develop downwards into acrobaticism, neither is it desired that ringers should become amateur contortionists. We pat you on the back, Washbrook, for your prowess; it's a great thing to ring 3-4 in a peal, a very great thing; but we don't want to hear of its being done again.

Don't let anyone attempt to beat this record. If there is anyone trying *a la* Washbrook to go one better than he by attempting to ring three bells, one in each hand and another by the leg; or to beat that remarkable fellow at St. Dunstan's in-the-East by ringing four bells, utilising his neck for the purpose, I advise such wight strongly to desist before unpleasant circumstances result.

The Rev. H. Law James is still going ahead. He tells those who do not understand him (and I am among the number) that they have minds of a very unscientific nature. No doubt he is correct in that. But notwithstanding such a confident assertion, we are none the nearer enlightenment. Mr. James is a very great man, not physically, but great in mystifying people having unscientific minds, yet there have been those ere now who could render what they said intelligible to such thick-headed people as we non-scientists. Well, some of us can ring a bad-going tenor through a peal of T. B. M., and have done so more than once without a murmur, or a "came to grief." Pull the ting-tang, John.

The correspondence about the bells of that Gloucestershire village named "Painswick" has become interesting, if nothing else. My friend William Hale has strung together a lot of sentences by which he has fallen foul of one or two people. William my boy, you and I are among the old uns, on the top shelf. I admire you sticking up for your bells through thick and thin; I would do the same for the bells of my native parish. But we old fogies haven't a leg to stand on in these matters. The front five bells of a ring of twelve ought to be a peal of five, but your bells do not answer to their names in this respect. There are a good many peals like

them all over the country. Never mind, friend, you have got your bells back again. If I should not be able to drop upon you during the next few weeks, you may let me know what you think of them now.

There is, as is well known, a ringer named "James Hunt" at Guildford. I have known a great many ringers of this name and all but one had either James or John given them at their baptism. Now James Hunt of Guildford is a very enterprising man. He is not a treble-bob Hunt exactly, but a plain Hunt. He wants to make you peal boards of any size and shape you please, does this Hunt. He is not "out of the hunt" in such matters, evidently. He knows what is wanted and will meet your views in every way without snapping or dodging you. Hunt up his announcement on the middle page of this paper and give him a turn when you can.

And while recommending to you a brother-string who has just embarked in this business, I should like to say how glad I was to read the remarks of my friend "Jingle" a few weeks ago relative to helping one another. "Love the brotherhood." Help your ringing brethren in their business when you can. Several well-known ringers constantly solicit your patronage and support in these pages. Do what you can with them in the way of trade. I am not any believer in exclusive dealing, of course, and my observations do not carry any idea of that sort with them.

The last subject I shall refer to this week is the Harlow Church Bell Fund. I hope this is doing well with you. Having been particularly engaged no news has arrived concerning it this week, but I will enquire, and having something to say on it in the next number.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

BELL HANGING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. F. White and Son, of Appleton, Berkshire, have lately rehung the bells of South Littleton and also of North and Middle Littleton, and their work has given great satisfaction to the Vicar and churchwardens.

FRANK S. TAYLOR, *Vicar of Littleton.*

THE GLOSSARY.

Members of the Midland Counties Association may obtain the above post free 3d. on application to the Honorary Secretary,
W. E. WHITE.
Cotgrave, Notts.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—There will be no practice on Tuesday, October 15th, when a peal will be attempted by the local band.
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Obituary.

ALBERT DEARDS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer at the age of fifty-four, who died very suddenly and unexpectedly, he having been found dead in bed on Wednesday morning, September 18th. He was well-known to ringers in London and the north-western and south-western divisions of the county of Essex. He was a member of the College Youths, the Essex and Middlesex Associations, and had taken part in several peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. He was never a great ringer, but an expert in striking. He was interred in Walthamstow Cemetery on Tuesday, September 24th, being followed to the grave by a large number of his fellow-workmen, the ringers being represented by Messrs. S. Hayes and H. Springall. The bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral as a mark of respect, the deceased being an old member of that society.

On Monday evening, September 30th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled at St. Mary's, Bow-by-Stratford, he also being a member of that society. After which 504 of Grandsire Triples and 168 of Stedman Triples was rung by H. Springall, 1; S. Hayes, 2; H. Dallimore, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; S. Parmenter, 6; H. Torble, 7; D. J. Sutton, 8.

WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN.

We regret to announce the death on September 28th of the above Sudbury ringer after a long illness from cancer, in his fifty-sixth year. The funeral took place on Thursday, October 3rd, the first part of the service being taken in All Saints church of which company the deceased was a member, a muffled peal being rung before and after the funeral by the All Saints and St. Gregory's companies combined, Grandsire Triples being rung. By the express desire of the deceased, Messrs. S. Slater, O. Garwood, C. Honeybell (Glemsford), and H. Thompson (Cavendish), acted as bearers. The veteran, Mr. G. Maxim, of Cavendish, and A. Symonds, of Lavenham, also were present at the service in the church, and the organ was played by an old comrade of the deceased, Mr. C. Sillitoe, organist of St. Gregory's. As a last tribute of respect "O rest in the Lord" from *Elijah*, and the Dead March from *Saul* was played before and after the service respectively. The deceased had taken part in thirty-five peals, the longest being 10,176 of Kent at Foxearth. He was a member of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Essex Association, the Norwich Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths, the annual dinner of which he attended for a good many years. He leaves two daughters and two sons, both of whom are proficient ringers.

ALFRED THOMAS.

The above ringer, late of Harwell, Berks., who died of heart disease on September 22nd last at the early age of forty-one, was at one time the well-known Honorary Secretary of the St. Martin's Society of Birmingham. Coming from Stockton-on-Tees, where he had been engaged in a large engineering establishment, to take the mill management of a large flour mill in Birmingham, he found his way for the first time to St. Martin's belfry on Easter Sunday 1882. Ringing his first peal at Deritend on August 11th, 1883, he shewed so much energy and ability in pursuit of the Exercise that he was soon appointed Secretary to the St. Martin's Society, and for many years was associated with its successes. Besides such performances as ringing in the record peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, and the silent peal of Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent, he conducted the first short-course peal of Stedman Caters ever rung in 1886 at St. Martin's. Associating himself with the progress of ringing and the general good of the Exercise in the neighbourhood, he resigned the secretaryship of the society on its amalgamation in 1888 with the Holt Society of Aston under the name of the "St. Martin's Guild for Birmingham, Aston, and the adjoining district." During his stay in Birmingham and before going to Harwell he was engaged in about forty peals, while he afterwards rung in others connected with the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Any one knowing him a few years ago could not fail to appreciate his genial comradeship and general good influence in the Exercise. All his acquaintance knowing his finely formed

and manly figure cannot but feel that his end was early and untimely. A particular sad feature of his demise is that his widow lies in a critical condition after a serious operation with still further complications. He leaves one son of about fifteen years of age.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Aberdare on Saturday, September 28th, at 4.30 p.m., with the Vicar of Aberdare presiding. The following members were present: Rev. Canon Johnston; the Secretary; the Master of the Association; Mr. J. W. Jones, Messrs. W. Page, A. Pitt, G. Winis, S. Weaver, J. Elford, T. Hamlin, H. Pitt, and R. Daniel, of Pentre tower; Messrs. D. Thomas, W. Northey (Penarth); A. Bowen (Cadoxton, Neath); S. Rogers, W. Williams, T. Jenkins (Trevethin, Pontypool); T. Lewis, J. Griffiths, J. Lee (Blaenavon).

It was resolved that the quarterly meeting on Easter Monday 1902 should be held at Abergavenny. There being no new members to enrol, the Secretary proceeded to read the estimate sent in by the *Western Mail* printing department as to the cost of the certificates of membership in accordance with the design approved of at the last quarterly meeting. The estimate was as follows: the first 100 certificates £7 7s.; per 100 copies after £1 1s. This estimate was accepted, and it was proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Northey, and carried unanimously, that the Secretary order 100 copies forthwith, and that they be sold to the members at the rate of one shilling each. The Secretary promised to bring the certificates with him to each quarterly meeting for distribution, but the main distribution would take place at the annual meeting on Boxing Day. A short discussion then took place as to the advisability of abandoning the July meeting owing to the poor attendance, in consequence of its being a busy and difficult month for most of the members to get away. It was eventually decided to bring up this matter for discussion at the next annual meeting, and the Secretary gave notice accordingly.

Mr. J. W. Jones reported that the work which he was conducting in Usk tower was not satisfactory owing to the poor attendance of the ringers, and the bells not being in perfect order. After a short discussion Mr. Jones promised to write to the leader of the Usk ringers and to ask for keener enthusiasm, and to continue his task until Christmas in the hope of improvement.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Aberdare for kindly presiding, and for the special service and instructive address which he gave the members of the Association in St. Elvan's church at three o'clock.

The Vicar suitably replied.

The Secretary then said that it gave him personally much pleasure, and he felt sure he was the same time expressing the feelings of all present to extend to Canon Johnston a most cordial vote of thanks for the very kind welcome he had given the ringers, for the excellent tea which was much enjoyed, and for allowing the meeting to be held at the College.

Mr. Attwell also spoke as to the great pleasure he had derived in being present at such a successful meeting, and that he felt sure everybody had spent a very enjoyable afternoon and outing.

Canon Johnston in his reply said that he was only too pleased to welcome the members of the Association to St. Michael's College, and he was glad to know that they had enjoyed the afternoon. He said further that he felt that in these days of many parish organization there was a danger of the old systems being left out in the cold, and that the bell-ringers were especially worthy of every recognition and encouragement, and for this reason it afforded him real pleasure to invite them there that afternoon.

The ringers then proceeded to the church tower and did some change-ringing until 7 o'clock, at which time they had to stop, as evensong was to be read in the church at 7.30. Thus concluded a very enjoyable afternoon and meeting.

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Notices.

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The Hertfordshire Association—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Aldenham to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Tea free at 6 o'clock if notice is given to

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY, *Hon. District Sec.*
Sunset Villa, London Road, Watford.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Bull, at the Church of St. Paul, Hounslow, to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 6 p.m. till 8.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Heavy Woollen District of Change Ringers.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Liversedge to-day, Saturday, October 12, meeting to commence at 6.30. There will be an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, to commence about 3 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cardington, this Saturday afternoon, October 12th.

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

Ridgmont Vicarage, Aspley Guise, R.S.O.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The meeting at Southport is postponed to October 19th, when the Bishop of Liverpool will be present.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stroud on Thursday, October 17th. Service at the Parish Church. Business and tea afterwards. All intending to be present please notify A. T. Ford, Esq., Stroud. Copies of the "Glossary" will be distributed at this meeting to all who produce their receipt for the current year free.

FRED. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. George, Bristol.

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting at Barking on Saturday, October 19th, to elect a Master and Secretary for the south-western division of the county. The Vicar has kindly promised to give tea. Members intending to be present must notify me before the previous Wednesday.

Great Totham. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, October 19th. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools at 4 p.m., followed at 4.45 p.m. by tea and general meeting. The towers of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Alkmund's Churches (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., but will be closed during the time of tea and general meeting. Tea (1s. each) will only be provided for those who notify Mr. A. E. Thompson, 52, Silver Hill Road, Derby, by Wednesday, Oct. 16th, of their intention to be present.

Cotgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 19th. The

tower will be open from 2 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Special service at 4.30 o'clock. Tea, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, at 5. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Oct. 13.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of the St. Albans district will be held at Harpenden (six bells) on Saturday, October 19th. Bells at disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening.

G. W. CARTMEL, *Assistant Secretary.*

Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers are welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19 at Caversham. Evensong with sermon in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea at 9d. for all who give notice by October 15, in the Parish School, at 6.30. Address Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, October 22nd. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at the Cherry Tree Hotel. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open from 3 to 5, and 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at St. Margaret's School House, Old Road (eight minutes from church) at 5.30. Business meeting after. Handbells will be provided at the School House for members not using tower bells. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Nearest railway station is Blackheath, five minutes from the church.

PERCY E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Barnehurst, Bexley Heath.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The Monthly Meeting of the above Society will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 7 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held in Durham on Monday, October 28th. As definite arrangements cannot be made till after the date is fixed for the Bishop's enthronement, will members kindly be content with a later notice than usual?

C. L. ROUTLEDGE,

Wylam-on-Tyne.

Hon. Secretary.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 264th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. W. Winney, or of

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary.*

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, October 15th, at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, October 22nd, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, October 24th, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, October 29th, all at 8 p.m.

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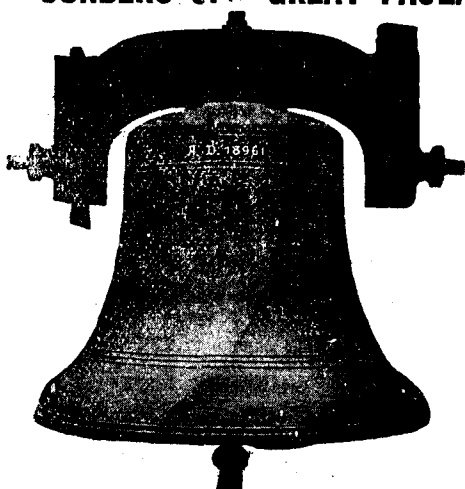
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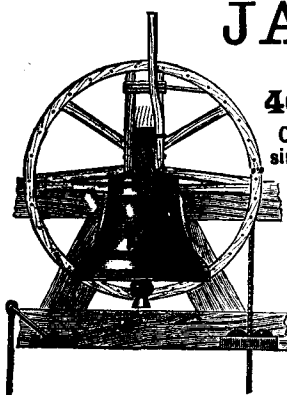
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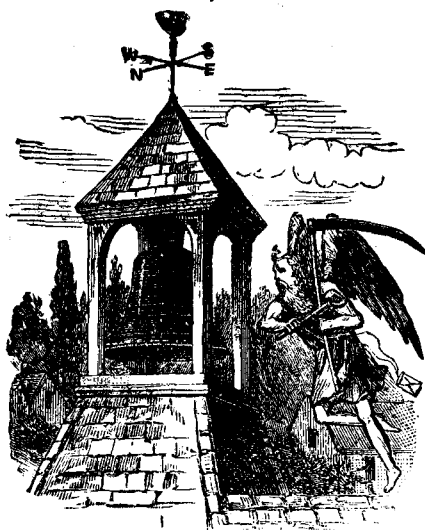
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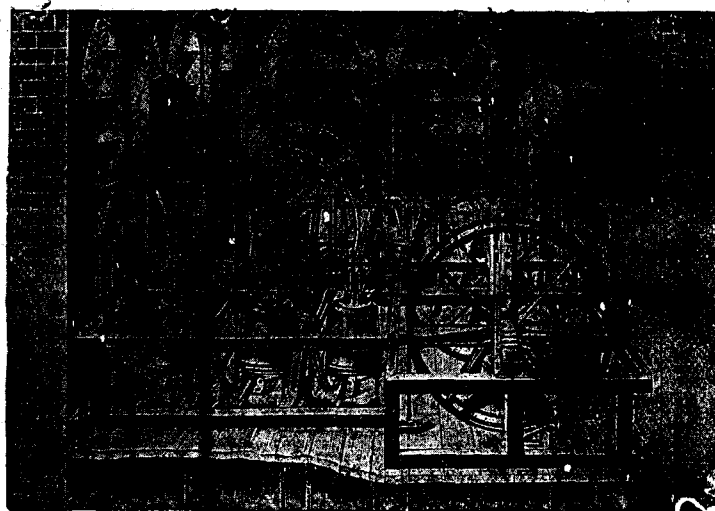
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Blackpool on Saturday, September 28th, representatives, numbering about 120, attending from Manchester, Eccles, Preston, Bolton, Gorton, Rusholme, Swinton, Walkden, Worsley, Bacup, Newchurch, Oldham, Milnrow, Burnley, Helmsore, Ramsbottom, Halliwell, South Shore, Rochdale, Heywood, Penwortham, Bury, Blackburn, Middleton, Horwich, etc. The delegates arrived early in the day, and ringing took place at St. John's and Trinity, Blackpool; St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and St. Peter's, Lytham; and St. Anne's.

At four o'clock a service was held in St. John's church, Blackpool, when the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke preached from the text—"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

At the conclusion of the service the members attended at St. John's schoolroom, where the tea and business meeting were held. A number of ladies had prepared a substantial tea, which was greatly appreciated. A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for his sermon, and in response he said that the objects of the Association were such as should become universal not only in that district, but throughout Lancashire.

The Rev. N. S. Jeffery expressed his pleasure at seeing the Association meet in Blackpool, and hoped it would not be their last annual meeting there. He believed such associations were the means of bringing them nearer and more united one to another. He then referred to the ministry of bellringing as spoken of by the Archdeacon in his sermon.

At the business meeting which followed, the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, occupied the chair, and compared the large attendance there with that at the service in the church in the afternoon, and said he knew it was difficult in a place like Blackpool (where they had to drop some of their members at Lytham, St. Annes, and South Shore) to get them to meet together at a specified time at service. He could not help feeling that it was not quite courteous to Archdeacon Clarke that there was such a small portion present at the service. He would be sorry if in the opinion of the Association the annual meeting was looked upon chiefly as an annual picnic. The Association had a work to do, and they recognised themselves as connected with religious work, and their annual meeting was not merely for the pleasure of meeting one another and enjoying the afternoon together. He then spoke of the service being an integral part of their proceedings, and said that as they were in God's service it was only right that they should ask for His blessing and guidance. He would be very sorry if at their future meetings members came to consider the service of little importance, as compared with what came afterwards, or the enjoyment that members could get outside. He referred to the excellent work the

Central Council and meetings of the Association did, as it was here they received higher education, and information was spread.

The report and balance-sheet were passed, and Mr. Eachus (Manchester) was re-elected vice-president; Mr. J. Shepherd (Bacup) ringing secretary; and Messrs. Haydock and Leach (Ramsbottom) auditors. Nine new members were admitted, and after a vote on Eccles, Southport, Bolton, Rochdale, and Liverpool had been taken, the first-named was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. John's, the organist and the choir, the ladies who prepared the tea, and Mr. R. Clitheroe and the local committee, who had so admirably carried out the arrangements for the meeting. This was acknowledged by Mr. Clitheroe, who hoped they would have the pleasure of welcoming the Association on some future occasion.

A vote of thanks to the president of the Association terminated the meeting.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its autumn meeting at Richmond on Saturday, October 5th. The gathering was highly successful in every way, and when it is borne in mind how remote some of the places in this district are; how few the trains are which serve some places ringers would gladly visit on such an occasion as this, making a half-day meeting hardly worth the expense of time and money for some—when we bear this in mind, a muster of forty members for a half-day meeting at a place where the last train leaves at 6.25, is by no means bad.

These forty members represented several different places. Catterick, some four or five miles from Richmond, sent its quota. This place possesses a beautiful church, with a ring of eight bells, which were kindly placed at our disposal by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Evans, and several ringers called here on their way to Richmond, and had a pull. Then East Witton and Middleham, about ten miles by road, both sent representatives. Middlesbrough of course was well represented, also Thirsk. Stockton was in strong force; and Darlington and Stokesley likewise sent men. It is almost superfluous to add that the Richmond band were present almost to a man. No Association could have received a more kindly welcome from the local band than we did from the Richmond men. We were kindly met at the station and escorted to the tower, where everything possible had been done to make our arrival welcome.

Richmond is happy in the possession of a beautiful church, and six splendid bells, with places waiting to be filled with two more. The ringers of course would be only too glad to have the octave completed, and it is to be hoped that this perhaps may be done some day, as the local company is very enthusiastic, and anxious to render a good account of itself in peal-ringing.

Tea was served in the parish church room at 4.30, when

the President of the Association (Mr. G. J. Clarkson), occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. A. E. Ayre, curate of Richmond (himself a performing member of the Association), both the vice-presidents (Messrs. Blakiston and Wrightson), and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Rev. W. P. Wright). The Rev. A. E. Ayre in a few well-chosen words of welcome alluded to the absence of the Rector (Rev. L. E. Robinson) from the gathering, and said he had been requested to make his apologies for not being present, as unavoidable circumstances prevented it.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Richmond and the Vicar of Catterick was unanimously carried.

It struck the writer that the Richmond district might become a centre of good work in the Association if only a spirit of friendly intercourse and competition could be promoted or aroused amongst the men of Richmond, Catterick, and Bolton-on-Swale, another six-bell tower close at hand.

These three towers, within easy access of one another, ought to help things on well if properly worked, but from their somewhat isolated position it means that they must organise such a movement amongst themselves. What this means is that our district is too wide and scattered to send people about for a course of meetings as instructor or organiser.

In every way our first meeting at Richmond was highly successful, and every one had good reason to be quite satisfied with it. The next meeting will be at Feliskirk and Thirsk on the first Saturday in February. W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, October 5th, at the parish church, Coseley. There was a good muster of members present from the various towers in the Archdeaconry: West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Handsworth, Willenhall, Tipton, Smethwick, Walsall, Cannock, and Bloxwich. The bells were set ringing with a touch of Grandsire Triples about three o'clock. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, the Vicar of Coseley giving the address, after which a committee was held in the vestry when the Vicar was elected an honorary member, and several ringing members were also elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom where tea had been provided. All being found in readiness seats were taken, and full justice was done to the good things provided, after which it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the best thanks of the members be given to the Vicar for his excellent address at the service, also for the use of the bells and the schoolroom; also to the ladies for so kindly arranging and serving out the tea.

A move was then made to the tower and some touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and other methods were successfully brought round. Time having arrived for departure, a start was made for the station, thus bringing a very successful meeting to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Bromborough on Saturday, October 12th. A good number of

members put in an appearance, including representatives from St. Saviour's (Oxton), St. Mary's (Birkenhead), Bidston, West Kirby, Neston, Lower Bebington, Tue Brook, Liverpool, etc. Ringing commenced shortly after four o'clock and continued till six o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where, at the invitation of Mr. Sidney Anthony (churchwarden), a capital tea was partaken of, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. E. Day Green. The meal concluded, a hearty vote of thanks was passed on the motion of the chairman, to Mr. Anthony for his kind hospitality.

The business portion of the meeting was of a very small scale owing to the unavoidable and regrettable absence of the Hon. Secretary.

After a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and for the use of the bells had been passed, a return was made to the tower, where ringing was kept up till a late hour, the ringing concluding with a well-struck 546 of Kent Treble Bob Major and two touches of Stedman Triples.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

The monthly meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Hughenden on Saturday, October 12th. Twenty-five ringers were present from Marlow, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Lane End, and Reading. Several touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung. The Vicar, the Rev. Carew Hunt, kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the vicarage.

AN OLD RECORD.

The Vicar of Bolney (Rev. T. Austen Holcroft) on Saturday last handed me a copy of *The London Chronicle* for Thursday, April 22nd, and Friday, April 23rd, 1813 (an eight page publication, a trifle larger than "THE BELL NEWS" and published at 6½d.), which contains, among other items of interest of the period, the following paragraph:—

"Sunday se'nnight was rung at Bolney Church in Sussex, by a joint-band of Bolney and Brighton Youths, the intricate and scientific peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses of 504 each, which contains 5040 harmonious changes, was brought in two hours and 58 minutes, and was ably conducted by Mr. J. Potter, of Brighton. The tenor is in the key of G., and weighs 16cwt. net bell metal."

My object in forwarding this to you is the hope that it may induce some of our Brighton friends to publish any information they may have with regard to this particular peal, and also any further particulars of the "Bolney and Brighton Youths" and the peals rung by them in the early part of the nineteenth century. I have no doubt but that Mr. G. F. Attree would gladly give me all the available information if I applied to him personally, but I feel sure that there are a large number of ringers in Sussex, and probably elsewhere, who would be interested in a short history of the performances of the joint-band referred to, such as I feel sure Mr. Attree would be able to give.

I may say that, although Bolney was noted for its bells and ringers during the first half of the last century, we have absolutely no record of any ringing at Bolney previous to the formation of the Sussex County Association in 1885.

G. WALDER, JUN.

Milkside, Bolney.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS. — The re-opening of the church bells was celebrated on Friday, September 27th, when a new treble bell, bringing the number of the peal to six, was dedicated by the rural dean (Rev. T. Holt Wilson), to the memory of the late Hon. Albert Edward John Henniker-Major. Being the 60th birthday of Mr. John Taylor (the present occupant of the Hall), the ringers and estate hands were entertained by Mr. Taylor, whose health was most heartily drunk. Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, have carried out the re-hanging, the expenses being defrayed by Mr. Taylor, while Lord Henniker gave the timber from off the estate. The new bell was cast by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and was given in memory of the Hon. A. E. Henniker-Major, by a few very intimate Cambridge friends. The whole work cost about £140. Messrs. Bowell and Son have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner, and the new bell is the best in the peal.

HANDBELL CONTEST AT BELL VUE, MANCHESTER.

September 23rd brought with it an important sort of holiday for the thousands of musically-inclined country cousins who take a delight in that most mechanical yet deliciously pure form of harmony, handbell ringing.

Fifty-three special trains brought, at a rough computation, 20,000 excursionists to Manchester for the express purpose of attending the annual handbell ringing contest at Bell Vue, and as the city itself contributed a substantial quota matters out Hyde-road way were inclined to be animated.

Among the yearly attractions at Messrs Jennison's famous gardens this particular occasion may be said to rank third in importance. First, of course, comes the old-established picture and fireworks—that is a standing and most effective “draw.” Next must be placed the brass band contest, and thirdly the competition of which the 47th annual drew the crowd. And what a crowd! The only scene to which it can be likened is Blackpool in the wakes season.

Of course, the whole of the 20,000 odd could not be contained in the concert hall in which the contest took place, but as the ringing proceeded for something like six hours the ever-moving throng was able to take its fill by instalments, and each section, once satisfied, found sufficient in the ordinary attractions of the gardens to keep it occupied until the critical moment when the result was announced.

It is a somewhat curious feature of this contest that, although its headquarters are, and apparently must continue to be, in Lancashire, the Palatinate plays but an ever-declining part in it. Handbell ringing, essentially a blend of gymnastics and harmony, seems to be deserting Lancashire and to be finding its home in Yorkshire, or even down in the Midlands and Wales. Be that as it may, Belle Vue affords an admirable gathering ground, and the only regret is that Manchester people themselves do not realise adequately a form of pastime which is ever to be commended, for the individual skill required, and the pleasure to be gained alike by performers and listeners.

The prominence of Yorkshire in the competition is to be seen from the appended list of ringing companies taking part, the names being given in the order in which they rung: Horbury, Huddersfield Lane Congregational (Holmfirth), Birstall St. Saviours, Lepton United, Royston United, Clifton, Mottram, Dewsbury, Liversedge

Albert, Cross Hill (near Keighley) Crossland Moor United, Tintwistle, and Bingley. Two other Yorkshire combinations, Brighouse Park Rangers and Darton (near Barnsley), had also entered, but did not compete, while Almond-bury United, having gained the first prize in the last three contests, were barred by reason of their obvious superiority and the rules of the competition.

Appropriately, the test piece contained the charming bellmusic from Planquette's melodious, old-fashioned opera “Les Cloches de Corneville” arranged for the occasion by Lieut. Dan Godfrey. The judges were Dr. Henry Watson, of the Manchester Royal College of Music, and Prof. Geo. Pritchard, London. They entered on their task shortly after two o'clock, and thereafter, until it was approaching the time for the fireworks, the concert hall tinkled with the sound of the bells, while admiring crowds watched and compared the relative dexterity of the manipulators.

In the result Crossland Moor United went away with the first prize of £20 and a gold medal, with Clifton second, Liversedge Albert third, Lepton United fourth, and Huddersfield taking the fifth and last prize of £3.

A MISTAKE.

The *Sunday Companion* has the following:—

“A BELL-RINGING PARSON.—In the olden times it was no uncommon occurrence for the vicar or rector of a London church to join his men in tolling the bells; but nowadays it is no longer a pastime among clerics. The Rev. C. J. Parker, M.A., Vicar of Clerkenwell, makes the exception. He keeps up the custom, taking his rope regularly, working just as hard as any other ringer. Although he has only held the position of vicar for a couple of years, Mr. Parker has been associated with Clerkenwell for twenty years. The parishioners of Clerkenwell retain the right of openly electing their vicar, and Mr. Parker's votes, when he was elected, totalled more than the votes of all the other candidates added together.”

HEELEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD.

A large clock was started at Heeley Church, Sheffield, by the Master Cutler, on Saturday, October 12. The clock strikes the hours and shows time on two dials, each five feet six inches across, and has been generally made to Lord Grimthorpe's designs by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE LATE ALFRED THOMAS.

The death of Alfred Thomas has been noted with regret in Stockton belfry by the oldest members, who well remembered him as a former colleague and associate. He came to Stockton-on-Tees from the neighbourhood of Reading about 1880, and could then only ring a bell in rounds. At Stockton he became so far initiated into the Art as to ring in a 720 of Minor on the tenor of the old six on August 11th, 1880. He was present at the annual meeting of the Durham Association that year, and handled the tenor as a cover with considerable skill, when scarcely anyone else could make anything of her.

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Correspondence.

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

THE ARKLOW PEAL.

SIR,—A more absurd letter than that which appeared last Saturday above the signature "Credulous" has never, I should think, been printed in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." The practice of adopting a *nom de plume* by any writer, who impugns the character or veracity of another person, cannot be too highly deprecated, and the letters of such correspondents are scarcely worth consideration, but when one puts forth such utterly puerile remarks—remarks absolutely devoid of common sense—as were contained in the communication of "Credulous," it is time some member of the Exercise expressed the disgust which, doubtless, hundreds feel. Perhaps "Credulous" thinks his remarks are funny, but the majority of ringers, those, that is, who like to get at the truth of things, read them, I feel sure, with amused contempt. Personally, of course, I am no more in a position to judge the merits or demerits of the performance at Arklow than any other person on this side of the channel, but, in common fairness, until the contrary is proved, the peal should be accepted as an accomplished fact, and had it been achieved when Mr. Washbrook was in the zenith of his fame it would, I venture to think, have been accepted without question. Mr. Tailyour made a fair offer in reply to the editorial comment, and, unless it is accepted, the aspersions cast upon the performance should be withdrawn. My reason in writing, however, is not to defend Mr. Washbrook, whose ability as a ringer is—despite all previous controversy—beyond question, but to say that such letters as that to which "Credulous" lays claim, letters that prove nothing, that are not worth the paper upon which they are written, should be kept out of the columns of a journal whose space is already far too limited, and should be consigned to the only place fit for their reception—the waste paper basket.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

[Our friend has forgotten for the moment the liberty—the necessary liberty—allowed to correspondents. It is easy for any one at a long distance to refer to the w.p.b.—Ed.]

SIR,—What an extraordinary letter you print in last week's BELL NEWS, signed "Credulous." Babyish, silly, contemptible!—you cannot value your space much if you waste it by printing such rubbish. Your paper seems bitter, both staff and correspondents, against Washbrook. You may doubt his word, but there is other testimony, vide the letter of the master of the Arklow Guild, that the peal was rung, and I for one credit it; and am not afraid to say that I consider it an exceedingly fine feat mentally to ring two bells and call "Holt's Original." Two bells are rung in handbell ringing by one man, why not in the tower? I can see no difference except that the latter is so much more difficult. I fear jealousy and spite are at the bottom of it all; this we might understand alas! in some of your correspondents, but "BELL NEWS" should be above it and render "Honour to whom Honour is due."

WM. POLE ROUTH.

[If "our paper seems bitter," it is unfortunate, though the charge is a novel one. Mr. Washbrook himself cannot think so, certainly. The charge of "jealousy and spite" we emphatically repudiate.—Ed.]

THE PAINSWICK BELLS.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter written by Mr. W. Hale which appeared in your issue of Sept. 28th, with reference to the Painswick Bells which I have had an opportunity of examining thoroughly and venture to write respecting them. With regard to what Mr. Hale has to say of their "clear and crisp tone" and also of "not having heard any uncomplimentary remark from any ringers who visited Painswick," I have nothing to say as it is very much beside the most important consideration. If he wishes to assert that the bells are "in tune" with each other I most emphatically state they are not. If he has a correct idea of the exact intervals of the scale he could not possibly make such an assertion. If he has any idea as to the harmonics and tones contained in every bell he could have easily proved scientifically and in a manner against which there could be no appeal whatever that the Painswick bells are

far from being in tune. A bell must be "in tune" with itself before it can be in tune with others. Taking Mr. Hale's assertion as to what a perfect bell should be from this standpoint the Painswick bells are not "in tune." To state that any faults in this respect are covered up when the bells are rung in quick succession is no evidence whatever that the bells are in tune. The dissonant characteristics of the Painswick bells are certainly "wild" but not beautiful or fascinating as it would seem Mr. Hale would have us believe. To assert that the bells tuned as Mr. Taylor recommended would be too true for change-ringing is simply absurd, as what is aimed at in all music is a perfect scale. I consider a bell to be a musical instrument, perhaps Mr. Hale does not. The upper notes of the Painswick bells are very much out of tune, so much so that neither Mr. Hale nor anybody else could possibly make perfect octaves with 1 and 8, 2 and 9, 3 and 10 as they now stand. What Mr. Hale says about these bells pleasing past generations surely is the weakest prop to his case, as nearly all old bells are more or less out of tune. In conclusion Mr. Hale's statement with reference to Mr. Drake's communication characterising it as a proposal to "quack doctor" and "Taylorise" the Painswick peal shows clearly—(1) That he is sadly lacking in musical perception, (2) That he is ignorant of the elementary acoustical principles which govern the tones of bells.

WILLIAM WOODING STARMER, A.R.A.M.

6, Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells, October 9th, 1901.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—Hearing that the re-hanging of Exeter Cathedral bells is contemplated, and that the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments has offered a contribution towards the work, I should like to say that I hope they will do this only on condition that the cannons of the bells are allowed to remain intact. I mention this because I know that cutting off cannons is a very common practice among bell-hangers in the present day, especially in the case of heavy bells. Independent of spoiling the appearance of these ancient bells such an operation would entail the loss of a considerable quantity of metal (some large cannons weighing considerably over a hundredweight), and it is just possible that the bells might thereby lose their reputation of being the heaviest ringing peal in England. J. R. JERRAM.

The Close, Salisbury.

THE HEADINGLEY ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 21st, eight members of the above journeyed to Hull to attend the Yorkshire Association meeting. According to arrangements with Mr. C. Jackson, the ringers got off at Beverley Road, and made tracks for St. Mary's, where Mr. Jenkins, a member of the local band, had things in readiness, and two short touches of Stedman Triples were rung. Under his guidance a visit was paid to the docks, where Mr. Jenkins amused and interested his companions very much. After being photographed tea was partaken of in the old Grammar School—and such a tea—the rabbit pies will never be forgotten! After tea train was taken to the pretty village of Cottingham, with Mr. Stockdale, of Hull, as guide. The church here is a fine building with a large central tower 24-ft. square, and to get to the ringing chamber a journey has to be made up to the bells and then down a ladder into the ringing chamber—and what a large, clean, well-lighted place it is; rather noisy, and the 7th runs a bit stiff; with this exception a splendid place for peal-ringing. The visitors rang a musical touch of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, which was much admired; and then steps had to be retraced to the station for Hull. Half an hour with old friends at the meeting house brought on train time for home. The band wish to thank Mr. Jackson and his colleagues for their kindness in shewing them about and making the day such a pleasant one. H. W.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 27th, the ringers of St. Paul's Bedford Branch of this Association met at the church of All Saints and unveiled a peal tablet erected as a memorial of the first peal on the eight bells. There was a good attendance, and some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

Central Council Correspondence.

Re THE REPORT ON A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

SIR,—I have not complained that Mr. James has not made use of information which I have not given him, for I did not realise that he had asked me for any. Certainly I was at the Derby meeting, but as I know very little about methods, and nothing about composition, it never occurred to me that I could be of any use to Mr. James, and his request faded from my recollection. I am sorry for this, and will give Mr. James all the information in my power, but I must ask his indulgence for this week, as I have not been able to go to the British Museum since I wrote last.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COLLECTION OF PEALS.

SIR,—I am very sorry that I have found no time to rewrite my suggestion as to the collection of peals before. It seems to me that we should be paying a poor compliment to the committee were we to refrain from publishing the whole collection, and adding a supplement from time to time as Mr. Drake suggests in your last issue. It therefore occurred to me that the thing might be made to pay its own way if it were brought out in monthly parts, at the price of one penny a month, as a supplement to "THE BELL NEWS." It could either be printed as a whole sheet ready to fold and bind, or issued ready folded, containing 16 pages octavo ready for binding. I only offer this for a suggestion, as it seems to me the most practical way of making the work self-supporting, and I am sure that none of your subscribers would grudge the extra penny a month in support of so useful a publication.

While I am writing, may I say a word about the "method and principle" dispute? as the argument seems to be getting into a fog. Here is the whole thing in a nutshell: The means whereby changes are produced divide themselves into two classes: the first class divides itself into leads, governed by the work of the treble; the other consists of a plain course in which all the bells do the same work.

We have then two classes: what we require is names to distinguish them by. The Committee is divided in opinion as to whether the one shall be called "Principle" and the other "Method," or whether they shall invent two entirely new names, which have not, so far as I can see, been yet suggested, to distinguish them by. Now it does not matter in the least which of these plans they adopt, so long as they fix upon some names by which to distinguish them. Personally I prefer Principle and Method as old terms with which we are all familiar; whereas if we invent new ones, we shall still have the two old terms Principle and Method, without having any use for them. This of course is only my personal view. All that remains to be done is for the Committee to choose names among themselves to be presented at the next Council meeting, without shedding any more ink in "THE BELL NEWS" on a subject which after all is very trivial compared with the remainder of the report that they have to draw up.

E. BANKES JAMES.

SIR,—I quite agree with the suggestion made by Mr. H. Dains that the collection of peals should be published in volumes, but I think that such peals as Holt's ten-part, the Original, Lates' Treble Bob, etc., should be put in if only for their historic value. I should like also to suggest that if any peals are put in of a method not in "Standard methods," a lead, also lead-end of bob or single should be put in with the peals. The expense would no doubt be a little greater, but could not the ringing societies, guilds, etc., help by giving a small subscription? Some would only give a few shillings, others two or three pounds, but if this was done there would be more likelihood of the copies being exhausted instead of being thrown on the hands of the Council, for the simple reason they could be sold at a cheaper rate. Why not make it something worth having in the ringers' hands instead of doing things by halves.

JOHN W. BARKER.

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FESTIVITY.

On Saturday, September 14th, a few ringers met at the residence of Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey. Invitations had been sent to ringers afar and near, but like the old Bible story—one wished to be excused because he had lately taken a wife, and others were thinking of doing so. With this and other things the number was reduced to about seven to dispose of the good things provided. Yor humble servant with two friends had a nice walk from Bramley to Pudsey Far Town, calling on the way to view the nicely laid out Park (not hotel). We reached Mr. Maude's about dusk, and his dogs gave us a rare good salute. I think they mistook us for Boers, particularly the apple dog, so called because Mr. Maude ties him to an apple tree during the day to take care of the fruit. During a walk round the garden our old friends George Bolland and J. W. Moorhouse turned up. This made us up for handbell ringing, so an adjournment was made inside, and the proceedings opened with some refreshment, and a course of Grandsire, followed by a musical touch, conducted by Mr. Moorhouse. Bob Major and Grandsire Royal were rung, interspersed with general talk and clouds from the fragrant weed, when supper was announced. It is needless to say what a splendid repast Mr. Maude placed before his friends and in the course of an hour full justice was done to his Yorkshire hospitality. After more ringing and conversation on ringing matters in general the wee sma hours began to creep on, but before parting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the host for this a renewal of his usual kindness and consideration for ringers.

Mr. Maude, in reply, assured his hearers that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to get ringers together for social enjoyment, as in all probability something in the way of advancement came out of such meetings; instancing the peal of Cambridge Surprise as the outcome of a previous meeting of this kind, and hoping that another, if only London, would be tackled in due time.

H. W.

THE LEISTON SOCIETY (SUFFOLK).—On Saturday, August 17th, the members of this Society had their annual outing to Great Yarmouth. Leaving Leiston at 7.9, the destination was reached at 9.15, where, with a long day before them, the party naturally soon got divided, some strolling into the spacious and renowned Market Place, where every possible commodity was procurable, from the renowned "Bloater" to patent medicines, which were extolled by the vendors as being able to cure all the ills which humanity is heir to—others to the pier and beach, while a few of the more venturesome spirits ascended the high tower lift. "At 12 o'clock at Foulsham's," was the order at starting, and where all met and partook of dinner, after which the tower was visited where they were met by Mr. Denison Hayward, Mr. Christian, and some other members of the local company; also Mr. Arthur Jacob, of London, who was spending his fortnight's holiday at Yarmouth. Some touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were rung, and some rounds upon the fine ring of twelve bells. A short stroll through the streets of the ancient town and tram was taken to Gorleston, where some of the Yarmouth rangers and Mr. A. Jacob kindly accompanied them. The tower was next visited and some touches of Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung, and some touches were rung upon handbells in the churchyard. Returning to Yarmouth by train, where tea was partaken of, and which brought on time for reaching the station on the homeward journey, leaving at 6.55, and arriving home at 8.28. The party wish to thank the respective Vicars for kindly granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. D. Hayward for the kind arrangements made, and to the other ringing friends who met them, and which contributed much to making the outing so successful and enjoyable.

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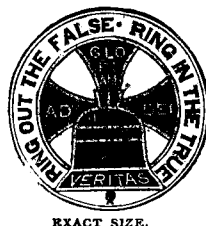
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On another page the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES makes a suggestion relative to the publication of the proposed Collection of Peals by the Central Council. Among the several opinions which have been put forth for the elucidation of the difficulty—for difficulty it is at present—that of the above-named gentleman would appear to be easy of application. As far as the proposal of Mr. E. B. JAMES concerns us, it need only be said that if those concerned think fit to carry it into effect they will meet with our steadfast co-operation in the matter. Like every other proposal it will require consideration, and some of our readers also may like an opportunity to express their views upon it.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.**

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

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, October 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

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

HARRY MILLER.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
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JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.
First peal of Major by Albert Lawrence who belongs to Little Munden.**The Provinces.****NESTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)***On Wednesday, October 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

WILLIAM BRISCOE Treble.	JOSEPH HAMMOND 5.
THOMAS HAMMOND 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOHN MEALOR 3.	FRANK JONES 7.
JOSEPH RUTTER* 4.	THOMAS A. EVANS Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. The above was arranged for T. Hammond who was on a short holiday at West Kirby.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 9½ cwt.**

A. SMITH Treble.	W. BROWN 5.
T. MANSFIELD* 2.	S. KNIGHT 6.
J. G. LUSHER 3.	H. LOVELL 7.
C. COX 4.	G. PARSONS Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by T. MANSFIELD.

*First peal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

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On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH HANKINSON Treble.	*ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. 5.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 2.	WILLIAM GAYES 6.
JAMES BRADBURY 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
J. M. DAVENPORT 4.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

*First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung in the restored church also first peal in the method by all except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**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 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.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WALTER HOARE* Treble.	MAURICE STEER 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS 2.	SIDNEY RIDDLE 6.
CHARLES H. PEARCE† .. 3.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 7.
CHARLES SMART 4.	HENRY W. BOYLES Tenor.

Conducted by B. HAWKINS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Kirwan) for the use of the bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford and Grandsire, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY CARTER Treble.	ALBERT PHILLIPS 4.
CHARLES GALE* 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3.	GEORGE CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CARTER.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION*On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Ely, Worcester, Chichester, Coventry, and Huddersfield. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal on six bells. This was intended to have been a Shepherds' peal, but one of the band could not come, so W. T. Prior kindly stood in at the last minute.

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 15 cwt.**

JOHN H. HAYDOCK Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
LUKE SUTHERS* 2.	*WILLIAM CRABTREE 6.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7.
JAMES RICHARDS* 4.	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

*First peal. Messrs. Suthers, Richards, and Crabtree hail from Todmorden Haydock from Ramsbottom; the rest from Newchurch.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 5.
HENRY J. POOLE 2.	EDGAR E. BURGESS 6.
ARTHUR DOBLE 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4.	EDMUND HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

C. R. Lilley hails from Bedford. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEIS PACE Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
GEORGE WOODMAN 2.	ERNEST WALLER 6.
HENRY BURSTOW 3.	HARRY MANCE 7.
JACOB BROWN 4.	JAMES GARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

H. Burstow is 75 years of age, and has rung at Warnham fifty-five years.

The following peals were rung during the tour in Devon:—

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH TAWTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

WERRINGTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES K. LILLEY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WERRINGTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY .. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 5.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—To the peal of Stedman Cinques recently rung by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on the 30th ult., a most important footnote was omitted, viz., that "the bells were muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late A. Thomas, who was formerly a Secretary of the St. Martin's Society."—In the peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Moorside on October 5th, the number of changes should read 5120.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EALING.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 588 Stedman Triples. A. H. Taber, E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, J. Basden conductor, R. George, H. Browning, A. Harding. For evening service 714 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Harding, E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. H. Taber, J. Basden conductor, R. George, H. Browning, W. Ward. On Thursday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part. J. Basden conductor, E. J. Walsom, A. H. Taber, E. Harris, J. Eldridge, R. George, H. Browning, A. Harding. On Sunday, October 6th, 618 Grandsire Triples. J. Basden (conductor), E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. H. Taber, H. Browning, R. George, A. Fryer, H. Kemp.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

KELLY (Devon).—On Wednesday, October 9th, 720 Bob Minor, being the first on the bells. W. W. Gifford, C. R. Lilley, Rev. M. Kelly, G. Williams conductor, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A 6-score each of Stedman Doubles. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Rev. W. S. Willett, C. R. Lilley conductor, Rev. M. Kelly, Rev. A. T. Beeston, E. J. Menday, W. W. Gifford. Also 720 Bob Minor. Rev. W. S. Willett, C. R. Lilley, E. J. Menday, W. W. Gifford, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, G. Williams conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MITCHELDEAN.—On Saturday, September 21st, on the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brain from their wedding tour, eight members of the above met at the parish church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Gardner, R. Brunsdon, J. Morgan, N. F. Searancke, G. Condict, W. J. Sevier, J. Austin, A. Chew. Mr. Brain has for many years been a ringer, and some time conductor at Ruardean, in the Forest of Dean, and has now come to reside in Mitcheldean, where he will be a welcome addition to the band of ringers.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RAMSEY.—On August 25th, 720 Plain Bob. O. G. Howe, T. Violon, W. J. Goss, G. Coleman conductor, S. Coleman, C. Chasty.

EYNESBURY.—On September 1st, 720 Plain Bob. J. Bunnage, G. Coleman, L. Flint, H. Fields, S. Coleman, C. Chasty conductor.

ST. NKOTS.—On September 1st, 360 Bob Minor, on the back six. S. Irons, J. Jones, G. Coleman, S. Coleman, C. Chasty, C. R. Lilley conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Sunday, June 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Sharples conductor, T. Haworth, S. Collison, R. Sharples, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth. On Tuesday, June 18th, 720 Woodbine. C. Sharples conductor, T. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, R. Sharples, J. Bentley. On Tuesday, June 25th, 720 Kent. R. Sharples, T. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, June 30th, 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, S. Collison, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. Also 720 Woodbine, standing as above. On Sunday, July 14th, 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, R. Sharples, S. Collison, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. Also 720 Woodbine, standing as before. On Tuesday, July 23rd, 720 Duke of York. S. Collison, T. Haworth, J. Bentley, A. Walmsley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth. On Sunday, October 28th, 720 Woodbine. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, R. Sharples, J. Bentley, C. Sharples, J. J. Haworth. Also 720 Duke of York, standing as before.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON.—On July 7th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Burgess, W. Hone, H. Druce, J. Clarke, C. Edwards, N. Spindlow conductor. Rung to celebrate the Rector's 75th birthday. First 720 by the ringers of 1 and 2. On Tuesday, August 13th, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the Empress Frederick, 840 Grandsire Doubles. W. Burgess, W. Stone, N. Spindlow, J. Clarke, C. Edwards, C. Strange. On Sunday afternoon, August 25th, being Feast Day, W. Walmsley's one-part 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. Pounds, G. Room, H. Brooks, N. Spindlow conductor, T. Bull, J. Monk. And 120 of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, standing as above.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

KESWICK.—On Tuesday, August 27th, an attempt for a 5184 of Oxford Treble Bob Major collapsed through the breaking of the 2nd rope after ringing 2000 changes in 1 hr. 15 mins. On Sunday, September 1st, at the same church (St. Kentigern's Crosthwaite), a touch

of 1152 Oxford was rung for evening service, in 45 mins. On the following Monday the peal was attempted again. All went well for 2 hrs. 55 mins., when there came a general collapse, and the bells were set. A Panter, C. L. Routledge conductor, H. Hogarth, A. Panter, F. Postlewaite, F. Grisdale, J. W. Cartmell, S. Hogarth. In all 4732 changes had been rung, and this was the longest length by all except the conductor and S. Hogarth. Mr. Routledge was elected a member of the Association before starting. He wishes to thank the members of the Keswick branch of the Association, especially Mr. S. Hogarth, their captain, for their kindness and courtesy during his visit to the Lake District. The last attempt for the peal was a farewell one to Mr. J. Cartmell, who left for London on the following day.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HASLEMERE.—On Monday, August 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Goodchild, W. Young, C. Gibbons, H. Mul-lard, T. Mack, G. W. T. Smith conductor.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 25th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part, in 47 mins. W. Weatherstone, E. H. Oxenham, F. G. Perrin, E. J. Webb, W. Charge, H. Langdon, T. Langdon conductor, E. Brett. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON.—On Saturday, September 7th, for practice, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. J. Button, W. Taylor, C. Samson, S. Bailey, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, J. M. Button, A. J. Lincoln conductor.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Sunday, September 1st, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, F. Sear conductor, J. Coales, J. B. Fenton, T. Holmes, A. Bramall, A. Dubber.

NEWBOLD.—On Wednesday, September 4th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Coales, J. B. Fenton conductor, A. Dubber, F. Sear, T. Holmes, A. Bramall. First 720 by F. Sear. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber, F. Sear conductor, J. Coales, C. Rowbottom. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber conductor, F. Sear, T. Holmes, C. Rowbottom.

BRISTOL.—On September 8th, at All Saints church, 168 Stedman Triples. F. May, G. Daltry conductor, W. Knight, C. Dean, F. Elles, J. Burford, W. A. Cave, S. M. Dodington. Also 252 in the same method. W. A. Cave, A. Stowell, F. Elles, G. Jayne, C. Dean, F. G. May conductor, G. Daltry, S. M. Dodington. C. Dean hails from Croydon; S. M. Dodington from Derby. Rung as birthday compliment to S. M. Dodington.

HACKNEY.—On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., at St. John's church, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late President McKinley, the usual whole pull and stand followed by three courses of Grandsire Triples. A. Coles, F. Perrin, H. Offord, W. B. Manning, E. Coomb, F. Rumens, Albert Coles, W. D. Smith conductor.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Woodberry, N. Davis, W. H. Smith, W. E. Lesson, J. Smith, T. Bennett, T. J. Salter conductor, J. Bennett. On Sunday, September 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Leeson, C. H. Woodberry, N. Davis, E. J. Brooks, J. Smith, T. Bennett, J. Crane conductor, W. H. Smith. On Sunday, October 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Leeson, C. H. Woodberry, W. H. Smith (conductor), E. J. Brooks, J. Smith, T. Bennett, J. Crane, S. Smith.

LONDON.—On Thursday evening, October 3rd, for Harvest Festival at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassal Road, Brixton, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Flower, G. W. Wild, H. Langdon, E. J. Webb, F. Davis, E. Brett, J. E. Davis, J. Miller.

WIDFORD.—On Friday, August 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Sadler, A. Tarbun, J. Dines, A. Shuttleworth, W. Wellington, W. Lincoln conductor, A. Hoad, R. Dines.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Thursday evening, the 19th inst., at St. Mary's church, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late President McKinley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. T. Maynard, W. B. Manning conductor, G. Grimwade, R. J. Maynard, F. Perrin, C. Hopkins, W. H. Freeman, W. R. Pinseet, F. Funn, W. Crockford.

A RINGING TOUR IN DEVON.

The desire expressed in the historic exclamation: "Us wants buls out tu Heavitree, bad," having long since been accomplished, what more natural as a corollary than—"Us wants Passon Kelly vor tu ax a band downalong vor tu ring on 'em." Accordingly, on the invitation of Mr. Kelly, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, October 7th, a band met at the foot of the tower, to wit; Revs. M. Kelly, G. F. Coleridge, F. E. Robinson, A. T. Beeston, W. S. Willett, and Messrs. G. Williams, W. W. Gifford, E. J. Menday, and last, and least in stature, C. R. Lilley, "the Tiger" or handyman of the party, ever to the fore in oiling bells, adjusting ropes, trimming and lighting lamps, locking doors, etc., saving his comrades no end of trouble during the week. Double Norwich was soon under weigh, and in due time the first peal in the method on this grand ring by Messrs. Taylor was an accomplished fact. The Rev. T. J. Ponting, Vicar, entertained the party at supper in the Vicarage, afterwards going to the Church Institute, where a very pleasant meeting with the local men had been arranged. Kind friends among the clergy and laity gave the band bed and board to fit them for the duties of the morrow, when two peals appeared on the programme, viz.: at North Tawton and Tavistock: this however was not to be, as intimation had been given that it was North Tawton Fair, and as an auction was proceeding all the morning adjoining the church, ringing could not begin till 1 p.m.; punctually at that hour a peal of Stedman was begun and duly brought round, a small slit in the tower allowing the local men to have a view of the proceedings; to Mr. Gifford who stood out, one of them remarked, "They be stripped wull, but be enjoying uv theirzelves praper, um be!" Congratulations and expressions of approval from ringers, farmers and dealers followed, while the local ringers themselves took the ropes in hand by request. Mr. C. Taverner, Churchwarden, invited the band to tea, but to the regret of all no time was available. At the station Mr. Fellowes Pryne, the well-known architect, received some advice on belfry design from a ringer's point of view. Mr. Kelly's carriages met the band at Tavistock, Kelly House being reached after a long drive, and a hearty welcome extended by the Misses Kelly and Miss Carey. Handbell ringing and a visit to the smoking room finished the lightened labours of the day.

On Wednesday, Lifton was the venue, but as word had been sent that a gentleman whose illness had extended over 40 years was then lying at the point of death, and was unable to endure so much as the turning over of the leaves of a book, a change was made, the morning being spent at Kelly and the afternoon at Launceston. After Matins, attended by all the band, a 720 of Bob Minor, followed by six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, were rung in the tower, a modern one, yet of historic interest, as a peal-board within testifies,— "Be it remembered, that on Saturday, January 21, 1865, 3 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung in this church, being the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county,"—our host Mr. Maitland Kelly ringing the 3rd bell, which he again took in hand this day in the 720 Bob Minor, the first on the bells, nearly 37 years later. A stroll through the beautiful grounds followed, Mr. Lilley being naturally desirous of making a closer acquaintance with the flowers of his own species growing luxuriantly on the surface of the lower pond. Mr. Gifford too at the sight of the clear water doubtless had recollections of a certain bathroom, whereby hangs a tale, which, as old Herodotus would say—"it is not lawful for me to mention." A visit to the greenhouses, vineries and apple store, where many varieties were sampled, put the visitors in good trim for ringing the stable bell at twelve o'clock, if truth must be told, with far less success than that which accompanied the efforts made at lunch which followed. Six tremendous miles of hilly country, "down under and up over" the valley of the Tamar, proved the worth of two splendid horses, Diamond and Prince, commandeered from "drayin timber" to "dray ringers" to Launceston; the Vicar was there to welcome, and in due course a peal of Stedman Triples was tapped off, the first peal on the bells. On the return, a hill, near a mile long, taxed the legs and lungs of all the party, the stoutest member, who shall be nameless, resembled a broken-winded horse when nearing the summit. The bells of Kelly, handled by a band trained by Mr. Kelly himself, were going merrily on our return, causing

many of the party to slip away from the dessert table to the tower, listen to the locals, put in another 720, and return to the drawing room, where a course of Double Norwich in which Mr. Kelly and his three daughters took part, was rung in excellent style. Next morning, after a lovely drive, the scenery looking at its best, Werrington was reached, and the bells being known to be in perfect order, and the inhabitants few and far between, Major was decided on, 5056 Superlative Surprise being rung in the morning, and 5024 Double Norwich in the afternoon, Mr. Coode, of Polapit Tamar, welcoming the band to lunch in the interval. Major ringing not being appreciated in the west, it was gratifying to hear that the ringing was described as "jist like playin' on a pihanner." Among others who listened were the Mayor of Launceston and Mrs. A. Coode, wife of the late Vicar of Cardynham, who happened to arrive at Polapit Tamar during the afternoon peal. The Vicar, a new-comer, who had only arrived on the Monday, fortified us with tea for the long drive of fourteen miles to Holsworthy, where the local men kept the bells going for one and-a-half hours in welcome,—a right royal welcome indeed!—for the Rector, Rev. T. S. Kendall and leading inhabitants had arranged matters with lavish hospitality; while two of the party went "out auver" to a friendly farmer's, the remaining seven found quarters prepared for them at the "White Hart," with supper, breakfast and dinner, and "order what you please," thrown in. The Rector, being the last to leave at night, was also the first to arrive in the tower at 8 a.m. the following morning, when in deference to local feelings, and the incomprehensibility of Major ringing to ears always accustomed to round ringing with the tenor behind, Holt's Ten-Part was decided on and tapped off in faultless style. Encomiums were showered on the band, first and foremost the Rector, "I've heard every note, it was splendid." Mr. Risdon—"never heard a party of strangers pitch off like it." Another, who had walked in some miles to listen—"a vurry gude trate."—another—"thur be zumwan on tenor, zhure'nuff." Another dropped his tools and work for the morning and gave by way of explanation, "us cudd'nt do no work wi' moosick, za zuant." While yet another, after gazing in amazement with open mouth at Mr. Robinson and his 710 peals, was heard to exclaim "Bless his heart, then." (Moral—if you want to please ears unaccustomed to change ringing and further it's interests, ring a simple method with tenor behind, "understanded of the people.") Train to Bude and drive to Stratton, was next on the tapis: the Vicar to welcome, and Mr. Lilley busy with the castor oil bottle, while the beautiful church was examined, Thurstan's Four Part was essayed, and in three hours the 7th peal of the tour was splendidly struck off, each peal having been rung right away at the first attempt. Tea at the Vicarage, followed by a long journey to Exeter, with injunctions to meet sharp at 8.45 a.m. for a peal at Thorverton—a place notorious for ill-luck, for had not every previous West Country tour ended here with an attempted peal, resulting in dismal failure; the run of ill-luck was not to be broken, for after fifty minutes of Stedman Triples and faultless striking, a mistake in the slow brought matters to an untimely end in the 17th course. Thus ended a successful and enjoyable tour, rendered pleasant and memorable by the hearty welcome and great hospitality shown on all sides—by the civility of steeple-keepers, and others, and lastly by the admirable arrangements made by Mr. Kelly which enabled the whole programme to be carried out without a hitch—a programme which was framed as to methods with a view to pleasing local susceptibilities and not to showing off the capabilities of the band, good striking rather than intricacy of method being aimed at; 39,144 changes rung in 22 hrs. 55 mins. "with no tripping and sparing about," proving to the full the truth of the heading of a paragraph in a local paper concerning the first day's peal, "Many changes in a few hours."

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Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The meeting at Southport is postponed to October 19th, when the Bishop of Liverpool will be present.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }

The Essex Association.—There will be a special meeting at Barking to-day, Saturday, October 19th, to elect a Master and Secretary for the south-western division of the county. The Vicar has kindly promised to give tea at 5 p.m.

Great Totham.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, October 19th. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools at 4 p.m., followed at 4.45 p.m. by tea and general meeting. The towers of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Alkmund's Churches (8) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., but will be closed during the time of tea and general meeting. Colgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, to-day, Saturday, October 19. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rye to-day, Saturday, October 19. The tower will be open from 2 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Special service at 4.30 o'clock. Tea, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, at 5.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

Arran, Baldslo Road, Hastings.

The Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting of the St. Albans district will be held at Harpenden (six bells) to-day, Saturday, October 19th. Bells at disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening.

G. W. CARTMEL, Assistant Secretary.

Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, to-day, Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers are welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 19th, at Caversham. Evensong with sermon in the Parish Church at 5.30.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, October 22nd. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open from 3 to 5, and 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at St. Margaret's School House, Old Road (eight minutes from church) at 5.30. Business meeting after. Handbells will be provided at the School House for members not using tower bells. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Nearest railway

station is Blackheath, five minutes from the church. PERCY E. BEX, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Barnehurst, Bexley Heath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at the Cherry Tree Hotel. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The Monthly Meeting of the above Society will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 7 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held in Durham on Monday, October 28th, unless the enthronement of the Bishop interferes with that date. In that case it will be held on Monday, November 4th. Notices will be sent out as early as possible. The Glossary of Technical Terms can be had from the Secretary, 2d per copy, 3d. by post to members only. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Secretary.
Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield, on Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open from 4 till 9 p.m. Tea by the kind invitation of the Vicar at 5.15. Service with a short address at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Thursday, October 30th. G. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 264th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. W. Winney, or of WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, October 22nd, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, October 24th, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Tuesday, October 29th, all at 8 p.m.

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES.—C. W. P. Clifton (late of Lincoln), has removed to 11, North Parade, Grantham.—Mr. T. Groombridge has removed to 119, High Street, Sevenoaks.—Mr. W. E. Garrard has removed to 30, Merton Road, Kensington, W.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds, J. P. Bradley, F. Parker, H. Smith, J. Fayers, T. King, F. T. Gover conductor, H. Brackett. The 2nd, 5th, 7th and tenor men hail from West Ham, Preston, Clapham and Sudbury.

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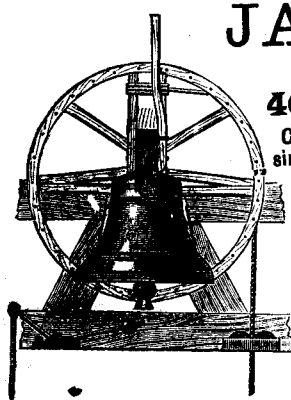
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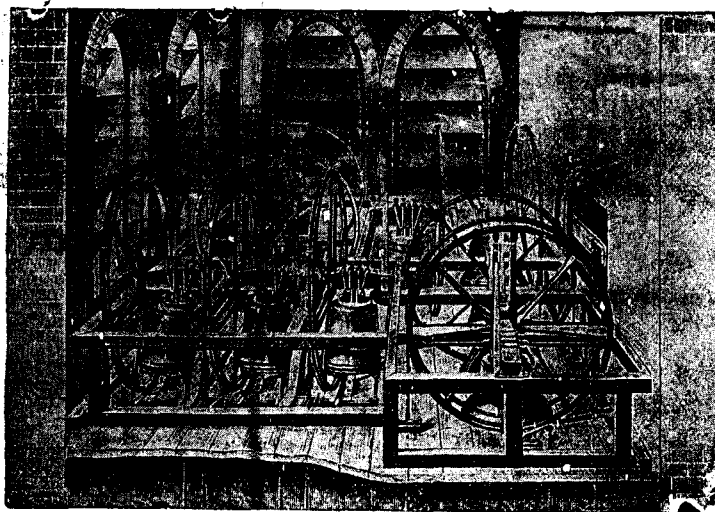
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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SARUM BRANCH.)

A quarterly meeting of the branch for the Archdeaconry of Salisbury was held on Saturday, 12th of October, at Warminster. The attendance was very meagre, though notice had been sent to every tower in the Archdeaconry affiliated to the Guild.

Ringling commenced at the fine Old Minster about 3.30, and was continued till evensong at 4.15, which was attended by all the ringers. At five o'clock tea was had at The Magnet, during which there was much interesting conversation on the working of the Guild, why meetings were attended so badly, and how instructors for new companies could be provided. The business meeting was held immediately after tea, the Vicar of Warminster, Rev. H. R. Whytehead, being invited to take the chair. The Hon. Secretary of the Guild read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed and signed.

The Rev. C. Wood, Vicar of Coombe Bissett, secretary of the branch, wrote resigning the office, and regretting his absence; so a new secretary had to be elected. The choice of the meeting fell unanimously on Mr. W. C. Strong who, being a change-ringer and much accustomed to secretarial work, everyone felt would be just the man for the post. But it was not to be, for Mr. Strong stated that however much he liked the office he really had not the time at his disposal, and hardly ever was free to attend meetings on Saturdays. This gave the Guild Secretary the opportunity for stating what lamentable indifference he found in the diocese, which was specially manifested in the Archdeaconry of Salisbury, to matters pertaining to ringing. That he had sought for the reason of this, and had been informed that there were many change-ringers in the diocese who would not join the Guild so long as it was not a change-ringing one. Many change-ringers had left the Guild on that score, or had ceased to take an active interest in it. That he could quite understand change-ringers being bored by meetings for "tea and business," with the terrible monotony of "stony" to weary the ear for the rest of the day.

That he was determined to do his utmost to get the nomenclature of the Guild altered to Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers; that members at the time of the alteration, so long as they continued to subscribe, would remain members; but new-comers could join as probationers and would become members as soon as they could ring the treble to a 6-score of Grandsire or Bob Doubles.

For this purpose he hoped all change-ringers in the diocese would join the Guild and further its interest and usefulness; only by this means could the Guild take its proper position amid other guilds and associations, and accomplish the objects for which it was formed.

The Rev. J. F. Welsh proposed, and Mr. H. Portman seconded, the following propositions: "That the Committee appoint a fee for instructors of 30s. for twelve lessons to be paid by the Guild; travelling expenses at the rate of 1d. per mile covered to be paid by the local

band!" "That the Committee be asked to send out an appeal to the diocese for funds to support the effort to spread the exercise of change-ringing!"

A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Chairman for presiding and for the use of his bells, an adjournment was made to the tower where several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. With a little perseverance and the aid of an instructor the Warminster ringers would soon become an efficient company. A much-needed improvement is the re-arrangement of the ropes; at present they are so close to the walls that it is impossible to stand behind them, thus making it extremely awkward for ringing. The alteration, however, will most probably be made soon.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

By the kind permission of the Rector, the members of the above branch held their quarterly meeting at Davenham on Saturday, October 12th, H. Hatt-Cook, Esq., chairman of the branch, presiding. The usual routine business was gone through.

Before the close of the meeting Mr. Joseph Ashmole, on behalf of the members of the Guild, called upon the chairman to present to Mr. H. Parker, the secretary of the branch, with an ebony walking-stick as a token of the appreciation of the members for his services during the last three or four years. Mr. Hatt-Cook, in making the presentation, bore testimony to the spirit in which Mr. Parker had done his work, and hoped that he would long remain amongst them as their secretary. Mr. Parker, in replying, thanked the chairman and all the members for the present, and also for the kind feelings which they had expressed towards him.

During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire Minor and Bob Minor were rung upon the bells in the church tower.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and the chairman brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the south-western division was held at Barking on the 19th. The Vicar most kindly entertained the members to tea at The Red Lion. He was supported in the chair by the Master and Hon. Secretary, and the churchwardens. Mr. Davies was elected Master, and Mr. Faulkner secretary for the division. There were about forty-five present. The new officers are now elected for each of the new divisions, and the Association will be ready to begin its enlarged operations with the new year.

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AN ADDRESS TO CHURCH CONGRESS ON "BELLS, BELFRIES, AND RINGERS."

By SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart.

I have been asked to open the very wide subject of bells, belfries, and bell-ringers, and the task is not an easy one. Speaking generally, a subject brought under discussion at Congress is one in which public interest has previously been clearly manifested. Now to belfries and ringers the public, including Church authorities, is mildly indifferent. It is a case of "out of sight out of mind." Bells, however, do attract some attention, particularly when rung, but then by no means always of a sympathetic kind. All brain-workers are more or less disturbed, not to say irritated, by a long-continued peal in their immediate vicinity. I have myself at times entered into the feelings of a bygone inhabitant of Norwich, who told the ringers of that city that he wished they "had round their necks what they had pulled with their hands"; a view candidly echoed more recently by a Londoner, who, being informed that ringing was a difficult accomplishment, expressed his regret that it was not impossible. Yet a long implanted love of the sound of bells lingers in the hearts of that section of the community which does not suffer from overstrained nerves. Ringing is exclusively an English accomplishment; and, except in English-speaking countries, bells are never hung so that they can be rung in peal. Thus England has come to be spoken of as the "ringing isle," and the sound of bells to be interwoven with many of our joys and sorrows. So it is that, in spite of the objections raised to ringing on the score of noise, no proposal is more generally popular in a parish than that of putting up a new ring of bells, or adding to an old one. It commonly appeals to all parties, and elicits generous contributions. But once the bells are hung and the function of dedication is over, in too many cases the interest of clergy, churchwardens, and parishioners begins to wane, and in a year or two the ring, which, if creditably cast, tuned, hung, and rung, should thenceforth be a standing pride, is, perhaps, denied the small outlay necessary for upkeep, and a gradual deterioration begins. Many of our older rings are even in worse case, for long neglect has reduced bells and frame to a condition in which a grave mishap may at one time occur. The splendid tenor bell of Winchester Cathedral was cracked from sheer neglect a few years ago, and its successor by no means equals it. The Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, has been finely restored at great cost, but no whole-hearted attempt has yet been made to restore its magnificent and historic ring of twelve, which hangs almost useless in a worn-out frame. Numberless cases of similar neglect could be quoted. Nor is it the bells only that are forgotten, for ringing chambers are often found to be repositories of dust and dirt. Where bells are well looked after it is usually at the instigation of the ringers, for Church authorities too frequently do not recognize their responsibility in regard to these by far the most valuable items of church furniture, upon the provision of which hundreds and sometimes thousands of pounds have been spent. It is regrettable that the requirements of bells and the aims of ringers are so little understood by most churchmen, and this is a fortunate opportunity of placing them before you.

I do not propose to touch at all upon the archæological aspect of bells, which is amply dealt with in many elaborate publications, nor do I desire to say more than I am obliged about the actual art of ringing—to use its time-honoured designation—because a speaker who follows me will probably deal with this branch of the subject. I wish rather to give a brief general sketch of the evolution of bell-ringing, in the hope of increasing your interest both in bells and in ringers.

In the early part of the seventeenth century change-ringing was elaborated into a science, and with the Restoration arose a perfect mania for new bells. Ringing became a fashionable pastime, and societies for its practice were formed. It was then that a band of young nobles founded in London one of the oldest of existing ringing guilds, the Ancient Society of College Youths. Somewhat later we read that ladies were accustomed to stop their carriages in Fleet Street and listen to competing peals from the various towers. Again, in most of the older treatises on manly exercises, ringing will be found fully described as a fine combination of physical and mental application. Gradually, however, the pastime lost its interest for gentle-

folk and came to be almost wholly vested in the artizan class, though the music of well-rung bells continued generally popular till the rush of railways and telegraphs began to effect people's nerves, and caused the noise to be regarded as a nuisance. Ringing, however, was too firmly planted to be crushed out by unorganized opposition. You will, perhaps, follow me better if I outline its nature.

It is a physical exercise in which bells from three hundred-weight to three tons in weight have to be revolved in accurate time, often for three hours or more at a stretch; a feat in reality more dependent on knack—or, as the horseman would say, on hands—than on muscle. But there is much more. When changes are rung we enter on an elaborate science involving brain work. Those who stop short of this are known as only "round-ringers," whose abilities differ from those of "change-ringers" very much as the player of "beggar-my-neighbour" differs from the whist player. It is of change-ringers that I am all through more particularly speaking, for it is in change-ringing that the fascination and excitement lie which have always ensured recruits to hand on the art. The change-ringer's ambition is to ring peals; and a peal technically consists of not less than 5,000 changes, no two alike, and rung without pause. If each ringer works correctly to rule, the changes are, so to speak, automatically produced, for none of them know what the changes will be.

The peculiar isolation of the votaries of ringing, the absence of any sort of link with other pursuits, and the obscurity of its queer phraseology, have resulted in the gradual segregation of ringers into a body apart, with a firm freemasonry among its members that prompts them always to befriended one another.

Throughout the early part of the 19th century, a period during which the social status of ringers sank low, the art was mainly kept alive by the steady perseverance of the old guilds, chiefly in the large towns. But the then all-pervading vice of intemperance played havoc with ringers as with other classes. Then came that honoured reformer, the Rev. Henry Ellacombe, who inculcated the totally new doctrine that ringers were Church officers, and that their art should be consecrated to the service of the Church. Good men supported him, many ringers hailed with satisfaction this novel interest in their welfare, and a steady improvement set in. Strangely enough, comparatively few of the clergy followed Mr. Ellacombe's lead, and nothing in the history of ringers is so remarkable as the way in which, during the last fifty years, the large majority have erected themselves, with little assistance, into a highly respectable body. County and diocesan guilds were formed all over the country with the bishops as patrons, and ruled on Church lines. These guilds, which usually hold quarterly gatherings, embrace at the present time nearly the whole area of England and number between them many thousands of members. Twelve years ago the need was felt of some central representation, and a council of Church bell-ringers was initiated consisting of about eighty delegate ringers, many of them clergy, from thirty of the principal guilds. This Council meets annually, and its pronouncements have done much to determine points of difference and perplexity, and to weld the various ringing associations into a united body.

One cannot but regret that in the creation of these societies it was, in most cases, the *ringers* who invited the *clergy* to assist, and it is a pity that, while an increasing number of incumbents have extended a helping hand, occasionally themselves becoming proficient in the art, the majority have been content to offer but a lukewarm sympathy, chiefly because it has not occurred to them to master the aims and requirements of those who ring their bells. It was thus that the Church lost a great opportunity, that of annexing, or at all events of endeavouring to annex, as co-workers a body of men numbering probably between thirty and forty thousand, who, with growing self-respect, were laying aside former bad habits, whose interests forced them to support the Church as an institution, but, who for want of Church leading, have not yet come generally to regard themselves as responsible Church officers, or the bells as instruments of Church music.

Having now traced the history of ringing to the present day, and thus, I trust, put you more in touch with the idiosyncrasies of its votaries, I will venture to offer a few general suggestions.

First of all, if you are building or altering a church tower,

make up your mind definitely whether you require it as an ornamental appendage to the church, or as a belfry. If the former, place yourself unreservedly in the hands of the architect. If the latter, submit the plans to a first-rate bell-founder, and let his advice have weight. As a ringer from my early childhood, I have visited many towers and have never yet come across one designed with the primary purpose of properly accommodating a ring of bells. Architects seems to be wedded to two arbitrary and pernicious traditions. The first is that the bells should be hung on a level with the belfry windows so as to let out the maximum of sound. The second, that the bell frame should be entirely clear of the walls, lest its vibrations should shake them.

Now, except in a very wide and high tower, the result of bells being on a level with the windows is that on whatever side the listener stands, the nearest are too loud, while the rest are often scarcely audible. The ideal tower would be open only at the top, when the sound would have the freest exit, would travel far, but be soft and equable round the immediate vicinity. Such a tower is perhaps impracticable; but at any rate keep the bells as far as possible below the windows. Nor, in fixing their level, must it be forgotten that when they strike, they are mouth-upward. Where bells are already hung, the windows should be solidly bricked up inside the louvres to a height, if possible, of not less than five feet above the highest point reached by any bell. A very small window opening, often less than a fourth of that existing, will suffice. This has been done in several cases with marked success. Wood shutters for this purpose are almost useless. If there is a spire, the more opening there is in it the better. Care should be taken that the louvre slats do not overlap one another. The narrower they are the better. The wide slats now in fashion check the rise of the sound and shoot it down into the churchyard. See that all openings into the belfry are covered with wire netting to keep out birds.

The bell-frame and supporting girders, as also the stocks of the bells, should be of iron or steel. Use no timber, as it shrinks and twists, requires frequent alteration, and is constantly throwing the bells out of truth, so that they can sometimes with difficulty be rung. The supporting girders should be solidly built into the tower, if possible during its erection, and be arranged to bind the four walls together. The top of the frame, which should be at a level well above the bells, ought also to be bolted firmly through each wall. Thus the bell-frame holds the tower together, instead of spreading it, as often happens with the old style of fixing. It is a fallacy that the use of metal for timber impairs the tone of the bells. The distance of the bells from the windows and roof alone affects it. The wider the tower and the higher its windows and roof above the bells, the better they will sound. Timber is to-day a thing of the past in any structure where strength and permanence are required. An independent floor of concrete or plaster must be fixed some two feet below the frame girders, and not less than three feet lower again a second floor to form the ceiling of the ringing chamber, which should be plastered, not boarded, on the under side. All boarding in a ringing-chamber is to be avoided. It makes the bells indistinct and leads to careless ringing. The chamber should be about sixteen feet high, clear of all obstruction, suitably furnished, and kept clean and tidy. Ringers usually come in their Sunday clothes, and do not care to have them spoil.

Full details of all clockmaker's work should be submitted to the bell-founder before it is put in hand. Clockmakers often ruin the convenience of a ringing chamber with their clock cases and weight boxes, and imperil the safety of the bells by the reckless way they fix striking hammers and wires. If you have a good ring of bells and keen ringers, you will do better without a clock. I know a church tower lately erected regardless of cost by a leading architect, with a fine ring of eight bells, where the ringing chamber is so blocked with organ bellows and clock-work, and the structure so weak that the bells cannot be rung; and I could give numerous other instances of the astounding ignorance or carelessness of those who profess to provide for the needs of bells. As to the best number of bells, the octave is the most perfect. If you can only afford six, at least leave room in the frame for the other two, they will double the musical effect. Ten and twelve bells give a fuller body of sound, but, as the scale ceases to be true, there is a distinct loss of harmony. Also the difference between the big and the little

bells is accentuated, and the latter can frequently be scarcely heard.

Bells should now always be tuned on the system elaborated recently with such success by the late Canon Simpson. The bell is placed on a specie of lathe, and its three principal notes are brought into exact harmony by means of standard tuning forks. The difference between this and the common plan of chipping by guess must be heard to be appreciated.

Let me, in conclusion, give a few hints on the management of ringers. Try to have your bells rung for at least one of the Sunday services; for two if possible, as is the practice in many districts. If ringers meet only on special occasions, there is little chance of getting them to realize that their work is done for the church. Each church should have its own band. Let the clergy show an intelligent interest in their ringers, and frequently visit the tower. Just as every incumbent professes enough of music to criticize his choir, so he should know so much of the art and aims of his ringers, as will enable him to judge of their performances. If the ringing is even and regular, it is good; if the contrary, bad. It does not require much of an ear to discriminate so far. Let him beware, unless he is young, of learning to ring with the idea of taking the lead among his men. It takes years to make a ringer, and of such not one in four is competent to lead. Peals of five thousand changes are the ringers' ambition. Encourage them as far as possible. If the noise is a nuisance, block up the windows.

Prize competitions on church bells are almost things of the past. Do not encourage them; but it is courteous to grant the request of a visiting band of competent ringers for a peal on your bells. Every tower must have its rules, which should be concise and observed. Payment at from sixpence to one shilling per man per service, according to the locality, usually works better than voluntary ringing. There should be an annual meeting of the band to settle their affairs; an opportunity for the incumbent, and he should be present in the chair. I do not, of course, presume to offer these hints to those clergy, happily an increasing number, who are already masters of the art of ringing and thoroughly understand the management of a tower.

I will conclude with one question: Why, when there are some thirty or forty thousand ringers in the country whose interests bind them to support the Church, does not the Church make a more widespread and united effort to understand and promote the commendable aims of these men, when, by a sympathetic and effective recognition of their requirements, this great body might be turned into a valuable working factor in strengthening regard for the Church among the masses?

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.

Through the kindness of Mr. Geoffrey Leigh the Cannington ringers, accompanied by the Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden James Shepherd, had a capital outing on Thursday, August 18th. The party numbered twelve, and a start was made in a brake and pair from Cannington Bridge at 8.30 a.m. After a most enjoyable drive the first stop was made at Watchet, and a peal rung at the parish Church of St. Decuman's. The bells are of sweet tone, and the church itself of much interest. Before leaving there was just time to have a look at the sad havoc caused to the little harbour by the gale of last winter. Another beautiful drive over the hill brought us to Blue Anchor; here Mr. Leigh provided an excellent dinner to which such good justice was done that there was but time for a brief inspection of the very fine new sea-wall now nearly completed. A short drive next brought us to Old Cleeve, a most picturesque village with its pretty church, here the ringers rendered a very good account of themselves by ringing a peal in capital style, and expressed themselves delighted with the bells. A visit to Stogumber, where Mr. Sully would have met us, was on the programme, but time did not suffice, and we had to drive straight to Stoke Courcy; here our party were most kindly entertained at tea by the Vicar and Miss Meade-King, and afterwards visited the belfry, but, unfortunately, through the breaking of a rope, were unable to ring a full peal. Cannington was reached at 9.30 p.m., and before dispersing Mr. Leigh received the heartiest expression of thanks for affording the pleasantest day's outing which could well have been devised.

CHISWICK MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

Saturday week was a red letter day in the history of St. Nicholas Parish Church, Chiswick, when the Bishop of Kensington, Dr. West Ridgeway, dedicated two new bells, which have been added to the old tower, in perpetuation of the memory of the late Queen Victoria. No less than 1,100 parishioners subscribed to the fund for the bells, which are christened "Victoria" and "Albert," and are from the foundry of Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel. They have been tuned to harmonise with the old bells, and the peal is now complete. The dedicatory service created considerable interest in the parish, and it is admitted on all sides that the music produced by the bells on Saturday and Sunday was exceedingly sweet and mellow.

There was a crowded congregation at the four o'clock service. The Bishop was met at the entrance to the church by the choir and clergy, and was conducted to the tower by the vicar, the Rev. F. W. Isaacs, and the churchwardens (Messrs. F. Sich and I. E. Rouch), during which the congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation." The special shortened form of dedicatory service followed, together with prayers for Divine blessing on the bells. The Bishop then took the ropes and sounded each of the bells, after which the ringers from St. Mary Abbots rang "sweet chime." The clergy and choristers then marched up the aisle and took up their positions in the chancel, while the hymn "Lift them gently to the steeple," was sung.

The Bishop, in the course of an interesting address, spoke of the noble, beautiful, loving, and willing affection of Queen Victoria for her people in distress and sorrow. His Lordship said that bells interpreted and appealed to human emotions. They could not always ring out the exact sounds the heart desired, but there could be no moment in our lives, no hour of overwhelming sorrow, but what we could be certain of the sympathy of the bells. They would strike home to the heart and entwine the people of Chiswick closer and closer to their Parish Church. There was also a warning in the bells, for they made it more impossible now than ever for all who heard them to refuse to accept the invitation to go to church. He did not know, but he could surmise, that Chiswick was not unlike other places in that it possessed too many non-churchgoing people. The bells would make non-churchgoing more impossible than it had ever been before.

The hymn "When morning gilds the skies" was sung, after which the Bishop, standing before the altar, offered a thanksgiving prayer in commemoration of Queen Victoria. Then the Blessing was pronounced and "Now thank we all our God" was sung as a recessional. The offertory will be devoted towards the erection of a suitable memorial brass and inscription in the church.

After service a large proportion of the congregation adjourned to the Parish Church, and partook of tea. Tea over, the Vicar took the chair on the platform, and was supported by the Bishop, Dr. Tukey, Dr. Lawrence, the Revs. H. W. Gibson and J. R. Parkyn, Messrs. F. Sich, A. Sich, and Rouch.

In the course of an interesting address, the Chairman said that for many years, longer than he could tell, there had hung in the tower a peal of bells. For nearly 250 years the peal had consisted of six bells of beautiful tone and great historical value, and for many years they had hung in practical silence owing to the dilapidated and rotten condition of the framework on which they were hung. It was decided to bring the peal up to eight, and it was thought that it would be a capital idea to dedicate the new bells to the memory of their late beloved Queen. Lack of enthusiasm in public affairs was not one of their greatest failings in Chiswick. Right loyally had the people entered into the work and completed it. He was most firmly determined, and he thought everybody would be of opinion, that it was the right thing that the bells should neither be dedicated nor hung until they were fully paid for. He was proud to say that no fewer than 1,100 people had taken a personal interest in the work. When one man went without his tobacco for a whole week in order to give 6d. to the bell fund it meant a great deal. They knew the power and charm of enthusiasm—the power of enthusiasm was that it spreads, and its charm that it was almost as infectious as the smallpox. When a generous offer was made to him a fortnight ago in connection with the bells, he felt he could not accept it, not only on account of the

deep personal regard that he had for his friend Mr. Frank Sich, but also because he wanted everyone to have an opportunity of joining in the work. When the tenor bell was re-cast in 1869 the names of the then churchwardens were placed upon the bells—one name being Henry Smith, the munificent builder of the Parish Church, and Francis Sich, and now, thirty-two years after, when two new bells were cast, Mr. Sich was still churchwarden. That morning he (the vicar) had spent a little time in doing some digging, not in the ground, but in some of the old church books. He wanted to find something about the bells before 1656, and he discovered a book for 1622 in which was this entry:—"To the ringers on the 5th of November, 3s. 6d." Gunpowder Plot was then only seventeen years old. Chiswick now celebrated the 5th of November with squibs and crackers, and not bell-ringing. He then found an extraordinary entry, "For trussing three bells, 2s. 2d." He knew what trussing a fowl meant, but not trussing a bell. He asked the foreman what it meant, and the look that the foreman gave him implied that his (the vicar's) reason was somewhat defective. Then he found some repairs were needed to the old bells, and came across the item "For mending the bell stairs, 3d." It was remarkable that during the time of the Commonwealth, when churches were despoiled all over England, a bell was added to Chiswick Church, and the only explanation he could offer was that the body of Cromwell's daughter, who lived at Sutton Court, was buried in Chiswick churchyard, which probably earned for Chiswick a little kinder treatment. In conclusion, Mr. Isaacs referred to the pleasure it gave him and the Chiswick people to meet the bishop once again, and said he could assure his lordship of a loyal and hearty welcome whenever he was able to visit them. There was a great and a growing work in connection with their large parish, and he hoped they would one and all go forward determined to work earnestly and sincerely in the years which lay beyond so long as God enabled them to remain in His Church on earth.

The Bishop of Kensington, who was very heartily received, caused much merriment by describing Chiswick as a venturesome place with a venturesome people and a venturesome vicar, and continuing, congratulated Mr. Isaacs and his parishioners upon the noble and interesting work which had been accomplished after so much earnest and single-minded effort. It was most interesting to him, as their bishop, to learn what the vicar had told them, and that Oliver Cromwell probably spared the Chiswick bells because of his own daughter. On the other hand, it was probable that Cromwell might have taken the bells away from some other church, and given them to Chiswick. He could not help congratulating the people of Chiswick upon keeping a good thing when they got it, which his lordship said, reminded him of a Scotchman's definition of Scotchman, viz., that they kept the Sabbath and everything else they could lay their hands on. The people of Chiswick had got the bells, and meant to stick to them now they had given them the power to speak and ring. He was particularly pleased to learn how a large number of people had taken part in the work of providing and fixing the bells, which really meant that they were 1,100 Christian people in Chiswick who declared "these bells shall ring." One other thing, too, he was pleased to observe, that great and noble as was the work being done in Chiswick, and venturesome and enterprising as were its people, as he knew by experience, they did not despise the touch of Kensington, for not only did the Bishop of Kensington dedicate the bells, but they had that day ringers from the grand old Parish Church of Kensington itself. With such an earnest and enthusiastic vicar and churchwardens, he hoped they would ring in a new year of spiritual life, that the non-churchgoing habit would be broken down, that there would be a dawn of greater life and progress, and that by means of the bells they would proclaim to God and man that Chiswick was rising higher and nearer to Him.

Mr. Frank Sich said a very pleasant task had devolved upon him of proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the bishop, not only for coming amongst them and dedicating the bells, but for his words of sympathy and encouragement.

The motion having been carried, the bishop briefly acknowledged it, and the gathering separated after the chairman had thanked the committee of ladies and gentlemen for their efforts, his kind friends from St. Mary Abbots, as well as Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Correspondence.

Whilst 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 EXETER BELLS.

SIR,—I was much pleased to see Mr. Jerram's letter in "THE BELL NEWS" on the subject of removing the cannons of Exeter Cathedral bells, and with his views I entirely agree. I hope that the S.P.A.B. Society will use their influence to prevent what I consider would be a gross piece of vandalism. The bells can be made to go perfectly well if the cannons are left on. With new bells and especially large ones, it is of course quite right to cast them without cannons. Modern bellhangers will, with few exceptions, altogether disagree with my opinions I know, but I am glad to say that in several cases where I have been professionally engaged, I have prevented some of my bell-hanging friends from carrying out their pet designs upon the cannons of bells.

G. H. PHILLOTT.

13, Promenade, Cheltenham.

THE DEVON RINGING TOUR.

SIR,—The "Ringing Tour in Devon" did not end at Thorverton the Notorious in such a dismal failure as your correspondent wishes your readers to think. The whole 50 mins. of the most splendid, and to quote your correspondent, "zuant" striking, has been highly spoken of by all, and several old round ringers expressed themselves as being very sorry the peal was not scored.

It has done a lot of good here, Mr. Editor, and if we could only keep G. F. C. home or nearly home to dodge about a bit, or could import another like him, half-pull would soon get catchy. I would beg to suggest that in the next tour a visit to the Notorious be made earlier in the week. Thoughts of home, and perhaps the sermon for the next day would not be so near pun-tap.

J. RIDLER.

Central Council Correspondence.

MR. DANIELL AND MR. JAMES.

SIR,—I am writing personally to Mr. James about the means to adopt for consulting the British Museum copy of the *Campanalogia*. I shall be glad to do the like in reply to any other request I may receive, but I do not think your readers will want your valuable space filled up with a statement of the rules of the Museum Library.

In a postscript to my letter in your issue of the 5th inst., I referred to an inaccurate statement of mine appearing on September 7th. I had said that Stedman's principle was the only peal in the *Campanalogia* which was neither a cross peal nor plain changes. This is incorrect, as I had overlooked *Orpheus* and *Maremaid*. These are both founded on the idea of three bell work in front and dodging behind, but without the slow work of Stedman. As to *Orpheus*, all Stedman says about it is "one change is double, the next single, and so by turns." About *Maremaid* he gives some directions, beginning "In this peal," so that in neither of these cases does he use the term Method or Principle.

I will next set out the passage about seven bells to which I referred.

Changes upon Seven Bells.

The methods on five may be prickt upon seven, observing but the true difference of proportion in the changes; that is, Doubles upon five bells must be triples upon seven; doubles and singles upon five must be triples and doubles upon seven, etc.

Here be pricks Plain triples, Dodging triples, College Bob Triples, College Triples, dodging behind and College triples, dodging before and behind. Of these two last he says:—

Each of these two peals by the method here prickt will go eighty changes; and then when the treble leads and the half hunt lieth next it, a parting change being then made, they will go 420. And by making of *boos* they

will go 5040. 2 may be the half hunt or any other at pleasure. The parting change is a double on the four middlemost of the six hind bells.

'Tis plainly demonstrable that the principle upon five may go 420 triples upon seven, which is a twelfth part; 840, which is a sixth part; or 1260, which is a fourth part of the whole, and the utmost period of triple changes. And then by making of four *extreams* it may go 5040, the compleat peal.

Great variety of peals may be prickt upon seven, as Triples, Triples and Doubles, Triples, Doubles, and Singles, Doubles, Doubles and Singles, etc. But changes upon seven being seldom practised, I will therefore forbear to waste more paper in pricking down examples.

As in the course of this correspondence I have now given information about all the methods without hunts which are in the *Campanalogia*, it does not occur to me that I can usefully add anything further about the book, but I will gladly comply with any further request by Mr. James. Subject to this, I hope now to leave this point before the Exercise. Having regard to the use hitherto of the word method by our writers, and the definition of it in Skeat's dictionary as "arrangement, system, orderly proceeding, way," why should we now restrict the use of it? Are not all these things which Mr. James would call principles—Stedman and the rest—really "arrangements" of the original principle? Sir Arthur Heywood, for instance, has invented an arrangement of the single bell principle—he has called this a method. Why should he not? Why is a word with such a meaning as belongs to Method to be treated as only appropriate to arrangements with hunts?

I have not the least idea whether any one is likely to invent a method with a hunt given to some other bell than the treble, and the treble thrown into the work. If such an invention were made Mr. Trollope's terms would not quite do. I wonder whether "Hunting Methods," and "Non-hunting Methods" would be of any good.

R. A. DANIELL.

CLASSIFICATION OF LEGITIMATE METHODS.

SIR,—As a member of the Committee appointed at the Central Council's Norwich meeting some eighteen months ago, to consider the subject embodied in the above heading, I venture to say in public what I have several times written and said in private, that after all the letters published in your paper for the last several weeks, and the various reports drawn up, circulated, etc., only one report has touched this subject, and that one has not, I believe, been made public.

What have we been discussing for weeks in your paper? Why matters quite foreign to the subject contained in the above heading. Classification of method has nothing to do with the question of what is principle and what is not, and whether the blue or red line represents principle or method, neither or both, is not in my opinion a question this Committee has the right to touch. The duty of this Committee is clear and plain enough. Let us then go on, take Method as it is found and understood, and sort and point out the good from the bad. Constructional qualities demand attention, and points such as simple, complex, symmetrical or eccentric, require allotment, and musical qualifications should also be taken into consideration, likewise guidance for future method builders, etc.

H. DAINS.

P.S.—There is one feature, and one only, that is common to both Grandsire and Stedman methods, by neither certain adjoining places, but the difference in the principle upon which they are constructed is as wide as the poles.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1901.

WHEN Mr. WASHBROOK sent us the report of what may now be called "the first double-handed peal upon church bells," which was rung at Arklow in Ireland, he ventured the remark that "there would be some fuss made about it." The surmise has proved correct, but hardly in the direction imagined by him. What has been said concerning it? The letter signed "Credulous" is no affair of ours, and its writer is able to speak for himself, if he chooses: the voice of this paper has not uttered anything at all worthy of the terms of indignation written by two correspondents in our last number. We doubted—and who can say such a doubt was unreasonable?—that the striking of such a performance would always be of that character it was represented to be. And while praising

such a clever feat, both us and our well-known popular contributor, gave expression to the opinion that such displays were not to be commended; and again, that it would have given more satisfaction to the Exercise at large if some well-known ringer had been present, and published his opinion on the performance. What reasonable exception can be taken to such remarks?

Yet we are told that "THE BELL NEWS" and its staff are bitter against WASHBROOK! This is a calumny, and the individual mostly concerned is able, if he pleases, to emphatically contradict it. When we say that such an accusation we repudiate, not only with emphasis, but with scorn, it is needless to refer to it any more. Below is a copy of a note we have received from a most estimable and talented member of the Exercise, one of the Central Council; possessing a name well-known in these pages as an able writer on different subjects; a clever ringer, caller, and composer, who no doubt will give his name to those having a right to ask for it. This is what he says:—

It was scarcely necessary for you to defend yourself from the charge brought against you of bitterness against Mr. Washbrook, and many ringers will judge the witty letter of "Credulous" very differently to your two correspondents. The fact is that there is a very general suspicion abroad of Mr. Washbrook, and for this Mr. Washbrook alone is responsible. It is not pleasant to rake over old scandals, but conductor's who have any temptation to repeat an episode which occurred at Dublin a year or two ago may be warned that such things bring their own Nemesis. No one doubts Mr. Washbrook's cleverness, but history and common experience tells us that a man's very abilities and good qualities themselves are a potent cause of falling, and one such slip taints his whole career.

After this, Mr. WASHBROOK may reasonably say—"Save me from my friends." To some minds it would seem that the extreme cleverness and ingenuity of any particular individual ought to be a guarantee against the expression of doubt in any form. We differ.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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The Provinces.

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On Saturday, October 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Grandsire.

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Conducted by JOHN G. ORFORD.

First peal by the St. Mary's band.

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On Wednesday, October 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5.
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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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On Thursday, October 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS VERRY* .. Treble.	*ALF. PADDON SMITH 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 2.	*THOMAS WESTWOOD 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	*WILLIAM VERRY 7.
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Composed and Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

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Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

Messrs. Jones and Attwell hail from Newport, Monmouthshire; Wilson from Abergavenny; Davies from Liverpool.

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On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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Tenor 15 cwt.

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JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6.
ALAN F. DAVIDSON† 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

*First peal on tower bells. †First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the return of R. A. Goffton (invalided), 2nd Coldstream Guards, who has been serving in South Africa two years, and is a member of the above Association.

**COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE,
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES THOMAS Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5.
GORDON CHECKETTS 2.	HENRY ALLEN 6.
ARTHUR HADLEY* 3.	WILLIAM JOHNSON 7.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON* 4.	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor.

Composed by F. CLAYTON, and Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung as a farewell peal to G. Checketts, who is leaving Worcester for Cardiff. *First peal of Major. This peal has all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, the 2nd being never in 5th place.

**PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WM. T. H. TIMBRELL .. Treble.	† DANIEL SANDERSON 4.
FREDERICK TIMBRELL .. 2.	EDWIN TIMBRELL 5.
ROBERT SANDERSON† .. 3.	* J. RICHARD TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by C. E. WILSON, of Liverpool, and Conducted by W. T. H. TIMBRELL.

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

**NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Forty-two Six-scores.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY STEVENS* Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
TOM W. CREED 2.	ISAAC CREED 5.
HENRY J. CREED 3.	* EDWIN ELSON Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

*First peal.

**HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
— SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN B. MARTIN Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY 5.
HARRY SEAR 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	† JOHN W. BARKER 7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 4.	* ARTHUR CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

RICHARD W. HOATHRR .. Treble.	HERBERT RANN 6.
GEORGE BAKER* 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 8.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 9.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH† .. 5.	RICHARD FENTIMAN Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

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

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH BLACK Treble.	ANDREW STUART 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2.	ISAAC MYERS 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	J. W. TOWNLEY Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

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

On Sunday, October 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1901, in Three Hours.

AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT M. PICK* Treble.	* THOMAS RICHARDSON 5.
JOSEPH W. PARKER* .. 2.	* ROBERT W. LOVIE 6.
ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 3.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. 4.	RICHARD W. LANGTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman rung by a local band.

DUNSTER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)**

On Tuesday, October 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE STACEY Treble.	THOMAS A. ELLIOTT 5.
JAMES HOLE* 2.	JAMES R. JONES 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
ARTHUR LONG 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by J. GRABHAM.

*First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1901, 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 15 cwt.

RICHARD HARTLEY Treble.	ALFRED MILES 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
GEORGE FOSTER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY MILES 4.	GEORGE BARTLETT Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The following is the result of a week's ringing tour in Suffolk and Norfolk.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Sunday, October 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM F. TILLET .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 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.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION, Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 2.	*WILLIAM KEEBLE 8.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 3.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 9.
WILLIAM BALES 4.	FREDERICK DAY 10.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Maximus.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 2.	JOHN SOUTER 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

EGBERT BORRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHWOLD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE .. Treble.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 5.
EGBERT BORRETT 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
EGBERT BORRETT 2.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	†ERNEST F. POPPY 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 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 county. It is also the first in the method ever rung by a company of bachelors.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EGBERT BORRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORTLEY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, August 21st, a date touch, 1901 changes, being 720 College Single, 720 Kent, 461 Bob Minor in 1 hr 10 mins. C. Dronfield, T. McKegg, D. Brearley, T. Robbins, J. Parkin, J. Dronfield conductor. This is the first date touch on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, March 21st, 400 Double Norwich. R. Stone, W. G. Granger, S. A. Wright, D. Wright, J. Heath, H. J. Selby, G. Steer, T. Groombridge conductor. On Thursday, March 28th, 432 Double Norwich. H. J. Selby, M. Whatley, G. B. Selby, J. Heath, W. G. Granger, S. A. Wright, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. On Easter Sunday, 672 Stedman Triples. H. J. Selby, S. A. Wright, G. B. Selby, A. V. Selby, J. Heath, M. Whatley, D. Wright conductor, G. Steer. On Sunday, May 5th, 560 Double Norwich. R. Stone, G. B. Selby, D. Wright, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, W. G. Granger, H. J. Selby, T. Groombridge conductor. On Thursday, May 9th, 640 Double Norwich. R. Stone, S. A. Wright, G. B. Selby, W. G. Granger, H. J. Selby, J. Heath, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. On Sunday, July 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. D. Wright, W. G. Granger, M. Whatley, H. J. Selby conductor, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, G. Steer, J. Smith. For evening service 504 Stedman. H. J. Selby, S. A. Wright, G. B. Selby, R. Stone, D. Wright conductor, W. G. Granger, G. Steer, J. Smith. Also 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. R. Stone, G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, S. A. Wright, W. G. Granger, J. Heath, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. On Thursday, August 29th, 1008 Bob Major. H. J. Selby, M. Whatley, S. A. Wright, G. Steer, J. Heath, R. Stone, W. G. Granger, D. Wright conductor. On Sunday, September 1st, 544 Double Norwich. R. Stone, G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, A. V. Selby, S. A. Wright, J. Heath, W. G. Granger, D. Wright conductor.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' one-part. H. P. Harman conductor, H. Dickens, G. J. Taylor, G. R. Newton, J. Graft, T. Harford, W. Ingham, G. H. Daynes.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' four-part. H. P. Harman conductor, W. Weatherstone, E. Barnett, jun., G. J. Taylor, G. R. Newton, G. Conyard, G. H. Daynes, J. Miles. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. J. Willis an old and esteemed resident of this parish. On Monday, July 29th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 behind. R. Hims, T. Durling, R. Brett, 3; W. Ingham, G. R. Newton, A. Durling, G. Durling conductor, J. Miles.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On February 10th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Milhams, *G. Jay, F. J. Ring, M. Digby, W. Martin conductor, G. Hayes. *Hails from Wickham Market, Suffolk. On February 17th, 720 London Surprise. A. Broom, M. Digby, F. J. Ring, F. Hayes, W. Martin, W. Harper conductor. On March 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes conductor, R. Brett, F. J. Ring, E. Brett, W. Martin, W. Harper. On April 14th, 720 London Surprise. H. Milhams, G. Hayes, F. J. Ring, M. Digby, W. Martin, W. Harper conductor. On May 26th, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Broom, W. Lane, F. J. Ring, G. Hayes, M. Digby conductor, W. Harper. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lane, A. Cornford, F. J. Ring, R. Brett, W. Martin, G. Hayes conductor. On June 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Lane, F. J. Ring, E. Brett, R. Brett, W. Martin, G. Hayes conductor.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 45 mins. I. G. Shade, W. Foreman, J. J. Lamb, E. Wells, H. Hoskins, R. Charge, C. Charge conductor, H. Flanders. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, and also on the twenty-third birthday of R. Charge, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday, July 5th, at Christ Church, 720 Dewsbury Surprise. L. Holt, H. L. Cockroft, D. Briggs, E. J. Cockroft, J. Brierley, J. H. Barnes conductor. On Sunday morning, July 7th, 720 Kent. G. Shottin; the rest as before. For evening service 720 Duke of York. J. H. Smith, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, July 21st, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. L. Holt, J. S. Lomas, D. Briggs, E. J. Cockroft, J. Brierley, J. H. Barnes. On Sunday morning, August 11th, at St. Saviour's church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. L. Holt, D. Briggs, J. A. Brown, J. S. Lomas, Z. Lord, E. J.

Cockroft, J. Brierley, J. H. Barnes (conductor. For evening service 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Howarth, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; the rest as before. Messrs. Howarth, Brown, and Lord belong to the local company; the rest from Christ Church

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PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 13th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. W. Humphris, W. T. Pates, G. H. Phillott, W. Brinkworth, F. Townsend, F. Musty, T. Pendry, W. Dyer conductor. Rung on the occasion of the anniversary of the re-opening and augmentation from six to eight.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On June 12th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, C. Best, G. G. Deane, T. E. Ellis, A. B. Bennett conductor. J. Lee. On July 25th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, E. J. Pressling, C. Best, H. Churchill, T. E. Ellis, A. B. Bennett. On August 13th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Boswell, W. R. Madgwick, E. G. Boxall, H. Churchill, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud. On August 27th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Churchill, C. Best, T. E. Ellis, W. G. Daniels, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Tuesday, October 8th, by the local society with the bells muffled, 1008 Grandsire Triples. R. Bennett, G. Holfield, H. Woodwards, H. Tubb, F. S. White, F. White, sen., conductor, R. White, F. White, jun. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Thomas, of Harwell, Berks., who was acquainted with this society for some years.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—On July 18th, at the church of St. Alphege, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). *C. Saxby, M. Pierce conductor, H. G. Fairbrass, F. G. Brett, G. Jenkins, P. H. Pierce. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), by the same band. *First 720 of Minor.

CARDIFF. —On Monday, May 27th, at St. John's church, 828 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, A. Hill, W. Biss, W. Powell, C. Winfield, W. C. Jones, H. Wilkes, W. H. Johnson, E. Watkins, T. Malin. Also 293 Grandsire Triples. W. Canter, B. Hill, W. Powell, W. Biss, A. Hill, H. Wilkes, W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson. The above was rung on the occasion of the Worcester Cathedral Guild, who wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Biss and others who kindly met them and added to their enjoyment.

EXNING (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, July 21st, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, a touch of Grandsire Doubles. H. Webb conductor, G. Webb, W. Webb, P. Webb (Ickleton), G. Webb, jun. Tenor 14 cwt. 28 lbs. in F. These bells are almost unringable, some of the gudgeons being nearly flat, especially the 4th which took two to raise it. Also a touch on handbells in which the above took part.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, August 4th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, H. Watson, C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, F. Smith, W. Miles. On Sunday morning, August 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, H. Watson, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor, W. Pryor conductor, C. Pryor, F. Smith, W. Miles. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, H. Watson, C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, F. Smith, W. J. Norton. On Sunday morning, August 18th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, H. Watson, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, C. Pryor, F. Smith, W. J. Norton. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, H. Watson, C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, F. Smith, W. Miles. On Tuesday, August 20th, 378 Grandsire Caters. C. Pryor, T. Titchener, M. Woodcock, W. J. Nudds, W. H. Pryor, J. Durrant, W. Pryor, N. Alderman, R. Bevan conductor, W. J. Norton. On Sunday morning, August 25th, for Divine Service, 378 Grandsire Caters. W. Miles, C. Pryor, E. Pryor, M. Woodcock, E. Bonfield, J. Durrant, F. Smith, W. H. Pryor conductor, R. Bevan, W. J. Norton. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, H. Watson, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, W. Pryor conductor, M. Woodcock, F. Smith, E. Pryor.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Barber, D. Leggett (first 720), W. King, G. Ablitt, W. Leggett (first 720), J. Last (conductor). The brothers Last hail from Ufford, and take this opportunity of thanking the Hasketon band in pulling them through their first 720.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, August 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. S. Bowket, T. Horton, J. Hall, S. Astbury, F. Harris, J. Tilley, R. Hall conductor, A. Knight. After evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Bowket, S. Astbury conductor, T. Horton, J. Hall, F. Harris, J. Tilley, R. Hall, A. Knight.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The old complaint about the non-attendance of ringers at a church service arranged specially for their behoof has again cropped up; this time at Blackpool, at the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association. We cannot have any drastic remedy for this evil. The only thing to do, perhaps is persuasion accompanied by example. But it looks very bad indeed, and is getting a sore disgrace, when through ringers staying away, the necessity arises for animadversion, however gentle, upon such conduct. The chairman of the above-named Association made one or two kindly observations very much to the point, and though partaking of reproof to his hearers he considered their susceptibilities, and spoke to them, as we have said, in a very kindly manner. Remaining from the service on such occasions is a most ungracious act, and shows how totally devoid of gratitude some people are. I am afraid ingratitude is the principal besetting sin of ringers.

Some time last year a similar complaint came from another Association not far from Bedfordshire. I recollect being shown a note to the effect that at the tea (free, I suppose), thirty-six ringers sat down, and did the usual slaughter; but at the church service specially arranged for them the immense number of EIGHT were present. Those eight were good men and true, and verily they have their reward in the fact that they possess consistency and common sense, qualities few and far between.

The report of the autumn meeting of the Cleveland Association was very happy reading. The Hon. Secretary—the Rev. W. P. Wright—writes pleasantly of this meeting, which “went as merry as a marriage-bell,” as the saying is. The members visited places of some historical interest, certainly. The mention of Middleham brought to mind the celebrated Earl of Warwick, who, not only in history, but in fiction, is such a prominent character. There is a very enthusiastic company at Richmond; they have six bells, and they want two more. And why not? The dwellings are quite ready for their reception. Is there no public-spirited, large-hearted churchman in the neighbourhood who will make himself a name by presenting this beautiful church with a pair of trebles? I hope there is.

I am afraid my old friend Jerram has caused a commotion re the Exeter bells. Some one asks me—“Why should Exeter have cannons and St. Paul’s have none?” I could not see for some time this essay at a joke. It is very poor. “St. Paul’s has no canons but prebendaries.” This is wrong! the metropolitan Cathedral has both. I believe the bells have no cannons. They were not however broken or knocked off, because they were cast without them, I believe. In spite of the efforts of my friend Jerram, the cannons of Exeter will come off; probably by an act or acts of violence.

A word of caution. If ever you are in a peal, and the conductor cooks it, say nothing. If bells get out, and he gets them right anyhow, and “makes” a peal, keep your tongue behind your teeth. Say nothing in such cases, let the matter die out. Perhaps your conductor may not reply to a letter in this paper from one of the band broadly accusing him of knowingly foisting a worthless performance on the Exercise. Never mind; say nothing. If you

don’t take all your conductor says for gospel, you will be a bitter weed. So be careful in your conduct, and take everything for granted without a word of enquiry or doubt. Don’t even attempt a joke about balancing donkeys on your chin, or any frivolity of the kind, else you will get dropped on in the strong language of real or simulated anger. Take this warning; I’ve had some.

Now for a more pleasant theme. The First of November is All Saints’ Day. On that date whoever sends to the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Harlow, Essex, the collecting-card, duly filled up, will have a chance of securing a beautiful set of seventeen handbells of a good size, free, gratis, and for nothing. At the same time it should not be forgotten what an amount of pleasure and satisfaction is felt by those who take part in promoting such a grand desideratum as the erection of a new ring of bells. What a glow of delight will be experienced in years to come by those who contemplate how they labored to make this Harlow affair a success. Subscribers to this fund can hardly realise the good they are doing, or the “coals of fire” they are heaping on their own heads. I expect to hear of something very interesting in connection with this after that first of November.

There has been one or two disasters lately in close connection with bells. At one place, I now forgot where, a whole ring of bells collapsed owing to the decay of the frame. This ought to be a warning to those supine people called “Churchwardens,” who think nothing at all about the bells entrusted to their care; and also to those who devote themselves entirely to the East, and let the West take care of itself. The old Church of Stepney caught fire the other day, and a deal of quaint and valuable property was destroyed. The famed bells were however with the tower unhurt, and we have cause for satisfaction in the fact.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

NOTE TO PEAL,

THE PEAL AT ARKLOW.—Soeing that one or two could not believe that Mr. Washbrook was capable of ringing two tower bells through a peal of Grandsire Triples, the undersigned, on Saturday, last, journeyed to Arklow for the purpose of witnessing and testifying as to the truth and quality of such a performance. We hereby wish to state that we are perfectly satisfied with the performance we witnessed and took part in, both as regards truth and quality.—W. H. BARBER; J. W. TOWNLEY; G. LINDOFF.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 2nd in the peal at St. Martin’s, Salisbury, should be George F. Doel, not Dale, as stated.—The report of the peal of Triples at St. James’, Taunton, should read Holt’s ten-part not Hollis’ five-part.

UFFORD (Suffolk).—On a recent Thursday 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. E. Sherwood conductor, D. Leggett, W. Barber, C. Fisher (first 720), W. Leggett, A. S. Barrell. This is the first 720 at Ufford by the brothers Leggett and C. Fisher who are local men.

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The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Lee, to-day, Saturday, October 26th. Tower open from 3 to 5, and 6.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at St. Margaret's School House, Old Road (eight minutes from church) at 5.30. Business meeting after. Handbells will be provided at the School House for members not using tower bells. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Nearest railway station is Blackheath, five minutes from the church. **PERCY E. BEX, Hon. Dis. Sec.**
Barnehurst, Bexley Heath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held to-day, Saturday, October 26th, at Christ Church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at the Cherry Tree Hotel. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention.
ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.
Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The Monthly Meeting of the above Society will be held at Shipley, to-day, Saturday, October 26. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 7 p.m.
J. W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held in Durham on Monday, November 4th. The bells of the Cathedral will be placed at the disposal of members from 12.30 p.m., St. Oswald's all day, and St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Committee meeting 11.30 a.m. at Three Tuns hotel. Service in Cathedral at 1 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. M. E. Cooke, of Gosforth. Dinner at Three Tuns at 2 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. Intending visitors will kindly notify the Secretary by October 31st. The Glossary of Technical Terms may be had from the Secretary, price 2d., or 3d. by post.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Secretary.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield, on Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open from 4 till 9 p.m. Tea by the kind invitation of the Vicar at 5.15. Service with a short address at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Thursday, October 30th.
G. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

Kent County Association — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham and Eynsford, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1901. Shoreham tower open at 4.30, Eynsford afterwards.
W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Lancashire Association. — (Blackburn Branch).—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, November 2nd. Home ringers in attendance at 5 p.m. Most Minor methods may be rung.
T. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association. — North

and East Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, November 2nd. The bells will be open for ringing from 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited.

**WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, } District Secs.
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Central Northamptonshire Association
The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, November 2nd. Usual arrangements.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Wellingborough.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hersham (Walton Station S. W. Ry.), on Saturday next, the 2nd November. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea at the church room adjoining the vicarage at 6 p.m., when the Rev. W. F. Fagan has kindly promised to preside. Members can be supplied with the Glossary at Twopence each.
CHARLES DEAN, Jun., Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday next, November 2nd. Members who intend being present must give notice to Mr. G. Smith, King William Street, Tunstall.
W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

East Derbyshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, November 9th., to which members of both East Derbyshire Associations are invited, also ringing friends. A short service will be held in church at 4 p.m., when two peal-boards will be unveiled. Free tea in the school at 5 p.m. to all who send a postcard not later than Monday, November 4th to
T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 264th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. W. Winney, or of
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

Middlesex County Association—South and West District.—The next meeting of the association will be held at All Saints' Isleworth, by kind permission of Rev. C. McGill. Members are requested to make an effort to attend to elect district officers.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division.—In consequence of serious illness near the church the meeting advertised to be held at Rye on Saturday, October 19th, was unavoidably postponed on the evening previous too late to give notice except to those members who had informed the Secretary of their intention to be present. Due notice will be given when another date has been fixed.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP STORTFORD—On Thursday, August 8th, at St. Michael's church, 608 Bob Major. T. Newman, W. Prior, H. J. Tucker, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. T. Prior, P. Springham, W. Watts conductor. Rang as a birthday compliment to W. Watts. It was intended to

have rung a peal, but meeting one short one of the local company was found and the above rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, July 31st, four 360s of Bob Minor. W. Spalding, I. Folkard, F. Hembling, W. Felgate, E. Lincoln, R. Baker conductor. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Charles Woods, for thirty years the parish clerk, and one of the old company of ringers.

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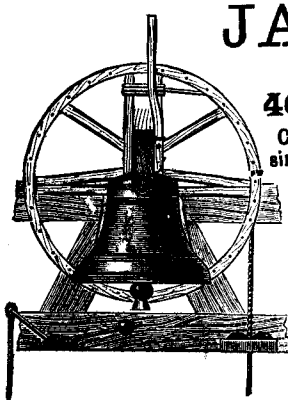
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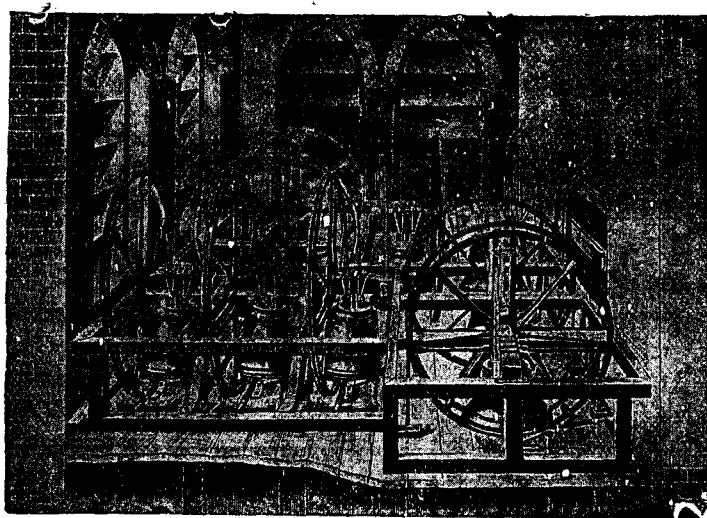
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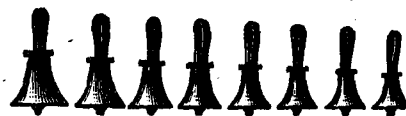
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

About sixty members and friends of this Association spent a very enjoyable afternoon and evening at Derby, on Saturday, October 19th, on the occasion of the second quarterly meeting of the year. By kind permission of the clergy the bells of All Saints, St. Alkmund's and St. Andrew's were available for ringing from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m., with the exception of the time occupied by the tea and general meeting. Amongst those present at the tea were the Rev. J. Howell, Vicar of All Saints, R. B. Chambers, Esq., Churchwarden of St. Peter's, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Mr. T. Hattersley, &c.

After an excellent tea, the arrangements for which had been admirably made by the local Hon. Sec., Mr. A. E. Thompson, the President, Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., took the chair, and the Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly signed.

Letters of apology were read from the Bishop-Suffragan of Derby and others regretting their absence.

The President, in addressing the meeting, mentioned that ten peals had been rung during the past quarter, and made special mention of the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Stoney Stanton, and the two peals of handbells rung at Melbourne. In the course of his remarks he referred to the meeting of the Church Congress at Brighton and was pleased to say that after ten or eleven years perseverance the Central Council had at last managed to get the subject of Church Bells and Ringers acknowledged by the Congress. Its appearance on the agenda this year was due to the Vicar of Brighton and to Mr. G. Attree. There was rather a poor attendance, but he attributed that to the fact that a very interesting subject was being discussed at the same time, but the point is that at last ringing is recognised as an integral part of churchwork. He also drew attention to "The Glossary" recently published by the Central Council, and advised every ringer to procure a copy.

The Secretary read the names of eleven new members who were unanimously elected.

For the place for the next quarterly meeting the Hon. Secretary proposed Melton Mowbray, and this was seconded by Mr. George Squires. Ripley was proposed by Mr. S. Wesley, and seconded by Mr. H. George. After some discussion these places were put to the meeting, and Melton Mowbray selected by a large majority.

Thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of All Saints and R. B. Chambers, Esq., for their presence at the tea and meeting were awarded on the proposition of Mr. A. Wakley, seconded by Mr. J. Hickman. The Vicar of All Saints replied and said it gave him great pleasure to meet the members of the Midland Counties Association, and to be able to grant them the use of the bells. R. B. Chambers, Esq., said he thought at present he had not done anything to merit a vote of thanks but hoped by the time of the next meeting at Derby to be able to place the new peal of eight at St. Peter's at the service of the ringers.

A vote of thanks to Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., for presiding, terminated the meeting.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild met in Southport on Saturday, October 19th, to celebrate the gift of a ring of bells to Emmanuel Church. Some of the members had the honour of meeting the Bishop of Carlisle at Chapel Street Station. Afterwards an adjournment was made to Christ Church belfry, where the Rev. J. B. Woodrow spoke a few kindly words to the members. Then some excellent touches were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also in Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Amongst those who rang were members from Aughton, Croston, Crossens, Crosby, Ormskirk, Sephton, Southport, and Wigan. A cordial welcome was given to the guests by Mr. J. W. Rimmer and the local company. The Rev. Canon Honeyburne and Mr. R. Armistead received the honorary members of the Guild. Meal time found some sixty of the members assembled in the Baths Cafe, where an excellent dinner was provided by Mr. John Baker. After the inner man had been refreshed the Rev. W. T. Bulpit was installed in the chair, and he begged the Rev. Dr. Porter to speak a few words.

The Vicar of All Saints said it gave him great pleasure to address the officers and brethren, for he was a lover of bells, and had a great respect for ringers. He was not an expert, but when he did put a gold ring upon a belle he should call upon the members to celebrate it with a joyous peal. A friend had desired to give a tower to All Saints, but death had prevented this. However he hoped the day would soon come when All Saints would be thus adorned. He could not understand people's objection to the music of the bells, for he was sure bells could be so used as to be both unobjectionable and useful. He was pleased to express sympathy with the Guild, and hoped again to meet its members.

Mr. W. L. Hutton, of Ormskirk, referred to the good work accomplished by the Guild in different belfries, and expressed his pleasure at its growth and usefulness. He saw many new faces that evening. He had been unable latterly to attend the meetings, but rejoiced the old members were there. He welcomed the young men, and urged them to follow the teachings of the Guild.

Mr. John Martin (Liscard), formerly churchwarden of Sephton, said that as treasurer he was glad that financially there was a balance to the good. The benevolent fund had made some heavy grants to widows, but still it was not quite exhausted. It would be a great help if more honorary members were obtained, and belfries could assist by enlisting local support.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, as Master, urged the members to carry out the high principles of the Association, to work for the highest motive—the glory of God—not only to call others to worship, but to join in it themselves, to emulate the best work of their craft. It was a great pleasure to ring "joy bells" at the dedication of a new tower, and he wished prosperity to the new bells hung in their midst.

Dr. Porter proposed a vote of thanks to the worthy Master, who had the interest of ringing so much at heart,

and to whom such worthy testimony had been borne at that meeting.

Mr. J. Ascroft, J.P., of Croston, seconded this, and after being supported, the resolution was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit said he must not disown testimony borne by the pulpit and the bench, the gospel and the law. He thanked those present for their kind expression of feeling, and begged them to show it still further by success in their art.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting was held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at St. Margaret's, Lee. The attendance was small, but the towers of Greenwich, St. John's Deptford, Lewisham, Woolwich, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Rochester, and the local band, were represented. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Grandsire were rung.

A substantial knife and fork tea was served in the parish room at 5.30, and the business meeting was held immediately after, the Rector of Lee, Rev. E. Lewis C. Clapton, in the chair. In welcoming the members of the Association, the Chairman showed by his remarks the great interest he took in ringers and ringing matters, and later in the evening further proved this by becoming a honorary member of the Association.

The minutes of the last Annual District Meeting were read and confirmed, after which a discussion took place as to where and when the next quarterly district meeting should be held.

Mr. F. W. Thornton, in announcing his retirement from the band of St. Alfege, Greenwich, proposed that the meeting be held at Greenwich, on Saturday, January 25th, 1902. He said he had three reasons for wishing to see this. First, because it would give members an opportunity of a pull upon the ring of ten in that tower; secondly because the Vicar of Greenwich had just taken his first steps to becoming a practical ringer, and, thirdly, and what he thought most important, because there now seemed an opportunity of a better understanding being come to between the members of certain towers, which was what he hoped for, and he thought that, in view of his retirement, the meeting being held at Greenwich would further this. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Hill, of Woolwich, and carried.

The Hon. District Secretary then read his report, which showed that 86 practising and 3 life members had paid subscriptions, and 29 peals had been rung against 29 last year. The methods were Stedman Triples, Superlative Surprise, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Royal, London Surprise, and New Cumberland. Erith, that favourite tower for peal ringers, claimed twelve of these, and the other towers used were Greenwich, Woolwich, St. James Bermondsey, Chislehurst, Crayford, Brentwood, and All Saints Poplar. The conductors were Messrs. W. Pye, F. W. Thornton, E. Wightman, J. H. Cheesman, J. R. Sharman, W. Bedwell, E. Barnett, sen., W. J. Aldridge, W. C. Hunt, G. Williams, and C. Charge.

Other peals, rung by members of the district, assisted by members from other parts of the county, were also mentioned. District meetings had been held at Greenwich, Lewisham, Lee, and at Chislehurst.

Messrs. B. Miller, St. John's, J. Crowder, G. R. Simmonds, and D. C. Thompson, Lee, and G. R. Newton, Chislehurst, were then elected members of the Association, and the election in towers of Messrs. W. C. Hunt, North Shields, E. E. Huntley, Watford, D. Barnes, Erith, and Cornelius Charge, were confirmed.

The retiring District Secretary and representative were then re-elected.

After the Chairman had been elected a hon. member of the Association, Mr. W. Bedwell said that now the Association had grown so large, he thought auditors should be appointed to go through the accounts. Some discussion followed, and eventually Mr. W. G. Grove seconded the motion, which was carried, and the District Secretary and representative were asked to bring the matter before the Central Committee of the Association.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Lee for his kind welcome, for permitting the use of the bells and parish room, and for presiding at the meeting, brought the business to a close.

A very enjoyable time was spent by those members who attended, but the number present left much to be desired.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

By kind invitation of the Rector of Chastleton (Rev. G. A. Sneyd), six members of the above branch journeyed to this historical village to try the bells at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, which have recently been rehung by Bond, of Burford. Here they found a light ring of six, which undoubtedly sound much better at a distance than when one is immediately under them. The church is an ancient building of stone in the Norman Transition and later styles, with an embattled tower. Close by is Chastleton House, and it is here that the Bible given by Charles I. to Bishop Juxon immediately before his execution is preserved. Robert Catesby, one of the conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot, to whom it belonged, sold the estate of Chastleton to provide funds for carrying out the conspiracy.

But to go back to the object of their visit, the ringers found their way into the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor, and after raising the bells in peal tapped off a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. E. T. Druce, W. Gibbs, J. F. Barlow, C. J. Gillett, G. Foster, W. Large conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Cardington on Saturday, October 12th, and was well attended by members from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Woburn, Elstow, Copal and Bletchley. Some good ringing was done in Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, and Plain and Treble Bob. The church at Cardington has been rebuilt, and a new ring of bells and a new organ placed therein, by the munificence of S. Whitbread, esq.

At 5 o'clock the visitors adjourned to The Exeter Arms, and partook of a good tea, after which the business meeting was held. It was proposed and carried that the next meeting should be held at Leighton Buzzard. Afterwards more ringing was done up till parting-time.

It appeared very strange to the visitors that with such a splendid new church and new bells, with every comfort in the belfry one could wish for, not a spark of interest is taken by the local ringers in the art of change-ringing. Not one of them put in an appearance at all except the tower-keeper, and he came at the finish to lock-up.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North and East district of this Association was held at Southgate on Saturday, October 26th. The attendance was by no means so large as on former occasions, but the towers in union were perhaps more completely represented by those in actual attendance, and the business done was considerable. Ten members were elected, and in the subsequent election of officers the Master, Treasurer, and Secretary were unanimously voted back into their old positions, with a suitable acknowledgment of the services rendered by them.

The Hon. Secretary, with the desire of meeting the wants of the younger members, proposed that there should be an official quarterly peal; that the conductor for such peal should be elected by the members at each quarterly meeting; that the names of those desiring to take part in such peal should be notified to the Hon. Secretary, and from these names the conductor should make up his band. When the peal had been either attempted or rung, the eight members should stand aside, and others be in turn selected, until the whole list of names had been exhausted. He thought that by some such means a real interest in the work would be taken by the younger members. As regards the more expert members who were anxious to ring peals in advanced methods, he would endeavour by degrees to absorb them into the many peals which the Association was in the habit of attempting in the more advanced methods, one at a time, or more, if the conductor of the peal thought it advisable. The conductor appointed for the first quarterly peal was Mr. Sidney Wade, of Southgate, of the date of which due notice will be given to those who have been selected to ring in it.

The question of the preparation of a block for the certificate of membership according to the approved designs, was then considered, and the following resolution agreed to: "That a block be prepared in half-tone, and the cost be defrayed in the first instance out of the funds of the North and East District"; and it was understood that a small charge would have to be made for the certificate in order to recoup the District funds the sum it would be necessary to advance to carry the proposition into effect.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley for presiding over the meeting, and to the Vicar of Southgate, not only for the use of his bells, but for his thoughtful address to the ringers at the evening service.

The ringing was carried on with spirit both before and after the business meeting, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent by some forty members.

ST. MATTHEW'S, LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.

On Saturday, October 26th, a very interesting and somewhat eventful gathering took place in the tower of the above church to celebrate the inauguration of the fixing of a beautiful memorial tablet of our late Queen Victoria, as a token of respect; also a large peal-board giving a record of the various peals rung by the Lightcliffe St. Matthew's company. The following influential gentlemen took part in the meeting: the churchwardens, C. A. Woodcock, esq., J. P. Scott, esq., Rev. J. T. Levens, J. G. Crossley, esq., T. R. Bottomley, esq., and others.

Mr. J. Lawson, on behalf of the ringers, opened the meeting by explaining its importance and objects. He

paid a high compliment to Mr. Smith, the artist, for the appropriate and splendid design, and also thanked the churchwardens and the Rev. J. T. Levens for their generous support.

Mr. Woodcock (the senior warden) made some very appropriate remarks, and complimented the Lightcliffe branch of the Yorkshire Association on their efforts, and hoped the kind feeling existing between the ringers and church authorities would long remain.

Mr. Scott (churchwarden), also addressed the meeting, saying that he hoped other ringers would follow the example of Lightcliffe by placing similar mementoes in their respective towers.

The Rev. J. T. Levens gave a very interesting account of his visit to other churches, and concluded by expressing his delight at being present on such an important occasion.

After congratulatory speeches from Mr. Crossley and Mr. Bottomley, a most pleasant meeting was brought to a close by the usual thanks.

Previous to the above a date touch of 1901 Kent Treble Bob was rung, in 1 hr. 14 mins. W. Reeds, F. W. Bradley, J. Rushworth, E. Barber, A. Jagger, T. W. Geldar, J. Lawson composer and conductor, E. Williamson.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Autumn Meeting was held at Caversham, on October 19th. A peal of Stedman was lost sixteen changes from the end by the breaking of a rope. Service was held at 5.30 p.m., the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. Cleaver, father of the Vicar. Tea followed at 6.30 in the Infants' Schoolroom, thirty-three being present from Aldermaston, Basingstoke, Goring, Great Marlow, Henley, Reading, and Sonning. It was unanimously resolved that the Right Rev. Dr. Paget, Bishop of Oxford, should be invited to be President of the Guild in lieu of the late Bishop Stubbs. Apology was made for the absence of the Secretary (The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) through illness. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and his church officers for having the meeting at Caversham, and for holding the service was heartily passed. Some good ringing took place in the evening at St. Mary's, Reading and at Caversham, while dissatisfaction was expressed that there were not more facilities for ringing at the latter place, owing to the peal of Stedman.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHERBOURNE (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, September 12th, the Oldbury ringers paid a visit to Sherbourne; a splendid six miles drive from Leamington, passing the famous Warwick Castle. Arriving at the church several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and a few touches of Minor were rung. After tea, which was much enjoyed, a walk to the next village of Barford, from which place our conveyance was in waiting to take us back to Warwick. We all enjoyed a run round the "Mop Fair," then to a "little quiet spot" till train time. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Gordon Sedgwick for his kindness in granting us permission. J.

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SECOND PAPER READ AT THE CHURCH CONGRESS.]

CHANGE-RINGING: WORTHY OF THE CHURCH'S CARE AND ESTEEM.

By the REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Let me begin by stating plainly what is the point to which I propose to invite your attention this morning. It is that I hope to shew that ringing and ringers are worthy of hearty recognition and encouragement on the part of the Church at large, and that the Church is likely to be a gainer by holding out to ringers a warm hand of fellowship.

My plan for doing this is as follows. First, I shall try to give an outline of the nature of change-ringing, shewing that it is an art that inevitably calls for the exercise of many sterling qualities. From this the inference is immediate that change-ringers possess, or are likely to possess, such qualities. This being so, I shall finally endeavour to press home the conclusion that the Church fails in her duty if she gives them the cold shoulder, and that where she fosters their art, and shows care and solicitude for those who practice it, she will not only be watering others, but will surely find that she is also being watered herself.

My first step then, is to endeavour to give an outline of change-ringing. To accomplish this it will be best to begin by saying what it is not. It is emphatically *not* what painters and designers of Christmas and Easter cards often seem to imagine it to be. These good people usually seem to think that ringing can be evolved from their own inner consciousness. I have in my mind's eye pictures of old gentlemen with long reverend locks, dotted about anywhere in the room, some with their eyes upward in ecstatic gaze, others apparently contemplating their boot-laces, turning for the most part their backs to one another grasping a sally six feet long, their hands a good yard apart, and a rope's end of not more than two feet in length dangling on the floor. Such are often the pictures of the belfry. When we turn from these to pictures of the bell-room, we find them pitched in much the same key. Here we see bells whose height is usually three times their breadth, their clappers are so large as nearly to fill up the mouth of the bell, and the bell itself not infrequently hangs from the top of its wheel! I will only repeat that bells and ringing are *not* like this.

In attempting to describe what change-ringing really is, one is met by one little difficulty at the outset. It is not like anything else, and therefore there is nothing with which to compare it. Moreover, as in actual practice it consists in the calm and continued application of a system of rules thoroughly engrafted into the mind and memory by previous study, there is nothing visible on the surface except the patent fact that each performer is all attention, with eye and ear on the alert, while at the same time he is deftly managing, without apparently thinking of it, a bell weighing, it may be, several hundredweight. In all sports and pastimes, in the various handicrafts, and even in the highest of the art there is always a something which the ordinary onlooker can grasp, but in ringing there is none of this. To all appearance it is a baffling mystery. Let me try to lift the veil just a little.

The first thing to be made clear is that when ringers speak of ringing so many thousand changes, they are speaking the literal truth. In other words, my first proposition is a theorem in which it is to be proved what are the numbers of permutations possible on any given number of bells. More than once I have been asked to do this at the dinner-table. I take a knife and fork and point out the self-evident fact they can be placed in only two orders—knife, fork—and—fork, knife. To these add a spoon. Then it is further evident that there may be two arrangements, with the spoon on the right, two with the spoon in the middle, and two with the spoon on the left. That is, three times two are six. There are six permutations of three things. Now take a tumbler. This give six permutations with the tumbler first, six with it second, six with it third, and six with it last, that is, twenty-four in all. The rule is now clear. To find the permutations possible on any given number of bells, multiply that number and all the numbers below it into one another. For five this is: five times four, times three, times two, times one, that is, 120. For six it is 720; for seven, it is 5040; and for eight 40,320. The increase in the numbers possible as we add to our bells seems prodigious and incredible, but I trust

that my little knife-and-fork argument will assure you that it is hard, solid fact, and that we may safely affix the letters "Q.E.D." to our first proposition.

The next stage is to attempt to give some idea of the way in which changes are actually rung. A first thought that naturally strikes people is that the changes are committed to memory; but a moment's reflection will show that this is out of the question, for who could remember hundreds of them, not to say thousands?

An illustration may serve to give some notion of the means adopted. Conceive a staircase of, let us say, five steps, with one person standing on each. They are to travel up and down, not always necessarily going the whole way up and the whole way down, but sometimes going part of the way and returning, sometimes alternating between two steps for two, or three, or more treads, and so forth. But in all their movements there are certain inexorable laws, laws of iron that may never be broken. No one may move up or down more than one step at a time. No one may remain on any step for more than two consecutive treads or beats. No one may ever tread on a step occupied by another. All are simultaneously in motion, but there is no confusion—one person for each step and one step for each person at every single tread. As steadily beat by beat, the measured march goes on, so at every stage the order in which the whole five occupy the steps is ever altering and ever new, until there have been 120 treads; that is, until 120 different configurations of the five have been produced, when the order from which they originally started automatically reproduces itself, and the concerted movement comes to an end.

To translate all this into bell-ringing is quite easy. The ringers do not commit the changes to memory. At every blow each ringer knows the place he must occupy among the rest. He knows it for the reason that every blow is a point on a certain definite path. With this path he has made himself thoroughly familiar by study at home and by learning from practice in the tower. His path up and down among the other bells has various smaller or greater forward or backward movements; it has oscillations and twistings and turnings; on occasions it may take one of two, or even of three, alternative directions, but after a certain round of movements it repeats itself, and thus it circles round and round to the end. There are many and various patterns of these paths, some suited for odd numbers of bells and some for even numbers. We call them "methods." The various methods are distinguished from one another by the patterns of the tracks pursued by the bells. It is his track that each ringer must know.

I trust that I have now accomplished my second stage, and have given some slight notion of the way in which changes are actually rung. Having mentioned the word "methods," I may, perhaps, pause to name one or two of them. Among methods for odd numbers the best known are "Grandsire"—a traditional name of doubtful origin—and "Stedman," so called from its inventor, Fabian Stedman, a printer at Cambridge about A.D. 1640. Changes on five bells are called "Doubles"; on seven, "Triples"; on nine "Cateters"; and on eleven, "Cinques." We accordingly speak of "Grandsire Triples," "Stedman Cateters," etc., the combined term indicating both by what method and also on how many bells the changes are being rung. Among methods for even numbers of bells there are "Treble Bob" (not "Triple Bobs," as one sometimes hears it called), "Double Norwich," and many others. Changes on four bells are called "Minimus"; on six, "Minor"; on eight, "Major"; on ten, "Royal" (this name being anomalous); and on twelve "Maximus." We, therefore, speak of "Double Norwich Major," "Treble Bob Royal," and so forth.

(To be continued.)

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.—After nearly twenty-three years' active service as a ringer at this church, Frederick W. Thornton has, to the regret of the company, recently tendered his resignation, which the Vicar has accepted with reluctance.

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

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE.

SIR,—May I point out to Mr. Daniell that in the copy of the 5th edition of Campanalogia (1766) which he has kindly lent me, the following sentence occurs in the introductory "general Observations" on six-bell ringing: "But lest the shortest of these peals should at first seem too tedious, and the making of bobs too difficult . . . we shall therefore insert the Principle or Course only, of one or two Peals" [*i.e.* methods], etc.

Here our present technical term for Principle would be "the plain course." And comparing it with the extract in last week's "BELL NEWS" and the extract on Stedman's Principle which Mr. Daniell formerly gave, it would appear that "the Principle" meant at first the simple method without calls. "Method" having been employed since to cover both kinds of work, and the simple method being usually sufficiently expressed by "the plain course," the use of Principle has died out, except in regard to Stedman, where the plain course is still entitled the "Principle." Thus our fathers could say that by bobs a "Principle may go" so many more changes. But we cannot (with accuracy) express the same idea at all, for it would not be correct to say that by introducing bobs the Plain-course may go so many changes—as it would then no longer be the Plain-course. Nor can we say "the Method can be made to go," etc., for the whole work is the method. In this book "the plain course" is used only when we should say "the hunt," in calling a bell "into the hunt," Campanalogia says "into the plain Course."

And "Method" is only used as a synonym for "Way" of calling a peal or touch, and therefore was clearly not used in its present sense then.

H. DRAKE.

October 29, 1901.

AN OLD BELIEF.

SIR,—I wonder whether any of your readers can throw any light on the following superstition, to which my attention has been called by the rector of Hinderclay, in Suffolk. On Sunday, July 21st, he writes, "It was remarked by the ringers here that the tenor bell roared to such an extent that it drowned all the others; and the clerk gave it, as his opinion, that someone in the parish would die in the course of the week." Is the same or a similar superstition prevalent in other parts of the country? and how is it to be accounted for?

F. A. MILNE.

Summerhill, Barnet.

BELLS AT THE TIME OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

SIR,—I notice in the account of the Chiswick Memorial to Queen Victoria, the Vicar said it was remarkable that during the time of the Commonwealth a bell was added to Chiswick church. It does not seem remarkable to me; a little study given to the question will soon convince any one that a large number of bells were added to our churches during this period. I can account for forty in the county of Wiltshire alone.

W. W. GIFFORD.

RINGERS' SERVICES.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read the remarks by "Plain Speaker" in last week's "BELL NEWS." But are the ringers always to blame for not attending the services provided for them? I believe they would all attend if reasonable care were taken that the services were suitable. It is certainly not suitable to have Morning and Evening Prayer, or any colourable or "shortened" imitation thereof. In the first place there will be some who will by their duty be obliged to be present at the same service at home either before they start or on their return, while those who do not care to be present at such service daily at home, will not care to have a service practically the same as that which they attend twice every Sunday. Moreover the most shortened of such forms is much too long (even without a sermon) in so short and busy a day or half-day as the train service may allow, whereas when a service is provided in a

special form, so that the ringers can take a pride in it and consider it "their service," they will all attend. Such was my experience with the Worcester and Districts Association.

I enclose a copy of such a service which is now being arranged for our Diocesan Guild, and is to come before the Committee next week. I shall be glad if your present crowded columns can shortly be sufficiently compressed to make room for it; we should then be glad to hear of suggested improvements by fellow-ringers.

H. DRAKE.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S WESTMINSTER SOCIETY.

On Monday evening, September 30th, members and friend of the above Society to the number of twenty assembled at their Meeting House, The Gloucester Arms, Rochester Row, the event being a farewell supper and concert to Mr. C. T. P. Brice, who, for several years past has been an energetic member.

After full justice had been done to the good things provided by Host Woolger, the cloth was removed, and several musical friends put in their appearance.

After a few songs Mr. H. R. Newton arose, and in appropriate words presented Mr. Brice with a handsome double oak ink stand subscribed for by the members and friends. The stand bore upon it a silver bell, with the following inscription "September 30th, 1901. St. Stephen's Society, Westminster. Presented to Mr. C. T. P. Brice on leaving London by members and friends as a mark of esteem for past services."

Mr. Brice, who was evidently much moved, in replying, said how much he felt the parting with his old friends after the happy hours spent together, and the number of peals scored, but although absent should always think of them, especially when his eye caught sight of the group who had so recently performed the three peals in one day and the two silent peals. The inkstand would always stand in a prominent place in his house, and he was sure it would be admired by many ringers.

With joined hands "Auld lang syne" was sung, one and all wishing Mr. Brice and family every success and prosperity as landlord of The King's Head, Pulham Market, Norfolk. O.

ST. MARY-LE TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—On a recent Saturday twelve members of this Society were enabled to spend a most enjoyable day in ringing upon the various rings of church bells of Suffolk. Arriving at Stonham Aspill, in a well-equipped brake, belonging to Mr. Henry Flory, of their meeting house, The Halberd Inn, the members, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. J. G. Pooley, rang upon the ten bells of that church various touches. After partaking of breakfast at The Ten Bells inn, they proceeded by Wetheringsett and Thornton to Eye, where they rang upon the fine going ring of eight bells at that church, afterwards calling upon the old veteran ringer and church bell-hanger Mr. George Day, of that town, and inspected the work now in operation by the firm. The return journey was by Occold where they replenished the inner man by partaking of some real good cider, at a farmstead tenanted by Mr. Last, father of Mr. Walter Last, one of the party, arriving at Debenham, where a substantial meal was served at The Lion Hotel. Then an hour or so was devoted to songs and hand-bell ringing. The homeward journey was then commenced, and the meeting house was reached about ten o'clock. The company wish to thank all the clergy who kindly gave permission to ring upon the bells of their churches on this occasion, and also Mr. Day, of Eye, and Mr. William Grimes, Debenham for having everything in readiness.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Friday, August 16th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Winterton, C. Bowkett, A. Hill, W. Rouse, L. Clay, G. Checketts, W. Page conductor, J. Oakeys. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Bowkett, Rouse, Clay, and Oakeys, and first attempt. On Tuesday, August 20th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Bowkett, H. Matthews, W. Rouse, L. Clay, J. Batchelor (longest touch of Triples), A. Winterton conductor, J. Oakeys. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Smith, 1; A. Harris, 2; the rest as before.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1901.

OUR old friend Mr. H. HEMS, the well-known ecclesiastical artist and sculptor, of Exeter, is much concerned at the long and protracted silence of St. Sidwell's bells, in that city. In a characteristic manner he unburdens himself as follows in the pages of a local magazine:—

OUR BEAUTIFUL BELLS.—When are they to ring again? Ten bells, the most beautiful peal in all the "West Country" hang mute in our dear old, much illused, west tower. The pride of the city, and beloved by all the Parish, their sweet voices have not been heard all the live-long year. For nine wearisome months, workmen, more or less diligent—less than more, I fear!—have swarmed upon the tower walls, and are still there. Nine months is a long while, long enough to build an ordinary church, but still our brave old tower, in the hands of the

despoilers, looks no tower at all. A summer lovely, as English summers only are, has come and gone, and all sort of things have taken place. Our parson has got married, and some, at least of us, have gone to the almost uttermost end of the earth and come back again, yet, still, even as the war drags on its weary length, an unsightly scaffolding cumbers the graceful outline of our Western tower, and still the bells are silent! How long are these things to be? We are told it is the fault of the Feoffees of St. Sidwell's, who instead of seeing that their builder made hay whilst the sun shone, allows him to waste his sweetness on the desert air in his own parish, and not upon the tower in ours!

We know that in the "good old times" in A.D. 1549, the Rev. Thomas Welsh, the ill-starred Vicar of St. Thomas, over the Exe river, arrayed in full vestments, was hung upon the top of his own tower by Lord Russell, and his body left suspended there, tarred and feathered, during the remainder of the reign of Edward VI., and until the accession of Queen Mary. Horrible as is the thought, may not history have to repeat itself? Would it be possible, strictly in the interests of the parish, and simply by way of experiment, to hang, not "John Brown on a sour apple tree," but one of the Feoffees, the oldest and most fragile for instance, to commence with? Like Haman of old, he might be slung up (I am sure he would never walk) upon a gallows fifty cubits high, over and above the top of our sadly used tower? Methinks, all joking apart, some such stringent steps will really have to be taken if the work, now presumably in hand, is ever to be finished at all.

It was upon May 2nd, 1899, two-and-a-half years ago, that our historical old weathercock (where is it now?) cunningly made A.D. 1484 (although admittedly the oldest in England, still fit to do as good and useful duty as ever it did), was lowered, and the work of desolation commenced. The result up till now, is most disappointing in its delay. When will our tower be completed? I pause for a reply!

Our readers will have noticed with pleasure that we are reproducing the papers read at the recent Church Congress by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. The REV. H. DRAKE has sent us a copy of his speech on the occasion, and we should be glad to have those of the REV. T. L. PAPILLON and MR. DANIELL for the same purpose. A wish has been made to us that all these may all be published in pamphlet form, and we shall be pleased to comply with such desire if possible.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TEGG* Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
HARRY MILLER† 3.	SIDNEY WADE 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	*HARRY BALAAM Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lbs.

HENRY S. ELLIS Treble.	JOHN N. OXBORROW 5.
HENRY R. NEWTON 2.	THOMAS LUNGLEY 6.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
JOHN W. GOLDING 4.	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5256 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	FREDERICK J. PERRIN .. 6.
ERNEST PYE 2.	JOHN BASDEN 7.
ARTHUR HARDY 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This peal has the 5th and 6th half-peal each in 2nds place and behind the 9th.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOODFORD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR,

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Superlative and Victoria. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN KIMBERLEY Treble.	THOMAS H. BEAMS 4.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	JOHN MARDELL 5.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	JOHN MOULTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the birthday of John Kimberley, his brother-strings wishing him the usual compliments.

The Provinces.

GAINSBOROUGH—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

F. S. W. BUTLER† Treble.	†J. T. LADD 5.
W. D. TINKER* 2.	†P. O. BIXBY 6.
A. H. WHEELER* 3.	†R. DAWSON 7.
J. C. TINKER* 4.	*G. WILSON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. DAWSON.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major by the local company.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
HORACE J. SAYER 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

The above was rung after meeting one short for Superlative Surprise, Mr. Barnes kindly standing in at the last minute.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE JAYNE Treble.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	CHARLES TOMKINS 6.
FRED. G. MAY 3.	JOHN BURFORD 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. TUCKER, and Conducted by G. T. DALTRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

PERCY ARTIS Treble.	HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 2.	WILLIAM BALES 6.
ALBERT ROUT 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

This peal was rung on the middle eight of the twelve. The calling is taken from Snowden's Treatise on Treble Bob.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 4.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 2.	ERNEST HERBERT 5.
DOUGLAS HARRIS 3.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Conducted by MARK LANE.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURANCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR PRICE Treble.	GEORGE CONDECK 4.
ARTHUR HALFORD 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. PEVERELL* Treble.	W. H. PORTER 5.
J. BAXTER 2.	G. J. LUNGLEY 6.
J. G. GREEN 3.	E. J. TITT 7.
G. W. PEVERELL 4.	E. C. HUNT Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by H. PEVERELL.

First peal as conductor. *First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

GEORGE HAYES Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	JOHN H. CHRESMAN .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
ALICE WHITE 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
EDWIN J. MENDAY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES GILES 4.	HENRY WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London Surprise, London Treble Bob, City Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford.

EDWIN JOHNSON* .. Treble.	HENRY CARNWELL 4.
ISAAC MORETON 2.	JOHN E. WHEELDON .. 5.
WILLIAM WHEELDON .. 3.	CHARLES PRESTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is the first peal ever rung on these bells, which have been in the tower since 1753.

WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

GEORGE WILSON Treble.	*RICHARD BAKER 4.
FRANK PERVIN 2.	HARRY WHITTLE 5.
WILLIAM PERVIN 3.	GEORGE DOUGHTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Baker for having everything in readiness.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN SMART Treble.	REUBEN STANDING 5.
EDWIN BRISTOW* 2.	EDMUND LINDUP 6.
THOMAS SEARLE 3.	HARRY MEETENS 7.
CHARLES HILLS† 4.	GEORGE PHILLIPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

*First peal with a bob bell. †70th peal. Rung as a quarterly peal for the Western Division.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED SHUKER Treble.	CHARLES H. WATTS 5.
JOHN BRADNEY 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
WILLIAM HARRIS 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	THOS. GWILLIAM Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY DAVY Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE 4.
GEORGE KEMP 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, SOUTH SHORE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Bob Minor, three of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN ROBT. EASTWOOD* .. Treble.	RENNIE HARTLEY 4.
WILLIAM WALTON* 2.	*THOMAS MOUNCEY 5.
NOAH TOWNEND 3.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER FINEDON* .. Treble.	ALBERT ROBINSON 4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2.	FRANK WEBB 5.
WILLIAM FREEMAN 3.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. —. Macklin, Rector, for providing an excellent repast after accomplishing the peal.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN AND ST. EDWARD K.M.,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE JAYNE Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 6.
HENRY PRING 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	JOHN BURFORD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

First peal of Major on the bells.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	JOHN W. PARISH 6.
REUBEN HALL 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
THOMAS ORTON 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

DAVID WHITING* .. Treble.	FRED MOORHOUSE 6.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	THOS. L. MOORHOUSE 7.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 3.	JOHN T. EASON 8.
GEO. CHEESBRO 4.	THOMAS HY ORMOND 9.
EDWIN WHEATER* 5.	*HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th. First peal of Caters as conductor. *First peal of Caters. Messrs. Brame and Wheeler hail from Bradford.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	WILLIAM HEWETT 7.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3.	HARRY HORREX 7.
WILLIAM NORRIS 4.	FRANCIS E. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

First peal as conductor.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Recently, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

A. WICKS* Treble.	H. C. CHANDLER 4.
G. A. RANSOM 2.	C. EDWARDS 5.
G. A. GLADMAN 3.	F. RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Minor; and first peal on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Stedman Triples rang at Aldenham, on Sunday, October 20th, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and conducted by Challis F. Winney, should read William Hewitt, tenor; not William Newell, as stated.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 1st, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 3 mins. E. Richardson, J. Bloomfield, E. Gentry, G. F. Williams, F. Newman, Tenor 7 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 12th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Evening Pleasure. J. Cavill, G. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, May 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Greenhill (first 720), T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday morning, May 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise, 2nd the observation. J. Luckey, H. Little, G. Gray, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, May 22nd, for practice, 720 City Delight, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, W. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor. On Friday, May 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). Composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. J. Cavill, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Bristol Surprise. J. Cavill, T. Jordan, G. Gray, W. Watts, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts (conductor). On Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, T. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Whit-Monday morning, May 27th, 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, G. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, May 29th, for practice, 720 London Treble Bob (3rd the observation). G. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Double Court Bob (5th the observation). T. Jordan, I. Hammond, H. J. Tucker, W. Watts conductor, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts. Tenor 13 cwt.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 8th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Saunders, F. Ridgewell, G. Arnold, E. Rhdley, E. Ridgewell, A. Chaplin conductor. For evening service 720 Double Court. Ed. Chaplin, E. Saunders, G. Arnold, G. Williams, A. Chaplin, E. Ridgewell conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

MANUDEN (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 24th, at St. Mary's church, a peal of Doubles was attempted, but failed after ringing eighteen 6-score of Grandsire each called differently, and four 6-score of Stedman Doubles, through the 3rd rope breaking. G. Prior conductor, J. Harvey, W. S. Prior, S. J. Ward, F. W. Tharby.

COLCHESTER.—On Saturday, August 17th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 3584 changes in 2 hrs. 7 mins., "stand" was called, owing to one of the band being seized with cramp. F. Manning, W. Howell, W. V. Newman, G. Burch, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, W. Schofield, R. W. Stannard conductor. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs. The 7th and tenor have lately been rehung with entirely new fittings by Taylor, of Loughborough, the work being done in a most satisfactory manner, the "go" of the bells being all that could be desired. Practice every Saturday evening at 7.30 and on alternate Sundays when all ringers will be welcomed.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KINGSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 10th, 720 London Treble Bob. E. Bradshaw, J. Moreton, J. E. Wheeldon, A. Edwards, H. Carnwell, I. Moreton conductor. Also 720 Duke of York. E. Bradshaw, I. Moreton, J. Moreton, A. Edwards, J. E. Wheeldon, H. Carnwell conductor. Wheeldon hails from Norton-in-the-Moors; the rest belong to Kingsley.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, August 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, T. Johnson, E. Johnson, G. H. Goldstraw, A. Roles, J. E. Wheeldon conductor. For evening service 720 Violet Treble Bob. F. Goldstraw, T. Johnson, E. Johnson, G. H. Goldstraw, J. E. Wheel. don, W. Wheeldon conductor. W. Wheeldon hails from Bucknall; the rest belong to Norton-in-the-Moors.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday morning, April 28th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each rung differently but non-conducted. H. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter, G. Phillips. For afternoon service 360 Oxford Bob, conducted by A. Phillips. On Thursday, May 2nd, 720 Court Bob. C. Gale, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, A. Smith, G. Carter conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On Sunday morning, May 12th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. H. Carter, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday evening, May 19th, for Divine Service, 420 Oxford Bob. C. Gale, A.

Phillips, J. Heady, G. H. Barker, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday evening, May 26th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Phillips, A. Smith, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday morning, June 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Smith, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, W. Pickworth, A. Smith, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On June 16th, for evening service, 720 College Single, conducted by A. Lawrence. On Tuesday, July 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips conductor, G. Carter. And 720 College Single. H. Carter, A. Phillips, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, July 9th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, G. H. Barker, W. H. Lawrence conductor, G. Carter. On Tuesday, July 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Smith, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence conductor, G. Carter. On Sunday evening, July 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, J. Smith, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, G. Carter conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, July 25rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, G. H. Coombes, A. J. Earl, E. Hatcher, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. G. Brett. On Sunday morning, July 28th, for Divine Service, 406 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, G. H. Coombes, A. J. Earl, J. G. Norris, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. G. Brett. On Tuesday, July 30th, for practice, 378 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, G. H. Coombes, A. J. Earl, J. G. Norris, H. Jennings conductor, P. Long, E. Hatcher, E. G. Brett. Also 210 Court Bob Triples. C. Stainer, G. H. Coombes, A. J. Earl, J. G. Norris, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. G. Brett. This is the first touch in the method by all, and the first on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On July 28th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. J. Hern, R. M. Hogg (first 720), E. Hern, T. Hogg conductor. On August 4th, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Hern (first 720), R. M. Hogg, E. Hern, T. Hogg conductor. On August 20th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. R. Couchman (first 720), R. M. Hogg, T. Teasdale conductor, E. Hern. On August 25th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Lawson (first 720), R. M. Hogg, E. Hern, T. Hogg conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY.—On Sunday evening, August 4th, for Divine service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Simpson, E. Dunn, G. R. Newton, H. P. Harman conductor, J. Craft, G. Huxley, W. Ingham, W. James.

HAYES (Kent).—Recently, for practice, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Reader, G. R. Newton, J. Brown, G. Durling, W. Weatherstone conductor, W. Ingham. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Reader, J. Brown, G. R. Newton conductor, J. Hack, W. Ingham, G. Durling.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 1st, 720 Double Oxford. H. Cattermole, F. Cullum, T. Davy, F. Potter, W. E. Garrard, G. Cattermole. Also 720 Double Court. G. Kemp, T. Davy, F. Cullum, W. E. Garrard, F. Potter, G. Cattermole. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Davy, T. Davy, F. Cullum, H. Cattermole, G. Cattermole, W. E. Garrard. All conducted by G. Cattermole. W. E. Garrard hails from London.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

PUTNEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, August 18th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Flower, A. Hardy, F. G. Perrin conductor, W. Shepherd, W. Crockford, F. J. Shepherd, H. Langdon, J. Miller (first quarter-peal).

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 600 Grandsire Doubles. F. Bawtell, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. G. Lilley, J. Webb, F. Crick. This is the first time these bells have been rung for Sunday service for several years. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor. S. Dyer, E. Webb, F. Bawtell, A. G. Lilley, J. Webb, P. Webb conductor. On September 26th, 720 Doubles. F. Bawtell, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. G. Lilley, J. Webb, F. Crick.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY.—On June 8th, at Holy Trinity church, 640 Kent. T. Redman conductor, N. Townend, T. Burrows, W. Walton, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey. On June 9th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, June 16th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Kent. D. Campbell, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, J. R. Eastwood, T. Redman conductor. Also 704 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend, J. R. Eastwood, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On June 23rd, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend, J. R. Eastwood, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 768 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, T. Redman conductor, W. Walton, R. Hartley, J. R. Eastwood, T. Mouncey, N. Townend. On July 7th, 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, J. W. Stirk, N. Townend, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 576 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On July 21st, 576 Kent. J. W. Stirk, D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, July 28th, 640 Kent. D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor, N. Townend.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, August 8th, 350 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, H. Sear, W. Sear, L. Meager, A. Atkins, G. Marsh, F. Hedges conductor, H. Thurlow. On Saturday, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Composed by James George, of Rugby. W. West, S. Avis, W. Sear, M. Matthews, F. Hedges conductor, H. Sear, E. Herbert, H. Thurlow. Messrs. Herbert, Matthews, and Avis hail from Woburn; West from Sherrington. On Sunday evening, June 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. R. Meager, H. Sear, W. Sear, E. Reader, A. Atkins, E. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, H. Thurlow.

CALVERTON (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 19th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Giles, W. T. Tucker conductor, A. Clarke, G. Cowley, R. Tucker. Also two 6-scores. A. Clarke, G. Cowley conductor, W. T. Tucker, W. Bonham, R. Tucker. And a 6-score. J. Tomkins, 5; the rest as before.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On May 5th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, T. P. Jackson, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. On May 12th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. J. Nicholas, J. Huddleston, T. P. Jackson, T. Suart, W. H. Dennison, J. Burrows conductor. On May 19th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). W. S. Forshaw, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, T. Suart conductor, T. P. Jackson, J. Burrows. On May 31st, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). E. Gartrell, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. P. Jackson, J. Burrows conductor. On June 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. R. Jackson conductor, 5; the rest as before. On June 14th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. R. Jackson conductor, A. J. Nicholas, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Burrows.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, July 31st, four 360s of Bob Minor. W. Spalding, I. Folkard, F. Hembling, W. Felgate, E. Lincoln, R. Baker conductor. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Charles Woods, sen., for thirty years the parish clerk and one of the old company of ringers.

HORNCURCH (Essex).—Recently at the parish church for practice, touches in the following methods was rung: Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman, the following taking part: A. J. Perkins, J. Dale, G. Adams, W. Doran, G. Pearl, G. Haydon, J. Moule, C. Fenn, R. Fenn. Also a course of Superlative. R. Fenn, A. J. Perkins, G. Faulkner, W. Doran, A. Carter, C. Fenn, A. Hardy, J. Dale.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 11th, for Divine Service at the church of St John the Baptist, 336 Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Empress Frederick. G. Eves, Rev. A. L. Brine, J. W. Kelley (Fulham), J. Blythman, C. W. Player, A. H. Saxby, S. G. Twyman conductor, A. Kay. On August 18th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Eves, Rev. A. L. Brine, J. W. Kelley conductor, C. W. Player, S. G. Twyman, A. H. Saxby, P. H. Pierce (Canterbury), A. Kay. In the

evening 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Eves, Rev. A. L. Brine, C. W. Payer, J. Blythman, J. W. Kelley, A. H. Saxby, S. G. Twyman conductor, A. Kay.

MELTON MOWBRAY (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, August 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. W. Spiby, J. Barnes, C. Dalby, E. Hale, A. V. Potter, W. James, R. H. Bartram conductor, R. Young. Composed by E. Hale. This quarter-peal is in ten-parts, and contains plain course part-ends. Also recently plain courses and touches of Grandsire Caters, Major, and Triples, Bob Major and Triples, Canterbury Pleasure Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, the following taking part: W. Spiby, J. Barnes, W. James, R. Young, J. E. Goodacre, R. H. Bartram, E. J. Gale, A. V. Potter, T. Gillett, C. Dalby, R. Freeman, and W. Starbuck. The above quarter-peal was rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Empress Frederick.

PEASENHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Last, W. Bacon, A. Friend, E. Mills, E. Rowe, W. Nichols conductor. On May 5th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Mills, A. Friend, W. Nichols, E. Mills, W. Bacon, H. Last conductor. On Sunday, July 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Last, W. Bacon, G. Thompson, J. Avis, C. Samson, C. Bailey. On Tuesday, July 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Mills, W. Bacon, H. Last, E. Mills, E. Rowe, W. Nichols conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Rodwell, W. Bacon, W. Nichols, E. Mills, E. Rowe, H. Last conductor. Rung as farewell touches to H. Last.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, July 14th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, R. W. Valentine, E. Yates, W. T. Tucker, J. Read, G. Cowley conductor. On Sunday evening, August 18th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Doubles. C. Valentine, E. Yates, G. Cowley conductor, W. Bonham, W. T. Tucker, A. Giles. J. Bead hails from Wicken, Northants.

ULVERSTON.—On June 15th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor twenty-six singles. A. J. Nicholas, T. R. Jackson, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. H. Forshaw, 1; the rest as above. Conducted by J. Burrows. On June 16th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). T. P. Jackson, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. On July 7th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). A. J. Nicholas, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart conductor, J. Burrows, T. P. Jackson. On July 14th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and two bobs). E. Gartrell, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). T. R. Jackson conductor, T. P. Jackson, 5; the rest as before. On July 25th, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. P. Jackson, J. Burrows. On July 28th, 710 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). E. Gartrell, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. On August 25th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; the rest as before.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, September 2nd, for practice at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Major. G. Lucas, F. Perrin, H. Bottrill, C. Smith, G. B. Lucas conductor, R. Elliott, H. Price, F. Hull. Messrs. Smith and Price belong to St. Andrew's company, Netherton, Worcestershire.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 11th, at St. Mary's church with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Empress Frederick, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. A. R. Sandiford, A. Phillips, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, R. G. Carter (conductor), G. Carter (first quarter-peal in the method), W. J. Aldridge, H. S. Humphrey (first quarter-peal in the method).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Arthur E. Pegler has removed to 20, Florence Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Annual Festival will be held in Durham on Monday, November 4th. The bells of the Cathedral will be placed at the disposal of members from 12.30 p.m., St. Oswald's all day, and St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Committee meeting 11.30 a.m. at Three Tuns hotel. Service in Cathedral at 1 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. M. E. Cooke, of Gosforth. Dinner at Three Tuns at 2 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. The Glossary of Technical Terms may be had from the Secretary, price 2d., or 3d. by post.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Secretary.*
Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield, to-day, Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open from 4 till 9 p.m. Tea by the kind invitation of the Vicar at 5.15. Service with a short address at 6 p.m.

G. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham and Eynsford, to-day, Saturday, November 2nd. Shoreham tower open at 4.30, Eynsford afterwards.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—(Blackburn Branch).—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Home ringers in attendance at 5 p.m. Most Minor methods may be rung.

T. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—North and East Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Knebworth to-day, Saturday, November 2nd. The bells will be open for ringing from 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 6 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE, } *District Secs.*
RALPH SHEPPARD, }

Central Northamptonshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer to-day, Saturday, November 2nd. Usual arrangements.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hersham (Walton Station S. W. Ry.), to-day, Saturday, the 2nd November. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. Tea at the church room adjoining the vicarage at 6 p.m., when the Rev. W. F. Fagan has kindly promised to preside. Members can be supplied with The Glossary at Twopence each.

CHARLES DEAN, *Jun., Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tunstall, to-day, Saturday, November 2nd. Members who intend being present must give notice to Mr. G. Smith, King William Street, Tunstall.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, November 9th, to which members of both East Derbyshire Associations are invited, also ringing friends. A short service

will be held in church at 4 p.m., when two peal-boards will be unveiled. Free tea in the school at 5 p.m. to all who send a postcard not later than Monday, November 4th to

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North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ossett on Saturday, November 9th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Red Lion.

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Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—In consequence of serious illness near the church the meeting advertised to be held at Rye on Saturday, October 19th, was unavoidably postponed on the evening previous too late to give notice except to those members who had informed the Secretary of their intention to be present. Due notice will be given when another date has been fixed.

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It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer at his residence at Saxmundham, on Tuesday, October 15th, from Bright's disease, at the age of 59. The deceased, who had been ailing for some time, could not follow the Art as ardently as he used to do. He was connected with the

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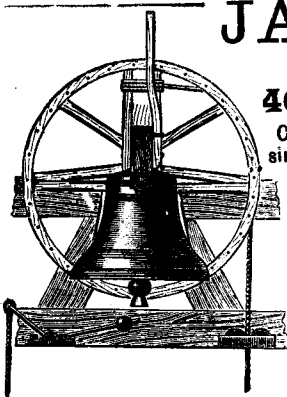
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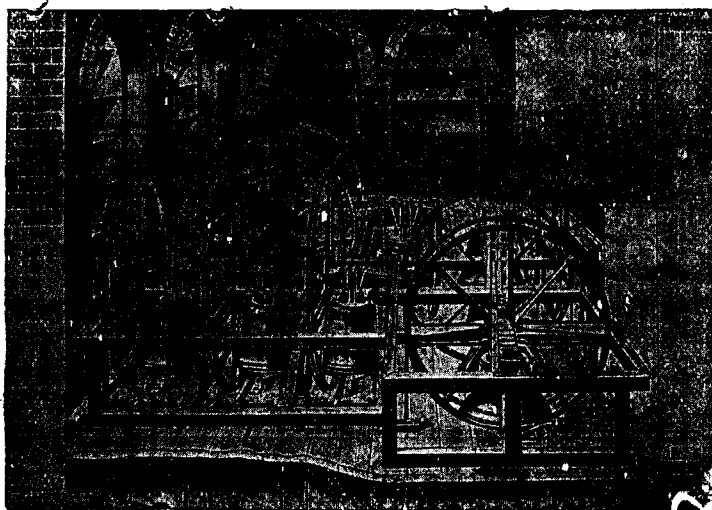
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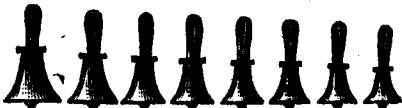
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A quarterly meeting was held at Henfield, on Saturday last, November 2nd, when representatives were present from the towers of Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, and St. Paul's), Angmering, Cuckfield, Midhurst, Lindfield, Heene, Steyning, and Henfield. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rang till tea time, including a 504 (conducted by Mr. F. Hounsell, sen.). An excellent meat tea was provided in the church room at the vicarage by the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Wakeford, to which twenty-four sat down.

A short, bright service, at which all attended, was held in the church at six o'clock, with a short address from the Vicar (arranged especially for the members) choosing for his text a portion of scripture from Exodus—28th chapter, comparing the bells as there spoken of on the priest's robes at that early period with the sound of the bells at the present day; and contending that as the bells on the priest's robe sounded to tell the congregation that the worship of God was taking place, so the bells in our towers now sounded to the outer world to let them know they were about to assemble for public worship. In concluding the Vicar reminded those present not to forget the very exalted position they—as church bell-ringers—held. He could assure them nothing gave them greater pleasure than to see his own ringers joining in the services after their duties in the tower.

The company then adjourned again to the church room where the short business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, and included Mr. A. B. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Evans, Western Division Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Williams, Central Hon. Secretary, etc. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. A. B. Bennett (Midhurst) Hon. Secretary of the Association then addressed the meeting as to what he thought the duty of church bell-ringers should be; and more especially to the members of the Sussex Association, basing his remarks mostly on the papers read at the last Church Congress. He hoped that every member of the Association individually would do their utmost to prove themselves worthy officials of the Church. The Vicar, on behalf of the meeting, thanked Mr. Bennett for his very kind and practical remarks. The tower to attempt the next quarterly peal was then discussed, Mr. Williams, Divisional Secretary, explaining why the last attempt fell through; it was then proposed and carried that Henfield should be again chosen, the date being left with Mr. Markwell, the secretary of the local band, the Vicar kindly offering to arrange the evening service so as not to interfere with the attempt for the peal.

Mr. Williams then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting permission for the bells for the meeting; for his excellent spread that had been partaken of, and such a warm welcome to Henfield, and for his excellent address at the service, remarking that the

Henfield ringers were fortunate in having such a gentleman to take such an interest in his ringers. He would like to see more of the clergy do likewise.

Mr. F. Hounsell, sen., seconded.

The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Association to Henfield, and to entertain them at tea, and he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves; he was in hopes of being able to ring in the near future, as he had already had two or three lessons.

The tower was then visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major brought round.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above Society was held, by special invitation, at Shipley, on Saturday, October 26th, and considering the very unfavourable atmospheric conditions, was very well attended, ringers and friends to the number of fifty putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. The following towers were represented: Armley, Bradford, Bolton (Bradford), Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley S.M., Holbeck S.M., Leeds, Saltaire, Wakefield, and the local company. Tower ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and was continued at intervals until 8.30 in the evening, various touches being rung in the following methods: Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

The business meeting was held at The Sun hotel, Mr. J. Whitaker presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read, after which Mr. C. Pratt proposed and Mr. Thackray seconded, that the next meeting of the Society be held at Drighlington, which was carried unanimously. Three new members were then elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind invitation and welcome, to which Mr. J. Lilley responded, expressing the pleasure that he and his brother-ringers had derived from the attendance of so many visitors, and hoped that at some future time the Society would be able to fix another meeting for Shipley. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a most enjoyable and successful meeting. Handbell ringing followed.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the North and East Districts was held at Knebworth, on Saturday, November 2nd, members attending from Bengeo, Hatfield, Hitchin, Great Munden, Little Munden, and Ware, the Rector (Rev. H. M. Wells) having kindly placed the bells at the disposal of the members. An invitation from the Rector to tea in the schoolroom was received, and, needless to say, all present, with the local band, were soon seated at the table, and enjoying the rev. gentleman's hospitality. After tea the business meeting was held, at which the Rector presided, and with a few well-chosen words said how much pleasure

it gave him to meet the Association again, and to provide tea for them. Several new members were elected, including the Rev. A. J. Tuck, Rector of Great Munden, as an honorary member.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector by W. H. Lawrence for so kindly providing tea, also for presiding at the meeting and for the use of the bells, which was carried with acclamation. The members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, and so closed a very successful meeting.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Aldermaston on Saturday, October 26th. The day being fine, a large number of members put in an appearance from the various parishes in the branch, as well as from Reading. A service was held in the parish church at 4 p.m., and there was a fair attendance. An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Gill, Vicar of Bucklebury.

After service tea was taken in the parish hall, kindly lent for the occasion by C. E. Keyser, Esq., of Aldermaston Court, who takes great interest in ringing, though not of the brotherhood. Of the ring of eight bells in the parish church Mr. Keyser has given three, as well as the iron frame in which they are hung. About eighty sat down to tea. The following were present: Rev. J. B. Burne (President and Rural Dean), Revs. A. Standidge (Hon. Sec.), D. O. Harrington, R. Dunn, C. H. Gill, L. Brooke Barnett, Canon Miles, and F. R. Horwood (Vicar of Aldermaston), as well as C. E. Keyser, Esq.

Tea being over, the Hon. Sec. read the minutes of the last meeting, and also mentioned that his own parish had lately become notorious, having a band of lady ringers, some of whom had been present at the service. He suggested that the same thing might be managed elsewhere, where there is a dearth of ringers of the stronger sex. Votes of thanks were passed to the President, the Hon. Secretary, the Vicar of Aldermaston, the Preacher, and to Mr. Keyser. A number of ringers went back to the tower, and kept the bells in motion until late in the evening, the lady ringers also taking the ropes.

ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE, NORWICH.

The Vicar of this church appeals for help to restore and augment the bells. The Norwich ringers, he tells us, are kindly taking it up, particularly the St. Peter Mancroft company.

The estimates given for the recasting of two bells which are broken and re-hanging the others, and erecting a frame for eight is £135; the estimate for three additional bells to complete the peal is another £133. He adds: "We have exhausted all our funds in getting the money together for the tower so should be grateful if readers of 'THE BELL NEWS' would help us to interest campanologists and induce them to assist in the good work."

CHURCH BELLS OF SUFFOLK.—BY THE REV.

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THE EXETER BELLS.

When the grand ringing peal of Exeter Cathedral is re-hung, an event which happily may be accomplished in the near future, it will have to be decided whether pits should be made for two additional bells. There are some minor objections to such a change, e.g. that it would alter the character of the ring, that the half-tone bell, the "extra fourth" as it is called in the belfry, already gives sufficient variety, that eleven ropes make a better circle for the ringers than thirteen. On the other hand ringers who are at the top of the Exercise like to have a chance of ringing Cinques and Maximus.

At a meeting of the citizens of Exeter, held the other day, the Bishop of Crediton stated that it was desired that in constructing the new frame two extra pits should be made, so that if any one cared to give a couple of extra bells there would be room for them. This proposal sounds harmless, but it is better to consider the subject in all its bearings before anything is done.

In his address to the Church Congress Sir Arthur Heywood, our President, spoke as follows:—"As to the best number of bells, the octave is the most perfect. If you can only afford six, at least leave room in the frame for another two. They will double the musical effect. Ten and twelve bells give a fuller body of sound, but as the scale ceases to be true, there is a distinct loss of harmony. Also the difference between the big and the little bells is accentuated, and the latter can frequently be scarcely heard."

No one is better qualified to give advice. For my own part I like to hear ten bells, and do not like the music of twelve, but I can give no scientific reason for my fancy. Will you allow me to quote some opinions recorded more than a hundred years ago? I refer to Dr. Raven's *Church Bells of Cambridgeshire*, Cambridge Antiquarian Society, 1882. His account of the bells at St. Mary's, the University Church, is taken from Ludlam, a prominent member of the University in his time. A new tenor to the ring of ten was cast by Pack and Chapman in 1770. So satisfied was Cambridge with its new tenor that money was raised for "Two Tribbles to make them a compleat peal of Twelve. The best bell, the best peal of bells in the world, are in this very town, and yet they never regarded them. They undertook (what is impossible) to cast two bells, one of which should be an 8^{ve} and a 4th, the other an 8^{ve} and a 5th or 12th to the tenor at St. Mary's, Cambridge, which is D in the modern opera pitch. They did send two things they called bells; but neither ringers, singers, nor the professor of music at Cambridge, have been able to determine what note they speak: the general sentiment is that they speak no note at all." (30 Aug. 1779).

It seems that Ludlam made no objection to a ring of ten bells, while Sir A. Heywood thinks that there is a distinct loss of harmony in going beyond the octave. What do our professors of music say? C. PEARSON.

Whitstone, near Exeter.

THE EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

On Thursday, October 31st, a meeting of citizens, convened by the Lord Bishop of Crediton, was held at the Church House, Exeter, for the purpose of hearing the views of the Chapter with regard to the re-hanging of the Cathedral bells. The Bishop of Crediton presided, and there was also present the Dean of Exeter (the Lord Bishop of Marlborough), Messrs. H. P. O. Hamlin, J. Hinton Lake, G. F. Gratwicke, J. C. Guest, W. Pring, J. Gould, R. Purnell, C. R. M. Clapp, S. Jones, W. H. Warren, C. B. Sanders, W. R. Lisle, C. Warren, F. Newcombe, M. J. Dunsford, E. Sawdye, T. Wilson, C. J. Ross, F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, A. W. Searle, J. Balsom, S. A. Agnew, W. C. Allen, and W. Acreman.

The Chairman said they wanted, if possible, to get the sympathy of the citizens with regard to the restoration and re-hanging of the bells. They had the pleasure of the presence of Dean, who had been the chief mover, and had got together a very considerable sum towards the fund.

The Dean said he had been asked by the Chapter to take what steps he thought best for the re-hanging of the bells. He was glad to say that already something like £600 had been promised—about half the amount required. He felt sure that the citizens would like to take part in the movement, therefore he suggested to the Chapter that they should endeavour to get the assistance of the citizens. This was agreed to by the Chapter, and as a result the meeting had been called to-day. He trusted that all the citizens who could would assist, because at the present time there were heavy claims upon the finances of the Chapter in consequence of certain dilapidations which required attention. He considered it would be far better if the citizens joined the Chapter in the work, as it was a matter which concerned all.

The Chairman said the re-hanging of the bells had been needed for a long time. The frame had been patched up until it was impossible to do anything more to it. In consequence of the state the cage and fittings had got in it was impossible for the bells to be rung for any length of time. In consequence of the timbers having been strained the bells did not swing as they ought, and the ringers were constantly complaining of the heaviness of the work. The present method of hanging had become antiquated, and, as the timber and gear could no longer be preserved in good ringing order, a thorough reconstruction of the bell cage had become imperative, and it was felt that the only way of effecting this was by re-hanging the bells on the most modern principles in a completely new iron cage. It was beneficial to have a cast-iron cage, as it was the best material they could get—steel would not stand the change of climate so well. By this means the great physical strain of ringing would be minimised, and the easy swing of the bells would be marked by more regular and musical striking. Experts had been consulted and estimates obtained from the best firms, and it was found that an outlay of nearly £1,000 would be necessary. The Chapter had communicated with the majority of bell-hanging firms in the country, and it seemed, judging from what had been heard from experts, that the best firm for carrying out the necessary alterations were Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There were eleven bells at present, one of them being at half-tone. The idea was that in constructing the new frame two extra pits should be made so that if anyone cared to give a couple of extra treble bells there would be room for them. The new bells did not seem to be very costly. It was estimated that the frame would cost £525 and the fittings £220. The expenses of taking down the old bells, conveying them to Loughborough to fit, etc., would be about £300. There was a suggestion that the old tenor bells should be recast, as it was out of tune. The Chapter had considered that matter, and thought it would be far better to retain the old bell, as the general public could not detect its being out of tune. The bells would be taken to Loughborough, and they would be fitted in the cage before they were sent back to Exeter again. The new bells, if anyone was desirous of giving them, would cost together £132, with about £30 for fittings. The Chapter was anxious that the work should be carried out by Coronation Day. He hoped the necessary funds would be shortly forthcoming, and thus enable them to give the order for the work to be proceeded with.

In reply to Mr. Gould, the Chairman said the bells would be rung more if the improvements were made. At present it was

quite a labour to ring them, and during recent years the salary of the ringers had had to be considerably increased.

Mr. Gratwicke asked how many men were employed to ring the bells at the present time. The Chairman said there were sixteen. If the bells were re-hung that number would be substantially decreased.

The Chairman thought the best means for collecting the money was to divide the city into districts, and ask someone residing in each to canvass for subscriptions. He considered that when £1,000 had been collected the order could be given for the carrying out of the work.

Mr. Gratwicke thought the parishes of the diocese should also be asked to join in the movement.

The Chairman said he was rather doubtful whether they should take such a step.

Mr. Gratwicke said there were 600 parishes in the diocese, and they could very well subscribe 10s. each.

The Chairman said the needs in many parishes were very great, and some difficulty would be experienced in raising such an amount.

Mr. Pring considered that a Committee should be appointed and see what money could be collected. He felt quite sure that the citizens and those residing in the immediate neighbourhood would willingly come forward and subscribe towards the bells being re-hung. When they were restored they would be able to be rung with ease, instead of such great labour as at the present time. He moved that a Committee be formed.

Mr. Jones, in seconding the proposition, said there ought to be no difficulty in obtaining the required amount.

Mr. Ross said he was sure all denominations would willingly subscribe to the fund.

Mr. Hinton Lake thought that churchwardens and sidesmen in the various parish churches should be included on the Committee.

It was eventually decided, on the proposition of Mr. Gould, that those present at the meeting should constitute the Committee, with power to add to their number; also that the city should be divided into districts for collecting purposes.

Mr. Sawdye considered that the Chapter should consult the Committee as to the placing of the order for the work.

Mr. Dunsford said the matter could be safely left in the hands of the Dean and Chapter. The Committee had every confidence in them.

Mr. Sawdye said the Dean and Chapter would have a good deal of assistance if they consulted the Committee.

It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Ross, that the Mayor of Exeter and the Sheriff should be added to the list; also that some prominent people in the county should be included.

On the proposition of Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Wilson, Messrs. C. B. Sanders and C. R. M. Clapp were appointed hon. secretaries, and Mr. E. A. Sanders was elected hon. treasurer.

Mr. F. Shepherd said he had rung the Cathedral bells for twelve years. It was time something was done. There was no doubt that at the present the bells were looked upon as a curiosity.

Mr. Sanders considered that Exeter Cathedral had the finest peal of bells in the kingdom.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop of Crediton and the Dean for the interest they had taken in the matter concluded the business.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

On Thursday, October 10th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Florence Mary Moore, youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Moore of High Street, and churchwarden at the parish church, Leatherhead, to Mr. Charles William Headington, of the same place, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. A. Otway, H. Wood, T. Newnham, W. Messam, W. Marks, E. Hull, A. Dean (conductor), T. Piper (first quarter-peal.) Also on Sunday, October 13th, being the Harvest Festival for Evening Service 719 and 503 Grandsire Caters, and after service 377 same method, by the following members: J. Harding, A. Otway, W. Messam, W. Marks, E. Hull, T. Miles, A. Bassett, T. Newnham, H. Wood, W. Otway, H. Cropley, W. Cropley, J. Hoyle, J. Wyatt, A. Dean.

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CHANGE-RINGING: WORTHY OF THE CHURCH'S CARE AND ESTEEM.

By the REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

(Concluded.)

I come now to the third and final stage of my little exegesis of ringing. In this I propose to say a few words explanatory of the manner in which the number of changes to be rung on any occasion is arranged, for I need not say that it is by no means necessary to ring all that might be rung. On eight bells and upwards the number is so great that no one set of men could stand to their ropes for the time that would be required. At the rapid rate of 28 per minute it would take exactly 24 hours to ring the 40,320 theoretically possible on eight bells. The ringing of the 5,040 possible changes on seven bells is taken to be a fair trial of efficiency. It generally occupies about three hours. On more bells than seven, 5,000 changes is taken as a standard, and this or any greater number is called a "peal"; any number of changes less than 5,000 is called a "touch." As there may be long peals of ten thousand, twelve thousand, or more, so there may be long or short touches varying from 50 changes or less to any number short of 5,000. In every method there occur at regular intervals, certain points at which the run of the changes may be diverted into a fresh channel. When advantage is to be taken of such an opportunity, notice is given two changes beforehand by the ringer who is conducting, or, as we sometimes say, "calling" the touch or peal. Once again I resort to an illustration. Supposing that we have a number of pieces of cardboard, 72 in all, and all of them cut to the same size and shape, having five sides of equal length and, of course, five corners, and let them be laid down in rows on a table. Each side of every piece is intended to represent fourteen changes. Now, let us start from a corner and travel steadily along a side. This will mean that we are ringing fourteen changes, and that we cannot alter their succession or exchange them for any others. But when we reach the corner two courses are open to us. We may either slip round the corner and travel along the next side, or we may fly off to a corner of another piece—not to any corner of any piece, but only to one particular corner of one particular piece, and from that corner, and always in the same direction, we must go steadily down the side of that other piece. When we thus fly off I will call it a "flitting," and when we elect merely to turn round a corner I will call it a "turning." Now, we can so arrange the sequence of our "turnings" and our "flittings" as to bring ourselves back to the corner from which we set forth after traversing any number of sides above three that we choose, except that we cannot in this way traverse absolutely all. We must fall short of all by at least three sides. Into the reasons for this, and the means which we are forced to adopt in order to include the omitted sides, if our object is to ring all the changes (for it is of seven bells that I am thinking) I cannot enter now. I will only observe that, of course, it is a *sine qua non* that we never traverse the same side more than once. To do so would mean a repetition of changes, or, as ringers would say, the composition would be false. But I hope that I have made it clear how in this particular instance the touch may be caused to end at the distance of any fourteenth change that may be desired.

A word must here be said about the starting and finishing points. These are always the particular change known as "rounds," that is, when the bells are sounding in their natural order, beginning with the highest, or "treble," and ending with the lowest, or "tenor." From rounds it is that they start into changes, and to rounds, by the regular working of the method, they are brought back at the end.

In connection with ringing there is one more point which I must emphasize. Change-ringing always is, and always must be, continuous from start to finish. In this is centred no small portion of its interest. Here, too, it differs from anything else that I know. It differs, for instance, from music, with which it has something in common, though it would be hard to say what that something is. If a performer trips in the course of a piece of music, though it may naturally worry him, he may play the bar over again and go on; but in ringing anything of the kind is impossible. The reason for it is that changes which on paper

and viewed mathematically may be regarded as separate units or entities, are not units in practical ringing. Each is the parent of its successor. Hence, a breakdown is essentially fatal. There is nothing for it but to begin again *de novo*. Here comes in the keen interest and excitement to which I alluded just now. Just conceive to yourself what it is to have successfully rung over 5,000 changes during the space of three hours or thereabouts, and then to lose all the satisfaction and glory of it in the last two minutes through some slight inattention or accidental trip. Yet ringers have to put up with such things from time to time. Their only remedy is to wait for a happier day.

Here ends my attempt to sketch a little outline of change-ringing. The outline has necessarily touched, and merely touched, on one or two of the leading features. The truth of this will be seen at once when I mention that change-ringing possesses a library of its own—I mean a library of books devoted to the science of change-ringing proper. We have whole books devoted to one method and one method only. The ringing world has also a weekly publication devoted wholly to its interests. I have said but little; but I trust that enough has been said to shew that change-ringing is not to be mastered in a day. It requires real tackling, and it requires perseverance. A ringer may possibly be illiterate—some few still are so—but he is at least a man of an enquiring mind. He is not one of the lazy ones of this earth to whom God has given brains which they will not be troubled to use. He is almost certain to be a thoughtful person of keen interests. The half-hearted, listless man never arrives at the stage of being a change-ringer at all. He falls away long before that. In my undergraduate days I got well inured to the experience of this fact. The beginning of a term brought an access of ten, or a dozen, or more, fresh probationers to the ranks of the University Society. Some few doubtless honestly found themselves not fitted for it, but it was matter for satisfaction if two, or at the most three or four, became permanent and active members of the Society, and I have always found it the same; so that a real change-ringer is generally a residue—a residue sifted and refined. As such he is worthy of esteem for his own sake, and worthy of encouragement as an active man and a Churchman of much potential value. Ringing itself is no small trainer of character, and whatever trains character in a right direction, is after all, a handmaid of the Church. Palpably, as I have already said more than once, ringing calls forth patience and perseverance. It cannot be learnt without them. They are needed in the early stages when progress seems slow or almost *nil*. Even the mechanical management of a bell is not so easy to learn as is the proper way to hold a cricket bat, and learning to ring rounds properly takes longer as a rule than learning to ride a bicycle. Patience is needed to put up with the many disappointments that have to be encountered before a man rings his first touch, and still more before scoring his first peal. Not only, too, is patience needed to overcome one's own difficulties, but to endure failure through the mistakes or carelessness of others. Clearly, too, ringing is a great school of unity and unselfishness. If one member of a choir is absent, the procession enters the church much as usual, and unless the absentee be a soloist, the music goes on. But let there be one ringer too few for what it has been settled to ring, and that ringing must be abandoned. Instead of ringing ten, they must ring eight, or instead of eight they must ring six, or nothing at all. To be true to his calling a ringer must, therefore, be prepared now and again—it may be at considerable self-sacrifice—to put his own convenience aside. Besides these moral qualities, ringing makes demands on the mental qualities of attention, concentration, and coolness. All who have been to school know full well that if the school was worth its salt one of the chief lessons, if not the chief of all, that was drilled into them was the lesson of attention; and there is no more exacting teacher of attention than change-ringing, for the thread of it is continuous, and once really lost cannot be regained, and its loss entails a general catastrophe. Coolness of mind is also of unlimited value. The occurrence of a trip is nearly always sudden, and whether it is someone else or oneself that makes it, any fluster is sure to make matters worse rather than better. And if this is the case in the ordinary course of ringing, it is ten-fold more so towards the close of a peal, when all interest tends to its culmination. Then is the time to take yourself in hand, grip the attention fast, mark every blow,

and go through it with a figurative clench of the teeth till the last blow is safely struck.

It is the Church's duty, and it is worth her while, to hold out a warm hand to men of this sort. Too often in the past they have been neglected. The scene of their labours was seldom visited and was practically unknown by their clergyman, the churchwardens, and, in fact, by all but the sexton and themselves. Dreary, draughty, dark, and dirty was the belfry; and if the bells went tolerably, and the frame was not creaky, the straps not slack, and the gudgeons loose and bumpy, it was not owing to the interest shewn towards them from without, but to their own initiative and their own personal handiwork.

What I would, therefore, urge with all possible earnestness is that intelligent interest should be taken in the ringers and the bells. For years the ringing world has been positively doing what comparatively few bodies of men have even attempted, that is, they have been reforming themselves. Growth, progress and amelioration have come almost wholly from within. They have mended their rules, brushed up and encouraged respect for their towers, and have often been the means of an increase in the number of the bells. Help them in their work. Take them into your confidence. When you want to restore your tower, re-hang or add to your bells, take counsel not with architects only, or with a mere general committee, still less with any self-advertising, self-constituted authority on bell matters, but if you have a body of scientific change-ringers, invite them to join your counsel, and listen to what they say, for they know their subject well. If you wish to go further afield, there is your Diocesan Guild or your County Association. Hints and advice in a printed form on some few questions may also be obtained from the hon. secretary of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

And if there are no such great works as restorations, re-buildings, re-castings, and re-hangings in view, there are always a thousand and one lesser ways in which ringers may be appreciated and encouraged. Make their belfry clean and comfortable, see that the bells are kept in good going order, and above all let them feel that they are accounted part of the parochial organization, that their calling is held in respect and esteem, that they are not forgotten, nor left out in the cold, and I will answer for it that you will never regret it.

ST. MARY (WITHOUT), CHESTER.

On Saturday evening, October 26th, the Rev. H. Grantham unveiled a peal-board at the church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, to commemorate the ringing by the local company of a muffled peal on the occasion of the late Queen Victoria's death. The tablet is an oak panel and frame, mounted with wrought-iron scroll work, and attached to the wall of the belfry with ornamental iron clips. The inscription, which is in red and black on a white ground, is as follows:—

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NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

A new ring of eight bells is about to be erected in the tower of All Saints' church, Newport, the tenor to be about 16 cwt. The bells are to be cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Cripplegate, London. They are the gift of E. H. Watts, esq., at whose sole cost the church has been built.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Sunday, September 8th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Read, R. Valentine, W. Tucker, W. Bonham, J. Read, H. Sear conductor. After evening service 720 Doubles. C. Valentine, E. Read, W. Tucker (conductor), W. Bonham, J. Read, G. Green. And a 6-score of Doubles. G. Green, E. Read, C. Valentine, W. Tucker, J. Read, W. Bonham. And 120, with B. Atkins, 1.

Correspondence.

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

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

"THE FIRST PRINCIPLE," ETC.

SIR,—I think Mr. Drake has made a slip in his last letter in speaking of the book I sent him as the 5th edition of the "Campanalogia." I think he will find that it is the 5th edition of "Campanalogia Improved." At any rate it is Monk's edition of the London Scholars' Book, the first edition of which, published in 1702, bears the latter title. I mention this lest anyone should suppose that the book to which Mr. Drake refers is an edition of Stedman's Campanalogia, of which I have recently been writing, which it certainly is not. I know of no edition of Stedman's Campanalogia except that of 1677.

I cannot at present follow out Mr. Drake's ingenious suggestion about the meaning of the word "principle." He may be right, but at present it seems to me that the original writers used the words "method" and "principle" as convenient for their descriptions of what in general they called peals, without using them according to any strict definition. I cannot at present reconcile Mr. Drake's statement about the use of the term "method" in Monk's book with Stedman's use of it in describing his principle.

I quite agree with Mr. Drake's views as to the desirability of having some distinctive form of service (not, of course, necessarily the same always or everywhere) for use when desired at ringers' gatherings. It is no disparagement to the daily offices of the Church to say that as they were not constructed for use on such occasions it is no wonder that they are unsatisfactory when applied for purposes which their composers did not contemplate. It will be interesting to see the proposals of a member of the Exercise of Mr. Drake's Liturgical knowledge. I will venture to make one suggestion, namely, that *except in the case of the Ringing Clergy*, preachers on such occasions, from the Archbishops downwards, should be rigidly restricted to ten minutes. They would then have to stick to what is practically useful or devotional, without wandering into irrelevant sentimentality or topsy-turvy history about bells and ringers, founded on a want of knowledge of the subject.

Mr. Gifford's letter points out an instance of this want of knowledge. Yet having heard the Vicar of Chiswick's address, I am satisfied that he had done his best to get the subject up. But where is a man in his position to get trustworthy information? The learned books, such as Mr. Ellacombe's for instance, are scarce and costly, and no one can be expected to learn much that is not false from such books as Mr. Tyack's. Having regard to the sectional meeting at the recent Church Congress, I think the Central Council might well consider whether it would not be possible to put forth some book affording reliable information. Perhaps (by a plan often now adopted) by issuing a book composed of contributions by sundry members of the Exercise, we might succeed in getting together something that would be serviceable to us as a book of reference, and to others as a source of reliable information.

R. A. DANIELL.

A QUESTIONABLE PEAL.

SIR,—If the footnote to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 28th, is correct, I am afraid it's false. Possibly half of the peal is not in the tittums, which would alter the question.

F. DENCH.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Tuesday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples. G. Pace, Alice White, Dora White, C. Holdaway, J. Ward, F. G. Wilson, J. E. Ballard conductor, H. White. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. A. H. Thorold, B.A., assistant curate of St. Michael's Basingstoke, and Miss Inez Theodora, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Beer, of Manchester, which was solemnised at All Saints' church, Hougham, Lincoln, on that day.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1901.

THE PAINSWICK BELLS.

With great pleasure we print the following notice, taken from a local magazine:—

"On Saturday afternoon, November 23rd next, at three o'clock p.m., a special service will be held to inaugurate the 'Return of the Twelve Bells,' reopen the belfry, and to dedicate the new clock and screen. Ringers have taken so much interest in the bells that we anticipate a large number of them being present, who will ring during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided for the visitors in the schoolroom after the service free. There will be no evensong that day. Omnibuses leave The George hotel, Stroud, at 12.15, 2.15, 3.15, and 6.15 for Painswick."

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS LUNGLEY Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
JOHN W. GOLDING 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 8.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This peal was rang as a "welcome home" to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, FINCHLEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, and two of Plain Bob

WILLIAM H. TUBB* .. Treble.	*JOHN A. CORNELL 4.
WILLIAM WEBB* 2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
ERNEST H. TUBB* 3.	FRANCIS CARROWAY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS CARROWAY.

*First 5040 in six methods. Further reference will be found elsewhere.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.*On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN .. Treble.	ERNEST BRETT 5.
THOMAS LANGDON 2.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 6.
ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	JAMES MILLER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Rung in honour of the arrival in London of the Duke and Duchess of York after their tour of the colonies. First peal by Messrs. Newman and Miller.

SILENT PEAL.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Thursday, October 31, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

THOMAS TAFFENDER .. Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

Umpires—John W. Golding and Thomas Walker. A reference elsewhere.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	THOMAS TAYLOR 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

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

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, November 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	SIDNEY JONES 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.**Handbell Peal.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, November 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MOULE, 192, CHOBHAM ROAD,
STRATFORD NEW TOWN, E.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires—H. F. Dawkins and J. Moule.**The Provinces.****BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, October 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720s of Plain Bob,
each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY BASKETT Treble.	E. BUCKINGHAM 4.
WILLIAM SAWYER 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
GEORGE SAVAGE 3.	HENRY PUTTOCK Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

This is the second peal on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WARNHAM BRANCH.)*On Friday, October 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S NO. 11. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

CHARLES MITCHELL .. Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN 5.
ALBERT DAVEY* 2.	†WILLIAM STANFORD .. 6.
ALFRED COX 3.	GEORGE WOODMAN 7.
JOHN COOK 4.	*ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, November 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Court,
Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY STUBBS Treble.	FRANK KIRK 4.
FRED. STUBBS 2.	WALTER GILBERT 5.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	FRED. GILBERT Tenor.

Conducted by F. GILBERT.

Rung on the occasion of the Feast.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

FREDERICK HOLDEN* .. Treble.	F. G. GODDARD .. 5.
ALFRED WICKS .. 2.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 6.
W. H. FUSSELL .. 3.	†G. J. HARRISON .. 7.
F. V. H. SINKINS .. 4.	S. WILLIAM GREENWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. 5.
WALTER HOBBS .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
WALTER PRIOR .. 3.	ISAAC CAVILL .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1901, 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 Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent,
and 360 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure,
College Exercise, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, and
Violet. 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.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

On Thursday, October 31, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR* .. Treble.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. 6.
WALTER PRIOR* .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE DENT .. 3.	*WILLIAM WATTS .. 8.
WALTER HOBBS .. 4.	*ISAAC CAVILL .. 9.
ERNEST PYE .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE F. CLARKE .. Treble.	THOMAS SPURR .. 5.
ARTHUR T. WINTER .. 2.	HARRY WARBURTON .. 6.
ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER .. 7.
GEORGE SWANNACK .. 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.First peal in the method by all the band, and the first by the Association. It is
also believed to be the first of Treble Bob Major on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKES .. Treble.	JOHN POTTER .. 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. 2.	WILLIAM DENNER .. 6.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. 3.	ALFRED POTTER .. 7.
WILLIAM LEVER .. 4.	JOSEPH POTTER .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him
many happy returns.

BRAY, COUNTY WICKLOW, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF BROOK'S Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS GRANT .. Treble.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF .. 6.
GEORGE LEWIS .. 3.	RICHARD R. CHERRY .. 7.
GEORGE SALTER .. 4.	THOMAS SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples in Ireland.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two 720s of College Single,
and three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

EDWARD ROBERTS* .. Treble.	*ROWE HUXEY .. 4.
GEORGE JONES .. 2.	GEORGE PARTINGTON .. 5.
RICHARD JONES* .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

*First peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE TOSELAND .. Treble.	ERNEST UNDERWOOD .. 5.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 2.	JOSEPH JULIAN .. 6.
ARTHUR ROBINSON .. 3.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 7.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.	JOSEPH SPENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. R. HENSHER.

Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone to the new wing of the
General Hospital by Lady Lilford.

SOUTH WIGSTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED MILLIS .. Treble.	JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 5.
GEORGE BURROWS .. 2.	JOHN BUTTERY .. 6.
SAMUEL COTTON .. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7.
GEORGE CLEAL .. 4.	ALFRED MARTIN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN O. LANCASHIRE and Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This peal is the first on the new ring of bells recently given to the church together
with the tower by Thomas Ingram, Esq. The composition will be published next
week.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	RICHARD CLARK 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	CHARLES GORDON 6.
CHARLES TOMKINS 3.	JOHN BURFORD 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by F. G. MAY, and Conducted by G. T. DALTRY.

Rung in honour of the dedication of the new church of All Hallows, Easton, Bristol, by the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	HUGH GLADWELL 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	THOMAS KING 6.
CHARLES HONEYBELL 3.	SAMUEL EVANS 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	WILLIAM KINSEY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by W. KINSEY.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

R. HENRY BARTRAM* Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	WILLIAM MILLER 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal of Major.

TUE BROOK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN HUTTON* Treble.	JAMES DILLON 5.
EDWARD CAUNCE 2.	WILLIAM TWIST 6.
FREDERICK LARKEY* 3.	†ALBERT LOVELL 7.
GEORGE DICKINSON* 4.	*GEORGE PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT LOVELL.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

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

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION,

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Nickols, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is A. Chapman's fiftieth peal.

URCHFORT, WILTS.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

REV H. E. T. BASSETT* .. Treble.	*CECIL R. HAMPTON .. 5.
ERNEST BISHOP 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. 6.
ALBERT DRAPER 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 7.
JAMES L. WELLS 4.	SIDNEY HILLIER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

First peal on the bells. *First peal.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM BOWEN Treble.	JAMES REYNOLDS 4.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
THOMAS ELCOX 3.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GRIFFITHS.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE WITNEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

F. POUNDS* Treble.	*H. BROOKS 5.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 2.	H. JUDGE 6.
N. SPINDLOW* 3.	*J. MONK 7.
W. BENNETT 4.	F. P. POWELL Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. P. POWELL.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First and longest length on the bells.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 6-scores each of Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs. in A.

ERNEST GENTRY* Treble.	CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 3.
GEORGE SENTANCE* 2.	HARRY J. COLLINS .. 4.
	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. HOWARD.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Grandsire, and Oxford Bob, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER Treble.	ALBERT SMITH 4.
CHARLES GALE 2.	*ALBERT PHILLIPS .. 5.
GEORGE CARTER 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT PHILLIPS.

*First peal as conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Surprise Minor rung at St. Mary's, Woodford, and published in last week's issue, the ringer of the tenor should read John Moule not Monlton; and the number of changes 5040.

Date Touches.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Sunday, October 27th, for Divine Service at St. David's church, a date touch of 1901 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, composed by F. Bennett, of Brighton. A. Searle, C. Carter, A. W. Brighton, A. W. Searle, F. Davey, J. Moss, W. Wilde, J. Richards. Conducted by A. W. Brighton. Longest length by the treble and 7th men.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorks).—At the Congregational Church on Tuesday, October 29th, for practice, a date touch of 1901 changes, being 101 of New London Pleasure, 120 each of Violet, Woodbine and Oxford Delight, and 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 4 mins. E. Kershaw, W. Rushworth, G. Whiteaker, W. Gelder, J. Rushworth, F. Whiteley conductor. Longest length by all the band, and rung in honour of J. Rushworth's birthday.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, August 23rd, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. W. R. Stockdale, W. M. Owen, W. J. Taylor, G. J. Taylor, H. Jones, F. W. Taylor, G. Byolin, A. Someone. Also 400 Bob Major. E. Byolin, W. H. Owen, W. R. Stockdale, H. Jones, W. J. Taylor, F. W. Taylor, G. Byolin, G. J. Taylor. On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service at St. Chad's church, a touch of Grandsire Caters. J. Chant, G. Scarratt, E. Jones, G. J. Taylor, F. W. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, G. Byolin, A. Fullick, H. Jones, J. T. Wall. Tenor 43 cwt. For evening service at St. Alkmund's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. R. Stockdale, W. M. Owen, W. Espley, T. Burd, F. W. Taylor, W. J. Taylor, G. Byolin, G. J. Taylor. All conducted by G. Byolin.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STISTED.—On Tuesday, October 29th, at All Saints church, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. H. Howard conductor, E. Chaplin, F. Williams, Ed. Chaplin, E. Radley, A. Chaplin. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. Sentance, C. H. Howard, G. F. Williams, Ed. Chaplin, A. Chaplin, E. Radley conductor.

BOCKING.—On Sunday afternoon, November 3rd, 720 College Exercise. F. Radley, G. F. Williams, E. Newman, F. Warren, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Grimwade.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, November 4th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Gentry first 720, G. Sentance, P. Holmes, E. Newman, C. H. Howard conductor, G. F. Williams.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, September 14th, an attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob came to grief through a change-course after ringing 1728 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. King conductor, F. G. Symonds, H. Gladwell, E. Lincoln, H. Smith, A. Keeble, A. Symonds, W. Kinsey. And 1064 Grandsire Triples. A. Keeble, F. G. Symonds, H. Gladwell, T. King conductor, H. Smith, A. Symonds, E. Lincoln, W. Kinsey. On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, 576 Bob Major. A. Symonds, F. G. Symonds, F. Parker, J. Moore, H. Smith, T. Leeks, E. Lincoln, T. King conductor, 8.

PRESTON.—On Sunday, September 15th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Hollocks, F. G. Symonds, A. Symonds conductor, J. Fayers, H. Gladwell, E. Lincoln.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BRAY (Co. Wicklow).—On Saturday, October 26th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Rickerby, G. Matthews, T. Smith, D. Towson, Rev. G. D. Scott, G. Lindoff conductor, W. H. Barber, W. Smith. Also 503. G. Lewis, 5; conducted by W. H. Barber.

DUBLIN.—On Friday, October 25th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. *T. Grant, 1-2; W. H. Barber, 3-4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5-6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by W. H. Barber. And touches of Oxford, Kent, College Single, Oxford Bob and Canterbury. *First 720 double-handed.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Saturday, October 4th, 540 Bob Triples by the Wylam branch, assisted by Mr. F. Lowe, of Tanfield. W.

May, J. Beam, A. Dodds, R. Vest, C. L. Routledge (conductor), A. Pigg, H. Wilkinson, F. Lowe. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Moy, C. L. Routledge conductor, A. Dodds, R. Vest, H. Wilkinson, A. Pigg.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, October 16th, at the parish church, Edgbaston, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins., being ten 6 scores, each called differently. J. Johnson, W. Bryant conductor, A. E. Pegler, H. F. Street, R. Hackley, S. J. Jessop. Rang with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Henry Hawkes, for upwards of twenty-five years a ringer at the above church, and whose death after a very long and painful illness is widely regretted.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, July 27th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Rowland, J. Dines first quarter-peal, H. Ritchell, W. Wellington conductor, A. Wight, A. Head, W. Lincoln, H. Rolfe. Composed by A. Tarbun.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 3rd, for Divine Service, 1152 Bob Major. W. Bowen longest touch of Major, E. Mapp, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, A. Winterton, T. Griffiths, C. Beaman, W. Page conductor. Longest touch of Major on the bells.

ISLEWORTH.—On November 1st, All Saints' Day, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Beadle, G. A. Ransome conductor, E. V. Beadle, F. E. Goddard, C. Edwards, J. H. B. Hesse, H. Browning, H. Seward.

LEWISHAM.—On Sunday evening, March 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins., taken from Holt's Original. W. Keates, C. Bedwell, T. Chandler, G. Wilson, H. Barrett, T. Taylor, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clew. On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Warnett, C. Bedwell, H. Barrett, J. Town, T. Chandler conductor, W. Bourne, J. Tulett, T. Clew. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins, taken from Holt's Original. W. Keates, C. Bedwell, T. Taylor, J. Town, H. Barrett, J. Tulett, T. Chandler, H. Warnett conductor. On Tuesday, April 9th, on the occasion of the election of churchwardens, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering. W. Keates, C. Bedwell, J. Town, T. Chandler, T. Taylor, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clew. On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. H. Walker, H. J. Sayer, H. Barrett, W. H. Turner, T. Taylor, W. Bourne, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clew. On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. W. Keates, C. Bedwell, W. Brown, T. Taylor, T. Chandler, J. Laws, H. Warnett conductor, C. H. Walker. On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Keates, C. Bedwell, W. Bourne, T. Chandler, T. Taylor, H. Barrett (conductor), H. Warnett.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday evening, September 15th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. E. Mundy, W. Ball, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Roe conductor, W. Tucker.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, November 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, C. J. B. Cooke, A. Dubber, J. W. Shotton, A. Bramall, T. Holmes. On Monday, November 4th, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. A. Coleman, R. Watson, F. Sear, J. B. Fenton, A. Dubber, T. Holmes, J. George composer and conductor, J. W. Shotton. This was rung for F. Sear's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

ST. JAMES'S BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, in commemoration of the 23rd anniversary of the bells, 469 Bob Triples, 504 Grandsire Triples, 576 Bob Major, 96 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 256 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. F. Palframan, B. T. Copley conductor, A. Gill, A. Benson, H. Good, H. Sugden, B. E. Howe, S. Palframan.

STONAY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles, called differently. C. Valentine, W. Tucker, A. Clarke, W. Benham, G. Cawley conductor, A. Giles. On Sunday, September 1st, 720 Doubles. A. Clarke, G. Cawley conductor, C. Valentine, W. Benham, W. Tucker, J. Smith.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Sunday, July 28th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Rowland, J. Dines, W. Newman, W. Wellington, W. Lincoln conductor, A. Wight, A. Head, F. Edwards. Composed by J. George, of Rugby.

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East Derbyshire Association.—A ringing meeting will be held at North Wingfield to-day, Saturday, November 9, to which members of both East Derbyshire Associations are invited, also ringing friends. A short service will be held in church at 4 p.m., when two peal-boards will be unveiled.

T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Heavy Woollen District Association The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ossett, to-day, Saturday, November 9. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Red Lion.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*,

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Barley Moor Road, Didsbury, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bacup, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells from 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.

WM. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

This is the first meeting after re-hanging the bells.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Spilsby, on November 16th, 1901.

J. M. RYLAT, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of the above (for ringing only) will be held at Selling, on Saturday, November 16th. Bells ready 4.30 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, November 16th. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend for the election of District Officers.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stapleton, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Service 5 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—Meetings for practice at St. Margaret's, Westminster will, for the future, be held every alternate Friday about 8 p.m.; commencing on Friday, November 22.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Will those who are Life Members kindly send their addresses to the Secretary at once, otherwise annual reports and notices cannot be sent to them.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Secretary*.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 264th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A.

Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. W. Winney, or of

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"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W. The towers of St. Michael's, Cornhill (twelve bells), and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (ten bells), will be open for ringing from four to six p.m.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE SILENT ONE-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.—It had been the idea of some of the younger members of the College Youths to ring Thurstans' one-part peal silent, and accordingly Messrs. Harman and Taffender made arrangements with a band to meet on Thursday, September 5th, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark. When only eleven courses had been rung a mistake was made. Attempt number two could not be arranged until Thursday, October 31st, when Mr. Barkus could not come, Mr. Langdon taking his place on the tenor. With the band all in their respective places, and ropes adjusted, and candles lighted in the event of the electric light failing, the umpires with their manuscripts before them, "go" was called by them at about a minute past 7, and for 2 hrs. 58 mins. they kept their watchful eyes upon the band, no sign being made. They ticked off every course-end and a good many of the six-ends. Just before the clock bell above announced the hour of 10 the bells came into rounds, having completed the first silent one-part peal of Stedman ever rung. It was Mr. C. F. Winney's 350th peal; also Mr. G. N. Price's 100th performance.

G. N. PRICE'S 100 PEALS.—London Surprise, 1; Superlative Surprise, 6; Stedman Caters, 6; *Stedman Triples, 37, conducted 4; Double Norwich, 4, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Bob Major, 6, conducted 3; Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; Grandsire Triples, 19, conducted 8; seven Minor methods, 1; total 84, conducted 16. *Handbell Peals:* Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 3; Grandsire Caters, 2; Grandsire Triples, 6, conducted 3; Bob Major, 4, conducted 1; total 16, conducted 4. *Including a silent peal of Stedman Triples.

THE PEAL AT FINCHLEY.—This peal was rung in honour of the coming home of the Duke and Duchess of York, and also to celebrate the birthday of Mr. W. H. Tubb, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Mr. Tubb has been a ringer at Finchley for forty years, and captain of the band for a number of years.

THE PEAL AT STAINES.—This peal was rung as a welcome home to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, who arrived in the county the same afternoon after their tour of the Colonies. It is ten years since Mr. Goddard, of St. Margaret's, rang a Cumberland peal, and seven since Mr. Sinkins, of Slough, rang one. Mr. Holden comes from Weybridge, the rest are local men.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AT WOLVERTON.

On Saturday, November 2nd, the Basingstoke ringers, accompanied by Mr. Hammond, of Sherborne St. John, and Mr. Giles, of Reading, paid a visit to the picturesque village of Wolverton, where the bells had been kindly placed at their disposal by the Rev. — Ward. The day was an ideal one for November, and the brake ride was thoroughly enjoyed. Arriving at the church about 4 o'clock the

bells were set going to the tune of 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Pace, H. White, F. Wilson, C. Holdaway, F. Redgate conductor, C. Giles. This was followed by a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. C. Giles, F. Wilson, Miss A. White, C. Holdaway, G. C. Hammond, H. White conductor. An adjournment was then made to The Hare and Hounds, where the host had provided a nice tea, which after the drive and exertion in the belfry was thoroughly enjoyed. Tracks were again made for the church tower, where Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were the favourite methods rung. In the 720 of Minor the ringers were stationed thus: Miss A. White, C. Holdaway, F. Wilson, H. White, G. C. Hammond, C. Giles conductor. Again proceeding to the village hostel, handbell ringing was indulged in, much to the delight of the local ringers. The time for departure arrived too soon, and 9 o'clock found all in readiness for the return journey, which was enlivened by readings from Artemus Ward's letters to Punch. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. Ward for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their welcome. A most enjoyable time had been spent, and the bells were pronounced as a first class ring.

CHESTER.—On Sunday evening, October 27th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples H. Jones composer, V. Cain, E. Channel, H. Jones conductor, J. Moulton, W. Sconce, J. Tomlinson, C. Sconce.

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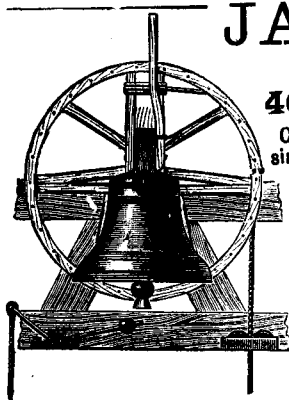
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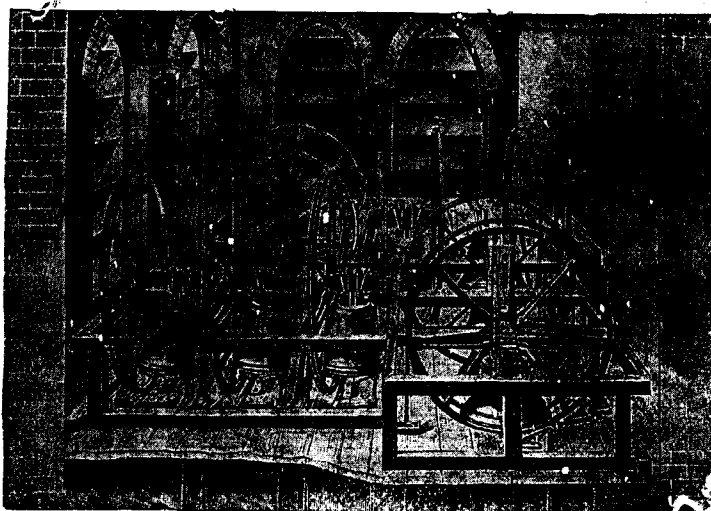
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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT DURHAM.

The meeting held in Durham City on Monday, November 4th, was the twenty-fourth annual reunion, and the proceedings, marked by an excellent attendance of members and a most favourable report of the year's doings, left no room for doubt as to the vigorous life this Association enjoys in the north. Representatives attended from the belfries of Benfieldside, Bishop Auckland, Bishopwearmouth, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Cramlington, Darlington, Gosforth, Jarrow, Newcastle, North Shields, Staindrop, Stockton, Sunderland, Tanfield, Whitley, Wylam, York, Sheffield, and Stokesley. The Committee met in the morning, after which the members attended a special service in the choir of the Cathedral, at which the Precentor (Minor Canon V. K. Cooper) and the Rev. J. M. E. Cooke, of Gosforth, officiated, Dr. Armes, the Cathedral organist, kindly playing the hymn accompaniments. The Rev. J. M. E. Cooke preached from the following text:—"The Bell;" part of the 20th verse of the 14th chapter of the book of Zechariah.

Dinner was subsequently served at The Three Tuns hotel, and was followed by the Annual General Meeting, the President, R. S. Story, esq., in the chair. After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Mr. T. Hudson, of Sunderland (the vice-Chairman), proposed "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses," and said that they all felt the indebtedness they were under to the clergy in acknowledging their endeavour to do what they could to assist in the general work of the church. They had been very fortunate in Durham, and he might also say in Newcastle, with the selection of bishops. All the bishops that they could remember had been most worthy men whom they had learnt to revere. He was sure the present bishop would be no exception to this rule. He (Mr. Hudson) had the honour to be introduced to him, and also had a word to say to him about church bell-ringing, and the bishop received his words in a very kindly manner and said: "I can pull a rope, but I draw the line at change-ringing, plain ringing will do for me." He coupled with the toast the names of the Revs. W. P. Wright and J. M. E. Cooke.

The Rev. J. M. E. Cooke, in responding, said he was sure that in the future there would be a much closer connection between clergy and ringers. He only recognised those bell-ringers who were change-ringers. He had great pleasure in replying to the "Bishops and Clergy." The Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), briefly responded.

The President read a telegram from Mr. S. O. Ferry, one of the vice-Presidents, regretting inability to attend, and wishing the meeting well.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. L. Routledge), presented the Committee's Annual Report and Balance-Sheet, which showed a large increase in the membership and in the number of peals rung, but a decrease in the balance in hand compared with last year.

Mr. Robinson, of Chester-le-Street, moved the adoption

of the Report. Mr. F. Sheraton seconded, and it was carried with applause. Votes of thanks were accorded the retiring officers on the motion of Mr. J. S. Taylor, of Sunderland, seconded by Mr. W. T. Robson.

In replying, the Chairman said they ought to extend a very hearty welcome to the new Bishop of Durham, and it was intended to present him with an address at a very early date. He thanked the members for their kindly appreciation of his services during the past year.

The Rev. J. M. E. Cooke proposed the re-election of the officers: Mr. Story as President; Mr. Hudson (Sunderland), and Mr. S. O. Ferry (Newcastle), as vice-Presidents; Mr. C. L. Routledge as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and Mr. W. Holmes as Hon. Assistant-Secretary. Mr. W. Sheraton seconded, and it was carried.

The President's motion for an extra meeting to be held during August was seconded by Mr. Miller (Sunderland), and carried *nem. con.* Mr. Story announced that the meetings during 1902 would be held as follows: February meeting at Hurworth-on-Tees; Whit-Monday at Sunderland; August at Shildon; Annual Meeting in Newcastle.

The Secretary presented a scheme for placing the Cleveland members on the life-membership list, being out of the two dioceses. Mr. Miller also seconded this, and it was carried. Mr. Cecil Cochrane, the donor of the new peal at Gosforth, Newcastle, and the Rev. G. E. Drummond, of Blaydon, were elected honorary members. Twelve new members joined from the new belfry at Gosforth. Several more new members were elected.

The chairman paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. Fred. Harrison, and said that a fund for raising a suitable headstone over his grave had reached the sum of £13, which had been augmented by about £4 from his fellow-workers on the railway. The fund would be kept open a little longer, as hardly sufficient had been raised to complete the project.

Votes of thanks, proposed by Mr. W. Story, and seconded by Mr. Miller, were heartily accorded to the preacher (Rev. J. M. E. Cooke), to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral for the use of the choir stalls and the bells during the day; to the organist, Dr. Philip Armes; and to the Vicars and churchwardens of SS. Oswald's and Nicholas' churches for the use of their bells.

The bells of the Cathedral and the other two churches aforementioned were kept going during the day, the former in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major, while at the latter several 720s were rung, mostly of Treble Bob. Mr. David Brearley, of Sheffield, and Mr. Tom Haigh, of York, were present during the whole day, and took part in the ringing.

URCHFONT, WILTS.

On Saturday, November 2nd, four ringers from Devizes and four from Swindon visited the above interesting village, pleasantly situated on the famous Wiltshire Downs between the historical town of Devizes and Salisbury Plain. The object was to ring the first peal on the beautiful bells of the ancient parish church, dedicated

to St. Michael, permission having been readily granted by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Hill. On this occasion it was not a case of adjusting the ropes before starting, as it was found that these were so short that the only course open would be to ring with the ropes single at the end, there not being sufficient in a single instance to tuck in. However after one false start the band settled down and duly completed the peal in 2 hrs. 55 mins., and all were glad to hear the welcome "That's all," as the single ropes were found very trying to the hands, and moreover the bells had to be kept well in hand in consequence of the distance from the ground floor, where the bells are rung, to the loft above, a space of between thirty and forty feet, with no guides of any sort to steady the ropes. At the completion of the peal, the Vicar came round and announced that tea was ready, and in company with the local ringers an adjournment was made to the vicarage for that purpose. Subsequently a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and for his hospitality was proposed and carried, to which that gentleman responded, and at the same time complimented the visitors on the accomplishment of the peal, which he stated he had much enjoyed.

During the course of the evening the visitors were interested in hearing how the peal of eight bells was built up. It seems to have originally been a peal of five, to which a treble was eventually added, and there appears to have been some difficulty in getting this bell in, but this was arranged by hanging same to swing in the south window of the tower, which necessitated cutting away a portion of the masonry. After a time six bells were found insufficient to satisfy the ideas of some of the villagers, and one local genius, possibly more interested in the subject of augmentation than the rest, conceived the ingenious idea of completing the ring by adding the two solitary bells comprising the peal of the neighbouring parish of Stert, having been heard to exclaim when listening to Stert bells, "They two'll for we," and strange to say it became necessary to pull down Stert church, which has since been rebuilt, and the opportunity was taken advantage of by the Urchfont authorities to obtain the two bells so happily discovered as suitable by the enthusiast referred to, to complete the octave. Having acquired the bells the next difficulty was to find a suitable resting-place for them in Urchfont tower, which was already considered overcrowded with bells, but this was overcome by adding a wooden structure at the top of the tower, and in 1805 the sound of eight bells was heard for the first time issuing from the old tower. It may be mentioned that the bells are now all hung on one level, the work having recently been done in a very efficient manner by the well-known firm of Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is a beautifully soft-toned bell in E flat, and weighs about 21 cwt.

It should be mentioned that the arrangements were made by the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Devizes, to enable him to ring his first peal.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.

On Saturday, November 9th, a very pleasant ceremony took place which was the unveiling of a peal-board which was written in leaf-gold, the cost of which has been most generously defrayed by the Rector, the Rev. H. E. Beech, M.A. Previous to the unveiling a special service was held at six o'clock, which was fully choral. The Rector said he

would like to say a few words before unveiling the beautiful tablet which was before him. He said he was quite delighted to have the honour of receiving in the church the record of such a grand performance of ringing, which had been accomplished in that belfry by the ringers whose names appeared on the peal-board. He felt sure that they did not ring for honour alone, but out of sheer love for the art in which they were so proficient, and although so much had been accomplished, the work was never finished, that we were to go on and on in the good work that was before us until we arrived at the haven of rest which was prepared for all those who lived in the love and fear of God who gave us the power and ability to do these good works. He would now unveil the board in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The inscription on the board is as follows:—

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After the unveiling the choir sang the hymn "We love the place, O God." The service over, the bells were set going to London Surprise. The ringers and a few invited guests then made their way to the schoolroom, where a splendid supper was prepared by the kindness of the Rector and wardens, to which full justice was done by every one present. After supper the Rector gave the toasts of "The King," "Church and State," when the National Anthem was sung. Mr. Moses Ferriday (Rector's warden) gave "The Kingsley Ringers," which was heartily seconded by Mr. George Forrester (people's warden), who said he was proud to have such a band of ringers doing duty at the church.

Mr. Thomas Carr (late warden), also said how pleased he was to be among such a gathering of church-workers, and he said he took a special interest in the ringers, as he had the privilege of appointing most of the present band as ringers at the time that held the office as Rector's warden, and he flattered himself that he had made a very good selection. The Curate of Kingsley said he would not let this opportunity pass without saying a few words in reference to Mr. Simon Goodwin, who was the tower keeper, for the clean and tidy way in which he kept the belfry. Mr. Henry Carnwell, in the name of the ringers, thanked the Rector for so kindly presenting the Peal Board to them, and he was sure that it was appreciated by all his brother-ringers, and he thought that if every Rector took the same deep interest in his ringers as the Rector of Kingsley did, more harmony would prevail in the belfries throughout the country. Mr. Daniel Preston then thanked the Rector and wardens for providing such an enjoyable evening, and he hoped it would not be the last that they would all enjoy together. Mr. Ferriday congratulated Mrs. Tittley, of the Royal Oak, for the splendid way in which she had catered for them that evening. After a social chat the meeting dispersed, all having enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

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THE CHURCH CONGRESS, 1901.

SPEECH OF THE REV. HERBERT DRAKE.

Before I begin my remarks upon this subject, I feel that I must make a little complaint with regard to the arrangements for this meeting. I am glad to see that Mr. Chambers is here, for (as we all know) he has been assiduous in pointing out and excusing difficulties, and I have no doubt he will make some good excuse and point out that it could not be helped. But it seems to me a piece of bad management to have a Sectional meeting at all, when there is a meeting considering such a burning question as that of this morning in the Dome. Most of my friends who would have liked very much to come to this meeting, felt that they were bound to attend the popular meeting in the Dome.

I think we are always liable when talking about ringing, to make too much of its difficulties, for it is not so difficult for anyone of ordinary understanding. What we have to do is to get rid of that notion, and to get rid of the objections which people have to ringing. We will consider them as they are divided in the title of our subject this morning: (A.) *Bells*, (B.) *Belfries*, (C.) *Ringers*.

(A.) With regard to *Bells*. Many of the objections to bells and much of the irksomeness of listening to them, arise because the bells are so often out of tune. It is only through the valuable researches of the late Canon Simpson that people have now found out how to tune bells correctly. If all bells were to be tuned perfectly by this new method, very many of the objections to bells being rung for a continued period will disappear.

(B.) With regard to *Belfries*: much has already been said on this point, and about the care we ought to take of them. I know that very few belfries, even now, are taken care of at all. One often finds a beautiful church with everything in it spotlessly clean, but if one were to go into the belfry one would find a state of things which would be thought disgraceful in a stable. The belfry is often left unfinished, the walls partly covered with plaster, no proper ceiling, and the whole place is generally a discredit to the church. The belfry at Westminster Abbey has long been a typical case. As Churchmen, and as people who ought to be especially careful with the things of God, we ought to take more care of our belfries than we do. As to the cost of belfries and new bells, it is not so great as is often supposed. Thus a very good peal of small bells can be got for about £500; and we can get as good a peal of eight bells as anyone would wish for £1000. I have just been told by an architect who is exhibiting in connexion with this Congress, that he is prepared to put up a small belfry, which, while inexpensive, would still satisfy the highest canons of art, for about £200. (I do not know, however, whether such a belfry would satisfy the requirements that Sir Arthur Heywood has just laid down.)

(C.) To turn to *Ringers*.

(i.) We have always to keep in mind that there is a great distinction between "round ringers" and "change-ringers." "Round ringing" means that the same monotonous scale is repeated over and over again till everyone is tired of it. Very little skill is required to do this: when a man has once managed a bell, and can ring "rounds," that is all that is required: thus "round-ringers" get into a sort of close corporation in a parish, and their work requires no further skill and permits of no development. Now it is these "round ringers" who have brought ringing into disrepute. If you find only "round-ringers" in a Church Tower, you will find that they are, as a rule, a "bad lot," [the speaker afterwards explained that he did not mean bad morally, but that they are awkward and crochety, and not the useful persons "change-ringers" are.] often disreputable in appearance. Even if you get a good and keen set of men for the time being, the monotonous nature of their work will sooner or later lower the tone of the band and they seem bound to deteriorate. "Round ringing" does not give sufficient employment for the intellectual faculties, but when we get to "change-ringing," we find it not only intellectual but progressive, and there is always something more that the ringer can learn. Sir Arthur Heywood will agree with me in that. For he knows much about ringing as anyone, but nevertheless I believe he will admit there is still something even for him to learn, as is the case in all other arts. Thus it is an "Exercise"

in which people can take a great interest from an artistic point of view, for it develops the highest powers of a man intellectually.

(ii.) Moreover it is one of the best forms of Church work we can get men to take an interest in. How is it that so few clergymen take an interest in this question, and still fewer take an intelligent interest in it. Out of every 100 clergymen one meets, it will be found that 99 take no interest in it at all, rather consider ringing a nuisance than otherwise. Even in the case of those who do take an interest in ringing, 99 out of every 100 do not take an intelligent interest in it, thus the number who do take an intelligent interest in it is incredibly small. Many people cannot understand why their clergy are so indifferent in this matter. They know that only a certain number can ring, and so may not themselves feel called on to take their part in the belfry, but they do feel that it is a real scandal that their clergy do not exercise their office of superintendent as actively in the belfry where they are not seen, as in the choir where they are seen. They are ashamed of a clergyman who never enters his belfry. They do not, of course, tell their clergy this, but it is always easy to discover that they feel it all the same, although they do not speak about it. It would be a matter that would pay well if clergymen took an interest in ringing;—not only because it is the quickest way of gaining popularity in a parish; but because "change-ringers" are the most useful men to get to take an interest in religious affairs. In "change-ringers" we get the most intellectual body connected with the church. Their work is essentially a Church work. Is there anything religious in playing cricket or football? I am not going to denounce such games, for I am always quite prepared to do all I can for them, but there are many dangers and difficulties accompanying them, that are not to be found in connexion with ringing. Is it not the duty of all who hope to be clergymen when going through their training for the ministry, to master "change-ringing," or at least to take an intelligent interest in "the art," because their ringers will form an interesting and valuable nucleus of Church workers, and are a body moreover who are bound to support the Church's best interest, and be a great source of strength to the Church?

(iii.) One point upon which I think I should disagree with Sir Arthur Heywood is with regard to the payment of ringers. My experience is that payment for ringing is always a bad thing, and it is especially bad for ringers individually to receive payment. There are some things that we must take payment for, such as weddings and funerals; but in all the belfries I have had to look after, I have done away with the payment of ringers as far as possible. One can often obviate the danger of degrading the art of ringing in this way, by making a common fund, and allowing the money thus collected to be used for the common benefit of the ringers. One thing for which payment can always safely be made is for instruction. Church people should try to raise money to pay for their ringers being instructed in the art of "change-ringing." All our laymen and laywomen (besides the clergy) should take such interest in ringing as to be able to tell whether the bells are being "chimed" or "rung" on Sundays. I think we should contend that the bells should always be rung, and not chimed on Sundays, for we should give of our best to God's service.

May I add that I am pleased to see ladies present this morning, as I find that they make as good ringers as any one, whether on the fascinating but indispensable handbells, or on the more business-like tower-bells.

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

THE EXETER BELLS.

SIR,—Devonians will do what seems them best, whether or not to take the opportunity of the happy movement for rehanging Exeter cathedral bells to add two trebles to the ring; nor am I a professor of music responding to Mr. Pearson's request in your last issue; but his reference to Ludlam's statement of 1779, extracted from Dr. Raven's "Church Bells of Cambridge-shire," seems to call for some remark. I pass by any considerations arising from the different weight of metal in the cases of Exeter and Cambridge, but surely it is very strange to cite an opinion of one hundred and twenty-two years back as of any authority on the point of what is possible in our days, even if the person who expressed it knew what he was talking about; science has not stood still since then. Dr. Raven does not seem to think much of Ludlam, for following on the words quoted by Mr. Pearson he says:—

"It is strange that Ludlam should not have known that Pack and Chapman were the very men who cast 'the best bell in the world'—it is equally strange that he should charge them with disregarding their own handiwork. It does not appear that the tenor is the best bell, and the peal of ten the best peal in the world, nor that it is impossible to do what Pack and Chapman certainly did not carry out with any very brilliant success."

As a matter of fact what Ludlam asserts to be impossible had been well done years before he wrote, which shows his ignorance. Rudhall had added two trebles to the original ten at St. Bride's, London, under conditions almost, if not quite, similar to the conditions at Cambridge, and I have always heard them highly spoken of. They seemed to me beautiful bells, and an admirable splice. Unfortunately the present Vicar of St. Bride's is no friend to ringing, and that historic ring has long been silent. But when they are heard again, I feel sure the trebles will justify themselves. Ludlam may have been a distinguished member of the University, but as a dogmatizer about bells he was a mere impostor. All the fuss about the Cambridge trebles comes to no more than this: Pack and Chapman did not succeed in making a good splice. But that was no evidence that it could not be made, and the statement of impossibility was a pure assumption. Whatever Ludlam may have been distinguished for, it can hardly have been for acquaintance with the elements of logic.

R. A. DANIELL.

CAMPANALOGIA.

SIR,—I must thank Mr. Daniell for calling attention to my oversight in omitting the second word in referring to "Campanalogia Improved."

I find that in Shipway's Campanalogia (1816), "Method" and "Principle" are used as we use them to-day. On the other hand between this book and "Campanalogia Improved" comes the "New Campanalogia or Key to Ringing," by Jones, Reeves, and Blakemore. This does use *method* to describe what we so designate, but in so general a way as to show that it was by no means a technical term then, as *peal* still was. An instance occurs on p. 15, where speaking of bobs he says they "vary in their *method* according to each respective *peal*." Now in the Grandsire *method*, it is observable, etc." Again of Stedman p. 22:—"these . . . comprize the general *rule* or *principle* of the *peal* . . . but though this is a general *rule* for pricking this *peal*, there are other *methods* far superior for ringing thereof, of which we shall show." Again of "Double Bob Minor" p. 34, "the bobs and singles are made in the same manner, and called by the same *method* as Plain Bob." (italics mine). The latter expression, so impossible to-day, is I think conclusive.

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—In all services I arrange for I stipulate five minutes as the length of the service and the same time for the address.

RINGERS' SERVICES.

Mr. Daniell informs us, in his letter last week, that he quite agrees with Mr. Drake's views as to the desirability of having some distinctive form of service for use when desired at ringers' gatherings, but I think he would have done well had he paused

to consider the situation before venturing to suggest, that, "Except in the case of ringing clergy preachers on such occasions from the *archbishops* downwards should be rigidly restricted to ten minutes." I consider it would be a most unheard of thing to do to ask a clergyman to preach at a certain service, which in this case would often happen in his own church, and then to tell him he must not hold forth for more than ten minutes. I can well understand a clergyman being asked to give a short address at a service owing to the time being limited, but to dictate to him in the way suggested would be an unpardonable breach of etiquette. It would be very amusing to know what means Mr. Daniell proposes taking to enforce the rule he suggests.

P. W. DAVIES.

THE SILENT PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Re the silent peal of Stedman Triples published in your last issue: As umpires to the above peal we wish to state that it was rung to our entire satisfaction. "Go" was called shortly before seven o'clock, and in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Thurstans's one-part peal was completed, strictly non-conducted, without a word being spoken or other sign made. Every course-end was ticked off as rung, also a good number of the six-ends. Trusting the Exercise will accept this statement.

J. W. GOLDING.

T. WALKER.

THE EXETER CATHEDRAL TENOR.

SIR,—In your last issue, the Bishop of Crediton is reported to have said that the Chapter thought it would be better not to recast the old tenor, as the general public could not detect its being out of tune. But surely Sir, with all respect, more weight should be attached to the opinion of good musical judges who have made themselves acquainted with the perfection to which the tuning of bells has now been brought, than to the merely negative argument of there having been no complaint from the general public. Moreover, as bells perfectly tuned upon Canon Simpson's principles are rapidly becoming more common, the ear of the general public will as rapidly improve, and grow less tolerant of the ordinary discordant bells. As to musical people who give real attention to bells, their preference is so strong that I know of one comparatively modern peal which is now being replaced at great cost by one of really "tuneable" bells. The tenor is the most important bell in the peal, and if good, will cover a multitude of sins in the rest. It would be easy to illustrate this by reference to examples. I am sure that not only the musical critics, but the general public of Exeter, may be trusted to appreciate the enormous improvement which a really grand tenor of such depth and richness would effect in their fine peal. If the present bad bell were the original tenor of Bishop Grandison, there would be something to say for retaining it, from the antiquarian point of view; but it has been twice recast, in 1629 and 1729. There seems therefore no valid reason of any sort against replacing it by such a glorious instrument as a grand three-ton tenor in B flat, in perfect tune with itself, would be.

Beverley, November 12th, 1901.

H. E. NOLLOTH.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

On Saturday, August 31st, four change-ringers paid a visit to the above place, all four being brothers bearing the name of Lambert, two coming from Horsmonden, another from Mitcham (Surrey), the other from Benenden. It was previously arranged to attempt a peal of Bob Major, but through sickness one of the proposed band was unfortunately detained at the last moment, so there was a company of eight minus one, and therefore no peal could be attempted. The visitors however, with the help of C. Tribe of Tenterden, and E. Burden of Rolvenden, rung a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor, and afterwards a 6-score each of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles on the front five, with G. Johnson of Appledore, E. Burden and F. Ward of Rolvenden, ringing the three covering bells. Afterwards a very enjoyable social hour was spent, during which the usual interesting topic was discussed, i.e. "ringing." Then a goodbye, and soon each of the company were homeward bound, some on bikes, and some on shanks' pony.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE CHRIST CHURCH (OLDBURY) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 31st, through the kindness of Mr. J. W. Parish, the members and a few friends had an outing by brake to Bridgnorth. Starting about 8.30, everyone, by the kindness of one of the visiting friends, being supplied with a pipe and paper of tobacco, Wolverhampton was reached, where the horses had a little rest. Away at full speed again, a drizzling rain having ceased and the sky become clear, a first-rate spin was made all the way to The Bardon Arms hotel, which was reached at 12 o'clock. Dinner being ordered at 1 o'clock, all mustered at that hour ready to do ample justice to it, which was eventually accomplished. An adjournment was then made to the parish church, where arrangements had been for ringing on the fine peal of bells, and some successful touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Tea being ordered for 5, and that hour getting near, the company perambulated the castle grounds, enjoying a glance at the beautiful scenery there to be seen. Tea being partaken of, we were joined by a few of the Bridgnorth ringers, to whom our thanks are due for so nicely arranging matters for us to have a ring, and so add to the day's enjoyment. The horses were again put to, and after a walk up the hill, which is a rather heavy one, seats were taken for the return journey, pipes were refilled, and away homeward we went, the journey being enlivened by song and recitation until Oldbury was reached, all commenting with satisfaction upon the day's enjoyment. The ringers and their friends wish to thank Mr. Parish for so very satisfactorily arranging this outing, and trust that he may be spared for many years. S. R.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON, DUDLEY.—“Don't forget, gentlemen,” was the remark from the leader of this society to the members on Sunday, August 18th: “8.15 prompt at Netherton station to-morrow (Monday) morning.” Arrangements having been made with the genial station-master at Dudley (Mr. Cope) for two reserved compartments, all were there at the appointed hour. About an hour and a half's ride, and we found ourselves in the land of plums: “Persnore; where d'yer think?” Leaving the station, more than a mile's walk into the little town of Persnore was greatly enjoyed, the weather being beautifully fine, and the country charming. We made our way to the ancient Abbey, on the famed bells of which permission had been kindly granted by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Bridgwater) to ring. Here we met Mr. W. Need, who has charge of the tower and bells, and he very kindly led the way to the ringing-chamber, which is a novel one. The bells being raised, touches of Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples were rung, but owing to the excessive heat, and want of ventilation, it was impossible to do much ringing. The company fully enjoyed the walks in the rich meadows down by the river Avon, and through the beautiful gardens where the plum trees grow. In one of the last-named, by the generosity of Mr. W. Wright, formerly one of the ringers, the visitors regaled themselves to the full with samples of that luscious produce so well known in this district. The delicious Persnore plum was more enjoyed by the company than any other refreshment they had during the day. At 7.30 the party began to leave this Worcestershire garden, and find their way to the station, from which they arrived safely home about 10.30, all the better for their day's outing. J. S.

THE ALL SAINTS' GUILD, GOSFORTH.—On Saturday, October 19th, the members of this guild went to North Wylam. Arriving at the church of St. Oswin we were met and heartily welcomed by Mr. C. L. Routledge. After a series of Doubles and Minor we wended our way to The Bird inn, where an excellent tea was provided. The company wish to thank Mr. Routledge for his kindness in making the necessary arrangements for the visit and the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.—The annual outing of this society took place on Saturday, September 21st, when Ashdale and Dovedale were visited. Arriving at Ashbourne at 10.30, they were met by the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Haycock, who conducted the party to the belfry, when Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At 12.30 an adjournment was made to the

Ashbourne Hall hotel, where a capital dinner was served. Another short ring, and tracks were made for Dovedale. Tea was ordered at The Peveril hotel, and the repast being over, some of the party climbed to the top of Thorpe Cloud, the others wandering about the dale till it was time to go back to the station, arriving at Duffield about 9.30, after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They wish to thank the Vicar of Ashbourne for the use of the bells, also the Vicar of Duffield, who arranged the outing.

THE CROYDON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—It having been arranged to spend the day at Canterbury and Margate, the ringers, to the number of eight, were met at Canterbury station by the Rev. Mr. Hill, Vicar of St. Peter and St. Cross, late senior Curate of Croydon. They, through his kindness, were shown over the Cathedral, and every thing of historic interest pointed out, which was greatly appreciated by all. Permission had been given to ring after service, but finding time would be cut short at Margate, ringing at the Cathedral was given up and the journey made to Margate; going straight on to St. John's Church the ringers were met by Mr. Saxby, steeple-keeper, who wished for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung in capital style. The go of the bells is excellent. After slight refreshments a trip on the briny and the electric trams was much enjoyed, time arriving for the return journey all too soon, Croydon being reached at 11.30, all having enjoyed a good day's outing. The ringers tender their best thanks to the Rev. Mr. Hill and Mr. Saxby for their great kindness in making the outing so enjoyable.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.—The members of the above Guild held their annual outing on Bank Holiday, August 4th. The party, to the number of eighteen, met at the Railway station and a start was made at 6 a.m., for Ross. The Rector, the Rev. —. Houghton, and the Rev. H. C. Courtney, being the only absentees from the ranks. On arrival at Monmouth a stop of an hour was made, so permission was obtained for a pull on the church bells and a few touches of Stedman were rung. After a stroll through the town another start was made for Ross, which place was reached shortly after ten o'clock, the journey through the beautiful Wye Valley being much enjoyed. On arrival at Ross we made straight for St. Mary's Church, and found the Curate waiting for us (the Vicar being from home). He gave us a hearty welcome, and conducted us to the belfry, where we found everything in perfect order, and the splendid peal of bells were soon up and going to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major. All hands having had a pull the party proceeded to the churchyard and was photographed by Mr. C. Horton (a member of the Guild). A move was then made to the Swan Hotel, where a capital dinner awaited us. The dinner being provided by the President of the Guild (The Rector of St. Stephen's) a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness, and regretting his numerous duties had prevented him from being present. A break was now engaged, and a drive was taken to Symonds Yat, through some of the most beautiful scenery, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Returning to Ross at six o'clock tea was taken, and the return journey to Bristol commenced. Progress, however, was very slow as owing to the heavy traffic we were just two hours longer on our journey than we should have been, but this will not prevent us from numbering this as one of our best outings. The members of the Guild beg to thank the Vicars of Monmouth and Ross churches for kindly allowing us the use of their bells, and for making arrangements for our comfort.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 16th, with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late President McKinley, several touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung by J. Barratt, A. Croft, M. Oldfield, H. Dransfield, T. Grattan, W. J. Taylor, H. Chapman, T. Lingard, J. R. Pritchard. On Thursday, September 19th, the day of the burial of the late President, several touches of Bob Minor were rung under the conductorship of J. R. Pritchard.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1901.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The October Meeting of the East Dorset branch was held at the Salisbury Hall, Cranborne, on Wednesday, October 9th. Representatives (including lady ringing members) were present from Fordingbridge, Verwood, West Moors, and Cranborne. The Report of the Committee on Instruction was considered, and it was decided that 30s. for a course of twelve lessons was a reasonable fee, all travelling expenses being raised locally. It was agreed to ask the Diocesan Committee to pay the fee when instruction was required, and to make a general appeal to the Diocese for funds to promote the Exercise of Change-Ringing. Sixteen new members were elected. After the meeting members were invited to tea at the Vicarage. After tea the short prescript form of service was beautifully sung with the assistance of the choir; and the rest of the day was spent in change-ringing on the tower bells, and on the handbells in the Salisbury Hall. Round ringing having been for the first time excluded at a Dorset meeting, it may be hoped it will not again find a place. Members did not disperse till late, having spent a very pleasant and instructive day.

The Metropolis.

The following three peals were rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday:—

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John, Deptford,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR C. BEDWELL* .. Treble.	GEORGE H. DAYNES.. .. 5.
JOHN ROSE† 2.	WALTER C. HUNT 6.
ERNEST H. NIXON 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD Treble.	WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS 2.	JAMES CULLEN 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	CHARLES T. HOPKINS .. 8.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD 4.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 9.
FREDERICK C. PERRIN .. 5.	THOMAS MAYNARD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by W. B. MANNING.

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

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
ARTHUR R. JACOB 3.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. 8.
JAMES E. DAVIS 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.	ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

The Provinces.**BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, November 6, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

H. BASKET Treble.	H. PUTTOCK 4.
A. LING 2.	R. SMY.. .. 5.
G. SAVAGE 3.	W. SAWYER.. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MANUDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eighteen 6-score of Grandsire, each called differently, and eight 6-score of Stedman, eight 6-score of Dream, and eight 6-score of Antelope.

GEORGE PRIOR† Treble.	W. T. PRIOR 3.
JAMES HARVEY* 2.	*S. J. WARD.. .. 4.
	F. W. THARBY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRIOR.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by all.

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On Wednesday, November 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 5.
FRANK BLONDELL 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. F. C. Kirwan for kindly granting permission to attempt a peal. This was A. Osborne's 60th peal, and S. Radford's 50th peal, lists of which appears elsewhere.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, November 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY STEVENS* .. Treble.	TOM W. CREED 4.
ISAAC CREED 2.	HENRY CHAPLIN 5.
HENRY J. CREED 3.	*EDWIN ELSON Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

*First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5.
— RIVETT 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 3.	†FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	*JOHN BATES Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS A. SMITH.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BISHOPS HULL, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, November 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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 about 14 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.

First peal on the bells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

FREDERICK MANNING* .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	*ALBERT BURCH 6.
WILLIAM GREEN* 3.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 7.
RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 4.	*GEORGE BURCH Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM V. NEWMAN.

*First peal. This is W. V. Newman's 50th peal, and first as conductor. It is sixty-one years since a peal was rung by a local band at this church.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lincoln, York, Durham, Worcester and Chichester. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN Treble.	THOMAS J. WATTS 4.
JOHN LUCKEY 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
GEORGE GRAY 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung to commemorate the 60th birthday of G. Gray.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

O. WORDEN Treble.	T. BOWLING 5.
T. CROOCK 2.	E. BANISTER 6.
J. WATKINSON* 3.	J. BANISTER 7.
S. WATKINSON 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by J. WATKINSON.

*First peal as conductor. First peal by all except the 5th man.

KILDWICK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London Treble Bob, Arnold's Victory, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine and Violet.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES LAW Treble.	†WILLIAM MOSLEY 4.
FRANK MOSLEY* 2.	*WILLIAM LAW 5.
CHRISTOPHER BROWN 3.	CLARENCE HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER BROWN.

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

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES E. GOFTON† Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5.
RICHARD A. GOFTON* 2.	JOHN W. ROBINSON 6.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	ROBERT STORY 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First attempt to ring a peal; and first time to take a rope in eight bells. †First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Superlative, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

CHARLES E. SMITH 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.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

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BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s, called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN..Treble.	CHARLES BEER 4.
CHARLES DOWNING 2.	WILLIAM SOMERVILLE 5.
ALBERT MILLER 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SOMERVILLE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S, BATHWICK, GUILD.)

On Monday, November 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM F. FLOWER ..Treble.	CHARLES DENSLEY 5.
WILLIAM WELLS 2.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS.. .. 6.
HERBERT E. HOLDER* .. 3.	CHARLES W. BELL 7.
GEORGE CONDECK, JUN. .. 4.	RICHARD WHATLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

†First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples by the above Guild.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELLIS ..Treble.	THOMAS ATTWELL 5.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT.. 2.	WALTER G. BROCKHURST 6.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 3.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN 7.
GEORGE LUFF 4.	ARTHUR E. BARTLETT ..Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

The following peals were rung in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday:

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

E. TAYLOR Treble.	W. HOPLY 6.
E. W. MARSH* 2.	G. H. MYERS 7.
C. LEGG 3.	J. JORDAN 8.
W. RICHARDS* 4.	W. FORD 9.
J. STEED 5.	C. LEAT Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by E. TAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the election of Mr. Bellamy as Mayor of Plymouth. First peal of Caters by all, and first peal in the Guild by local men only.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN, PRESTON, AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN ROBERT EASTWOOD..Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND.. .. 5.
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL 2	EDWIN TIMBRELL 6.
JAS. BROGDEN TAYLOR .. 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY 7.
ROBERT SANDERSON* .. 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal in the method.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

HERBERT SHEPPARD Treble	WM. ROCK SMALL 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	HORACE SMITH 6.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE† .. 3.	*ALFRED ROWLEY 7.
JAMES SMALL* 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in-D flat.

JAMES HORREX Treble.	HARRY SMITH 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	THOMAS KING 6.
FREDERICK PARKER* .. 3.	*LOUIS LEES 7.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4.	WILLIAM KINSEY Tenor.

Composed by T. Lockwood, and Conducted by T. KING.

This composition will be found in *Rope-Sight*. *First peal.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE HOBSON† Treble.	†WILLIAM J. FREESTONE .. 5.
JAMES J. MORLEY 2.	JOHN W. DAVIS 6.
JOHN PRICKETT* 3.	†WILLIAM J. GREEN 7.
ROBERT THOMPSON 4.	†GEORGE DANIELS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN PRICKETT.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal in any method. ‡First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRISCOE* Treble.	*JOSEPH HAMMOND 5.
JOSEPH WOODS 2.	EDWIN BREEZE 6.
FRANK JONES 3.	*JOSEPH POWNALL 7.
JOSEPH RUTTER* 4.	JAMES DILLON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DILLON.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
ARTHUR FRANKUM 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
HARRY MULLARD 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
GEORGE GUNNER 4.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

J. C. EDEN Treble.	*WILFRED ANDREWS 5.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2.	H. T. GARDNER 6.
F. PROTHEROUGH 3.	FRED. LEWIS 7.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 4.	H. CLUTTERBUCK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung on the occasion of the jubilee festival of the dedication of the church. *First peal.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS 6.
F. BISSLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	J. ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY† Treble.	†ALFRED PEARMAN 5.
ISAAC CAVILL 2.	†CHARLES MATTHEWS .. 6.
HENRY S. REEVES 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
JESSE PUPLETT 4.	JAMES CRABB Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung also on the occasion of the birthday of C. Matthews, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED WILSON Treble.	W. CHARLES BRIDGFORD .. 6.
JOHN EACHUS 2.	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7.
WILLIAM BRAMMER 3.	JOHN FERNHEAD 8.
JAMES MORRIS 4.	CHARLES OLLIER 9.
WILLIAM H. CARR 5.	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and

Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	†HARRY F. DAWKINS 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. It is also the conductor's fiftieth peal of Superlative.

Miscellaneous.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

FELSHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, August 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Horrex, A. Symonds, H. Gladwell, W. Kinsey, E. Lincoln, H. A. Horrex conductor.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, August 4th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Boby, J. Moore, H. Smith, L. Leeks, A. Symonds conductor, E. Lincoln. On Monday, August 5th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 3 hrs. 10 mins. when only three courses from home. A. Symonds, E. Lincoln, T. King conductor, H. Smith, L. Leeks, H. A. Horrex, A. Avis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On July 20th, at St. Mary's church, 1036 Grandsire Triples. W. White, J. Routley, C. Summers, J. Fowler, F. Sadd, A. Walker (Birmingham), J. Burge conductor, E. Sellick. On July 27th, 701 Grandsire Caters. E. Poole, J. Routley, C. Summers, F. Sadd, W. Eveleigh, J. Burge conductor, S. Wyatt, *A. J. W. Iles, E. Wyatt, J. Fowler. *First touch of Caters. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Poole, C. Summers, F. Sadd, J. Routley, J. Fowler, A. J. W. Iles, J. Burge conductor, W. Eveleigh. On Tuesday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. E. Poole, J. Routley, S. Wyatt, C. E. Harbour, W. Eveleigh, J. Burge conductor, J. Fowler, *A. J. W. Iles, E. Wyatt, W. White. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

FENTON.—On Sunday morning, August 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 544 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Preston, W. Wheeldon, G. Smith, D. Preston, C. Preston, J. Johnson, W. Twigg conductor, W. Harrott. Also 96 in the same method. W. Twigg, G. Clarkson, C. Preston; the rest as before.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.—On Saturday, August 31st, at the church of St. Giles, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but came to grief after ringing 1408 changes. G. Clarkson, W. Wheeldon, G. Smith, D. Preston, C. Preston, J. Johnson, W. Twigg conductor, W. Harrott.

NORTON-LE-MOORS.—On Sunday morning, September 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Lichfield Surprise. J. Preston, C. Preston, G. Clarkson, D. Preston, G. Hobbs, W. Twigg conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, April 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 360 New London Pleasure. H. Little, T. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, April 17th, for practice, 720 Morning Pleasure. J. Cavill, I. Hammond, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 360 Tanner's Pleasure. W. Watts conductor, I. Hammond, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan. On Wednesday, April 24th, for practice, 720 Darton New Pleasure. J. Cavill, H. Little, G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday morning, April 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Tanner's Pleasure. G. Jordan, T. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor. For afternoon service 600 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cavill, H. Little, J. Luckey, G. Gray, G. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, May 1st, for practice, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. G. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor. First in the method by all the band, and first 720 in the method on the bells. Also 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Luckey, H. Little, I. Hammond, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, May 8th, for practice, 720 Morning Pleasure. G. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey conductor, G. Jordan. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 13th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, W. Hammond, E. F. Slade, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Pilcher, P. Holmes, H. Coote, H. Collins. For evening service 1056 in the same method. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, G. Williams, H. Collins, H. Pilcher, P. Holmes, W. Hammond, W. Grimwade. On Sunday morning, October 20th, 576 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, W. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Pilcher, E. Newman, P. Holmes, H. Coote, G. Williams.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 6th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Smith, F. Radley, W. Moore, F. Warren, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade conductor. On

Sunday, October 13th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Sargent, E. Newman, W. Radley, G. F. Williams, F. Radley, W. Grimwade conductor. On Sunday, October 20th, 720 New London Pleasure. F. Radley, W. Moore, E. Newman, G. F. Williams, S. Sargent, C. H. Howard conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Saturday, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, F. Pounds, G. Room, N. Spindlow, T. Bull, J. Monk conductor, H. Brooks, J. Brooks. Rung as a welcome home to the Rev. C. W. O. and Mrs. Jenkyn. On Sunday morning, September 15th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. M. Woodcock, H. Brooks, G. Room, F. Smith, T. Bull, —, Faulkner, J. Monk, J. Brooks. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Room, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, T. Bull, F. Smith, J. Monk conductor, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Brooks. On Thursday, September 19th, half-muffled as a last token of respect to President McKinley, 360 Bob Minor. F. Pounds, M. Woodcock, N. Spindlow, F. Smith, F. P. Powell, J. Monk conductor. Also 336 Bob Major. F. Pounds, M. Woodcock, G. Room, H. Brooks, N. Spindlow, F. Smith, F. P. Powell, J. Monk conductor. On Sunday evening, September 22nd, for evening, 336 Stedman Triples. J. Monk, H. Brooks, G. Room, F. Smith, F. P. Powell, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, M. Woodcock. On Sunday evening, October 20th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, T. Bull, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Brooks, F. P. Powell, J. Monk conductor, J. Brooks.

KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Tuesday, October 22nd, a plain course and 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Pounds, J. Franklin, W. Bennett, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Brooks, H. Judge, J. Monk, F. P. Powell conductor. Also 252 Stedman Triples by the same band conducted by H. Judge.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, September 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. N. Spindlow, M. Woodcock, H. Brooks, F. Smith, J. Monk, F. P. Powell conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Pounds, H. Brooks, N. Spindlow, F. Smith, J. Monk, F. P. Powell conductor.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 5th, at The Two Brewers, on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples. T. H. Taffender, J. C. Truss, H. R. Pasmore conductor, A. Martin. And a touch of Grandsire Triples. A. Martin, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. R. Pasmore, H. Gomm. Also a touch of Stedman Triples. H. R. Pasmore, T. H. Taffender, J. C. Truss conductor, A. Martin.

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, August 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. H. Taber, E. Harris, J. Basden, W. Garrard, W. Pickworth, H. Miles, H. Browning, T. H. Taffender conductor.

BRIGHTON.—On Thursday, August 29th, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples. G. H. Taffender conductor, K. Hart, G. Williams, T. Lungley. Also two courses of Stedman Caters with Mrs. Williams, 9-10.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 7th, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Howell, C. Herbert, E. Herbert, C. Adams, W. Bacon, C. Honeybell, C. Sillitoe, H. Griggs. And 384 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe conductor, S. Howell, C. Herbert, E. Herbert, W. Bacon, H. Griggs, S. Slater, C. Honeybell. Also 112 Double Norwich. S. Howell, C. Herbert, C. Sillitoe, C. Honeybell, W. Bacon, E. Herbert, S. Slater, H. Griggs. And 588 Stedman Triples. S. Howell, C. Herbert, C. Sillitoe conductor, E. Herbert, W. Bacon, H. Griggs, S. Slater, C. Honeybell. The ringers wish to return thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. James Vatcher, for the use of the bells. tenor 28 cwt., the "go" of which is excellent.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, August 8th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Nichols, T. Wright, W. Allen, F. Hopper, W. Jones, W. Freeman conductor.

PORTMADOC.—On Saturday, November 9th, 480 Grandsire Doubles called differently. H. Wakefield, J. Owen conductor, W. Williams, D. Parry, W. H. Evans, R. Roberts. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 3rd, for practice at All Saints church, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Naish, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Strutt, H. Last, H. G. Naish, G. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, J. Chandler. Also 648 Grandsire Caters. J. H. B. Hesse, A. Strutt, G. Strutt, J. Wright, E. Stacey, H. Last, H. G. Naish, J. Strutt conductor, J. Howes, J. Chandler.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, November 9th, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hessian (first 504 and first attempt), J. B. Fenton, A. Coleman, A. Bramall, J. Coales, J. George conductor, T. Holmes, R. Clarke. Rung in honour of the birthday of King Edward VII.

Notices.

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Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Barley Moor Road, Didsbury, to-day, Saturday, November 16th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.
JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bacup, to-day, Saturday, November 16th. Bells from 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.
WM. CASS, Branch Sec.

This is the first meeting after re-hanging the bells.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Spilsby, to-day, Saturday, November 16th.
J. M. RYLAT, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association. — Canterbury District.—The next meeting of the above (for ringing only) will be held at Selling, to-day, Saturday, November 16. Bells ready 4.30 p.m.
E. E. FOREMAN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Middlesex County Association. — South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, November 16. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend for the election of District Officers.
C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stapleton, to-day, Saturday, November 16th. Service 5 p.m.
C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—Meetings for practice at St. Margaret's, Westminster will, for the future, be held every alternate Friday about 8 p.m.; commencing on Friday, November 22.
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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Will those who are Life Members kindly send their addresses to the Secretary at once, otherwise annual reports and notices cannot be sent to them.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Secretary.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 264th anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. W. Winney, or of
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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at York Town, Surrey, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available from 1.0 p.m. Tea will be provided for members.
REV. C. E. MATTHEWS, Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. S. Elson, 173, Horsedge Street, Oldham, by Friday, November 22nd. A good attendance is earnestly requested.
JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the East Dorset branch will be at Sturminster Newton, on Saturday, November 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. (6d. each to those giving me notice). Service and address by the Rev. J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell at 5. Ringing from 2 p.m.
H. DRAKE, Verwood, Wimborne.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shirland, on Saturday, November 30th. Meeting near church at 5.30 p.m. All members' and ringing friends invited.
T. ALLIBONE, Secretary. North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Painiswick Gloucestershire.—On Saturday afternoon, November 23rd next, at three o'clock p.m., a special service will be held to inaugurate the return of the twelve bells, reopen the belfry, and to dedicate the new clock and screen. Ringers have taken so much interest in the bells that we anticipate a large number of them being present, who will ring during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided for the visitors in the schoolroom after the service free. There will be no evensong that day. Omnibuses leave The George hotel, Stroud, at 12.15, 2.15, 3.15, and 6.15 for Painiswick.
W. HALE.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Drighlington, on Saturday, November 30th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Spotted Cow inn at 7 p.m.
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NOTES TO PEALS.

S. RADFORD'S FIFTY PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 15, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters, 4; Bob Major, 7, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 14; Stedman Caters, 1; total 50, conducted 3.

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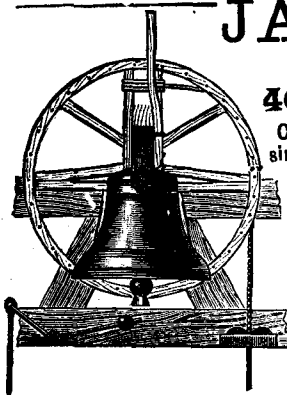
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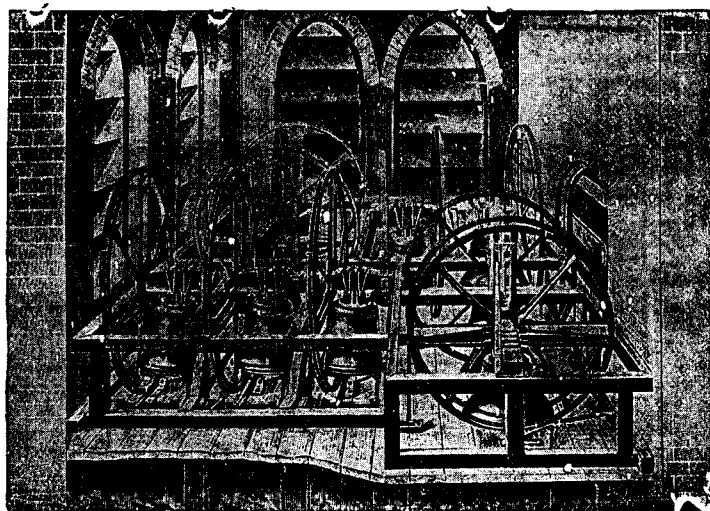
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LYMINGTON, HANTS.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BELLS.

A very large congregation recently assembled at the Parish Church, when a special service to dedicate the new peal of eight bells was held. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Squire, and the Vicar read special lessons (Numbers v. and part of Revelations v.), and dedicatory prayers. The St. Peter's Guild from Bournemouth kindly gave their services for the occasion, and rung before the service, and also a short "touch" after the dedicatory prayers had been offered. The Vicar based an appropriate address upon Exodus xxxix., 25-26, in the course of which he said that while he was free to admit that there was a tendency to put ceremonial forward to take the place of the spiritual, bells and their dedication were justified by scripture, and the ancient customs of the Church of God. Bells were a very old institution, and he traced their usage back to the days of Egypt and Rome, following up an interesting historical narrative by alluding to several of the principal bells of the world. Continuing, the rev. gentleman said they now had a ring of eight bells in their own parish, and that service was of historical interest. It might be asked why had they erected them, and why had they meddled with the tower? He would tell them the reason why. They found on examination that the tower was in a very dangerous condition; that the beam was rotten and nearly eaten through, and the bells must one day have fallen, to the destruction of the ringers beneath. Thus he and the churchwardens took the action they deemed needful, and the parish, in vestry assembled, unanimously voted that two more bells should be added to the six they already possessed. One of these was in memory of their late gracious Queen Victoria. He understood from the churchwardens that there was still outstanding about £100, but the parish, after the vote through the medium of the Vestry, was in honour bound to clear this amount off as soon as possible. Alluding to the fact that the names of Queen Victoria, Mrs. Haldane (who gave one of the bells), the Vicar, and churchwardens were engraved upon the bells, the speaker said of course they had a little ambition that when the years had gone by their names would stand recorded, although he hoped that his name would be written on the hearts of the people of Lymington, to whom he had ministered for nearly half-a-century. The rev. gentleman concluded his address by pointing out the uses of bells, and showing how closely they were associated with the services and festivals of the Church and the life of the people. The hymn "Hark, the sound of holy voices," was sung, and the Blessing pronounced by the Vicar. The collection taken realised £10 5s.

Subsequently, at the Literary Institution, Mr. Churchwarden Elliott entertained the Bournemouth ringers, and a number of Church workers and officials, the old ringers, and the members of the newly-formed Ringers' Guild to tea. Dr. Hill (Vicar's warden) presided, and the com-

pany, which numbered between fifty and sixty, included the host, Miss Elliott, the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Squire, Colonel Stirke, Dr. Chinery, Messrs. J. C. King, W. Klitz, G. F. Saul, H. S. Newnham, C. White, Klitz, jun., W. Green, H. K. Clark, E. Hesketh, E. Tiller, J. S. Lovell, W. Knee, S. Wheatley (of the firm of John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who superintended the hanging of the bells), Stent, Millett, A. Harvey, and F. Sticklee. Mr. Last, of the High-street, served an excellent tea, and at the close the Vicar proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the visiting ringers. The occasion was an epoch in the history of Lymington, and it was a kind and neighbourly act on their part to come and lend them a helping hand. He thanked them on his own and the churchwardens' behalf.

Mr. John King seconded, remarking that the visitors had bestowed quite a favour upon Lymington, as everybody had been delighted with the bells. He also thought the Committee deserved their best thanks for the manner in which they had acted in the matter, and carried the resolution of the Vestry to a successful culmination. The thanks were accorded by acclamation, and Mr. Grist, deputy-master of the Bournemouth ringers, replied.

The Chairman, alluding to Mr. King's reference to the work of the Committee, said the praise was really due to Mr. Elliott. He had done what he could to second his efforts, and Mr. Klitz and Mr. Saul had also rendered valuable assistance, but he wished to specially emphasise the fact that Mr. Elliott had borne the burden and heat of the day, and had devoted an immense amount of time and labour for the benefit of the town at large.

Mr. Elliott, in reply, admitted that the work had been onerous, but it had been a pleasure to him to do some little work for the benefit of the parish. Had he known at the Easter Vestry what he knew later of the bells and the dilapidated condition of the tower he did not think he should have had the heart to take the work in hand. He acknowledged, with gratitude, the assistance he had received from Mr. Klitz, but for whom they would not now have possessed the tenor bell.

Mr. Klitz also replied, saying that his aim throughout had been to get the bells so placed from an acoustic point of view, as not to be an annoyance to the people in the neighbourhood. He felt very proud that the peal of bells was an accomplished fact. The old bells had been in an unsafe state for years, and it was a mercy there had not been an accident. The present bells were safe for two or three centuries, and he was proud to think that he had a voice in putting up the magnificent tenor, as it would carry further, and give more dignity to the peal. The gathering then separated, and the St. Peter's ringers rung several touches of Grandsire Triples, including 630, 504, and 168 changes, in the latter one of the local ringers (Mr. Hesketh) rang the treble. The ringers were as follows:—Treble, F. Phillips; 2nd, G. Colborne; 3rd, C. Forfft; 4th, T. Green; 5th, Eli Waters; 6th, J. Bristowe; 7th, C. Goodenough; tenor, T. Belbin. The visitors expressed themselves highly pleased with the bells. Mr. Elliott entertained the ringers to supper.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting was held at North Wingfield, on Saturday, November 9th. Members were present from Ault Hucknall, Clay Cross, Bolsover, Tibshelf, Pleasley, Ripley, South Normanton, North Wingfield, also the old veteran from Eckington, Mr. George Marsden, and a ringing friend from Derby. Service was held in church at 4 p.m., when all the ringers were present, including a goodly number of parishioners. The service commenced with the singing of the "Old Hundreth," the prayers were intoned by the Rector (Rev. C. J. Boden). The first lesson was read by the Rev. H. S. Oldham, Vicar of Clay Cross, the second lesson by the President, Rev. A. V. Colston, Vicar of Bolsover. A very interesting address was given by the Rector, which was listened to with rapt attention. Hymn 303 A. and N. was then sung, after which two peal-boards were unveiled by Mrs. Jackson, of Clay Cross, each board containing two peals of 5040 each. The special hymn "Let our bells ring from the steeple," was then sung to the tune "Stuttgart," No. 76, A. and M., which went with a good swing, and was joined in heartily by all present, the Rector pronouncing the Benediction.

Tea was provided by the local ringers in the school, at 5 p.m., to which sixty-eight sat down. After grace had been said, the President (Rev. A. V. Colston) gave a short address, expressing the pleasure it gave him to meet the members in such numbers. The Rector, on behalf of the ringers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Jackson, for so kindly attending to unveil the boards, which was carried with acclamation.

Mrs. Jackson replied, and stated it had given her great pleasure to be present. The local ringers were heartily thanked for providing the tea. The ringers then wended their way to the belfry, when several 720's were brought round in good style, all were unanimous in the wish that two trebles might soon be added to this grand old six to complete the octave. The bells were lowered at 9 p.m., one and all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

ELHAM, KENT.

On Saturday, November 9th, a very interesting local event took place in the belfry of the parish church, being the unveiling of a peal-board, recording the first peal ever rung on the bells. The board, which no doubt at one time had its proper place in the tower, was evidently for some cause or other taken down and never replaced, for within the recollection of some of the local band it has been used as a notice board at the church door, and from thence found its way to the old Vicarage. During the rebuilding of the present Vicarage, the builder, a churchwarden, came across the peal-board, and fixed some plans in it, but thinking there was something unusual about it made a close inspection of it, and he, with the secretary of the ringers' society, made out the following writing, which had nearly been obliterated: "On Saturday, the 23rd of May, 1772, was rung for the first time in this steeple a complete peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. and 8 mins., by the following persons, viz: J. Cullen, W. Rigden, G. Downe, R. Downe, R. Foreman, W. Ruck, D. Cullen, G. Ladd.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. C. de Bourbel, generously defrayed the cost of having the peal board put in proper order, which has been very creditably done by one of the local band. Previous to the unveiling, the Vicar, who performed the ceremony, gave a short and interesting

address on bells and their connexion with religion, and offered some suitable prayers. During the evening some well-struck touches of Bob Triples and Major were rung to the memory of those who rang in the peal, and also in honour of the King's birthday. The ringers were A. Tanton, J. Andrews, J. Prebble, and W. E. Pitman, of Lyminge; E. Cheeseman and Hopkins of Stowting; and Messrs. Castle, Smith, Bourne, Bush and Whitnall of the local band.

THE HARRISON MEMORIAL.

The attention of our readers is directed to the fact that this fund closes on Saturday, November 30th.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

Sir Frederick Dixon Hartland and Lady Hartland, and the parishioners of Sunbury thought they would like to erect a memorial to our late Queen Victoria. A meeting was held, at which Sir Frederick offered to defray the cost of recasting the old six bells of the parish church, providing the parishioners put a new frame or cage. Then some one said "Why not put eight bells while they were about it." Accordingly Sir Frederick and Lady Hartland decided to give two trebles, and also have the others recast, provided all the other expenses were defrayed by the parish. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, which we may hardly want to add was well done, the tenor weighing about 17½ cwt., the tone of the bells and "go" being excellent.

The opening ceremony took place on October 15th, the Bishop of London conducting the dedication service, and Lady Hartland rung one of the bells for the first time, after which a short touch was rung. The Kingston ringers had two attempts to ring the first peal on them, but were not successful. Mr. Hunt, of Guildford, got the Rector's kind permission to attempt a peal on November 16th, and he made arrangements for that day, and with six good men and true from Guildford to accompany him, starting South-Western Railway at 1.3 sharp. On the journey to Walton-on-Thames they met "Father," looking cold but cheerful. A conveyance being in waiting a drive of four miles to Sunbury through the fog brought them to their rendezvous. A start was soon made for Stedman Triples, and for 2 hrs. 43 mins. the bells rattled along and then the welcome "this is all" made the first peal an accomplished fact, the ringers all being very pleased with themselves. Our correspondent adds: "We having wished 'Father' good-bye, as he was going back through Staines to be at home the same night ready for the morrow's services, the remainder of the band with the local ringers and our esteemed friend Mr. Wickens, of Walton, adjourned to a local hotel to get some refreshments and have a chat on the ringing and bells. Time slipped by, and we had to bid our Sunbury friends good-night. Then it was here we found the services of Mr. Wickens very acceptable, as it was very foggy, and we could not see more than five or six feet in front of us. We were all strangers on that road, and had sent our conveyance back, having decided to walk, and a treat we had too. Our pilot said 'Steady there, or you'll be in the water,' a stream running across the road; instinct seemed to tell him where it was. We found the footbridge all right, and we soon crossed Father Thames and were once more on the Surrey side, not one of us could claim it as native soil. We arrived in Walton town and there we wished our pilot good night. Another mile to Walton station, and then comfortably seated in the train we ran down to Guildford in good time, all the ringers being very pleased with their trip. Before parting a vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Hunt for arranging everything in such a satisfactory manner, and also to the Rev. — Russell for granting the use of the bells, and the foreman, Mr. Dare, for having the bells up and everything in readiness."

WEDNESBURY (Staffs).—On Sunday, October 13th, being the harvest festival, 360 Grandsire Minor, 7-8 covering. A. Cooper, C. Tyler, J. Tyler, A. Plant, W. Johnson, J. Malpass, A. Cooper, S. Cooper. For evening service 672s Grandsire Triples. A. Cooper, A. Plant, O. Brown, C. Tyler, E. J. Tyler, W. Johnson, J. Lawton, J. Malpass.

THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of The St. Paul's Cathedral Society was held in the Council Chamber Cathedral Buildings, Melbourne, on Wednesday, July 17th. The chair was occupied by F. R. Godfrey, esq., and about eighty ladies and gentlemen were present. The Secretary read the report and balance sheet for the past year, which were received and adopted. Commendatory remarks were expressed by the Chairman and The Precentor (The Rev. Alfred Wheeler) on the work done by the Society. A varied programme of vocal and hand-bell music was gone through, which was greatly enhanced by contributions from the Cathedral quartet party. The following have been elected office bearers for the ensuing year. President: The Lord Bishop of Melbourne, Vice-President, the Dean of Melbourne, Captain and Instructor Mr. A. E. Barnes, vice-Captain Mr. L. Murray, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. F. Behan; Committee, Mr. W. Wollard, and Mr. A. G. Fitzgerald.

The following report was read:—

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have the honour of submitting to you the Fifth Annual Report of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell-ringers. From every point of view the past year has been a most successful one, both as regards finance and the progress of the society generally. We again desire to express our hearty thanks to the kind friends who have so willingly accorded their support to this important part of Church work. The ringing of bells may seem to the casual observer a very simple task, but to get a band of ringers together and instruct them in the various intricacies of the art of Campanology requires a great amount of perseverance and determination on the part of those who instruct and those who learn. An instance of this may be seen in our own society. Two years and-a-half ago we had a strength of eight performing members, and five of them were what are termed round ringers. At the present time our membership consists of fourteen, and out of that number eleven are change-ringers. To attain this has required considerable attention and patience on the part of the members, which I am pleased to say has been forthcoming in a marked degree, as the attendances for the past year will show no less than a grand total of 1248 visits having been paid to the belfry. The quality of the ringing, to take it all through, has been of a fairly satisfactory character, clear and perfect striking being the acme of perfection in change-ringing. We have, perhaps, not obtained the highest standard in this direction, but with practice and in time we hope to do so. We have managed to successfully ring some fairly long touches: a 2030 of Grandsire Triples in a little over 1 hr. 18 mins. on September 23rd, being two parts of a peal, composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davis, and various others. But the record for the year took place on June 9th, when, for the first time outside of Great Britain, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, was rung in 52½ mins., composed and conducted by Mr. A. E. Barnes. The company stood as follows: W. Shenton, J. Shepherd, J. Freeman, 4, A. G. Fitzgerald, E. F. Behan, A. E. Barnes, J. T. R. Trotter, J. L. Murray, W. Woollard, T. Perry. Considering the time that some of the members have been practising this is a feat to be proud of. It was hoped that we should have been able to record a peal of 5040 but that remains to be accomplished in the near future. Altogether a total of 133 successful touches have been rung. The Society had their first outing on December 26th (Boxing Day) when a visit was paid to the picturesque City of Ballarat where a hearty welcome was accorded us by the local society of ringers, and a most pleasant day was spent in the active enjoyment of the exercise. In the support of a time-honoured custom the ringers met on December 31st to proclaim the advent of the new year, a special interest being attached to it, as the birth of the Twentieth Century, and on January 1st, when the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth was celebrated in an appropriate manner by the pealing forth of the joy bells on an auspicious and memorable occasion. The sound of the bells in mournful cadence on February 2nd denoted that the last sad rites attendant on the death of our late Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria had been performed, which brought to a close a long and glorious reign. The most important and most

memorable ceremony that Australia has ever witnessed took place in the early part of May, when the bells rang out their sweetest music in welcome to our Royal Visitors, and the opening of Australia's first Federal Parliament. We were also pleased to receive a visit from the Sydney ringers Mr. Charles Porter, and several of his band from St. Mark's, Darling Point having taken a run over to take part in the festivities. Mr. Porter is by no means lacking in enthusiasm as a ringer, and is, indeed, an acquisition to any tower. We endeavoured to give him and his band a hearty welcome. It is needless to say that the ropes had very few moments of idleness during his short stay in Melbourne. I must not forget to mention in passing a peal that was rung this year in honour of the wedding of Mr. Ernest Wood. A cordial bond of sympathy has ever existed between the bell-ringers and Mr. Wood, and they desire to express their hearty congratulations and best wishes for his happiness in the new chapter of life which he has now commenced. We sincerely regret to chronicle the death of one of our oldest ringers in the person of Mr. Isaac Davis, who passed away on June 13th, at the age of 67. Mr. Davis has been connected with the Exercise for very many years in this city, and although past three-score years he was always ready and willing to take his place in the belfry when called on to do so, and it will be a bard task to find as steady and reliable a tenor man as he was. The buffs were put on and a muffled peal rung as a mark of the high esteem in which our late member was held by the Society. Messrs. Wollard, Murray and Barnes deserve great credit for the untiring energy they have displayed in promoting the welfare of the Society, without them our progress would have been indeed slow, Mr. Barnes showing exceptional qualities in the position of instructor in change-ringing. This report would be incomplete without a word of thanks to the Rev. The Precentor. On many occasions Mr. Wheeler has shown that he takes more than a passing interest in our society, one special instance being the handbell case, which adorns the belfry, he having undertaken to collect the whole amount to defray its costs. In conclusion, we trust that the coming year will be equally as progressive as the past has been, and that we shall be able to induce more young men to interest themselves in the study of this science. We have plenty of vacancies for them, and if they will only give their names in they will not be sorry for taking up an exercise that is conducive to health, promoting the mental faculties, and a service to Almighty God.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, October 26th, these bells were re-opened after having been put in good ringing order. Three 720's of Bob Minor were rung. The first three of these bells are from the Whitechapel Foundry, the dates on the treble and second being "T. Mears, of London, 1820," and on the third "T. Lester made me, 1739." The fourth and fifth are black letter bells, and the tenor is one of Brend's bells, of Norwich, bearing the date 1620, and weighs 14 cwt. in G.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2nd, ringers from Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Finedon, Earls Barton, Desborough, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Ravensthorpe and Rothwell, spent an enjoyable time at Burton Latimer, where through the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Jacques, they had the privilege of ringing the bells of the church of St. Mary. There was not a large attendance, owing to counter attractions in the neighbourhood. The Rector kindly arranged for tea in the church schoolroom at five o'clock, to which about thirty sat down, including the Rev. W. B. Jacques, the Rev. H. Priestland, and Mr. Ball, churchwarden of Burton Latimer, Mr. W. Horden (Kettering), Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes (Wellingborough). The business meeting followed. The Rector, in reply to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and the hearty welcome he had given the members, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them, and gave some particulars of his own experience of ringers and ringing in the north of England. He

thought Associations such as theirs were very beneficial, as they were the means of bringing clergy, churchwardens and ringers together for their mutual advantage. With regard to their tower and bells, he feared they would soon have to go to the expense of re-pointing the spire, and they purposed, as soon as possible, to add another bell to increase the ring to six. The Rector concluded with some kindly words of advice and encouragement. Two new ringing members were elected from Kettering. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Higham Ferrers, if convenient, on Saturday, February 8th. Mr. Dennes mentioned that he understood that the church bells at Isham were shortly to be rehung and improved by the addition of another bell. He also referred to the illness of their President, the Archdeacon of Oakham, and felt sure that all wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Ball proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary, and said how much gratified he had been with the tone of the meeting. He also gave some belfry recollections of nearly forty years ago when the tower was rebuilt and the bells rehung.

A good "fall" closed the ringing at 7.30 in the evening. Then those that could remain a little longer adjourned to the large room of The Horse and Groom inn, where they found a blazing fire, good accommodation, and a peal of large handbells brought from Wellingborough. These were well used for tunes and changes. The landlord (Mr. Fox) made them very welcome, and contributed a good song, as also did Mr. J. T. Tompkins, of Finedon. Members were pleased to see Mr. Hodgson, one of the senior Burton ringers, present in the room. He was one of the old company who joined the Association as far back as the opening meeting at Wellingborough in October 1883.

Mr. Bull (churchwarden), was also present. He contemplates providing some better quality ropes than those at present in use in the Burton belfry. The bells are rung from a ringing loft immediately under the bell-frame in the same room as the modern clock, which was put in by the late Rector, the Rev. F. B. Newman, in 1887.

The last meeting of the Association at Burton Latimer was held in February, 1891.

RYE, SUSSEX.

The following is taken from the "Rye Parish Magazine" for November:—

"I want to do what is kind and fair to all parties, in sanctioning arrangements for the ringing of the church bells. Only those who are ringers themselves can fully understand the fascination of what is called 'Change Ringing'; but many of us are very fond of hearing our church bells ring out their merry peals. Some are indifferent as to whether they are rung or not; and some few cannot stand the ringing at any price. I am entitled to a little sympathy, I think, in having to solve the problem, and do what is fair and just. It seems to me that the first persons to be considered are the sick and suffering, who may reside near the church; yet such people are often the most patient and unselfish, and shrink from asking to have the bells stopped for their sake. I should, therefore, like to appeal to our medical men, to be good enough to decide for their patients what ought to be done, in the cases they attend; and a request from a doctor shall always prevent or stop the ringing of the bells. The request should be sent, don't you think, to the Vicarage, and not to the belfry?

"Then, as to the amount of ringing, I propose that in future there shall be no early-ringing on Festivals before 7.30 a.m.; that 10 a.m. shall be the earliest for the bells to begin for Sunday Mattins; and 5.45 p.m. for Sunday Evensong; that the week-night practice be from 8 to 9.30 on Tuesdays; and on the last Saturday of each month (instead of the usual Tuesday Practice) our band of ringers shall have leave to 'go for a peal'; ringers from other churches will only have leave to 'go for a peal' on the last Saturday in the month instead of our own men, or on some other night which shall be announced beforehand in the Parish Magazine, to take the place of the usual monthly peal night. I shall be glad of any criticisms and suggestions about these arrangements, either by letter, or, better still, by personal interview.

"It must not be forgotten that there are certain town ringing days for which the Mayor and Corporation are responsible;

and, if it be considered that the ringing is excessive on those days, complaint should be made to the Mayor.

"I have heard of a gentleman who took a house for a month or two close to our church last summer, and objected altogether to the church bells, and said, when he left, that he would not return to Rye unless a house could be found for him further away from the church. The obvious thing for such a man to do is to take a house in some other part of Rye, and there are many houses that will welcome him; but for a man who does not like bells to take a house next door to a church was not very wise.

"I hope, and believe, that our dear old church and our beautiful services, help to bring visitors to Rye, and to keep them here when they come—but I don't think that any of you can wish Rye to be notorious for such weakness as to silence our beautiful peal of bells for the sake of a stranger who takes a fancy to a cottage near the church!

"On the other hand, those who are obliged to reside not far from the church, are entitled to, and shall have, every possible consideration in the matter of the ringing of our bells.—Believe me, your affectionate friend,
A. J. W. CROSSE, Vicar."

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD, ESSEX.

On Saturday, September 21st, a friendly meeting of change-ringers took place at the above village, the Vicar, the Rev. W. Wyley, giving permission for the use of the church bells, which the ringers found to be a good ring of six, tenor about 15 cwt., one of the famous Miles Gray's bells. The ring is supposed to have been made six about the year 1834. The visitors having had a look round commenced to raise the bells and ring, when, as a trial touch, a course of Bob Minor was rung, by S. Slater, F. Wells, C. Elliott, T. E. Slater, N. Hawkins, A. Aviss. An attempt was then made for a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, this was lost when little more than half was rung; a second attempt was then made, this was lost in the last part. An attempt was then made for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob which was rung in good style, by S. Slater conductor, N. Hawkins, C. Adams, C. Honeybell, C. Garwood, A. Aviss. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob ever known to be rung upon these bells. An adjournment was then made to the Vicarage, the Vicar having invited the visitors to take supper with him, Mrs. Wyley, and his churchwardens, also his own ringers. The supper was a splendid one. This being over a course of Bob Major was rung upon the bells, after which Mr. Aviss, of Haverhill, rising, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman and his lady: first,—for the use of his church bells, and also for the grand manner in which they had entertained the whole company. This was seconded by Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford.

The Vicar, in thanking the company for coming to ring his bells, hoped soon to have a good six bell company at his own steeple.

Mr. Slater and his son Theodore E. Slater played upon the handbells (four-in-hand), the well-known tune "The Blue Bells of Scotland," which was much applauded by the company. Mr. Aviss then thanked his brother-ringers for coming to ring with him, and remarked that if the local company would like to go in for and learn proper change-ringing he would be pleased to lend them a helping hand, as far as lay in his power. Another course of Bob Major was rung upon the handbells, this concluding one of the most pleasant and interesting meetings ever spent by any assemblage of ringers and friends in this district. About nine o'clock the party dispersed for their homes.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 5th, two 120s of Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cawley conductor. Also 360 Minor. C. Valentine, G. Valentine, R. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cawley conductor. On Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cawley conductor.

FOR SALE Cheap.—20 Handbells, by Taylor. Size 220 to 25 in C. For four ringers. Box, baize and books including 70 tunes so that any one can learn to ring. A grand opportunity for anyone forming a band. All the above are in good condition. Further particulars of H. T. HOLDERNESS, 10, Southgate, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

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 REV. H. DRAKE'S SPEECH AT CONGRESS.

SIR,—I am sorry the Rev. H. Drake did not keep his speech at Congress in accord with the excellent ones of Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Non-payment of ringers might be his individual opinion, but when speaking as a representative ringer, I think he would have done better to have kept to the views of the majority, and not confused the case by advocating non-payment when a previous speaker had advocated payment. The latter method seems to command the greatest success when applied to clergy, organist, and choir; and I do not see how it should be otherwise with ringers. I do not think the clergy as a body would favour the idea of finding a place for ladies in the belfry, when they have superseded them in the choir by boys.

Adverting to the letter of Mr. C. Pearson on Exeter bells, I had hoped for some authoritative reply in this week's "BELL NEWS." I should say that while admitting ten bell music to be superior, twelve bell music was grand, and should be had where possible, as the loss of harmony was inappreciable except by the accomplished few.

G. T. DALTRY.

Bristol.

SIR,—The Exercise will be deeply indebted to Sir A. P. Heywood and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for their interesting and able papers read at the Church Congress meeting, but I think most ringers will disagree with the concluding part of Mr. Drake's remarks—those referring to payment of ringers. Why should it be especially bad for ringers to individually receive payment, and why should the payment for ringing be a degradation to the Art? There are officials in churches, also followers of the Art, who are paid for services rendered, but yet are not charged with degrading their Art. Will Mr. Drake point out the difference? "Money ringers" are a bad lot, and a nuisance to many companies, but that does not affect the principle Mr. Drake advocates. In Norwich we are often ordered to ring, and a full day's job means the bells ringing for an hour at five different times during the day. This of course means that any of our men in manufactories or other works, have to stay away from their employment the whole day. A man earning a limited wage cannot afford to lose a sixth of his weekly earnings, and so he must "degrade his Art." If ringers have to lose time from their usual employment they deserve to be paid for their ringing. The men who argue otherwise are usually those with incomes not affected by time spent in pursuit of their Art, and it is hardly fair for them to speak to outsiders (presumably instructing them) in the way they do.

C. E. BORRETT.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

SIR,—I regret to read in Mr. Drake's otherwise excellent paper delivered at the Church Congress at Brighton his remarks about "round ringers." It seems to me a great mistake to write or do anything which tends to raise an antagonistic spirit between half-pull change-ringers and "round ringers." That the ordinary country ringer, before he has got an insight into the mysteries of change-ringing is opposed to and inclined to run down the half-pull method, I do not deny, but I have found that when once a ringer understands the method he becomes a most enthusiastic supporter of it. I have rung with a large number of round-ringers, and in a great many belfries, and have not found them the "bad lot" which Mr. Drake speaks of. They really are quite as keen over their mode of ringing as we are about ours, and what they can do for the most part they do well. Their striking is often faultless. I have frequently heard them raise and fall their bells in peal and ring through a set of call-changes without a false blow. Then it should be remembered how difficult it is in country parishes to get instructors to teach scientific change-ringing, and without an instructor it is almost impossible for a country band to learn it. Therefore we cannot be surprised that the majority of country ringers prefer to go on with what they can do well. In this diocese in more than one Deanery a ringing festival is held

each year which is very well attended by the local ringers and evidently much appreciated by them. I have just received the following account of such a festival lately held in the Deanery of South Molton. "Last week 103 ringers took part in the festival. Some forty more were said to be present who had been ringers, but for some reason or other did not at present belong to any set. The good behaviour of the ringers has been remarked upon. Some leaders said that the Festivals for the last year or two made young men much more ready to learn ringing. At the service there was a large congregation present in addition to the ringers. The first seats were however reserved for the ringers, and some twelve clergy were present." It is evident from this that a considerable amount of interest is awakened in this branch of Church work by such gatherings, and though scientific change-ringing may not be much advanced by them, yet a friendly feeling between change-ringers and round-ringers is promoted, and surely this is what we wish to encourage rather than raise up a barrier between them.

Kelly House, Lifton, North Devon.

MAITLAND KELLY.

RINGERS' SERVICES.

SIR,—I am sorry I cannot amuse Mr. P. W. Davies by stating what means I propose for enforcing the closure on preachers at these services, for I know of none. My idea was that if a clergyman was told that the scheme of a proposed special service included an address not exceeding ten minutes in duration, he would be willing to fall in with the arrangement. Mr. Davies considered when he wrote that such a suggestion was unheard of and a breach of etiquette. But he has heard of it by now, because Mr. Drake says he stipulates for an even shorter limit, and as Mr. Drake is in holy orders he is presumably versed in clerical etiquette. I am under the impression that in the case of special services (I do not mean only ringers' services) time limitations are common enough, because such services are usually held in connection with some special circumstances of business or social object, and do not stand by themselves, but as part of an entire programme. They are held, I conceive, for the purpose of worship in connection with such circumstances, and sermons are not essential to worship. That being so, if sermons are delivered on such occasions they ought in my opinion to be adapted to them as much in time as in matter. Of course I am solely speaking of special services, not of the performance by the parochial clergy of their duty of teaching their parishioners in the appointed services of the Church.

R. A. DANIELL.

Obituary.

HARRY PARKINS.

The death occurred on Thursday, November 14th, of Mr. Harry Parkins, of St. Albans, after a painful illness, at the early age of 28. The deceased was an enthusiastic ringer; he had been a member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society for about three years. The members regret his loss most severely, they have lost a good friend and an excellent ringer. The greatest sympathy is felt for his young wife. The funeral took place on Monday last, at St. Albans Cemetery, Dean Lawrence, of St. Albans, officiating. The large number of friends and ringers present at the graveside testified to the respect and esteem in which the deceased was held. There was a magnificent array of wreaths, chief of which was one in the shape of a bell, contributed in affectionate remembrance by his brother-ringers. Amongst those present at the graveside were: Rev. P. Deedes, Rev. E. S. Phillips, Messrs. H. L. Waddington, R. E. Hammond, J. Earwicker, A. Hallett, T. P. Coombes, E. Whitbread, H. Arnold, H. Walker, G. Wright, G. Steabbeen, of the Cathedral Society. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. P. Debenham, the Herts. County Association was represented by Mr. H. L. Waddington; Mr. J. Conley represented St. Peter's Society, St. Albans. In the evening muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at the Cathedral by the members of the Cathedral Society.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1901.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

An appeal is being made for funds to repair the old bells at the parish church of Stebbing, and add a new treble to make six. Any contributions will be gladly received by the Vicar, or Mr. H. Russel, churchwarden.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY.

The 264th Anniversary Dinner of the above Society took place at The Bridge House hotel, on Saturday last, Mr. F. E. Dawe presiding. The company numbered 134. A full report will appear next week.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN MOULE Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR T. KING Treble.	HARRY MILLER 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
FRANK A. MILNE* 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal of Major.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	JOHN MOULE 6.
HARRY BOTTRILL† 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE, BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, CITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Chelsea, London, Wells, Bristol, Lichfield, York and Durham. Tenor B flat.

HENRY BOTTRILL Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.
WILLIAM MILLER 2.	JOHN MOULE 5.
JOHN MARDELL 3.	T. HERVEY BEAMS Tenor.

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

Further reference elsewhere.

The Provinces.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

HUGH R. THORPE Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD 4.
JOHN ANSELL 2.	WILLIAM H. CARD 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 3.	HENRY REEVES Tenor.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Thursday, November 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

W. TOWNSEND* Treble.	J. W. WOODS 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2.	T. B. WOODS 6.
J. HILTON* 3.	*J. R. GREEN 7.
J. T. HOLMES 4.	W. DICKENSON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Major.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM ROSE 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	E. HARRY SYMONDS .. 5.
CHARLES NUNN 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthdays of His Majesty the King, and also of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Governor of the Isle of Man.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY COOPER Treble.	RICHARD P. HEALD 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	WALTER HENSHALL .. 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	GEORGE PINCOIT 7.
FRED. MORRIS 4.	PETER NUTTALL Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST A. POOLE Treble.	JAMES BURGE 6.
JAMES ROUTLEY 2.	FRANK J. SADD 7.
HENRY J. CREED† 3.	WILLIAM EVELEIGH .. 8.
SIDNEY WYATT 4.	EDWARD J. WYATT .. 9.
ISAAC CREED† 5.	JOSEPH FOWLER Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES BURGE.

†First peal of Caters.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble.	WILLIAM COOK 5.
ALFRED BASSETT 2.	THOMAS MILES 6.
GEORGE WYATT 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	HARRY PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by J. WYATT.

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

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. in G.

STEVEN FAITHFULL* .. Treble.	STEVEN PERKINS 5.
STEVEN J. PERKINS† .. 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
JAMES MUGGRIDGE 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
HARRY GOODWIN 4.	ARTHUR GODLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

*First peal.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS* .. 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3.	GEORGE DAVIES 7.
SAMUEL PRICE 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal, aged 16. First peal in the method by the local band.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

EDWARD MARKHAM† .. Treble.	ANTHONY W. TUBB 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6.
REV. F. L. NASH† 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS 7.
FRED HAYES 4.	FRANK BAGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

†First peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Thursday, November 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

JOHN GOODMAN† .. Treble.	WILLIAM FISHER 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN 6.
SAMUEL BAKER 3.	WILLIAM MILLS 7.
HARRY GOODMAN 4.	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

†Elected members previous to starting for the peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD* .. Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.
WILLIAM WARD* 2.	ALF. PADDON SMITH 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE SMITH .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAULKNER 5.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE 2.	ALFRED ROWLEY 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
HARRY PRICE 4.	JOHN W. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

*First peal as conductor.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY OLDNALL* .. Treble.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	WILLIAM PAGE 6.
JAMES REYNOLDS† 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 4.	ALBERT THOMAS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal. †First peal of Grandsire.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES. Tenor about 22 cwt.

EDGAR H. G. TINGEY .. Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 6.
ISAAC HILLS 3.	FRANK WEBB 7.
JOSEPH CHURCH* 4.	JOHN WM. BARKER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN DRONFIELD .. Treble.	THOMAS MCKEGG 5.
WALTER KITSON* 2.	THOMAS KITSON 6.
GEORGE PARKIN 3.	GEORGE SHAW 7.
WILLIS WHITHAM* 4.	JOHN PARKIN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by GEORGE SHAW.

*First peal.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
JAMES HUNT 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells. Reference elsewhere.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS KING Treble.	HARRY E. KINSEY 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	WILLIAM KINSEY 6.
CHARLES ELLIOTT 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	ALFRED AVISS Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by T. KING.

Taken from the Norwich Report, 1894. The band wish to thank the Rev. James Vatcher for placing the bells at their disposal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 24 cwt

W. BRITTIAN* Treble.	H. TINSLEY 5.
G. HUGHES 2.	G. NEWBOLD 6.
T. FOSTER 3.	J. MALPASS 7.
E. W. TURNER 4.	*J. B. JUKES Tenor.

Conducted by G. HUGHES.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Barwell, and first peal for over seventeen years. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Howard Ichen and Miss Sheldon.

HASTINGS.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

W. BILLENNESS Treble.	C. R. CARTER 5.
S. F. C. SAKER* 2.	S. SAKER 6.
A. E. BARROW 3.	W. FRANKS 7.
F. LOCK 4.	J. LIVERMORE Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by S. SAKER.

Rang to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the dedication of the church and of the Vicar's ministry. *First peal.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 6-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SAWYER Treble.	GEORGE SAVAGE 3.
ALDERMAN LING 2.	ROBERT SMY 4.
HENRY PUTTOCK Tenor.	

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	RICHARD P. HEALD .. 5.
TITUS BARLOW 2.	ALBERT HOLDING .. 6.
FRED. BANKS 3.	SAMUEL ARROWSMITH .. 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	JAMES ARROWSMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 6-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

JAMES WARDLEY† .. Treble.	ROBERT SMY 3.
ALDERMAN LING 2.	WILLIAM SAWYER 4.
HENRY PUTTOCK Tenor.	

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

This is the first peal on the bells. †First peal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JOHN ARMSTRONG† .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
SIDNEY WADE 3.	†FRANK BLONDELL 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

†First peal of Superlative. F. Blondell was formerly a ringer at this church, and this is his sixtieth peal.

BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. Treble.	CHARLES W. BELL 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES DENSLEY 6.
HENRY W. BROWN 3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 7.
ALFRED RICHARDSON .. 4.	CHARLES CAMBRIDGE .. Tenor.
	GEORGE CRISP

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

First peal on the bells since 1851. First peal by the tenor-men. This fine-toned peal has within the last two years had a matter of £100 spent on "rehabing" by local men, the result of which is shown by the above record.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, November 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CARD 6.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 8.
JOHN ANSELL 4.	HENRY REEVES 9.
GEORGE HUGGETT 5.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

First peal of Royal on the bells, and was rung on the conductor's birthday.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Bushey reported in our last issue, should be Fredk. T. C. Nevett.—The peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at Bishops Stortford on October 31st and published in our issue of the 9th inst., should have been headed "The Essex Association."—The conductor of the peal at Chiddingfold reported in our last issue, was Arthur J. Bartlett. It was also the first peal by the treble man; first with a bob bell by the ringer of the 4th; first peal as conductor, and first peal by the local band.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY.—On Thursday, October 31st, in 1 hr. 14 mins., a date touch of 1901 Bob Major. J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

PADIHAM (Lancashire).—At St. Leonard's church, a date touch of 1901 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. Duxbury, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, W. Walton, F. G. Pollard, C. Parkinson, F. Wagner, T. Redman conductor. Longest touch on the bells since they were augmented.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH.—On Saturday, October 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Cinques, but after ringing thirty-four courses in 3 hrs and 26 mins. it came to grief. A. E. Durrant, W. Roughton, J. Motts, J. R. Sharman, W. Pye conductor, I. G. Shade, R. H. Brundle, W. L. Catchpole, W. Keeble, W. Motts, E. Pye, A. Gillingham.

WEST TOFTS (Norfolk).—On Thursday, October 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples which came to grief after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs 26 mins. through the 2nd casting her rope. W. Keeble, W. Pye conductor, I. G. Shade, F. R. Borrett, E. Borrett, J. Motts, E. F. Poppy, E. Pye.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 15th, for Divine Service, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Bedwell conductor, W. Taylor, W. Weatherstone, H. J. Button, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, C. Samson, A. J. Lincoln.

MENDLESHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Doubles. W. Tyte, E. Youngs, B. Keeble, H. Torble, H. Foster conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Saturday, November 9th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. H. Walker, T. P. Coombes, G. W. Cartmel, J. Earwicker conductor, R. E. Hammond, G. Wright, A. Hallett, H. Arnold. Also 672 Bob Major. G. W. Cartmel, T. P. Coombes, J. Earwicker conductor, H. Walker, R. C. Hammond, G. Wright, A. Hallett, E. Whitbread. Longest touch of Bob Major by Messrs. Coombes, Walker, Hammond, and Wright. These touches were rung in honour of the election of E. Ekins, Esq., churchwarden of Christ Church, St. Albans, as Mayor of St. Albans.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—The ringing at the Colston Anniversary was commenced at St. Mary Redcliffe at midnight, November 12th, by 1176 Double Norwich court Bob Major, in 49 mins. A. Pearce, J. Thomas, J. Hinton, W. Knight, H. Pring, W. Cave, H. Porch, G. T. Daltry conductor. Tenor 50 cwt.

MITCHELDEAN.—On Saturday, November 9th, being the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. L. Mason, T. Powell, J. Powell, W. F. Searancke, A. E. Brain, H. Gardner conductor, J. Morgan, T. Baldwin.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, September 16th, at the parish church with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late President McKinley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Bond, C. L. Sadler, F. J. Lewis conductor, F. Lewis, F. Protherough, C. E. Bartlett, H. T. Gardner, W. C. Flower-Holmes. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's one-part. H. P. Harman conductor, H. Dickens, G. J. Taylor, G. R. Newton, J. Craft, T. Harford, W. Ingham, G. H. Daynes. On Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, E. Dunn, G. R. Newton, H. P. Harman conductor, W. Ingham, G. Huxley, J. Craft, W. James. On Tuesday, September 10th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Dunn, T. Harford, G. Daynes, W. Smith, G. Durling conductor, W. Ingham, J. Craft, W. James. On Tuesday, September 19th, on the occasion of the funeral of President McKinley, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, with the bells half-muffled. G. Simpson, E. Dunn, G. Taylor,

J. Town, G. Durling conductor, G. Huxley, C. J. Craft, W. James. On Sunday, September 22nd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Dunn, S. Harford, H. P. Harman, G. Newton, W. Ingham, G. Durling, W. C. Hunt conductor, W. James. On Sunday, October 6th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. A. Humphrey, E. Dunn, J. Town, G. Simpson, G. Durling conductor, G. Huxley, T. Harford, W. James.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstan's four-part. H. P. Harman conductor, W. Weatherstone, E. Barnett, jun., G. J. Taylor, G. R. Newton, G. Conyard, G. H. Daynes, J. Miles.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 13th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G. Marshall, W. Haigh conductor, W. Hunt, F. Ockwell, C. Winsor, W. Easter, W. Bate, W. Childs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM.—On May 26th, at St. John's church, 720 College Single. W. Bamber, J. Fell, J. Tipping conductor, A. E. Wilson, R. Seddon T. Allanson. On June 16th, 720 in the same method. R. Seddon, J. Fell, D. McLellan, A. E. Wilson, E. Tipping conductor, T. Allanson. On September 1st, another 720 in the same method. W. Bamber, J. Fell, J. Tipping, A. E. Wilson, J. Hardman, E. Tipping conductor. On September 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bamber, F. J. Fell J. Tipping conductor, C. H. Kerr, R. Seddon, T. Allanson. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. W. Bamber, F. J. Fell conductor, R. Seddon, C. H. Kerr, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. On September 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. E. Wilson, J. Fell, J. Tipping, E. Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. On September 29th, 720 Oxford Single. W. Bamber, C. H. Kerr, J. Tipping, E. Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. On October 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Bamber, C. H. Kerr, J. Tipping, R. Seddon, J. Hardman, E. Tipping conductor. On October 20th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Bamber, E. Tipping conductor, D. McLellan, A. E. Wilson, J. Hardman, T. Allanson.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, October 20th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Bowden, F. Sadd, S. Wyatt, J. Fowler, A. Coles, A. J. H. Iles, J. Burge conductor, W. White. A 720 Grandsire Minor. E. A. W. Poole, J. Routley, W. Bowden, B. W. Van Trump conductor, J. Fowler, J. Burge. And 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Sellick, W. Bowden, S. Wyatt, J. Routley, F. Sadd, J. Burge conductor, J. Fowler, A. J. H. Iles. On Saturday, October 19th, 518 Grandsire Triples. B. W. Van Trump conductor, W. Bowden, J. Routley, J. Fowler, F. Sadd, W. Eveleigh, J. Burge, E. A. W. Poole. And 395 Grandsire Caters. E. A. W. Poole, J. Routley, B. W. Van Trump, C. Summers, J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, S. Wyatt, W. Eveleigh, E. Wyatt, W. White. On Sunday, October 20th, 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. A. W. Poole, J. Routley, H. Creed, F. Sadd, J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, I. Creed, S. Wyatt, E. Wyatt, W. White. This was rung for afternoon service on the occasion of the Friendly Societies' church parade.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR (Notts).—On Sunday, October 20th, 518 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part. G. Wilson, H. Whittle conductor, F. Tyler, A. Trigg, W. Pervin, J. Wilson, G. Doughty, S. Needham. For evening service 560 Bob Major. F. Fryer, A. Trigg, W. Pervin, W. A. Tyler, F. Pervin, J. Wilson, G. Doughty, H. Whittle conductor. For practice on handbells, three courses of Bob Minor. J. Tyler, W. A. Tyler, F. Tyler, J. Tyler, H. Whittle, 5-6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, May 18th, an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major came to grief after ringing 1 hr. H. Sear, C. W. Clarke conductor, J. Garrett T. R. Hensher, J. B. Martin, W. R. Hensher, A. Martin, C. R. Lilley.

BIDDENHAM.—On June 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. West, H. King, C. West, F. Trueman, 4; M. Davidson, C. R. Lilley conductor. On May 20th, an attempt for a peal was lost owing to a change-course after ringing 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. W. West, C. W. Clarke, C. R. Lilley, F. Webb, W. Freeman, J. M. Barker conductor. On Wednesday, October 2nd, 720 Woodbine. J. Maxey, C. West, C. R. Lilley conductor, W. T. Davidson, H. King, F. Truman.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAMFORD.—On Saturday, October 12th, at St. Martin's church,

720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Redmill, E. Popple, H. Edgley, W. Lebbon, C. Harper, F. Dennison conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, September 1st, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. W. Radford, C. Hazelden, J. J. Jones, E. Raddon, E. Allen, J. Hunt, S. Radford conductor, E. Heather. On August 29th, for practice, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. J. J. Jones, E. Raddon, C. Willshire, E. Hazelden, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, F. Blondell, J. Hunt conductor. This is the first touch of Superlative by a local band in the diocese. On Sunday, September 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. W. Thorne, C. Hazelden, E. Raddon, E. Allen, S. Radford, J. Hunt conductor.

BURBAGE (Derbyshire).—On October 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Egbert Stamper, S. Bennett, Ernest Stamper, J. Backhouse, M. G. Bennett conductor, W. Longden.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. C. Harfey, A. Miles, J. Hunnisett, G. H. Howse, A. Midmore, J. Sharp conductor, R. C. Mayo, C. Crunden.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, August 4th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Nichols, F. Hopper, F. Mynard, J. Lovell, W. Freeman conductor, H. Lett. On Tuesday, August 6th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Hopper, H. Hensman, W. Allen, W. Rogers, W. Freeman conductor, H. Lett.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles and eight bobs). H. Ellis, E. Turl, W. Pickworth, N. Alderman, J. Nixon, W. Nudds composer and conductor.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, October 13th, 360 Bob Minor. P. Warner, W. Rose, E. Young, G. Vincent, C. Nunn, G. E. Symonds conductor.

HORNCHURCH.—On Sunday evening, October 13th, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, A. J. Perkins composer and conductor, G. Roughton, G. H. Birch, H. F. Dawkins, W. Watson, J. Dale, G. Adams.

HARROLD (Beds).—On Wednesday, August 7th, 720 College Single. J. Nichols, F. Hopper, F. Mynard, F. Bird, W. Freeman conductor, H. Lett. Also 720 Oxford Bob. J. Nichols, J. Wheatsheaf, W. Freeman, H. Lett, F. Hopper, F. Bird conductor.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 6th, at All Saints' church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Saunders, F. C. Goddard, T. Beadle, G. Hoad conductor, G. A. Ransom, H. Browning, F. Hoad, H. Sewaed.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, September 18th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Catherine Brown, youngest daughter of Mr. George Brown, builder, also parish clerk of Leatherhead, to Mr. Herbert Charles Ogilvy, of Blackheath, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. J. Harding, H. Wood, A. Otway, W. Otway, W. Marks, W. Messam, A. Dean (conductor), E. Hull.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 6th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Perkins composer, W. Nash, G. Roughton, W. Watson, G. R. Pye, conductor, H. F. Dawkins, J. Dale, G. Adams. At the residence of Mrs. Dawkins, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, W. Watson, A. J. Perkins, H. F. Dawkins conductor.

THEALE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob, in 48 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. R. Cox. F. Cark, J. Abery, G. Abery, A. Savage, T. Herridge, W. Clark conductor.

WOOLWICH.—On Thursday, September 19th, at the parish church, with bells half-muffled for President McKinley, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 49 mins. A. M. Phillips, B. J. Sheldon, W. Watchorn, W. H. Dallimore, H. Harvey, J. E. Sykes, J. C. Harvey, W. J. Aldridge conductor.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE KETTERING SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 24th, a few of the Central Northamptonshire Associations and friends, to the number of about twenty, held what has now become their annual holiday. Leaving Kettering at 8.30 a.m., in a brake, drawn by a pair of splendid horses, the first four miles of our journey brought us to Rothwell. Here we were joined by Mr. H. Davis, one of the local ringers, who had previously obtained permission for us to ring on the good old peal of six banging in the parish church. One or two 6-scores of Doubles were rung, and the bells lowered. It is a pity such a good peal of bells as these are should not be rehung in a sound frame, as the "go" leaves much to be desired. From Rothwell to Desborough is a distance of about two miles, and here a pretty peal of five were soon raised, and several 6-scores of Doubles were rung. These bells will be increased to six as soon as funds allow it, and it is to be hoped something will be done at the same time to make the fourth and fifth strike a little better; the former being slow at hand, and the latter very slow at backstroke. Mr. S. Burdett, of the parish church ringers, joined us here, and a move was made for Leicestershire, Market Harborough being the first stopping place in that county. A short stay was made with Mr. E. Maule, of The Cherry Tree, a late ringer at Northampton, and here two more were added to our number. N. ringing was done here, as the Rev. Guinness informed us the bells were out of order, and could not be rung. The next move was for Kilworth Harcourt, and here the first thing on the board was a capital dinner provided at The Admiral Nelson, by Mr. C. Buttress, an old Stedman ringer. Full justice being done to this course (and I can assure you it was) we adjourned to the church close by, and a very musical peal of six were raised, and 720 Bob Minor, and several 120s of Doubles were rung. These bells require the services of the bellhanger badly, a new frame and fittings being very much required. The bells were lowered, and a pleasant hour was spent with our host, Mr. Buttress, who was pleased to hear a little change-ringing on the handbells. Time was now getting on, and we had another place to call at, so wishing our friends good-bye we again made a move of three miles to Church Langton. Here the only disappointment of the day was met with, a fine peal of eight hung in the church tower, and these were found to be unringable. They were raised in peal fairly well, and the sixth set up against the wind instead of the slide, with the result that it was thrown over (it was found, on inspection, that it had no slide.) These bells were rehung by a neighbouring blacksmith some years ago, no doubt to his satisfaction, but certainly not to anyone else's. The Rector, however, told us he should get them rehung very shortly, and employ a competent firm of bellhangers this time. We trust that this visit to Church Langton will not be without a sequel. The horses' heads were now turned homewards, and Market Harborough was reached at 8.30, where we made a stay of about an hour to feed both horses and men. Leaving Harborough at 9.30 we were now in plain course order, the coming home course being successfully accomplished, the party running into Kettering about 12 o'clock midnight. The party would like to thank the incumbents of the various churches, and also the steeple-keepers. We must also thank the Kilworth ringers for their welcome.

ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE.—On Saturday, October 12th, this society held its first annual outing, the places being visited were Cookley and Wolverley. Leaving the church the drive was taken through Park Gate and Lea Castle in weather that was all that could be desired, being met by Mr. G. Davis, we visited the tower of St. Peter's, Cookley, containing a ring of six, by Mears (1849), tenor 12 cwt., permission having been previously obtained of the Rev. M. J. Bickerstaffe. Touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor were rung, and resuming our journey to Wolverley, the viaduct built in connection with the Birmingham water scheme was much admired. Dinner was served at The Live and Let Live in capital style; we then reached the tower of St. John the Baptist at the invitation of Mr. H. Brooks, of the local band, and some short touches on the bells; we then adjourned to spend the evening together when tunes and courses of Triples on the handbells, and selections on the pianoforte by Mr. G. H. Pagett.

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Notices.

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The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—Meetings for practice at St. Margaret's, Westminster will, for the future, be held every alternate Friday about 8 p.m.; commencing on Friday, November 22.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Will those who are Life Members kindly send their addresses to the Secretary at once, otherwise annual reports and notices cannot be sent to them.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Secretary.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at York Town, Surrey, to-day, Saturday, November 23. Bells available from 1.0 p.m. Tea will be provided for members.

REV. C. E. MATTHEWS,
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oldham, to-day, Saturday, November 23rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the East Dorset branch will be at Sturminster Newton, to-day, Saturday, November 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell at 5. Ringing from 2 p.m.

H. DRAKE.
Verwood, Wimborne.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shirland, on Saturday, November 30th. Meeting near church at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Painswick, Gloucestershire.—This Saturday afternoon, November 23rd at three o'clock p.m., a special service will be held to inaugurate the return of the twelve bells, reopen the belfry, and to dedicate the new clock and screen. Ringers have taken so much interest in the bells that we anticipate a large number of them being present, who will ring during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided for the visitors in the schoolroom after the service free. Omnibuses leave The George hotel, Stroud, at 12.15, 2.15, 3.15, and 6.15 for Painswick.

W. HALE.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Drighlington, on Saturday, November 30th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Spotted Cow inn at 7 p.m.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are requested to attend the practice at St. Paul's Cathedral at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening the 26th inst. A meeting will be held afterwards at the headquarters to elect officers for the coming year. The subscription of 1s. 8d. instead of peal booking fees, must be paid between this date and February 28th, 1902.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at

Wem on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5, and 7 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Bell hotel. Those members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Thursday, December 5. The undersigned will also be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1900 by the end of the present month.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec., Eastern Division.*
Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly of the above will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR.—This is the first peal of Surprise Minor by the Association, also in the county, and the first 5040 of Minor in the City of London, and it is believed to be the first time any of these Minor methods have been rung in the City. It was only after a fruitless endeavour to secure a six or eight-bell tower within the City boundaries for the attempt, that application was made, and most graciously granted, for the use of St. Magnus' bells. The peal was rung on the front six.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 16th, the late ringers of St. Mary's church, Bucknall, with a few friends and several ringers from other towers partook of a supper together before finally breaking up the band. The supper was held at The Mason's Arms, the catering of host Ratcliffe giving great satisfaction. The company numbered over twenty, and included all the old ringers. Mr. W. Twigg presided, Mr. J. J. Marland occupying the vice chair. The cloth being removed "The health of the King and Queen and the rest of the Royal Family" was drunk.

The chairman said they had met together that evening under somewhat sad circumstances, viz., the breaking up of the old band of ringers. They all knew how it had come about, and therefore he had no need to mention what the Rector wished them to promise. He, the chairman, was very sorry that the Rector had not taken his advice and have trusted the ringers to carry out his wishes as far as they could, instead of saying they must either do as he said or give up ringing. Had he done so he very likely would have found most of his wishes carried out, but they would not be coerced, and so they were dismissed from the tower. Now he was pleased to say that although they were breaking up as a band, that did not mean that they were giving up ringing; they would still remain members of the Stoke Archdiocesan Association, and he hoped they would very often go out together to ring on Sundays at some of the towers in the Association. The speaker then gave a short history of the band from its formation fifteen years ago, when the bells were opened, to the present time. At the time the band was formed not one of them knew anything about bells or change-ringing, and first one and then another gave it up, so that for the first two years no progress was

made, and he and Mr. Hobbs were the only two members left of the original band. After that some members joined who entered heartily into the subject of ringing, and good progress was made. Since then very few changes have been made in the members. During that time twenty-one peals have been rung on their own bells, besides several taking part in peals in other towers, and 720s in fifty-three different methods, most of them being Surprise methods.

Mr. Page said he was very sorry that the band was breaking up, but was pleased to hear that they would still be members of the Association. He was very pleased to bear testimony to the skill which the Bucknall ringers had shewn, and also to the good work they had done for the Association.

Mr. S. Churton proposed the health of "The Chairman and the rest of the Bucknall ringers," and said that the chairman as Hon. Secretary of the Association enjoyed the confidence of the members, and so did all the other members of the late Bucknall band. This was seconded by Mr. Woods, who said he had mixed with the Bucknall ringers a good deal. He had been with them on their outings, and he had never seen one of them take more beer than was good for them, and he as a teetotaler should be able to tell, and he should never wish to mix with more agreeable men.

Mr. Hobbs in responding for the band, said he had always been pleased to see the young ringers get on, and had always what he could for them.

The health of Mr. J. Fenton (Rector's warden, but who has refused to act since the ringers were dismissed), was heartily drunk, the chairman stating that Mr. Fenton would have been with them but was prevented by business.

Several songs were given during the evening by Messrs. Adams, Wheeldon, Page, Bradbury, and Holbrook.

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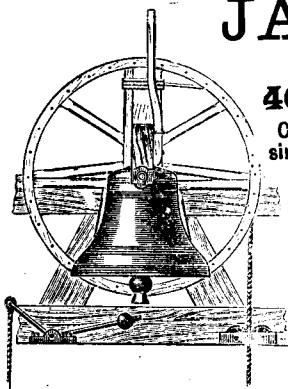
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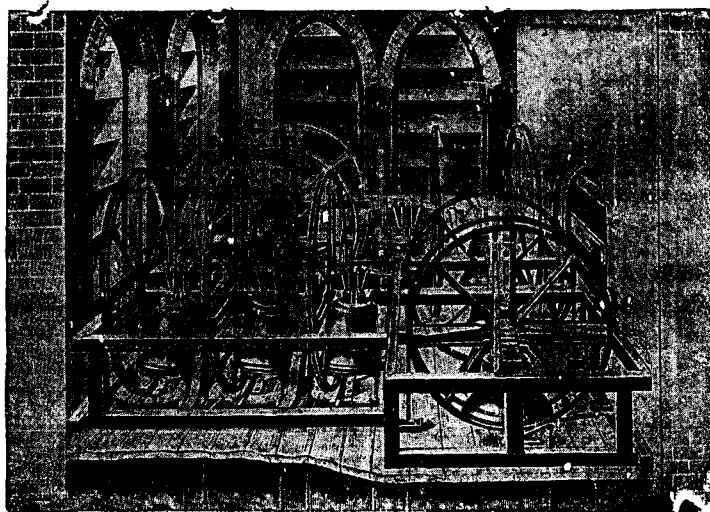
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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN DIVISION.

The Annual Meeting of this branch was held at Spilsby (where there is a nice light ring of six, tenor 14 cwt.) on Saturday, November 16th, and was attended by ringers from Boston, Frampton, Kirton, Frieston, Friskney and Spilsby. The bells at Halton Holgate, which are a musical ring of six, tenor 18 cwt., were placed at the service of the ringers by the genial Rector, the Rev. —. Disbrowe, and were raised in peal about 2 p.m., when a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was successfully brought round by T. Boyer, Rev. J. Cheales, E. Clayton, H. Staffurth, J. M. Rylatt, J. H. Haw conductor. This was followed by three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by J. M. Rylatt, F. Blakey, E. Clayton, J. Haw, T. Boyer, L. Goodwin. The bells were then lowered in peal, when the Rector, who had come into the belfry, complimented the ringers on their excellent striking, and announced his intention of becoming a member of the Guild and inducing the local ringers to do the same. He then invited the visitors to partake of refreshments at the rectory, which it is needless to say was thankfully accepted, the ringers heartily thanking the rev. gentleman for his kindness and for the use of the bells. A move was then made for Spilsby, one mile distant, where the bells had already been set going by other members of the Guild who had proceeded there earlier in the day, and had rang several 360s of Bob Minor and other touches until 4.15 p.m., when Divine Service was held in the church, conducted by the local clergy, and attended by all the ringers, a very earnest and practical address being delivered by the Rev. E. Hancock on the honour and dignity of the office of a bellringer, and the responsibilities thereof. Tea was provided at The Shades by host Shaw, to which full justice was done by those assembled, the local clergy also honouring the company with their presence at tea.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, presided over by the Rev. J. Cheales, of Friskney, the President of the branch, who quickly got through the business, which was of the usual routine, the finances of the branch being in a very satisfactory state. The officers were re-appointed with the exception of the secretary, Mr. T. Boyer being appointed in the place of Mr. J. M. Rylatt, who resigned, he taking the place of Mr. Boyer on the committee of management. Votes of thanks were passed to the rev. president for presiding; to the Rev. E. Hancock for the use of the bells and for his address at the service, and his presence with the company throughout the day; also to the host and hostess for the very excellent tea provided. This brought to a close one of the many pleasant meetings of this branch of the Guild, the only regret being that time would not allow of more ringing being done, the last train leaving Spilsby at 6.30 p.m. The members of the Guild take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers and all church officials for the arrangements made for their enjoyment.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The second quarterly meeting of the East Dorset branch of the above Guild was held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, September 23rd, in the spacious vestry of the fine old parish church. The bells had been ringing in changes (mostly Plain Bob) from an early hour in the afternoon, greeting the members as they gathered from far and near. The following towers were noticed as having sent representatives: Sturminster Newton, Marnhull, Iwerne Minster, Okeford Fitzpaine, Trowbridge, Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Christ Church, Verwood and Westmoors. The Vicar, [the Rev. J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell, chairman of the branch, presided. The Secretary reported that he had laid the resolution passed at their last meeting before the diocesan committee, and that they had decided to adopt their suggestion and to fix a standard fee for instruction at 30s. per course of twelve lessons, travelling expenses at the rate of 1d. per mile covered being defrayed locally. It was then decided to form a subdivision for the Sturminster Newton district, with the Rev. E. Acton, Vicar of Iwerne Minster, as chairman, and Mr. J. Beale as Secretary; also a subdivision for Cranborne district, with the Rev. F. H. Fisher, Vicar of Cranborne, as chairman, and Mr. F. Martin Stewart as secretary. It was also decided to invite the captains of the ringers at Shaftesbury, Blandford and Swanage to form subdivisions for their own districts. It was decided to ask the diocesan committee to form some arrangement by which all who subscribed an additional sixpence each year might have a special notice of each meeting sent to them. Also to ask the general secretary to make arrangements for a Dorset ringing tour at as early a date as possible. Five new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meetings at Bournemouth on December 30th, Ringwood on January 30th, and the annual meeting at Swanage on Easter Monday. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the chairman and the Rev. F. H. Fisher, who had both entertained the Guild on the occasion of their meetings at their churches. The copies of the Glossary and Ringers' Note Book, which the Secretary had supplied, were eagerly taken up.

The service in church according to the prescribed form then followed. All were present (one who had to catch his last train home only excepted). A grateful innovation which should be widely followed, was that the ringers were placed in the choir stalls. In a short address the Vicar pointed out that the service in which they had so heartily joined was a sign of the way in which their work for God should be hallowed, and he reminded them that the ringers' especial duty was to carry the Church's message to those outside her pale.

An adjournment was then made for tea, after which a pleasant fraternization between Plain Bob and Grandsire ringers resulted in most of those present adding another method to their repertory.

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HOOK NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting in connection with the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the above Guild was held at Hook Norton on Saturday, November 23rd. Of the towers represented during the day—Hook Norton, Enstone, Shipton-under-Wychwood, and Chastleton—Shipton were the first arrive, and at 11.45 rang a peal of Stedman Triples, an account of which appears elsewhere. From two o'clock to 4.30 the time was occupied by mixed bands, and this was followed by evensong. The prayers were intoned by the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Russell), while the President of the Guild (the Rev. J. E. Phillips) read the lessons. The Master of the Guild preached an appropriate sermon from Psalm xc., v. 12: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." After evensong the ringers adjourned to the schoolroom where an excellent tea was provided by Mr. G. Archer. The usual business meeting was subsequently held under the conductorship of the Rev. J. E. Phillips (President), and there were also present the Revs. F. E. Robinson, A. W. Russell, W. Collingwood, Carter, etc. The chairman read letters of regret at inability to be present from the Rev. T. W. Lee (Leafield), Rev. C. W. Jenkyn (Witney), Rev. C. F. Barratt (Little Tew), and Mr. R. H. Burden, and the chairman also apologised for the absence of the Rev. W. J. Palmer (Enstone).

The Secretary (Mr. J. F. Barlow, Chipping Norton), then submitted his report, which showed the result of another year's work to compare very favourably with past years. An increase of membership for the year was reported, viz., 107 against 89 in 1900, and the committee expressed their pleasure to welcome another tower into union, which brought with it no fewer than twelve new members, this partly accounting for the increase in numbers. The financial position has slightly improved, for after providing for the loss on teas that day, it was estimated that there would remain nearly £5 in hand. The report further stated that while it was gratifying to keep up the membership, the advancement made in ringing new methods (one tower excepted) was not satisfactory. The committee also regretted to have to refer to the death every member would deeply deplore.

The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said he thought it exceedingly satisfactory, and they were indebted to Mr. Barlow for having prepared such a careful and lucid report. He also thought the balance-sheet a matter for congratulation; it was always depressing when they found their balance was a decreasing one, but that evening they had earned the invigorating sensation of knowing and feeling that their balance-sheet had been increasing instead of decreasing. Mr. Bartlett seconded the proposition, which was carried.

The following members were then elected: Rev. G. A. Sneyd and Miss Whitmore Jones (Chastleton), hon. members; Messrs. Holloway, Phillips, Griffin, Newman (2) Bartlett (4), Gardner, Witham, Willett, and Lanson, probationary members; F. Candy, qualified member; G. Foster (Guildford), life subscriber; and A. Dean and F. Veal, probationary members for 1902.

The next business was the election of chairman, and the Rev. J. E. Phillips expressed the hope that they would have someone more worthy of their confidence than they had in the past.

Mr. J. Pierce formally proposed, and Mr. W. Longshaw seconded, the re-election of the Rev. J. E. Phillips

as President, and the proposition was unanimously carried. The Rev. J. E. Phillips, in response, thanked them very heartily for their kindness; he only felt that he did not deserve anything like what had been said about him. All he could say was that he would do his best for the Guild during the coming year. While upon his feet he should like to propose that the secretary and treasurer be re-elected for 1902. He need not say that the Guild would suffer an irreparable loss if Mr. Barlow's services were withdrawn. He really did not know what he should do in that case, for Mr. Barlow was an excellent help to the Guild, and was always his (the chairman's) right and left as well. Some little consternation was caused in the camp when it was whispered that Mr. Barlow would not be present that day, but they were all pleased to see that he did put in an appearance. He therefore had much pleasure in proposing that Mr. Barlow would be re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. T. Hawtin (Enstone), seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

Mr. Barlow, in returning thanks, said he hoped at the end of another year it would be found that they had had as successful a year as the one just ended. He wished they could improve a little in method ringing; Shipton was the only band in the Guild at present who could ring anything but Grandsire. He should very much like to learn Stedman, and he sincerely hoped others would take it up.

It was then decided, on the proposition of Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Candy, to re-elect Mr. T. H. Burbridge (Chipping Norton) as auditor.

The next business was that of fixing a place for the spring meeting, and it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Barlow, to go to Leafield—a six-bell tower—subject to Mr. Lee's consent.

The Chairman said he was sure they would give him their attention, as the motion he was about to propose would have their keenest sympathy. It would, he said, be only fitting and proper, after the long and valued service their late President had rendered, that they should inform his widow and family of their exceedingly great grief at the loss. He should also like it to be recorded on the minutes, and conveyed to Mrs. Barter. He did not think he need say anything about Mr. Barter's virtues, for he was a man who was well-known to them, and he was sure they would not only miss him at present, but would continue to miss him; he was a wise councillor and a kind friend, and one who took the keenest interest in all matters relating to bellringing. The parishioners of Shipton would greatly miss him, for he had established by his life a monument more lasting than brass, and if further monument were needed—which could not be so—it was found in Shipton tower. He therefore proposed that a vote of condolence be passed, that it be recorded in the minutes, and a copy sent to Mr. Barter. The resolution was passed in silence.

The rector then proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of the Guild for his presence, and in response the Rev. F. E. Robinson said he considered it part of his duty to come to those meetings if he possibly could, for in addition to the duty, it always gave him an opportunity of hearing the Shipton men ring. There was some question in the spring of his giving up the Mastership, as it became too expensive, but the Guild came to the rescue, and had decided to allow him his expenses out of the funds when he went on ringing business. The difficulties had been removed, and he could assure them

that so long as it pleased members of the Guild to have him, and he had the power to go on with the work, he should be happy to do so. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. Barlow, and said he hoped to meet them all at Leafield in the spring.

Votes of thanks to the rector, organist and choir, proposed by the chairman, brought the proceedings to a close, and ringing was continued.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. SHEFFIELD.

On Thursday evening, November 14th, an interesting gathering took place in the All Saints' schoolroom of the past and present members of the All Saints' society, with a few friends, for the purpose of honouring the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

The church was built by the late Sir John Brown, J.P., upwards of thirty years ago, and at that time was presented with three bells (cast by Warner). The schools he gave in the year 1872, to accommodate over 1200 scholars. And in the year 1880 he augmented the bells to a complete ring of eight, also cast by the above-named firm.

After the substantial meat tea, to which due attention was paid, the Vicar was called to the chair. While the tables were being cleared by the ladies, the gentlemen busied themselves sampling a box of cigars kindly sent by the churchwardens, together with letters of apology for their inability to attend, but wishing the company every success and a pleasant gathering.

Mr. J. M. FitzClarke (Rotherham) proposed "Success to the All Saints society." Mr. F. Willey responded. He was pleased to see so many old faces present, and hoped the good fellowship which had always existed among them would continue to grow. They all must feel very thankful that so many of their company met for service. Since the formation of the society twenty-one years ago, only one member had joined "the great majority": one whom all could rely on, one whose word was his bond. Some months ago they lost their late Vicar, who took a deep interest in every individual member of the society.

A solo on the piano by Miss E. M. Willey, and a song by Mr. Rew, followed, and Mr. J. Rowley then proposed "The Health of the Ladies and Visitors." He said the gathering that evening would have been less happy but for their smiling presence. Another song by Miss L. K. Willey, and Mr. J. Rew being called upon, he said that as an old associate he considered himself one of the company yet. It was at All Saints where he learnt half-pull ringing. He should never forget their Vicar's kindness towards him and his wife while suffering from a sad accident some months ago.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony. Just before the hour of parting the Vicar gave a few words of wise counsel and sage advice, and immediately afterwards the company, full of good wishes for future years, were homeward bound.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The Vicar of Wellingborough, the Rev. R. W. Wynter, in his usual address after the parish church tea on November 14th, referred to belfry matters as follows:—

"Their bells were rung and chimed as punctually for the various services, and belfry arrangements generally were carried out with such regularity and method, that he wished to take that opportunity to thank the ringers (young and old), for carrying out their duties in such a satisfactory and conscientious manner. He was personally

most grateful to them for kindly acceding to his very great desire that the bells should be rung from 9 to 9.30 for the Choral Communion on Sunday mornings, and again at 10.30 for Matins. This he knew entailed extra labor, and was the cause of some trouble and inconvenience to themselves and the folks at home. He thanked them for having carried out this new arrangement so honourably and well."

The senior ringers afterwards took part in the concert and entertainment, giving some changes and tunes on their large peal of handbells presented to the belfry in commemoration of the late Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. They received a very kind and hearty reception.

KIND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

HAILSHAM (Sussex).—In a recent number of the Hailsham Parish Magazine, the Vicar, the Rev. F. Clyde Harvey, writes:—"The ringers had their supper on the 12th. Mr. Dennes, of Weilingborough, has printed them a card as a souvenir of their successfully ringing their first peal. They are churchworkers as much as any of us, and I am happy to say many are full members of the Church. I am immensely pleased with them all round, especially when I remember what it used to be twenty-nine years ago."

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

UNVEILING A PEAL-BOARD.

On Wednesday, November 6th, being St. Leonard's Day, during evening service a tablet was unveiled in the belfry of the parish church of St. Leonard, the patron saint, to commemorate the full muffled peal rung on February 2nd, 1901, the day of our late beloved Queen's funeral. In unveiling the tablet the Rector alluded to the solemn events of that day, and said that in the evening the ringers as a mark of respect to their beloved Sovereign, and inspired no doubt by the solemnity of the occasion, succeeded in ringing a full peal without a mistake. It was thought it would be nice to have a perpetual record of this fact, so this tablet had been erected, the great interest in it being the great Queen's name. He dedicated the tablet In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; to the honour and glory of God, and in memory of the late gracious Queen Victoria.

The hymn—"Let saints on earth in concert sing," was followed by an impressive sermon preached by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of East Marden. The tablet, which is of brass, mounted on oak, bears the following inscription:—

The Sussex County Association of Change-Ringers.—The parish church of St. Leonard, Aldrington.—To the Glory of God. This tablet was erected to record a full muffled peal rung in this tower in memory of our late beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria. On February 2nd, 1901, a peal of Bob Minor, 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Tenor 10½ cwt. F. Tindall, Treble; Alfred J. Cherryman, 2; M. Broomfield, 3; G. A. Steele, 4; Frederick Trusler, 5; F. W. Steele, Tenor. Conducted by Frederick W. Steele. First peal by a local band. The Rev. E. J. Morgan, Rector; R. P. Jefferson, R. H. Higham, Churchwardens.

PENSHURST (Kent).—On Thursday, October 10th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Izzard, E. Bridger, F. Whibley, H. Seal, G. Edwards, G. Izzard, W. Spice conductor, W. Kember.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting of this branch was held at Stapleton, on Saturday, November 16th, when about fifteen were present. A short service was held in the belfry, conducted by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, of Oldlands. A business meeting followed, at which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was decided to hold the next meeting (which will be the annual one) at Bristol, on December 14th. Several 120s of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, and also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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.

SIR,—May a change-ringer from the Eastern Counties, who has seen something of the West Country round ringers, endorse the remarks of the Rev. Maitland Kelly in your last issue? I was present, rather more than a year ago, at a Deanery ringing festival such as he describes, held at Sidmouth, at which the only change-ringing band was from Mr. Kelly's late parish, Ottery St. Mary. But I was as much impressed by the respectability and keenness about ringing, and I may add the good striking, of the ringers there assembled, as at any meeting in districts where only change-ringing is heard. What they can do, they do well, as Mr. Kelly says. And I wish that the London ringers, who set the fashion for us in East Anglia, would make a practice of raising and falling the bells in peal. It has a beautiful effect, if well done, as The West country round ringers can do it; it would save those outside the tower much annoying jangle, when bells are pulled up and let down anyhow; and perhaps, if no bell could be raised till the whole band were assembled, it might discourage that besetting sin of unpunctuality, which has more than once in former years nearly driven me to give up all connection with ringing, in disgust at the want of consideration for others so often shown by ringers. The social and moral duty of keeping an appointment at the time named is by too many of them utterly disregarded.

T. L. PAPILLON.

THE REV. H. DRAKE'S SPEECH AT CONGRESS.

SIR,—I am pleased to see Mr. Maitland Kelly's letter in your issue of the 23rd instant, and fully endorse all he says. I am very interested in a village company of round and call-change ringers at Cannington, three miles from here, and attend their practice and Sunday ringing, in which I take part. They are a steady respectable lot of fellows, who take a great interest (with very small remuneration) in the belfry, so much so that when Bridgwater bells were under restoration, and in which I then took great interest, asked me to help them to get theirs done. This I gladly did, and within twelve months we collected £380, which enabled us, as your columns have already shown, to get all the work splendidly done, recasting and tuning by Taylor, and rehanging by Sully, of Stogumber, who only a few weeks ago told me that Mr. Taylor sen. had said to him "Good striking is the thing I like to hear above everything else." The Cannington band I will back against any I have ever heard for good round and call change ringing with excellent striking, and their conduct in the belfry all that can be desired. We now have a beautiful ring of six, tenor 20 cwt.

1, Northfields, Bridgwater.

GEOFFREY LEIGH.

SIR,—I am not in accord with Mr. Drake's views about payment of ringers, but I cannot agree with Mr. Daltry that he would have done well to suppress them. Quite the contrary: for the Church Congress exists for the purpose of people expressing their views, in order that those who take differing views about matters of common interest may the better understand

each other. No resolutions are proposed after discussion, and no one is committed to anything except his own opinions. If Mr. Drake's experience has led him to take certain views, he was right to submit them to the meeting for consideration.

On this point of payment Mr. Drake seems to me quite too sublime. He appears to consider that Art is disgraced by payment to individuals. Ideally this may be so, but in this world Art in general is a subject of payment. If Mr. Drake proposes to transmit to posterity the counterfeit presentment of his outer aspect, the president of the Royal Academy will doubtless oblige him—at a price. Likewise if Mr. Drake is in search of suet, a butcher will supply him—at a price. In reality both these instances rest on the same footing—payment for services rendered. And I cannot see why ringers should not pick up such loaves and fishes as may be going. They are not, and do not seem likely to become, so large and numerous as to be an inducement to men to cultivate change-ringing from mercenary motives. I hold that ringers should offer their Art in connection with Church services not grudgingly, or of necessity, but that when local conditions admit of it ringers are as much entitled as any one else to remuneration for services rendered. At St. Paul's Cathedral Sunday by Sunday, for the morning and afternoon services, the bells are rung, and surely Mr. Drake will not say that when all the other officials taking part in these services are paid it is degrading for the ringers to receive remuneration. As to weekday ringing the considerations mentioned by Mr. Borrett are in towns urgent. But as to weddings, to which Mr. Drake refers, why is it any more degrading for individual ringers to receive their fees than for the parson to receive his? Both have rendered their respective services. The parson's, to be sure, is not artistic, while the ringers' is, but the reason for payment in either case cannot rest on such a distinction as this.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE APPEAL FROM STEBBING, ESSEX.

SIR,—I have read with pleasure in last week's number the appeal for funds to restore the ring of five bells at Stebbing, and add a new treble. I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly grant me a small space in your valuable columns to commend the fund strongly to members of the Essex Association, especially to those who are fortunate enough to reside in parishes where there are six bells or more in good ringing order.

Stebbing is a very poor and scattered agricultural country parish, and it is entirely through the energy of the local ringers who have for years been members of the Essex Association, and practised most of the known five-bell methods, that the restoration of the bells has been taken in hand by the Vicar and churchwardens, and without assistance from outside the parish it is impossible to raise the required amount—£177.

The time of the year is close at hand when ringers generally appropriate their funds, and any amount, however small, would I am sure, be gratefully received by the Vicar, churchwardens, or Mr. E. Hynds, the secretary to the local company. I might add that the local ringers themselves have financially supported the fund, which deserves the support of every ringer in the county.

CHARLES H. HOWARD.

SIR,—I can honestly recommend the peal made for funds from Stebbing. It is a purely agricultural village, with a scattered population, and there is a band of ringers of the right stamp. I trust that not only our Essex companies, but any ringer who is able to encourage bands in the same difficulty as our Stebbing friends are, will assist them by a donation, as they are worthy of encouragement.

B. KEEBLE.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The addition of the word "the" to a sentence in my letter in your last issue, somewhat alters what I intended to say. I should have said: "There are officials in churches, followers of other Arts, who are paid for services rendered, but yet are not charged with degrading their Art."

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Two Hundred and Sixty-Fourth Anniversary Dinner of this Society took place on Saturday, November 16th, at The Bridge House hotel, Southwark. Mr. F. E. Dawe, who presided, was supported by Canon North and Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny. Mr. W. D. Smith was vice-chairman. There was a large company present, which included the Rev. —, Somerville, Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark; and the Rev. P. M. Wathen, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Barking.

In submitting the toast of "The Church and King and Royal Family," the chairman said it was to be hoped the cry of danger in which it was said the Church stood was without foundation. For 63 years it had been the privilege of Englishmen to drink to the health of the Queen, but it was no longer: the greatest ruler of the world having gone to her rest. They as ringers knew something about changes; a change had taken place, and the toast now was that of "The King." The Queen who had gone had proved an ideal sovereign, for she had the happy knack of doing the right thing at the right moment. The king who now reigned was in every way a gentleman, while Queen Alexandra enjoyed the love of all.

The Rev. P. M. Wathen, in responding, made some pointed allusions to the voluminous correspondence now appearing in a daily paper on "Church Attendance." One correspondent had attributed the scantiness of church congregations to the aloofness of the clergy, but he denied that any clergyman wished to stand aloof from his parishioners, but it was sometimes very difficult to get into touch and to keep in touch with all. Such gatherings as that in which they were taking part were an immense help in bringing clergy and laity together, and he hoped to have many more opportunities of meeting the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The chairman in proposing "Success to the College Youths," said he regretted the absence of the Master of the Society, Mr. E. P. O'Meara. As College Youths they could pride themselves upon the manner in which the business of the society was conducted. Their energetic Hon. Secretary would during the evening give them some interesting details as to the performances of the society during the past year. There was one to which he must himself refer, and that was the silent peal of Stedman Triples at St. George's, Southwark. This was a magnificent performance. In connection with the same he was glad to know that great improvements had taken place in the belfry there to what it was twenty-five years ago to those who knew it in those days. He had received telegrams and communications from the Rector of Speldhurst, who wished them a successful gathering; from Archdeacon Sinclair, Colonel McKinnon, Sir A. P. Heywood, Dr. Wace, Canon Taylor, Mr. Daniell, Mr. Phillott, Mr. G. Reed, Mr. Sillitoe, Mr. P. D. Davies, and others, all expressing their regret that they were not able to attend. During the year the society had lost Sir John Stainer, Ezra Carter, and Albert Deards. Poor Ezra was an upright man, well-known in the ringing world, and respected by every ringer, while their late friend Deards was well-known in St. Margaret's belfry, Barking, where he would be generally missed. He was glad to see so many young faces among them that evening, and equally pleased was he to still see so many of the old familiar faces among them.

Mr. J. R. Haworth, whose name was coupled with the toast, gave an outline of the formation of the society with the names of the founders, and traced its history with reference to notable performances down to the present day.

The vice-chairman, in proposing "The London Provincial Ringing Societies," said he was pleased to see again with them Mr. Churchwarden Davis, of Barking, who took such an interest in ringing, for it was not often that a gentleman like Mr. Davis holding such a position in the church interested himself in ringing. They had also Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., who always gave every ringer a hearty welcome. There was also Mr. Buckingham; they all knew what a band he had raised at Bushey; Mr. Newell, of Berkampstead, they could give a hearty welcome to, far he was a coming man. He was pleased to see Mr. Lewis, of the Cumberlands present. The St. James' Society was a kind of union between the society and the Cumberlands, and so enabled members of the two societies to ring together. There was also the Middlesex Association which was

coming forward and showing them how to ring twelve bells. He trusted that the good feeling which existed between ringers would continue to exist, and that harmony might prevail. There had been a performance in a place where they had not yet Home Rule, by a member of the society, which as an athletic performance was phenomenal, and therefore a credit to him, but he did not think there were present six ringers who could go to St. Paul's and take two bells each and ring a course of Stedman Cinques.

Messrs. Lewis and Iles, whose names were coupled with the toast, each suitably replied.

Mr. Hughes proposed "The Officers of the Society." He said they all knew how much the success of the society depended upon its officers. The society was fortunate in having a staff of officers whose aim and ambition was to do their very best in the interest of the society, not only with regard to ringing, but in the interest of the society.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the energetic Hon. Secretary, whose name was coupled with the toast, in responding, thanked the company for the hearty good feeling shown toward the officers of the society. It might be interesting to them if he gave a few statistics as to the work accomplished by the society since they last met around the festive board in that room. The chairman had already reminded them of those who had been called away during the past year, whose loss they all deplored. There had been seventy-five new members added to the society, several of whom had been elected in towers in the provinces having joined the society through attempting peals in towers where there already existed bands or nearly so of the College Youths. Although he was not going to claim that the list of peals was a formidable one in quantity, yet for quality he doubted if it had ever been equalled in the long experience of the society. The total number of peals was forty-seven, made up as follows; Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Caters, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Royal, 1; Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Royal, 2; Stedman Triples, 12; Caters, 5; Cinques, 1; Superlative, 3; Cambridge, 5; London, 3. Of these there had been on handbells one peal of Grandsire Triples at Oxhey, one peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Stedman Triples, one of Caters, and two of Superlative Major. There was also the performance referred to by the chairman, the silent peal of Stedman Triples, a silent peal of Cambridge, and a silent peal of London. In addition to these last mentioned special features, there was also the three Surprise peals rang on April 27th in three different counties. Such was the record which he had to place before them upon this occasion, many of which were undoubtedly grand performances. On behalf of the officers of the society he wished to thank them all for the very hearty expressions of good feelings towards them, as shown by the manner the toast had been received.

During the evening a course of Stedman Cinques was rung upon the handbells by C. F. Winney, 1-2; A. W. Barkus, 3-4; H. P. Harman, 5-6; H. R. Pasmore, 7-8; J. W. Golding, 9-10; W. S. Wise, 11-12.

The neatly arranged programme contained a choice selection of songs, etc., with two quartettes by Messrs. G. M. McCann, A. Bellew, A. Tubb, and W. Chamberlain. These gentlemen sang "Annie Laurie," and "Evening's Twilight," unaccompanied, in a manner that left not the slightest room for any musical critic to deal with. Among the other items given was "The Fine Old English Gentleman" sang by Mr. W. D. Smith, who like the quartette party was most heartily applauded, all of which was well merited. Mr. D. Tolars gave "Hamlet on the emotion of the Player," and "To be or not to be." His dramatic efforts well deserved the warm applause it received. Mr. J. C. Smith presided at the piano.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1901.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, the 26th instant, a deputation, consisting of the president, R. S. Story; Thos. Hudson, vice-president; and C. L. Routledge, Hon. Secretary, waited on Bishop Moule, at the Rectory, Gateshead, by the kind permission of the Rector, and in the name of the members of the Association, presented to him an address, which was read by Mr. Story. The Bishop, who received the deputation in the kindest manner, very suitably and eloquently thanked them for their welcome, addressing them also in the warmest terms of sympathy and appreciation. Mr. S. O. Ferry, the other vice-president, was unfortunately unable to be present through

illness. The following is a copy of the address, which was engrossed on vellum:—

'DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.—To the Right Rev. Father in God, Handley Carr Glynn, Lord Bishop of Durham.—Though a humble body in the Church, we venture to express our feelings of welcome on your lordship's accession to the high and responsible position of Bishop of the ancient and important Diocese of Durham. Our joy is increased by the knowledge we to some extent possess of the ability, attainments, and devotion which have contributed to your appointment, and we very sincerely pray that you may be amply endowed with grace and wisdom under the more serious responsibilities now devolving upon you. Though unseen in our belfries, we wish to assure your lordship that we are none the less anxious to carry out our duties as servants of God, and officers of the Church in which you hold one of the most honourable positions, and it is particularly as Church workers that we wish to tender you the warmest welcome in our power.

"Signed—R. S. Story, President; Thos. Hudson, S. O. Ferry, vice-Presidents; C. L. Routledge, Honorary Secretary.

"Gateshead, November 26th, 1901."

* * A reference to the handbell peal rung at Bushey, Herts., will appear next week.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD 5.
EDWARD WELLS 2.	HARRY HARVEY 6.
JOHN LAMB 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by Wm. J. ALDRIDGE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Five Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8064 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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

Composed and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Longest peal on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association. It was J. E. Miller's 50th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, November 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY H. GODFREY .. Treble.	JOHN E. BAKER 5.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD* .. 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 6.
FREDERICK T. GOVER .. 3.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. 7.
LEWIS A. WILSON 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

*First peal as conductor. First peal by Devonians in London, all being born and bred in the county of Devon.

The Provinces.

UFFINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. MARRIOT Treble.	*T. SMITH 4.
E. POPPLE 2.	*G. SLAUGHTER 5.
H. EDGELEY* 3.	W. LEBBON Tenor.

Conducted by W. LEBBON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	ERNEST ALLOWAY 5.
HENRY WITHERS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON 7.
WALTER C. HUNT 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has a bob at the start, a single at four in the first course, a single at two in the thirty-first course, and comes round with a single bob.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

RICHARD E. GROVE Treble.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	J. W. WATTS 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	JOHN CRANE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN FLOWER Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLIN 5.
CHARLES ALLSOP 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
WILLIAM FOX 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 4.	JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

The conductor was proposed a member before starting.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent, and 360 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York 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.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN MOORE* Treble.	HENRY PARTRIDGE 5.
JOHN T. ALLEN 2.	JOHN A. MOULT 6.
JOHN RAWSON 3.	LEVI PARTRIDGE 7.
ALBERT WHITMORE 4.	*THOMAS BELCHER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN A. MOULT.

*First peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE KINGSTON-ON-THAMES SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE* .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE NAISH .. 5.
GEORGE WOODISS† 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
ALBERT STRUTT 3.	JOHN HOWES 7.
HARRY LAST† 4.	†JOHN EMERY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. For calling see Peal Appendix for 1895, page 45.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE DEBENHAM .. Treble.	*HARRY MOORE 6.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
WILLIAM KINSEY 3.	THOMAS KING 8.
ARTHUR MOORE* 4.	GEORGE LILLEY 9.
HARRY TURNER 5.	ROBERT MOORE Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by T. KING.

*First peal. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD MANKELOW .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY 5.
WILLIAM SPICE 2.	*FREDERICK J. HARRINGTON 6.
JAMES MAYNARD 3.	WILLIAM STEED 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. Maynard, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt

WALTER SEAR Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
WILLIAM TUCKER 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
FRED. WILFORD 3.	HARRY SEAR 7.
FRED. SEAR* 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

*First peal: It has been Mr. V. Sear's ambition to ring a peal with his three sons, which was rung at the third attempt on the above date. The band wish to thank the Rev. W. Bennitt and the churchwardens for the use of the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	*WALTER LAST 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 4.	*ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. Further reference elsewhere.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

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

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS* Treble.	GEORGE CULLUM 5.
FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 2.	*ROBERT BRETT 6.
REUBEN COPELIN* 3.	FREDERICK HAYES 7.
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY† .. 4.	†GEORGE MORRAD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. FRENCH.

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

MILVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2.)

HENRY J. POOLE Treble.	THOMAS DOBLE 5.
HENRY NORMAN* 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. 7.
ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 4.	EDMUND HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

*First peal.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE FOSTER Treble.	SAMUEL COOMBS 5.
H. MILES 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
A. MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. 4.	GEORGE BARTLETT Tenor.
	J. PEIRCE 1.

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

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH* Treble.	JOHN SMITH 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
HORACE SMITH 3.	ALF. PADDON SMITH 7.
CHARLES SMITH 4.	JOHN W. SMITH Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

*First peal in the method. This is supposed to be the first peal ever rung with a band all the same name. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member of the Worcestershire Association, and those of the 3rd, 4th and 5th as members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford before starting for the peal.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	JAMES COTTERILL 5.
SIDNEY C. CLARK 2.	JOHN CLAYTON 6.
WILSON ILLINGWORTH 3.	EDWIN WHEATER 7.
JOHN W. CUNDALL 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, of Liversedge, and
Conducted by E. WHEATER.

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

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMB Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS 5.
JOHN WYATT 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
ARTHUR DEAN 3.	EDWARD HULL 7.
WILLIAM COOK 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOYLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Wyatt.

HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

HENRY J. STEFF Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK 6.
JOSEPH FOSTER 3.	REV. H. J. ELSEE 7.
JOSEPH BANKS 4.	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight 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 Oxford; and 360 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet and Kent.

HARRY STEVENS* Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

*First peal of Minor.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	HARRY J. MEE 4.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
ARTHUR T. MORRIS* 3.	FRANK ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

*First peal in seven methods. Further reference on another page.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MAURICE HEDGES* Treble.	CHARLES WINSTONE 5.
JOHN BISHOP 2.	WILLIAM CLARK 6.
FRANK WINSOR 3.	JOHN WINSOR 7.
WALTER EVERED† 4.	HUGH FRAPPELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BISHOP.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of G. A. Gibbs, Esq., of Tynesfield, Wraxall, Somerset, to the eldest daughter of the Right Hon. W. H. Long, M.P., President of the Local Government Board. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

NORTHAW, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.
ERNEST W. MARSHALL 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5.
JOHN E. MILLER 3.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and the ringers wish to thank the Vicar for so kindly giving permission for the peal.

Handbell Peal.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Sunday, November 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, RUDOLPH TERRACE, BUSHEY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S ONE-PART.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3-4.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires—Henry Hodgetts and William Hodgetts. Further reference will be found elsewhere.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, September 10th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob. C. W. Clarke, M. Smith, W. J. Barker, W. Hall, W. Finedon, A. Robinson conductor. A 360 in the same method. A. Robinson, M. Smith, J. Church, W. Finedon, W. J. Barker, W. Stapleton conductor. A course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A Robinson, M. Smith, C. W. Clarke, W. Finedon, J. Church, W. J. Barker. A

course of Double Court. W. J. Barker, M. Smith, C. W. Clarke, W. Finedon, J. Church, W. Stapleton. Also 180 Double Oxford. M. Smith, J. Church, C. W. Clarke conductor, W. J. Barker, A. Robinson, W. Stapleton. On September 17th, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Finedon, W. J. Barker, C. W. Clarke conductor, M. Smith, W. Stapleton, J. Perkins. A course of Kent Treble Bob. M. Smith, B. Jealous, W. Finedon, W. Hall, W. J. Barker, W. Stapleton. A course of Oxford Treble Bob. C. W. Clarke, M. Smith, W. Hall, W. Finedon, W. Stapleton, W. J. Barker. A course of Stedman Doubles, on handbells. W. Finedon, C. W. Clarke, W. Hall, W. J. Barker, M. Smith. Also 120 in the same method. W. J. Barker, C. W. Clarke conductor, W. Stapleton. Another 120. M. Smith, C. W. Clarke conductor, W. Hall, W. J. Barker, W. Finedon.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, September 22nd, at Christ Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford. Jos. Thackray conductor, C. Lockwood first 720 with a bob bell, C. Taylor, Jno. Thackray, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—For evening service, on Sunday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. H. Tucker, H. Coffee, A. W. Reeves, A. E. Reeves, jun., F. Sweetzer, Rev. H. C. Bell conductor, A. E. Reeves, T. Petty.

FULMER (Bucks).—Recently, on the occasion of a friendly meeting, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. H. Gutteridge, R. Flaxman, J. J. Parker, E. Harding, A. Jordan, C. Clarke conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Clark, J. J. Parker conductor, G. H. Gutteridge, W. Clarke, J. Bovingdon, C. Clarke. A 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Bateman, R. Flaxman, C. Clarke, J. J. Parker, A. Jordan, G. H. Gutteridge conductor. On Sunday, September 22nd, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. E. Elderfield, W. Clarke, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, E. Harding, A. Jordan, J. Clarke. For evening service another 720. E. Elderfield, G. H. Gutteridge, J. Bateman, A. Jordan, C. Clarke conductor, W. J. Bateman.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Harding, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, J. Bateman, C. Hartley, W. J. Bateman, E. H. Hawkins. On Tuesday, September 24th 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Bateman, W. Henley, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, C. Hartley, W. J. Bateman, E. H. Hawkins.

IVER (Bucks).—On Monday, October 7th, ringers from Stoke Poges and Fulmer visited this village and rang a 720 of Doubles. E. Elderfield, A. Jordan, J. Bateman, E. Holloway, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, W. J. Bateman. And two 6-scores. J. Clarke, A. Jordan, W. Clarke conductor, E. Harding, W. Bateman, G. H. Gutteridge.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. R. Sandiford, A. Phillips, W. Watchorn, E. Wells, R. Carter, H. Hill conductor, W. Aldridge, H. Beckford.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, September 26th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 Bob Major. E. P. Foreman, F. Cullum, E. Chatten, J. O'Neill, A. Took, G. Tovell, F. Lambert conductor, A. Lee. On Sunday morning, October 13th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Peirce, F. Lambert conductor, F. Cullum, J. O'Neill, A. Lee, C. Kerrison.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, September 21st, 720 Bob Minor. B. S. Hill, W. C. Jones, G. Checketts, A. Hill, A. Hadley, W. Dickinson conductor. A 720 Oxford Bob Minor. B. S. Hill, A. Hill, W. Dickinson, G. Checketts, A. Hadley, W. C. Jones conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. A. S. Hill, A. Hill, G. Hinton, J. Howell, W. Ranford, G. Checketts conductor.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 396 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, C. Throssell, A. Hills, G. Checketts, W. Powell, A. Hadley, H. Wilkes conductor, W. Dickinson, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. For Divine Service in the evening at St. Martin's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. C. Throssell, A. Hill, G. Hinton, W. C. Jones, W. Dickinson conductor, G. Checketts. On Monday evening, September 23rd, at All Saints' church, 305 Grandsire Caters. T. Lane, G. Checketts, A. Hill, C. Throssell, B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, H. Wilkes conductor W. Dickinson, E. Watkins, T. Malin. On Sunday, September 29th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Cooper, B. S. Hill, A. Hill, H. Wilkes, W. C. Jones conductor, T. Bullock, G. Checketts, J. Wayte.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, September 22nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 336 Stedman Triples. J. J. Allen, B. Prewett, W. E. Oakley, E. E. Huntley, W. H. L. Buckingham, C. F. Winney conductor, H. Horrex, J. Bates. A 336 Double Norwich Court. J. J. Allen, W. H. L. Buckingham, W. E. Oakley, B. Prewett, W. I. Oakley, C. F. Winney, H. Horrex, E. E. Huntley conductor. For evening service 672 Superlative Surprise Major. J. J. Allen, F. A. Smith, B. Prewett, W. G. Whitehead, W. H. L. Buckingham conductor, W. E. Oakley, C. F. Winney, E. E. Huntley. After service 252 Stedman Triples. E. E. Huntley conductor, W. H. L. Buckingham, H. Horrex, B. Privett, C. George, J. J. Allen, C. F. Winney, J. Bates. Also 574 Superlative. J. J. Allen, F. A. Smith, W. H. L. Buckingham conductor, B. Prewett, C. George, C. F. Winney, E. Horrex, E. E. Huntley.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Sunday, September 29th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. P. W. Wilkins, S. Goodall, W. Bagley, F. Hayes, A. Bagley, R. Buckland, F. Bagley composer and conductor, J. W. Wilkins.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Martin's church, 781 Stedman Cinques. T. Pigott, J. Joynes, T. Reynolds, W. Short, W. H. Barber conductor, H. Middleton, H. Withers, G. Lindoff, A. Walker, J. Barber, A. E. Pegler, W. Painter. For morning service at St. Philip's church, 571 Bob Major. On Sunday, September 22nd, for morning service, 485 Grandsire Caters. W. F. Webb, J. Wright, T. Collinson, E. J. Hyland, C. Sparkes, G. Hitchman, E. Mansell, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Neal, A. Ford.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Friday, October 18th, at the parish church, in honour of Canon Hoskyns being consecrated the first Bishop-Suffragan of Burnley, at York Minster, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Holden, H. Tomlinson, J. Pollard, aged 83, A. Riley, J. Pollard, J. Pollard, H. Heyworth, W. Dale.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 25th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Carter, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, E. Allen, C. Hazelden, J. Hunt conductor.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, October 13th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. W. E. Meffin, P. Long, A. W. Long, T. Steeles, J. W. Seamer, G. Wheldon conductor. The above was rung on the occasion of the close of the fishermen's lock-out. It was intended to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but meeting one short the above was rung instead.

HULL.—On Thursday, September 5th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Thompson, J. Patchett conductor, T. Stockdale, G. Marshall, J. Dixey, J. W. Stickney. On Thursday, September 12th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Harrison, G. Marshall, T. Clark, J. W. Stickney conductor, J. Dixey, C. Jackson.

MALVERN LINK (Worcestershire).—On August 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Morris, A. Hill, H. Allen, C. Thomas, W. Johnson, H. T. Knowles conductor, R. G. Knowles, A. Richings.

WOOD GREEN (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 9th, on the occasion of Councillor Pritchard being made Mayor, several tonches of Grandsire Triples were rung, including a 578. A. Cooper, A. Plant, C. Tyler, O. Brown, E. J. Tyler, W. Johnson conductor, J. Malpass, A. E. Cooper. On Sunday, November 10th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. H. Harber, A. Plant, O. Brown, C. Tyler, E. J. Tyler, J. Malpass, W. Johnson, A. Cooper. On Thursday, November 14th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Hitchin and Miss Sheldon, the bells were rung at intervals during the day. In the afternoon an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which had to be abandoned after ringing 896 changes, in 33 mins. owing to the tenor going very bad. A. Cooper, A. Plant, O. Brown, C. Tyler, E. J. Tyler, J. Malpas, W. Johnson, A. E. Cooper.

WOOLWICH.—On Thursday, September 19th, at the parish church, with bells half-muffled for President McKinley, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 49 mins. A. M. Phillips, B. J. Sheldon, W. Watchorn, W. H. Dallimore, H. Harvey, J. E. Sykes, J. C. Harvey, W. J. Aldridge conductor.

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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Will those who are Life Members kindly send their addresses to the Secretary at once, otherwise annual reports and notices cannot be sent to them.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Secretary.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shirland, to-day, Saturday, November 30. Meeting near church at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, November 30th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting at The Spotted Cow inn at 7 p.m.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5, and 7 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Bell hotel. Those members intending to be present will oblige by sending word to the undersigned not later than Thursday, December 5. The undersigned will also be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1900 by the end of the present month.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec., Eastern Division.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly of the above will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

The Salisbury Guild.—The next monthly meeting for the Archdeaconry of Wilts. branch will be held at Melksham on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at The Willow Coffee tavern at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.

C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. S. Churton, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at the Reading Room at 5 p.m. Short service at 6. All members intending to be present kindly inform me not later than Thursday, December 5th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The first quarterly meeting of the West Dorset branch will be held at Maiden Newton on Monday, December 16th at 3.30 p.m. Committee Meeting at 3. Service with address 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. 6d. each to those sending me notice by December 12th.

H. DRAKE, *Secretary for Dorset.*

Verwood, near Wimborne.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT SPROUGHTON.—This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to G. W. Mee; also as a welcome to Mr. Arthur Morris, of the St. Nicholas' Guild, Harwich. The peal was struck well throughout, and the band was congratulated by ringers outside on their performance.

THE PEAL AT IPSWICH.—This is the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and was arranged for Mr. Henry C. Gillingham to ring in the peal, but owing to Mrs. Gillingham giving birth to a daughter Mr. Albert Gillingham kindly rang the tenor.

MR. J. E. MILLER'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples, 15; Bob Triples, 2, conducted 1. Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 15; Treble Bob Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; on six bells, 8; total rung 50, conducted 1.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. H. RICE.—Apply to the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, the Rectory, Stanhoe, Norfolk.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 26th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Master—Mr. W. H. Pasmore; Secretary—Mr. W. T. Cockerill; Treasurer—Mr. A. Hughes; Senior Steward—Mr. H. Langdon; Junior Steward—Mr. E. H. Oxenham; Trustees—Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD.—On November 26th, at the parish church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins. W. Furley, C. King conductor, W. H. White, E. H. Tribe, H. Scriven, A. T. Ford churchwarden, E. J. Garrett, J. Adams, G. Dickenson, W. White. Longest touch of Caters by all Stroud men for forty years.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—On Saturday, November 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (the Rev. E. Banks James' ten-part), which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 3920 changes, in 2 hrs. 30 mins. Rev. H. E. Tilney Basset, C. E. D. Boutflower, W. Sommerville, J. L. Wells, E. C. Fricker, T. Ricketts conductor, W. T. Prescott, A. Draper, S. Hillier.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 14th, after evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Plumb, E. King, T. Langdon, A. Jacob conductor, M. Fenson, W. Linge.

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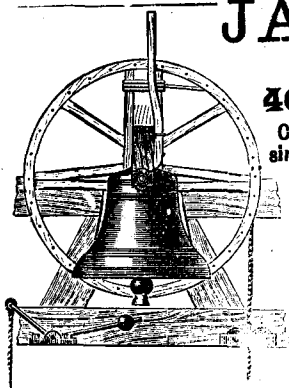
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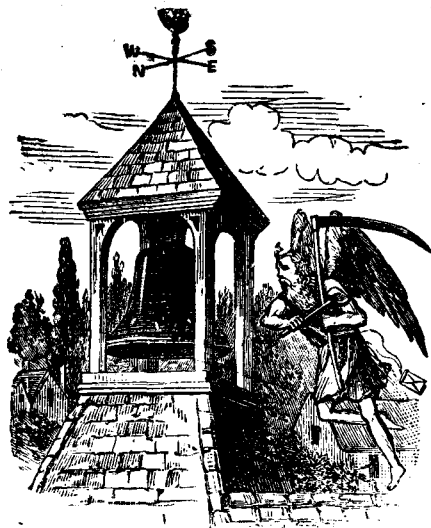
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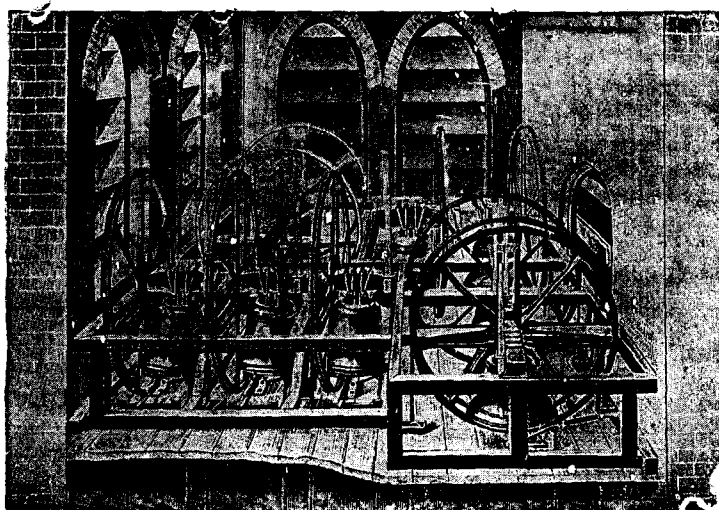
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RE-OPENING OF PAINSWICK BELLS.

On Saturday, November 23rd, the bells in the tower of Painswick Church, which have recently been re-hung, were re-opened, and at the same time the lichgate, which is partly built of the old wood on which the bells were formerly hung, and the memorial screen to the late Mr. Edwin Gyde, were dedicated. A large number of people assembled in the town. The Painswick brass band, under bandmaster West, patrolled the streets, playing selections. At three o'clock a service was held in the church, there being a large congregation. Amongst the clergy present were Revs. Canon Keble (Bisley), Canon Fox (Stroud), A. W. Stanton (St. Albans, Holborn, London), A. J. Davis (Cainscross), E. H. Hawkins (Holy Trinity, Stroud), F. R. Thurlow (Thrupp), H. A. Cockey (Oldland), J. Bevan (Slad), P. Lach-Szyrma (Uplands), W. R. Lett (Whiteshill), C. D. P. Davies (East Marden, Chichester), Melland Hall (Pitchcombe), T. P. Little (Edge), H. C. Courtney (St. Stephen's, Bristol), N. D. Macleod (Bussage), W. H. Seddon, F. de Freville, and A. E. Hollins (Painswick). Headed by the band, the chair marched in procession to the lichgate, which was dedicated by Canon Keble. Returning to the church the screen (a marble structure) was dedicated by Canon Keble, and the bells were re-opened by the same clergyman. The Painswick band then rang a peal. The special psalm was lxxxiv. and the anthem "O how amiable are thy dwellings." The lessons were read by Revs. W. H. Seddon and A. E. Hollins. Father Stanton preached a sermon from the words "Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice." (Philippians iv. 4). He said that Painswick might well be proud that day; proud of its lichgate, proud that the bells would be rung, proud of its churchyard, its beautiful tower and steeple, and its beautiful marble screen. Mr. Gyde was a benefactor of the county and a great benefactor of that town, and wished that a marble memorial of himself should be placed in the parish church of Painswick. It was sometimes right to be proud, but pride that was centred on self was a deadly sin. Pride when exercised on things outside self became a grace. It was right for a man to be proud of his worship, of his church, of his country, of his king, and above all, proud of his God. In speaking to them he naturally wished to improve the occasion. He wanted the text to ring in their minds, so that when they heard the bells they might remember the text. First of all joy was an expansion of the whole being of man. If a man was sad things were nothing to him. What was love to him if he was sad? But if a man was full of joy he expanded, and all things were lovely to him; he had hope when he was full of joy. For that they were created, that they might be happy. Jesus Christ died that they might be full of joy. Joy was also demonstrative. If they were happy with the joy of God, He could tell they were happy. There was something about joy which was catching. If joy was demonstrative it was also very communicative. When people really loved their religion and God their happiness was communicated to other people. That was why it was such a great blessing. So much Christianity failed, be-

cause people were not happy. He had seen people come to church looking miserable, but if they looked happy they preached little sermons themselves. Rejoice in the Lord alway was a command of God. It was the custom of old England to have their peals of bells in the church steeples. Why were they there instead of on the top of the town hall or other public building? It was to remind them that their joy should be in the Lord. Their happiness was in Him, because there only their happiness was in Him, because there only their happiness could be. If their Christianity was true, it would serve them under all circumstances. They were to rejoice in the Lord alway. Mr. Stanton reminded his hearers that it was not always that the bells rang a merry peal, but sometimes they rang the muffled peal, and so they had to meet death, not only like men, but like Christians; not only with fortitude like a manly soul, but with joy like Christians.

A collection was taken on behalf of the re-hanging fund.

During the evening various bands of ringers, in all numbering about 120, rang on the bells till nearly ten o'clock, among whom were the old Painswick youths, A. Estcourt and F. Musty. Among others were Messrs. Pates, Phillott and Ward, Revs. H. Courtney, H. A. Cockey, C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. J. Austin, E. Bishop, J. W. Taylor, jun., H. Bond, A. T. Ford, and H. Withers. Some very creditable ringing was done. Touches of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung. A most enjoyable and successful opening ended, the handbells were brought out and various tunes and touches were rung to the delight of ringers and visitors. Ringing was continued for morning and evening service on Sunday, and some good touches were rung. Now the bells are hung in the new iron framework, and all the clappers strike in a fresh place, the tone is even more pleasing than before, and all visitors were loud in their praises.

HONITON, DEVONSHIRE.

Some few weeks ago at St. Michael's church, Honiton, the new treble bell presented by the Rev. G. A. Brine in memory of his sister, the late Miss Brine, was dedicated, and the whole peal of six bells, tenor 21 cwt., was re-opened after being rehung. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Rector (Rev. H. J. Fortescue). Among the other clergy present were the Revs. R. B. Croysdale (Ottery), J. E. Binney (Exeter), T. B. Panther (Honiton), and R. Jenkins (Talatton), while the Rev. C. J. W. Olde presided at the organ. The bell was cast by Mears and Stainbank, and bears the inscription: "In mem. C. A. Brine, A.D. 1901. Gloria in excelsis Deo." Upon examination of the belfry some months ago, with a view to hanging the new bell, it was found that the then existing bell cage, containing five bells, was in a very unsatisfactory condition, and must be renewed. As there were no funds available for this purpose, it seemed at first that Mr. Brine's gift would have to be declined; but a parishioner, who desired to remain anonymous, came for-

ward and offered £100 for the re-hanging of the whole peal. After the removal of the ceiling of the ringing-chamber the mischief was found to be even worse than had been anticipated, for the ends of the beams upon which the bell-cage rested were rotting away, and the general condition was such that in a short time it might have become dangerous, and resulted in a serious accident. The work of renovation was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, and he has carried it out with his customary efficiency. The cage is, probably, one of the finest Mr. Stokes has constructed. Entirely new oak beams have replaced the old ones, and upon them Mr. Stokes has rehung the bells in a new solid oak cage with new fittings. Room has been left for two additional bells to complete the octave if given at any future date. The gift of a new bell has caused great satisfaction in the parish, and the dedication or blessing of the bell excited much interest, as it had probably not been performed in Honiton for many centuries.

The service used upon the occasion had been specially approved by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. It was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Honiton in state, and began with a procession from the churchyard gate to the church. A processional cross was carried at the head, and the banner of St. Michael preceded the clergy. The hymn "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," served as a processional, the voices being led by a cornet, played by Sergeant Connett, bandmaster of the Honiton Volunteers. The Lord's Prayer followed, and after some versicles and responses the last five Psalms of the Psalter were chanted. These Psalms, it is interesting to observe, have been used at the dedication of a bell for over 1,000 years. A short lesson from Numbers, and the Magnificat succeeded, with some versicles and three collects. During the singing of Psalm cxxii. the Rector of Honiton, with attendant clergy, went to the tower to consecrate the new bell. The consecration consisted of the usual versicles, beginning "Our help is in the name of the Lord," and six prayers of dedication, concluding with a prayer for the ringers. At this point the new bell was rung for the first time alone, then with the other five, while the clergy returned to the chancel, where the Te Deum was solemnly sung. The preacher was the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, lately Vicar of Ottery St. Mary, and President of the Devonshire Guild. A special hymn followed the sermon, beginning "Lifted safe within the steeple," during which a collection was made for the heavy extra expense incurred in the belfry not covered by the anonymous gift of a parishioner. The Benediction concluded the service, and as a voluntary the Rev. C. J. W. Olde, who had most efficiently accompanied the whole service, played the "War March of the Priests." After the service the Rev. H. J. and Mrs. Fortescue entertained the parishioners and friends to a tea in a tent adjoining the churchyard. A tea was also provided for the choir boys. The Ottery St. Mary band rang several touches on the bells subsequent to the service, and in the evening were entertained by Mr. Fortescue to supper, to which the Honiton ringers were also invited.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT YORK TOWN, SURREY.

Members in this district mustered well on Saturday, November 23rd, when the following towers were represented: Hawley, Shalford, St. Nicolas Guildford, Fareham, Basingstoke, Wickham, Holy Trinity Guildford,

Farnham and York Town. Mr. C. Giles, of Reading, was also present.

The Hawley and York Town towers were available for combined practice, and touches in various methods were rung. The President, J. P. Stilwell, Esq., was present for a short time, and would have presided at the business meeting had the Hon. Secretary arrived in time.

Thirty members sat down to tea in the school at 4.30, which was immediately followed by business of an important character. The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Hon. Secretary, took the chair, in the absence of the Master, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey. The Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Vicar of York Town, was present. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and after a brief objection, passed on the proposition of Mr. J. Whiting, seconded by Mr. G. E. Chappell.

Mr. M. Steer (Hawley) opened a discussion on the most important matter on the agenda paper, namely, the proposed new district in the neighbourhood. This had been referred to the meeting by "the annual." He said that no one had more right to speak than those who lived in, and were acquainted with the needs of that part of the diocese. It would be a great advantage to many of them if a new district could be formed and another secretary appointed for it. This would greatly relieve the Guildford district secretary. The secretary should belong to Hawley or York Town.

Mr. C. Pearce (York Town) stated that the Bagshot band thoroughly fell in with their ideas, and he believed that neither Mr. Jones nor Mr. White would mind "being bled" of a few towers out of their respective districts. They had now fifteen or sixteen good change-ringers on the spot, and these could well form the basis of a new district.

The Hon. Secretary said there was no reason why the new district should not be formed; but the final approval of the scheme would rest with the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Jones thought that they had picked out five of the best towers in the district, and he should think it only fair if five of the "worst" were also included. He had visited every tower in his district, and like others in his position had had several blank evenings so far as combined practice was concerned.

Mr. White (Basingstoke), said he was pleased rather than offended at the idea of losing a tower or two from his district. He thought they ought not to wait till the next annual meeting, but carry out the scheme now. There ought to be a fair division, and a small committee should be appointed to map out the proposed district.

Mr. G. E. Chappell (Wickham), then proposed, and Mr. J. W. Whiting (Fareham), seconded, "That a Committee consisting of Messrs. White, Jones (district secretaries), with Messrs. Steer, Pearce, Hawkins, Pullen, and Hunt, be appointed to discuss the proposed new district, and to refer the matter to the Annual Meeting."

The Hon. Secretary asked the meeting to sanction the appointment of an Assistant-Secretary for Surrey. Situated as he was at the other end of the diocese, it was extremely difficult at times to get into Surrey on Saturdays. It would be an immense help to him and to Surrey members if some gentleman would undertake to preside when he could not be present. Any one occupying such a post would not be overburdened with work.

It was proposed by Mr. C. Hazleden (Guildford), seconded by Mr. H. White, and carried unanimously, "That the Rev. E. C. Kirwan be asked to act as Assistant-Secretary for Surrey."

Mr. Kirwan said he knew very little about the Guild's

work at present, but he would gladly do what he could in his neighbourhood.

Mr. B. Chorley (Guildford), gave notice that he would move at the next annual meeting that Rule ix. be abolished.

Three new bands were affiliated to the Guild, viz., Farnborough, Hersham, and Puttenham. Seven new honorary members were elected, including the Rev. E. C. Kirwan.

Mr. J. Hunt asked why the ballot which was taken before the last annual meeting was not utilised. He felt, as many did in that district, that Monday was a most awkward day, and thought that the greater number of votes—124 for Saturday against 120 for Monday should have decided the matter.

Others having spoken in favour of Saturday, Mr. H. White maintained that there had been no ballot in the literal sense of that word. No ballot cards had been issued singly to members, and the returns for the Annual were merely an expression of opinion on the part of the various bands.

Mr. Hurst considered they had been out of order in not using the ballot; he had been led to believe that the Secretary would have arranged the day on a Saturday.

The Hon. Secretary felt that they could not reopen this question. He referred them to the minutes of the last annual meeting which they had just passed. The Master had distinctly given the annual meeting the choice of making use of this ballot or not; they knew the result, and they could make no alteration at present. As an officer of the Guild he could not favour one day more than another without incurring a charge of partiality. It was open to the next annual meeting to decide in favour of a Saturday. The matter was entirely in the hands of the performing members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. White for auditing the balance-sheet, and to the Vicar of York Town for giving the Guild such a hearty welcome.

Winchester, Petersfield and Basingstoke were proposed for the next quarterly meeting in Hants.; the cathedral city received the greatest number of votes, and the date was fixed for Monday, February 10th next.

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTBROMWICH.

Bellringers and lovers of church bells will be glad to hear of an effort which has just been made at this place to restore to use the fine ring of twelve bells hung in the tower of Christ Church. West Bromwich has been, and to some extent is now, full of coal and coal pits, consequently the church was badly pulled about many years ago by mining operations, and for a long time the bells could not be rung at all. But that has all settled down long since, and now it is the working part of them which has become so decayed and worn out that only four or five out of the twelve can be used. The energetic churchwardens, Mr. W. H. Dawes and Mr. G. Mershon, desired to make an effort to get the bells thoroughly put in order in time for ringing at the Coronation, and appealed to outsiders as well as the congregation to assist in the work. The result far exceeded their expectations. At the close of the first meeting held to consider the matter, nearly two-thirds of the money required (500) had been given or promised, and now that the work is about to be commenced the subscription list amounts to about £440. So it is hoped that long before the Coronation the bells will be in good working order.

A RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING IN NEW ZEALAND.

On Thursday, April 18th, Mr. E. Jeffery invited the members of the Christchurch Cathedral (New Zealand) Society to his residence to celebrate his golden wedding. At seven o'clock p.m., nine of the company had assembled at the tower, and "celebration" was clearly written on every face. After waiting a short time the question—"Where's our worthy tenor-man, and deputy-master?" was propounded, and no satisfactory reply being obtained, a start without them was determined on. On arrival at their host's it was found that the deputy had rung a short course, and arrived before them.

The order was at once given for dinner. Our correspondent facetiously observes that "soon nothing could be heard but the clatter of knives and forks. Course after course was rung in great style, until the band begun to show signs of weariness, and the table legs, which had been bent by the weight on the top but a short time ago, began to straighten; but alas! the chairs had received the burden and began to show signs of increased weight."

Dinner being over and glasses charged, the toast of "State and Church" was proposed. Then the Master proposed "The Health of the Host and Hostess." In doing so he said that he thought he was quite within bounds in saying that it was the first time that an active ringer had celebrated such an event in the colonies.

The toast was drunk with musical honours. Here one of the colts commenced—"Good old Jeff has gone to rest;" but our host never looked more like staying up all night than he did at that moment, so the said colt was ordered to "stand," as he was "out-of-course." The toast of "Brother Ringers in the Old Country and Sister Colonies" was responded to on behalf of the Old Country by Mr. Smart, and for the other Colonies by Mr. Biddle.

Songs, recitations and handbell ringing brought "Auld Lang Syne" all too quickly, so after three hearty cheers for the host and hostess we all dispersed to our respective homes. All present agreed that to spend a better night would be impossible. Everything went off without a hitch.
T.W.B.

SHERINGTON, BUCKS.

On Sunday afternoon, December 1st, for Children's Service, 600 Grandsire Doubles. J. Robinson, J. Ward, W. G. West conductor, C. Line, W. Freeman. And two 6-scores. J. Robinson, J. Ward, W. Freeman, C. Line, W. G. West conductor. These bells have recently been rehung with all new fittings, and quarter-turned, the go of which is excellent, and reflects great credit on the bell hangers, Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

On November 13th, in honour of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Christian to Leatherhead to lay the foundation-stone of the School for the Indigent Blind, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung by J. Harding, H. Wood, W. Otway, J. White, W. Marks (conductor), E. Hull, A. Dean, and H. Cromptley.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, September 26th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 Bob Major. E. P. Foreman, F. Cullum, E. Chatten, J. O'Neill, A. Took, G. Tovell, F. Lambert conductor, A. Lee. On Sunday morning, October 13th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Peirce, F. Lambert conductor, F. Cullum, J. O'Neill, A. Lee, C. Kerrison.

Correspondence.

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

BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—The 8064 of Bob Major published in your last issue under the name of Sidney Wade is not an original composition. It is actually an arrangement of a peal of Maximus by John Reeves, published in 1788, and has been published and rung several times since as a 5376. I wrote a year or two ago in this paper (Oct. 24/96) a short chapter on the six-part peal which forms the foundation of this composition and similar six-part peals. I do not say that I remember having seen this composition published before in exactly the same form, bob for bob, single for single; and I am quite prepared to admit that some years ago Mr. Wade might have made good his claim to an original composition. But it cannot be too often impressed on the would-be composer that he does not stand on the same footing as the ancients. Progress is the rule of ringing as of all other things, and it is now well established that what I may call the mechanical relation of composition to composition comprises more than what were a few years ago the recognised laws of variation.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE REV. H. DRAKE'S SPEECH AT CONGRESS.

SIR,—If Mr. Daniell does not think Mr. Drake would have done well to have suppressed his views on payment of ringers, probably by this time Mr. Drake does, as I do not suppose he would wish to advocate a policy unacceptable to the majority of change-ringers. If the subject wanted discussing at all, our Central Council was the place for it, and not the Church Congress. It seems to me that Mr. Daniell and Mr. Drake places a wrong interpretation on the word "Art" when applied to ringing, and to use it in the same sense as when applied to fine art, painting, music, etc. Art can only be spoken of in connection with ringing as it would be in saying "art of swimming," "art of rowing," "art of angling," etc. I think "science of change-ringing" a much more correct term to use, and that ringing is more allied to mathematics than to fine art. Skilled labour is paid for in all markets, the more scientific the more pay, and science is encouraged, not degraded thereby. Under these conditions ringers are entitled to remuneration, greater than they receive now.

G. T. DALTRY.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—A note to a peal of Stedman Triples in last week's number appeared. This was said to be "a variation of Thurstan's four-part, with a bob at the start, single at 4 in the first course, single at 2 in the thirty-first, and brought home with a single bob." Would our friend Samuel Reeves publish this plan of ringing Thurstan's peal, for the benefit of some of us younger conductors? I myself have some hundreds of different ways of calling it, but have not seen that plan.

And in a recent note to Thurstan's one-part it was stated that the two singles were called in the last course. Is it anything extraordinary for them to be called there?

J. PARKER.

FROM VEREENING, SOUTH AFRICA.

SIR,—With reference to "Plain Speaker's" remarks as to my having a peal of handbells on the veldt, I may inform him that I have a scale of ten fixed for tapping, which I made from pom-pom cartridge cases, by graduating them down, and fixing them, five each side, horizontally on a piece of wood two inches wide. This is fixed on top of two pom-pom shells, which are fixed on a wooden stand; the hammer is made from cartridge cases. Except the wooden stand, the whole is made from ammunition, and is very musical.

A. PYE.

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Obituary.

EMSLIE.—On October 27th, at Calcutta, Harold Heather Emslie, C.S., second son of J. Thomas and Isabella Emslie, aged 28 years.

The above announcement has been sent us by Mr. George Williams, of Brighton. He adds: "Although the name may not be familiar to many of the present readers of our paper, it will be read with deep regret by those who had the pleasure of meeting this bright and young ringer at Soberton, Hampshire, some seventeen years ago, his grandfather, the late James A. Emslie, esq., being a churchwarden at St. Peter's, Soberton, at that time, and he was one who was instrumental in helping on the object of adding the two trebles to that ring in 1883-4. When the subject of 'the youngest ringer' was under discussion in these columns, it occurred to me that H. H. Emslie must be one of the youngest if not the youngest ringer, he having been able to ring Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples in 1884, consequently he was only then eleven years of age. I have in my possession Annable's 720 of Bob Minor—every change—pricked out by him, and signed by him. Also a 1296 Grandsire Caters, his own composition, and as he terms it, a quarter of 5184, and signed 'H.H.E. 20.6.85.' This I think is sufficient to show his keenness for the Art at that early age, and I venture to say that had not circumstances placed him otherwise, he would have made of our first exponents of the Art. His longest length, I believe, was about half-way through an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Soberton, on December 26th, 1886, an event which I doubt if any of the remainder of the band have ever forgotten. The deceased was at that time a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild."

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Shirland, on Saturday, November 5th. Members present from Clay Cross, Horsley, Shirland, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Pleaseley, and North Wingfield. The Rector presided. Minutes of last two meetings read and confirmed. Messrs. Hopkinson and Butler elected auditors for the annual meeting. It was resolved on the invitation of the Chairman, to hold a special ringing meeting at Shirland, some time next summer. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

THE ALL SAINTS COMPANY, ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On the 31st of August, this society had its annual outing. The members went to Reigate in Surrey, making the journey (22 miles) by brake. Three or four of the St. Mary's Ealing band accepted invitations to join. The first part of the route lay in the valley of the Thames—through Twickenham, Teddington, Hampton Wick, and Kingston, the last-named being the first stopping-place. A few minutes' rest for the horses, and off again, leaving the valley for the Surrey hills, through Surbiton to Ewell, where lunch was had. Away again through splendid country, Reigate being reached soon after 12 o'clock. A little refreshment, and then a visit to the parish church, with its ring of ten, where the visitors found Messrs. Knight and Hoad jun. waiting for them, able and willing to ring or not, as circumstances required. Oxford Bob Triples, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung. At a neighbouring restaurant a meat tea was had, four of the local company sitting down with the visitors—twenty-one in all. Mr. Beadle having proposed a vote of thanks to the various donors towards this outing, which was unanimously carried, the tower was again visited, and another hour's ringing had. Then the hour for departure arrived, and amid some rain, which did not damp the spirits of the "outers," the party arrived home about midnight. To Mr. J. Beadle lies all the credit of arranging this successful outing. The company wish to thank their brother-strings at Reigate for making them so welcome, and the Vicar of Reigate for kindly granting permission to ring.

J. B.

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Notices.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wem to-day, Saturday, December 7. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 1.53 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, to-day, Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5, and 7 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at The Bell hotel. The undersigned will also be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1900 by the end of the present month.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec., Eastern Division.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly of the above will be held at Sedgley to-day, Saturday, December 7. Tower open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

The Salisbury Guild.—The next monthly meeting for the Archdeaconry of Wilts. branch will be held at Melksham to-day, Saturday, December 7th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at The Willow Coffee tavern at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.

C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Stoke to-day, Saturday, December 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. S. Churton, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goring to-day, Saturday, December 7. Bells ready at 3.30 Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at the Reading Room at 5 p.m. Short service at 6.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m. till 5.30, and again at 6 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland parish church on Saturday, December 14th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Kirkburton on Saturday, December 14th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The George hotel.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. W. IDLE, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian church Todmorden, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. New reports ready.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

72, Church Street, Middleton.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Painswick on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at The Falcon hotel. Business meeting to follow. Members who intend being present will be allowed half cost if they will kindly send to Mr. W. Hale, Hill View, Painswick, not later than Thursday, December 12th. There will be a short service with an address by the Vicar. The undersigned will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting.

F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. George's, Bristol.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The first quarterly meeting of the West Dorset branch will be held at Maiden Newton on Monday, December 16th, at 3.30 p.m. Committee Meeting at 3. Service with address 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 6d. each to those sending me notice by December 12th.

H. DRAKE, *Secretary for Dorset.*

Verwood, near Wimborne.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next annual meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells available all day. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BUSHEY (reported last week).—This peal was specially arranged so that the conductor might call the composition from each pair of bells, which he has now accomplished. It is the first peal of Stedman on handbells in the county of Hertfordshire. It is also W. H. L. Buckingham's 60th peal on handbells, a list of which is as follows: Stedman Triples, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major 1, conducted 1; Bob Triples 7, conducted 6; Bob Major 10, conducted 6; Bob Royal 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 29, conducted 14; also 2 non-conducted; Grandsire Caters 7, conducted 5; Canterbury Major 1, conducted 1; total 60, conducted 34.

THE PEAL AT DROGHEDA.—The ringers wish to offer their best thanks to the Rector, the Rev. L. Le Deoux, for so readily granting them the use of the bells, and for his kind hospitality at the completion of the peal; also to A. Milne, Esq., and the local ringers for having everything in readiness. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is an irregular five-part. The peal is the first on the bells and in the county. The ringers all hail from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

THE PEAL AT REDDISH.—About the middle of September a few enthusiastic lovers of the Art agreed to band together for the purpose of practising methods which are generally regarded as more advanced than those ordinarily rung. It was decided to commence with Double Norwich. At the practices held fortnightly at different towers, the members gave unmistakable evidence of their determination to thoroughly master the method; indeed, so marked was the progress, that at the 5th practice it was decided to attempt a peal at the next meeting. The attempt was made on the fine ring at St. Elizabeth's, and proved successful beyond anticipation. Under the circumstances the striking was very satisfactory, and the trips comparatively few and never serious. Rounds came up beautifully distinct, and found the members on excellent terms with themselves.

THE PEAL AT DEBENHAM.—This is the first peal in the method ever rung by a Debenham company, and was rung at the second attempt, the first attempt being made on Thursday, November 28th, which was lost after 2 hrs. 58 mins. splendid striking, owing to the 2nd rope breaking. A peal in the method would have been attempted before, but there has been illness near the church since Easter Monday.

The peal was rung to celebrate the fifty-seventh birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

5184.

23456	W	B	M	R
42563		I	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
43526				-
54263		I	-	-
32465		-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
42356		3	-	-

Five times repeated; singles half-way and end. Has the 6th her extent at home and always in 5-6. This composition has been rung several times. Calling 4ths and 5ths instead of 3B in one course gives 5104; in two courses 5024.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. Wilford has removed from 3, Monks Park Road to 55, Lutterworth Road, Northampton.

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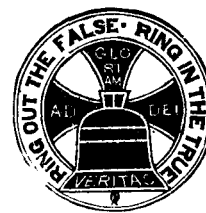
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1901.

It may be said that no instance has yet occurred in the history of Church bells where the building of a church has been clogged by what may reasonably be called a most unnatural stipulation, that bells are not to be placed within the fabric. But now such a regulation as this is said to have been made. The following paragraph, taken from a Church newspaper, will astonish many of our readers:—

"The church of All Saints', Prenton, which was consecrated on All Saints' Day, by the Bishop of Chester, has been built under a very curious condition, which is largely characteristic of modern ideas. The land was given for the church subject to no bells being rung from its tower. Of course, in view of the rubric this may be rather an

awkward condition. Frequently, however, of late, it has been urged that church bells are a superfluity. It has been pointed out that theatres and concerts are attended by a fairly punctual array of people without the accessory of clamorous appeals of this kind. This, however, is not all that is to be said for church bells. They are a portion of the church's open declaration that nothing is to be done secretly; that the church's worship is for all men. It is a pity that this central idea should be shrouded. No doubt it is better to have a church without bells than to have no church at all, especially in a rapidly growing neighbourhood, and the donor of land has a legitimate right to attach his own conditions to the gift. It must be admitted, also, that there are church bells—and church bells; they differ widely in attractiveness. But it is not beyond the bounds of hope that if the true reason for the ringing of bells became known, the line of criticism to which I have referred would disappear. Perhaps, too, the unique condition attached in the case of Prenton might be removed."

The rubric alluded to above directs that every parish priest shall, unless hindered by any reasonable cause, say the order for Morning and Evening Prayer in his church each day, and shall cause a bell to be tolled thereto that any one may come and pray with him. It should be noted that the Prayer Book is not only the liturgy of the Church, but also being part of the Act of Uniformity of 1688 is also part of the ordinary law of the land.

When one ponders over this rubric, which is indisputably a law of the Church, the mind doubts whether a Bishop would not demur to an act of consecration of such an emasculated structure. A former Bishop of London once refused to consecrate a church on account of the altar being decorated with flowers, and if we remember aright the floricultural emblems had to be removed before he would consent to perform the ceremony.

We know that plenty of churches are consecrated which have no bells at all, but satisfactory reasons, financial or otherwise, are at the bottom of this. These instances have no such stipulation as the one we are dealing with. To say that church bells are a superfluity is merely the outcome of an opinion which has not the least value in the eyes of people of sense, or in the opinion of those who have a grain of the charity which is not puffed up.

What would the author of this stipulation say if he was told that a church organ was a superfluity; or a choir-master or in fact a choir?

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
FREDERICK S. C. NEVETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

Rung as a birthday peal to T. Langdon. This is the conductor's 150th peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER 5.
WILLIAM BURROWS 2.	NEWLAND ALDERMAN 6.
FRANK SMITH* 3.	JAMES DURRANT 7.
RICHARD BEVAN 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

*First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	HARRY BARRETT 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
THOMAS G. DEAL 3.	*HARRY WARNETT 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

*First peal in the method as conductor Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Nixon, the band wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine and Kent, and two 720s each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH LAST Treble.	†GEORGE ABLETT 4.
HARRY BURCH* 2.	*CHARLES F. BAILEY 5.
WILLIAM KING* 3.	†CHARLES KING Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

†First peal. *First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, November 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 5.
ALBERT ROUGHT* 2.	WILLIAM BALES 6.
ARTHUR E. FULLER* .. 3.	W. L. DUFFIELD 7.
EGBERT BORRETT* 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS.. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

*First peal of Bob Major. Rung in honour of the safe return from South Africa of Private A. A. Hill, R.A.M.C., a member of the above Societies.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH MADDOCK .. Treble.	ARTHUR DOBLE 5.
EDGAR E. BURGESS 2.	WILLIAM EVELEIGH .. 6.
ALEXANDER EVANS 3.	WILLIAM THORNE 7.
THOMAS DOBLE 4.	EDMUND HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE SMITH† Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
JOHN WM. BARKER 2.	*WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 5.
ALBERT ROBINSON 3	CHARLES CHASTY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

†First peal on six bells. *First peal with a bob bell.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 5.
WESLEY WATSON 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM W. MILLER 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN MOULE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The band wish to thank the Rev. — Steinmetz for giving permission; also Mr. Burgess (steepkeeper), for having everything in readiness, the "go" of the bells being all that can be desired.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble.	PETER NUTTALL 5.
FRED HOUGHTON 2.	THOMAS BLEAKLEY 6.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 3.	HENRY MOSS 7.
JOSEPH PENNINGTON 4.	GEORGE PINCOTT Tenor.

Conducted by PETER INCE.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon Hoskyns, late Vicar of Bolton, now Bishop of Burnley. An attempt was made for the above on Tuesday, November 19th, but the third rope broke.

ELSTREE, HERTS.

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

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEN 4.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 5.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

This is the first peal on the bells. It is also the first six-bell peal by all the band excepting the conductor.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

REV. W. A. S. WILLETT Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	WALTER HOBBS 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	ISAAC CAVILL 7.
GEORGE DENT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE TURLEY Treble.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	WILLIAM STEED 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	FREDERICK J. HARRINGTON .. 7.
RICHARD PELLING 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

WILLIAM LITTLE Treble.	*JOSEPH EARWICKER 6.
EDWARD HULL 2.	HARRY JOHN FEWELL .. 7.
GEORGE DENT 3.	ARTHUR HALLETT 8.
ARTHUR HULL 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 9.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.	*GEORGE WRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY¹

*First peal of Caters. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the St. Peter's Parochial Institute, likewise as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Debenham on the birth of their son, it being also Mr. Debenham's birthday. G. Dent was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

BENGEO, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE H. AUSTIN .. Treble.	JOSEPH POMFRET 4.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 2.	ALBERT LAWRENCE 5.
DANIEL BENNETT 3.	W. H. LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

At the finish of the peal the ringers were very kindly entertained to tea by the Rector.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART (REVERSED.) Tenor 25 cwt.

G. MILLEN* Treble.	H. PETTS 5.
S. BINFIELD† 2.	S. GOWER 6.
W. SEELEY* 3.	H. WOOD 7.
A. MANNING 4.	*F. JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by S. BINFIELD.

*First peal.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD BINGHAM .. Treble.	WM. HARRIS 5.
JOHN BRADNEY 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	CHARLES H. WATTS .. 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	THOMAS GWILLIAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

Rung on the anniversary of the institution of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Caviss-Brown.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD† .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN .. 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. 3.	HENRY LOVELL .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 4.	JOSEPH STEPHENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

†First peal of Stedman Triples.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED EVERITT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PETTET .. 5.
GEORGE RANDALL .. 2.	WILLIAM E. PARKER .. 6.
LEWIS CHAPMAN† .. 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. 7.
ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 4.	ARTHUR CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. MARTIN.

†First peal in the method.

SUTTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

SYDNEY SMITHERS* .. Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE .. 5.
JOHN BEAMS .. 2.	HARRY G. BEAMS .. 6.
GEORGE PRICE† .. 3.	CHARLES E. READ .. 7.
HENRY PEDERICK .. 4.	GEORGE PEDERICK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

*First peal. †First in the method with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

DROGHEDA, COUNTY LOUTH, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE SALTER .. Treble.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY .. 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. 2.	RICHARD R. CHERRY .. 6.
THOMAS GRANT .. 3.	ROBT. T. F. GREENE .. 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Tenor.

Composed by the late T. THURSTANS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

A reference to this peal elsewhere.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, 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 12½ cwt.

ALBERT PRESTIDGE* .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 5.
ALFRED ROWLEY† .. 2.	HORACE SMITH .. 6.
JOSEPH FAULKNER .. 3.	JOHN SMITH .. 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	JOHN GODFREY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal of Grandsire. †First peal of Triples, and first peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation-stone of the above church on St. Andrew's Day, 1827.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Rochester, Victoria, Bristol, Lichfield, Ely, Cambridge, and Superlative. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN .. Treble.	THOMAS J. WATTS .. 4.
THOMAS JORDAN .. 2.	JOHN LUCKEY .. 5.
GEORGE GRAY .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rang in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Colchester to hold a Confirmation service. This is the conductor's 2,150th 720; also his 150th 720 of Cambridge Surprise.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES L. ROBINSON .. Treble.	THOMAS MARSHALL .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 2.	HIRAM MEAKIN .. 6.
ALFRED BARNES .. 3.	JOHN W. BAYLEY .. 7.
FRED. HOLT .. 4.	EDWARD READER .. Tenor.

Composed by HARRY WHITTLES, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

This peal is now rung for the first time, and is the first in the method by the Guild, and by all the ringers except the 2nd and tenor, and on the bells. Further reference on another page.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

THOMAS KING .. Treble.	WILLIAM KINSEY .. 5.
HUGH GLADWELL .. 2.	FREDERICK HUNT .. 6.
HARRY SMITH .. 3.	HARRY TURNER .. 7.
SAMUEL SLATER .. 4.	ARTHUR SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KING.

This is believed to be rung for the first time by the above Association.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. Treble.	JOHN NEAL .. 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT* .. 2.	WALTER C. HUNT .. 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. 7.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE* .. 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK PALMER .. Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
JAMES GARRATT .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
WALTER PERKINS .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Taken from the Central Council I Appendix for 1895, page 107.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble,	RICHARD K. MASON 5.
JAMES W. WILKINS 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
ERNEST BRUCE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES GILES 4.	WILLIAM FORD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble,	EDWIN TIMBRELL 5.
WILLIAM LEVER 2.	JOSEPH POTTER 6.
HENRY MOSS 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL .. 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

THOMAS ANDREWS Treble,	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR 6.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	JAMES WORSFOLD 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, December 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY* Treble,	*JAMES G. RUMSEY 5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM† 2.	*GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 6.
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3.	*CHARLES BRUNNING 7.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4.	†WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the treble. ‡First peal in the method as conductor. Further reference on another page.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

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

On Monday, December 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble,	†GEORGE R. NEWTON 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6.
JAMES WILLSHIRE 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

†First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Queen Alexandra; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE PIGOTT* Treble,	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 5.
THOMAS PIGOTT 2.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 6.
JAMES KEY† 3.	*ALBERT BEACHAM 7.
ALBERT HUGHES 4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. A. Beacham was proposed a member of the above society before starting for the peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, two 720s each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS MORGAN* Treble,	ROWE HUXLEY 4.
FRANK ROBERTS* 2.	RICHARD G. WILLIAMS .. 5.
HENRY W. WILDE 3.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

*First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble,	WILLIAM JAY 5.
HARRY A. HORREX 2.	*HENRY R. JONES 6.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 3.	†WILLIAM HEWETT 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	JOSEPH ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HEWETT.

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

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER Treble,	ALBERT PHILLIPS 4.
CHARLES GALE 2.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 5.
GEORGE CARTER 3.	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT LAWRENCE.

First peal as conductor, aged 17.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Netherton, Worcestershire, is not the first peal rung by a band all bearing the same name. A few years ago a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's, Tiverton, Devonshire, by a band all bearing the name of Grater.

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Miscellaneous.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. F. Shepherd, T. Laver, J. Ford, W. Richardson, W. Mogridge, W. Shepherd (conductor, J. R. Sandover, F. Murphy. In the evening a quarter-peal in the same method, taken from Holt's Original. F. Shepherd, J. Ford, W. Burrough, T. Laver, W. Mogridge, W. Shepherd, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Lawton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On Wednesday, October 23rd, at Christ Church Blacklands, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., S. Saker, C. Saker, L. Stapley, J. Livermore, sen. conductor, F. Lock, A. E. Barrow, A. E. White. This was J. Livermore jun.'s longest touch, and was rung on his 14th birthday.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Thursday, October 31st, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's) in 47 mins. T. Thorpe, C. Hill, T. H. Waterhouse, H. Harvey, F. Medhurst, F. A. Kennett, G. Watson conductor, H. Denman.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Saturday, September 14th, at the Cathedral, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. H. Aldridge to Miss F. L. Hooke, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. T. Northey, J. Harris, J. Pitcher, W. Biss, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, B. Tilley. A 840 Grandsire Triples. J. Pitcher, W. T. Northey, J. Harris, A. Rowley, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, B. Tilley. On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Price, W. Northey, J. Harris, J. Pitcher, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, W. Coombes, W. Canter. On Sunday, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. W. T. Northey, J. Harris, F. Isaacs, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, W. Coombes, J. H. Aldridge.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Saturday, October 26th, for combined practice, 720 College Single. E. Linter, E. Jacobs, W. Cooper, H. Burling, A. Millard, G. Chappell conductor. A 720 Oxford Bob. G. Chappell, A. Millard conductor, the rest as before. A touch of Canterbury Pleasure. G. Chappell, H. Burling, A. Millard, the rest as before.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, 792 Grandsire Cinques. C. Eden, C. H. Bond, F. Bond, F. G. May conductor, J. Thomas, C. H. Gordon, C. H. Tomkins, 7; F. Protherough, C. E. Bartlett, H. T. Gardner, E. E. Davis, H. Clutterbuck.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief owing to a bad trip in the slow when only seven courses from home. C. H. Tomkins, F. Bond, J. Thomas, C. H. Bond, E. E. Davis, C. H. Gordon, F. G. May conductor, F. Protherough. The band were afterwards entertained by the Vicar, for which they tender their sincere thanks; also to Mr. Kitchenner who made the arrangements.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

COPDOCK (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 27th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving 720 Superlative Surprise Minor, in 30 mins. W. Brown, G. Mee, F. Rolfe, H. Mee, A. Morris, E. Rivers conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, October 13th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. John's church, 1154 Kent Treble Bob. F. Davis, W. C. Hunt, T. Deal, E. H. Nixon, W. Bedwell, G. H. Daynes, J. Davis conductor, W. J. Jeffries. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Rose, E. H. Nixon, A. C. Bedwell, T. Deal, W. J. Jeffries, J. Law, G. H. Daynes conductor, T. Daynes.

BIRMINGHAM.—On September 12th, at Bishop Ryder's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. G. Pigott, C. Mackenzie, T. Gibbs, T. Pigott, J. Pigott, W. Ellis conductor.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, November 17th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples.

J. M. Rylatt conductor, F. Davey, A. Barber, T. Boyer, G. Moore, G. Ladd, F. Blakey, L. Goodwin.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 19th, 531 Grandsire Triples. G. Farmer, T. Pigott, T. Gibbs, H. Grovenor, W. G. Ellis conductor, J. Pigott, A. Beacham, J. Such.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 240 Grandsire Doubles. E. Bonfield, W. J. Norton, H. Watson, C. Pryor, W. H. Pryor, G. Watson. On Sunday, September 29th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Smith, C. Pryor, E. Pryor, W. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, W. Miles. On Sunday evening, October 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, E. Pryor, G. Bonfield, M. Woodcock, C. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, F. Smith, G. Watson. On Sunday, October 20th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, M. Woodcock, H. Watson, C. Pryor, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, F. Smith, W. Miles. For evening service 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Norton, E. Pryor, H. Watson, M. Woodcock, W. H. Pryor conductor, F. Smith. On Tuesday evening, October 22nd, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Miles, E. Pryor, J. Nixon, F. Smith, M. Woodcock, W. H. Pryor conductor, W. J. Nudds, W. J. Norton. On Sunday evening, October 27th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, H. Watson, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, W. Pryor, C. Pryor, F. Smith, W. Miles.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, October 21st, for practice, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 35 mins. O. Worden, T. Crook, I. Watkinson, S. Watkinson, T. Bowling, E. Banister, J. Banister, J. Harrison.

MALVERN LINK (Worcestershire).—On August 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Morris, A. Hill, H. Allen, C. Thomas, W. Johnson, H. T. Knowles conductor, R. G. Knowles, A. Richings.

NEW ZEALAND.—On Monday, July 8th, for practice, at Christ Church Cathedral, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Andrews, W. Saunders, A. Dunkely, W. Wraight, B. Jeffery, J. Maples, T. Biddle, W. Jones. On Sunday, July 21st, for Divine Service, 336 and 308 Grandsire Triples. W. Baker, W. Smart, W. Wraight, J. Andrews, W. Saunders, J. Maples, T. Biddle, W. Jones. On Thursday, July 25th, two courses of Grandsire Caters. W. Baker, H. Baker, W. Smart, A. Dunkely, W. Wraight, W. Saunders, J. Maples, B. Jeffery, T. Biddle, W. Jones. Also 462 Triples. A. Dunkely, W. Smart, W. Saunders, W. Wraight, B. Jeffery, J. Maples, T. Biddle, W. Jones. On Sunday, August 11th, for Divine Service, 350, 168 and 308 Triples. H. Baker, W. Smart, W. Saunders, W. Wraight, B. Jeffery, J. Maples, T. Biddle, W. Jones. On Thursday, August 15th, for practice, an attempt for a quarter-peal was lost after ringing 1000 changes. J. Andrews, W. Wraight, A. Dunkely, W. Saunders, B. Jeffery, J. Maples, T. Biddle, W. Jones. Also two courses of Caters, on handbells. W. Smart, A. Dunkely, W. Wraight, W. Saunders, J. Maples, B. Jeffery, T. Biddle, W. Jones. On Sunday, September 8th, for Divine Service, 462 Triples. W. Baker, W. Smart, A. Dunkely, W. Saunders, B. Jeffery, J. Maples, T. Biddle, W. Jones. Tenor 38 cwt. in D. All the above were conducted by T. Biddle.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, October 27th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Baker, G. Turley, J. Baker, G. Fuggle, R. Pelling, A. T. Godley, J. Maynard conductor, F. Still. This quarter-peal was rung as a welcome to Major General Baden-Powell, who was on a visit to his cousin, C. W. Powell, Esq.

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TWYFORD (Hants).—On Saturday, October 26th, the following rung the usual muffled peal, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of William Payne, of Eastleigh, for some years a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and the Winchester Cathedral Society, who died on October 21st after a month's illness from complication of diseases, aged 53 years. A. E. Macey, C. J. Choct, R. Abraham, C. Abraham, T. Spratt, J. Ashford, W. H. George conductor, G. Brown. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Young, G. Smith, R. Abraham, C. J. Choct, T. Spratt, J. Ashford, W. H. George conductor, C. Abraham. The deceased had only rung two peals of Grandsire Triples with the tenor, but had taken part in many touches, quarter-peals and attempts for peals with the treble and working bells.

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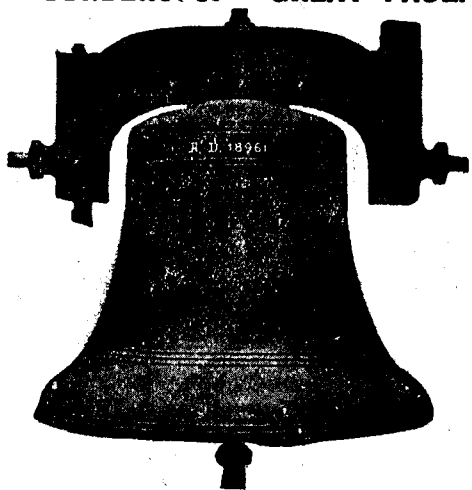
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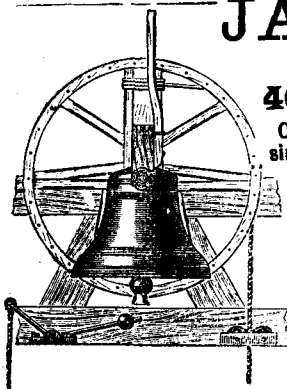
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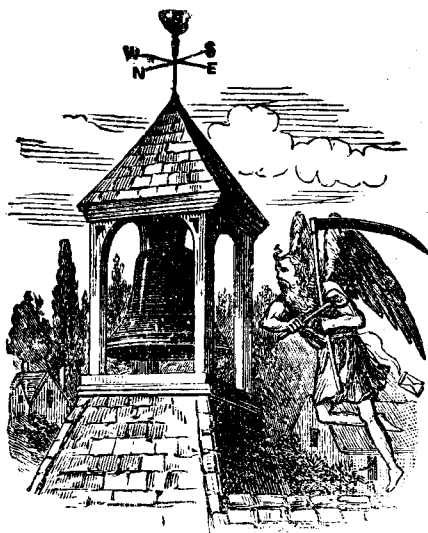
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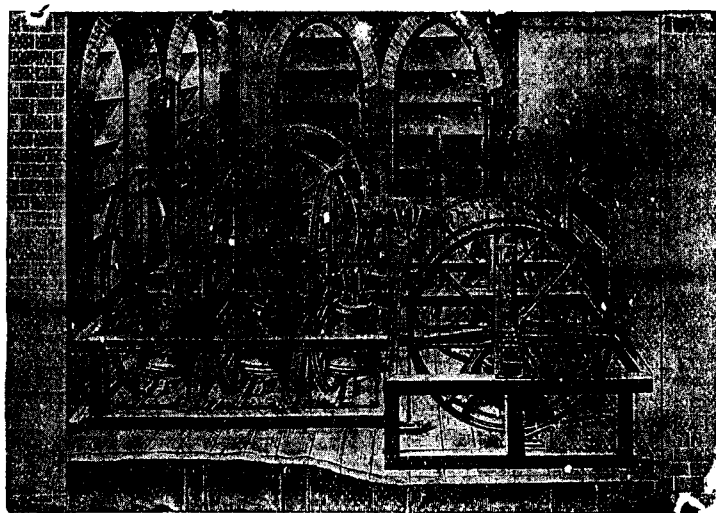
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DEDICATION OF RESTORED PEAL.

For the past nine years the inhabitants of this quiet country town had not heard their bells raised, and Wednesday, December 5th, was a day of rejoicing when the restored peal of six rang out once more their well-known message.

A special dedication service had been printed for the occasion, based upon that used at the services of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the hymns were heartily sung to well-known tunes. The service began with the shortened form of evensong sung by the Vicar (Rev. J. P. Nash), the proper psalms being cxxii. and cl., and the proper lesson Numbers x. 1-11, read by the Rev. Canon Lee (Rural Dean). The Lord Bishop of Southampton was met at the west door by the clergy and choir. Among the former were the Revs. W. E. Medlicott (Swanmore), H. D. Baker (Bottley), G. M. Thompson (Bishops Waltham), and C. E. Matthews (Bursledon), Hon. Secretary of the Diocesan Guild. Amongst the congregation were several clergy belonging to the Deanery, including the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Master of the Guild), and the Rev. H. Wheat (Hursley). The Bishop gave a most appropriate address based upon Psalm xcvi., verse 7. He said that the various functions and offices of the Church were the fruit of centuries of Christianity, every sight and sound had its proper meaning and its own teaching. Music expressed every motion of the heart, and the music of the bells gave expression to Christian joy, sometimes that joy was intensified on occasions of thanksgiving and praise, sometimes that joy was chastened in times of sorrow, and the muffled peal conveyed the lesson of Christian hope to many a heart laden with sorrow, but nevertheless confident of life beyond. The result of Christian joy was the spirit of joyfulness, and there was no part of the Christian character which we were more in danger of losing now than this spirit of joyfulness. It was only sin in its various forms and the cares and anxieties of the world which destroyed this joy. The ringers were ministers of joy, and their very position implied that they must live pure lives. Their work taught them the lessons of unselfishness and readiness to help each other. In their ringing they must combine or their labours would be as meaningless if divided as the worship of God in His Church would be if the clergy and choir did not unite to rejoice unto God with reverence. The restoration of their bells gave the parishioners an opportunity of kindling afresh a grateful and adoring love of God.

The service was very well attended, and the offertory for the restoration fund amounted to £11.

At the conclusion of the service members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang several touches in Minor methods, the first being a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. W. Cooper, F. Hill, A. Millard, G. E. Chappell, G. Grafham conductor, J. W. Whiting.

At 5 o'clock the ringers were entertained at tea at the Rectory by the Rev. J. P. Nash. On behalf of those

present Mr. T. Blackburn thanked the Rector for his kindness. He had done the very best he could in re-hanging and recasting, and he was sure that with care and attention it would prove so.

The Rector said it had given him much pleasure to entertain such a band of ringers, and hoped that they would have ringer's meetings in the future.

After tea the bells were set going until it was time to catch the last train. Mr. J. W. Whiting, district secretary for Portsmouth, was in charge of the ringing, and collected his men from towers in the immediate neighbourhood.

Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, has put in some excellent work. The treble and 4th bells have been re-cast, both having been cracked. The frame is of iron supported on steel girders, and there are two vacant pits for a couple of trebles, which are sure to come before long. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus has been fixed, and the whole peal has been re-tuned. The 3rd bell is rather a weak one, and sounds flat beside the recast 4th, while the tenor (dated 1597) is not what it ought to be. It was better, however, to retain these than to re-cast the whole peal, as some had suggested, and Mr. Blackburn has certainly done all he could. It is interesting to note that the 5th and tenor were originally cast at the Sarum foundry by John Wallis, at the end of the 16th century. The total cost of the work has been £243.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONRY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the above guild was held at Wem, on Saturday, when several members were present from various parts of the county and district. The ringers ascended the church tower upon arrival, raised the bells in peal, and rang several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman during the afternoon. At five o'clock, the business of the meeting was transacted in the belfry, and the Rev. J. Mackay (Shrewsbury), secretary of the guild, presided. Several new members were enrolled and other business transacted. Mr. Bradney (Shifnal) said it was the duty of them all to get as many members as they could to attend the meetings of the guild, but when the meeting was held at a place like Wem, which was at the end of the archdeaconry, it cost some of the members a great deal of money to get there. Now the guild had a sum of about £12 in hand and he did not think it could be put to a better purpose than that of paying a certain proportion of the members' railway fares. He proposed a resolution to the effect that the guild refund to the members their railway expenses of that day with the exception of 1s., and that they do the same thing with regard to the next meeting with the exception of 1s. 6d.

The Rev. J. Mackay said he thought Mr. Bradney's resolution might have the effect of increasing the attendance of members at their meetings, but they must take care and not make it a rule to pay a proportion of railway fares. They might perhaps require the funds for another purpose.

Mr. Childe seconded the proposition, which was carried,

After the meeting an adjournment was made to the Temperance Hotel, where a capital tea was provided by the Hon. and Rev. G. F. Vane, Rector of Wem. At the conclusion of a much enjoyed meal, on the motion of the Rev. J. Mackay, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Wem for his hospitality. Those members from a distance having to catch an early train, the Shrewsbury men remained and rung a $\frac{1}{2}$ -peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Wall, E. G. Byolin, J. Locke, T. Burd, W. Stockdale, A. Fullick, G. Byolin (conductor), —. Ravenscroft. Several short touches were rung, in which the Wem ringers also took part.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most successful monthly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wilts. branch was held at Melksham on Saturday, December 7th. The Rev. J. H. Burn (Great Cheverell Branch, Chairman); Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Branch Secretary); Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (General Guild Secretary); and representatives from Devizes, Trowbrige, Melksham, Keevil, Swindon, and Chippenham. Tea was provided at The Willow Coffee House, to which about eighteen sat down. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. It is hoped that the next meeting will take place at Marlborough during the first month of the new year.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Association was held at Stoke on Saturday, December 7th, and was attended by the Rev. C. H. Simpkinson, Rector of Stoke, Mr. W. Twigg, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Preston (2) and Wheeldon, of Bucknall; H. Page, of Stoke; and members from the following towers: Audley, Fenton, Hanley, Leek, Newcastle, Norton, Stoke, and Tunstall. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major were rung. At 5.30 the members adjourned to the Church Room where an excellent tea provided by the Rector awaited them, and to which ample justice was done by all.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for so kindly providing tea and for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. W. Twigg, and seconded by Mr. S. Churton (Stoke).

The Rector, in responding, said he was always very pleased to welcome the members at Stoke.

Mr. S. Churton then asked Mr. H. Page on behalf of St. Peter's ringers, Stoke, to make a small present to the Rector.

Mr. Page on rising to make the presentation said he was rather taken by surprise, as he had no idea that he was going to be asked to do so; at the same time he had great pleasure in presenting the Rector with a handsomely bound volume of "THE BELL NEWS" for the year 1900-1901.

The Rector, in acknowledging the present, said he was very grateful to the Stoke ringers for the very beautiful gift they had given him, not only for the present itself but for the kindly feeling which it shewed, and he hoped that good feeling would continue to exist amongst them.

FOR SALE Cheap.—20 Handbells, by Taylor. Size E20 to F5 in C. For four ringers. Box, baize and books including 70 tunes so that any one can learn to ring. A grand opportunity for anyone forming a band. All the above are in good condition. Further particulars of H. T. HOLDERNESS, 10, Southgate, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this Society was held at Drighlington on Saturday, November 30th, and was well attended by ringers from Bramley, Burnley, Bradford, Birstall, Calverley, Headingley (s.c.), Headingley (s.m.), Leeds, Liversedge, Pudsey, Shipley, Rothwell, Tong, Wakefield and the local company. It was arranged to open the afternoon's proceedings with an attempt for a peal, but owing to a funeral this had to be abandoned. The bells were set going about 4 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major and Oxford Minor were rung at intervals until after 8 o'clock p.m.

The business meeting was held at The Spotted Cow inn, and was presided over by Mr. J. Whitaker. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read, on the proposition of Mr. G. Nettleton (Shipley), seconded by Mr. W. Child (Headingley).

Mr. C. D. Smith proposed, and Mr. A. Roundhill seconded, "That the next meeting be held at Bramley on Saturday, January 4th, 1902." This was carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Thornton for having everything in readiness. Mr. Thornton responded, inviting the members to visit Drighlington at any time, as they could always rely on a hearty welcome. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the invitation of the Vicar, a few members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (representing the Eastern portion of the diocese) visited Henstridge for the purpose of giving an exhibition of change-ringing.

Arriving at Henstridge (accompanied by the Master, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower), at 4.30, the bells were raised, and a nicely-struck 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. Afterwards a 720 of Grandsire Minor was accomplished by the following: E. Prescott, C. E. D. Boutflower, E. Fricker, W. J. Prescott, Chas. H. Shearn, H. Kenten (conductor).

The Vicar then informed the ringers that food was awaiting them, and after feasting the tower was again visited, when sundry 6-scores, and change-ringing advice to the local ringers, brought on the time for returning.

The tower at Henstridge is a newly-built one, the old one being unsafe, and the bells, of which four and a piece remained, have been rehung in a wood and iron frame.

Two more bells have been added, making a neat ring of six, tenor 18 cwt.

The work of rehunging and recasting has been done in a most excellent manner by Mr. J. Sully, of Stogumber, near Taunton, and the go of them is perfect.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Jno. W. T. Holgate has removed to 151, Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

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ON PEAL COLLECTIONS & OTHER THINGS.

You must admit that a peal collection is necessary. Well perhaps; but then you know that depends on what you mean by necessary. When you come to think of it, it's doubtful whether even you, whoever you are, are necessary. We are quite sure *we* are not. Oh yes. We know all about that, but then there are necessities and necessities. How is Mr. X, who learnt how to pull a bell last week, and *quite* knows there is a hunt bell in Grand-sire Doubles; how, we ask, is he to know that his latest production was not known to the old ones? But then, you see, he doesn't *want* to know. If he did he might begin to see that you must learn before you can teach, and that you must understand what is old before you can tell what is new. But that means trouble and time. And patience. Unnecessary trouble and waste of time and patience too. All you have got to do is to take a table of course-ends, from it write down certain figures, prove it by a formula which you need not understand—Lo! a composer. Blessed word that. Passing the blessedness of that thrice blessed word, Mesopotamia, which was of such comfort to a certain historical old lady. It's no good telling me, my dear Sir, that my peal is a variation. I know better. I composed it myself, without *any* help whatever. Oh, I dare say, now to come to mention it it's *something* like Annable's three-part, but then you see I didn't know before now that there *was* such a person. So it *couldn't* be a variation.

And some may laugh, and some may wax sarcastic; but his friend Mr. A. is a conductor, and the thing is rung. Besides you know that those people who criticise have their own axes to grind. They want all the honour and glory for themselves. Not satisfied with all their own flocks and herds they must needs covet the poor man's one ewe lamb as well. Base fellows these. Have we not heard? Do we not know? No one can properly be a critic who has not a bad heart, an over-developed spleen and a large stock of worthless productions of his own.

But for all this the Council has decided there shall be a collection. Not a complete collection, but a select collection of the aristocracy, so to speak, of compositions. Perchance it may bring evil, yet the evil may be turned to good. Wherefore, O ye composers, buck up! For if your peal, the pride of your heart, is printed, as of course it *must* be, with all the pomp and ceremony of a Central Council publication—then at least genius will be duly recognised. But alas! alas! genius is always slighted now-a-day. We ourselves sent in over twenty compositions, and not one was printed. No, not one. They told us the best was Annable's, the rest were rubbish. How *could* it be Annable's? there was an extra bob in each part.

They called them rubbish, did they? We should like to see them produce any as good. They are jealous. That's what it is. Real merit never has and never will get on in this world. We shall give up composition and concentrate our abilities on picking holes in other people's work.

ROBERT.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.

A large clock and quarter-chimes are to be erected in the above church tower, which will be constructed generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The makers have also in hand large clocks for Colonel Hay, Ashton Keynes, Gloucestershire, and one for R. Forrest, esq., St. Fagans, South Wales.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

Some weeks ago we received a letter from a correspondent at Middleham imparting the information that a company of lady ringers was established in the parish. We are told that this band was started "as an incentive to the stronger sex, and after some improvements in the tower here, you may hear of great things being accomplished, and change-ringing established."

The next from our correspondent was thus: "The ladies have just accomplished some 6-scores of Bob Doubles and touches of Minor. They were Miss A. Storey, Miss P. Anton, Miss A. Croft, Miss M. Peacock, Miss H. Anton, and Mrs. R. Kerr-Smith."

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday morning, October 20th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. F. Shepherd, T. Laver, J. Ford, W. Richardson, W. Mogridge, W. Shepherd conductor, J. R. Sandover, F. Murphy. For evening service 1260 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. F. Shepherd, J. Ford, W. Burrough, T. Laver, W. Mogridge, W. Shepherd, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Lowton.

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."

PAYMENT OF RINGERS.

SIR,—Both of those correspondents who criticize me on the above matter do so under a misapprehension. I definitely stated that "there are some things that we must take payment for," and so made it clear that I agree with Mr. Borrett that compensation should be given for loss of time. Indeed he seems to denounce "money ringers" more strongly than I should.

And though I do not agree with Mr. Daltry that at such a meeting every one should agree with everyone else, yet I prefaced my remarks by saying that I spoke with great diffidence on the matter, and especially at having to disagree with Sir Arthur Heywood; I thus made it quite clear that this was only my "individual opinion," and that I was not speaking as "a representative ringer," which I do not happen to be.

With regard to Mr. Daltry's arguments I am afraid his theories do not agree with the facts. (i.) I do not admit that the clergy are paid: as a rule they get either a pittance or a prize: in either case it is not payment; and most emphatically the system does not "command the greatest success," but is a miserable failure. This however is not a subject for your columns. (ii.) Much the same remarks apply to the organist, except that in his case he often makes his living by other work. But in any case, where a man's whole time is required for the work, whether as ringer, steeplekeeper, clerk, organist, or parson, I think it only right that he be paid, either a full professional income, or that he should give his services quite without payment. (iii.) But with regard to ringers (as with most choirs) the ringing and singing are the practice of an art for love of the art, and not a profession for mere hire; and it is because, as a choirmaster, I know that in this regard payment has been such a failure in the case of most choirs, that I consider such an argument the most telling against payment of ringers. (iv.) Like Mr. Daltry's other instances, the general increase of ladies' choirs tells against himself. I will leave his ungallant remarks

upon ladies in towers for others to take up, but I may here point out that my sentence (cut short by the chairman's bell) was intended to show that by ladies making themselves proficient handbell ringers, they would both increase their own and others' enjoyment in hearing Church bells, and also help to do away with much of the prejudice which now exists against ringing.

As the matter has been brought up, perhaps I may be allowed to state my position more definitely than I could in the few minutes allowed at the Church Congress.

1.—I speak only of my own experience: this is fairly wide. I can recall instances where I have had myself been made to feel that payment has had bad results, either on the character of the change-ringers (or so-called change-ringers) or on the progress of the Art, in the following parts of the country: Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, Cambridgeshire, Somerset, Wilts., Hants., Surrey, Sussex, Kent. In many of the above districts I know of many instances. Moreover I have never yet come across a belfry in which such payments have been attended with good results. I am quite willing to discount this last fact so far as to say that I have no experience of towers, which I shall refer to later on as suitable for the payment system, and that where such a system is successful, its success would prevent its existence being apparent, while the failures of the system are prominently noticeable. Still the fact remains.

2.—I do not advocate any alteration where the system is in successful working.

3.—I think that full payment should be paid for services rendered in connexion with ringing, and that too to individuals. This is sometimes of assistance in getting over difficulties; I could mention one tower where the "old gang" were got rid of, and good change-ringing developed, by arranging that the existing payments should not be made for ringing, but for each in his turn being responsible for oiling the bells, etc.

4.—As I said at the Congress: for weddings, funerals, and similar occasions, full payment should be required; but, as the whole band was necessary to do the ringing, so the whole band should receive the payment into their common fund; the stipulated compensation for time lost having been made in each case. Strictly speaking, such payment should be made through the Incumbent, and be partly towards the maintenance of bells and belfry, and partly towards the ringers' fund. This is however, I fear, a council of perfection. The ringers' fund should be disposed of as each belfry may agree; the least satisfactory way is by dividing it up each year; or it may be spent on an excursion; or as at Bridport in this county, it may become the fund of a sort of benefit society for the ringers.

5.—Just as even when choirs are not paid, often the boys receive pocket money, and the men treats and suppers, not as payment, but as acknowledgment of what has been done to help others, so it is nice that the same acknowledgment be made *pari passu* to the ringers. But it should always be accepted as a free gift and not an obligation, and be willingly foregone in a poor parish, remembering that if we are church-workers, we do our work as for God, and not as regards its effect on our fellow-men.

6.—In such cases as Cathedrals a ringer is usually and properly a paid official; and (for similar reasons) no doubt there are places (as on a large estate, or in residential neighbourhoods), where men get their living by varied occupations one of which may well be ringing. And wherever the ringing is part of a man's livelihood, of course he should be fairly paid. Though in these cases many of the following objections do not apply, still one may consider them as necessary exceptions, to be avoided as much as possible.

My objections to payment are the following:—

7.—It is unnecessary: voluntary ringers can always be got by those who go the right way to work; and those who do not, will not find they get on any better by offering money.

8.—It destroys the spirit of giving one's best to God; it is true that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, but I have excluded the cases in which one's livelihood is interfered with.

9.—It destroys the ideal of giving our best to whatever Art we may find we have talents for. A man who rings for money cannot ring for love at the same time.

10.—It excludes from our ranks the very men we ought to be most ready to welcome; those whose intellectual gifts would be invaluable to the Science, but who naturally object to become "professional" ringers.

11.—It necessarily involves a spirit of exclusiveness in order to keep the payments for each as large as possible; this is always tending to destroy the band through lack of recruits, and sooner or later always does so, as records prove.

12.—It is so associated with the other bad customs of the past, that it rarely exists long without some of the others re-appearing also.

This is my position; it is not in the least affected by the fact that there may be cases in which the system is in successful operation, as those are the exceptions which form the proof of my rule.

In conclusion I will give an instance which should come home to Mr. Daltry. Before I went to Cambridge I lived for nearly a year teaching in a school close to Emmanuel Church at Clifton. I was then most anxious to learn change-ringing. I only knew what I had picked up by myself from Troyte's handbook, and the practical experience I had gained in futile attempts to teach it to the ringers in my father's country parish. I therefore went to see the then Vicar there and asked him if there was a band of ringers, and whether I might join it. He was very nice about it, but explained that the bells were only chimed (by an apparatus I fancy) and that when any ringing was wanted some men were hired from Bristol: that they did their work well, and were the best ringers in Bristol, but were a somewhat disreputable lot. He may not have intended to convey this meaning to me, but only to discourage any attempt to alter the existing arrangements. He would not hear of my joining those ringers; and a proposal that I should attempt to get up a band from among the residents met with no better success. Thus I was prevented from ringing all the time I was there; though I have not been in the city since then for a sufficiently long time to do any ringing, yet I know that the impressions I gained while there were quite erroneous.

But if this is the impression that the payment of ringers conveys to the general public, it would certainly seem to the interests of the Art to do without it as far as possible.

H. DRAKE.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have seen Mr. Daniell's letter. It reminds me that I have omitted one further objection, viz.: that payment is not made on a fair-wage system. Considering the amount of skill, preparation and learning required, a guinea a time is the least payment a Union ought to sanction! Mr. Daniell's arguments are covered by my statements above with regard to a man's living. This includes his reference to the Royal Academician; but I may add that if I were to get the village doctor to paint an altar-piece for the parish church, he would be insulted were I offer to pay him. His reference to the parson's fee for a wedding is particularly unfortunate, as I hold that all fees to ecclesiastical persons are much more highly to be reprobated even than payment to the choir or ringers. But his comparisons are not good; it would be more fair to put it thus: the ringer who takes his 6d. (or whatever it is) for each service, would consider himself insulted if it were suggested that he would refuse to play for the cricket club to which he belongs, unless he were paid 6d. for each match. Yet in the one case he takes his payment out of the widow's mite; in the other out of the superfluity of those who are well off only. I do not quite gather what your correspondents' ideas of degradation are, but it does not seem exactly elevating the Art to compare it to the "Art of Swimming" (and, I suppose, of "Walking," not to say "Lapping")—or even to a pound of suet!

H. D.

ROUND RINGERS.

SIR,—Those of your readers who remember the correspondence on this subject two years ago will not need to be reminded that I do not wish (as Mr. Kelly puts it) "to write or do anything which tends to raise an antagonistic spirit between half-pull change-ringers and 'round-ringers.'" My position is much simpler. I am waging a war of extermination against round-ringing! In the former correspondence these "excellent round-ringers" in the West of England were cast in my teeth; and again at the Church Congress by other speakers. I was of

course precluded from replying then, or I might have pointed to my own recent experience in this same West Country. When I came here more than a year ago, I was told—and it seemed truly—that this was a more hopeless neighbourhood than any part of Devon; that there was no band of change-ringers in the Diocesan Guild in the whole county. Well, in June last, this county was divided off into two branches for better organization, and so well have the change-ringers around worked, that now the position is reversed, and there is not a band in connexion with the Guild in the county but is learning change-ringing, or about to do so; and I do not think there will ever be a band of round-ringers from Dorset in our Guild again.

I have also heard a good deal about the difficulty of providing instructors in country places, since I came here. But so far it has only been apparent in talk and not in fact. In this half of the county not a single tower has had to wait a week for instruction, and I have no doubt that when the mischances which have postponed our organizing the other half of Dorset are surmounted, that instruction will be forthcoming then with equal promptness.

It is all very well to say what excellent fellows your opponents are; but that will not win in a war; and as both round-ringers and change-ringers cannot occupy the same ground, one lot has to go. I do not intend that it shall be change-ringers who are to be excluded while I am in Dorset; and I would appeal to Mr. Kelly (instead of giving such inordinate praise to round-ringers that they naturally want to remain such) to do his best to work them out of his Guild, as we are doing from ours. Then, if they are such good fellows as he makes them out to be, they will promptly learn change-ringing. At present one gathers that their chief object is to turn up for the good things of the festival—although they "for some reason or other did not at present belong to any set." This is really very well put, when you come to think of it—so as not to offend the sensitive feelings of these excellent round-ringers, who might be hurt if it were bluntly stated that their services had been dispensed with by their own "set."

I decline however to believe that Devonians can only make such cupboard ringers; and I am sure that the county of my fathers will not yield the palm to its neighbours in ringing (or in other matters) if it be led with tact and enthusiasm.

I am more than ready to acknowledge the correctness of the testimonials that Messrs. Papillon and Leigh afford to the respectability of Devonshire round-ringers, and the excellency of their striking. It is what I should expect. It seems however a strange argument, that because they do that well, they should not also ring changes well. Moreover we know that there is not the least probability that so monotonous a pursuit as ringing rounds would keep them long together, when adventurous aids disappear, as they must do in time. While writing may I point out a slip in your report of a meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in your issue of November 30th. This meeting (at Sturminster Newton) was held on November 23rd, not September 23rd.

H. DRAKE.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—In your issue of December 7th there is a note to the peal at Lavenham, stating that it is believed that this is the first time that Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples has been rung by the above Association. A reference to the issue of this paper of February 16, 1901, page 496, shows that Holt's Original was rung by the Ely Association at Cambridge on the 31st January of this year.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

SCIENCE AND ART.

SIR,—I cannot agree with what Mr. Daltry says about these terms in his last letter. The term "science" I understand to mean systematized knowledge, and the term "Art" to mean systematized action. The science of change-ringing is that knowledge of what to do which men acquire by study, but directly they apply that knowledge in action by ringing changes, they are practising an Art. Change-ringing then is beyond all doubt an art; is it a *fine* art? That depends upon the meaning to be given to the word "*fine*," about which there may be different opinions; but I think on the whole we may answer the question affirmatively, on the ground that change-ringing is a

department of music resting on a scientific basis; and if orchestral performance is fine art I can see no reason to doubt that change-ringing is likewise. Mr. Daltry thinks ringing more allied to mathematics than to fine art. I wish some one who could speak with authority would tell us what, if any, is the relation of the science of change-ringing to mathematics. Will Mr. Bulwer kindly oblige? Sir George Grove, by including an article on change-ringing in his "Dictionary of Music," evidently considered change-ringing as a department of music, and we could have no higher authority on that point.

R. A. DANIELL.

Ringers' Outings.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, Aug. 31st, eight members visited Abergavenny and spent an enjoyable day. By means of a wagonette they had a splendid drive of seven miles to Llangattock, where they received a cordial welcome from the Rector, the Rev. T. J. Bowen. After the usual preliminaries, the bells, which have a beautiful tone, were set going to Grandsire Triples, of which, as already recorded, a peal was brought to a successful issue. At the rectory the visitors were entertained to an excellent supper, which fortified them for the return journey to Abergavenny, where they arrived in time to catch their last train homeward. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for his great kindness and hospitality.

THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY.—On Monday, August 26th, the members had their annual. Blackpool was selected, and that favorite resort was reached after a rather slow and tedious journey. St. John's church was first visited, and the use of the bells having been kindly granted by the Rev. Norman S. Jeffery, some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. A stroll on the sands and a sea bath followed, which latter, having induced a considerable appetite, made dinner a welcome diversion. The weather in the afternoon not being very propitious, indoor amusements were decided on, the Alhambra circus being patronised. Tea and a look round the town brought up time for the return journey, which was enlivened by games and courses on the handbells. Wirksworth was reached soon after half-past eleven, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE GORING SOCIETY.—A very pleasant outing took place on September 1st last, when six members of the Goring branch of the Oxford Guild journeyed to Mapledurham, four taking their iron steeds with them to enjoy a spin over the hills and through the woods. The roads were in good order, a good rain having fallen the day before. The company risked their lives behind a very fiery steed, driven by Mr. J. Parsons, a most able coachman. "Reaching Mapledurham about 3.0 p.m.," writes our correspondent, Mr. J. Wedge, "we were met by the local ringers who had everything in readiness for us. Toucees of Grandsire Triples and a 700 of Bob Minor were rung, also three courses of Treble Bob: Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford. Mapledurham is a very picturesque place, and well worth a visit. A shake-hands and good-day, we turned our horses' heads towards Checkendon, where we found a grand six, and tapped off a good 18-score of Bob Minor. Time then arrived to refresh the inner man, and then have a look round the churchyard, where we saw some twenty tomb-stones of the Bitmead family dating back to 1717. Another visit to the belfry, and an 18-score of Minor finished the ringing, and then a chat with the local ringers, who seem anxious to grasp the idea of change-ringing. A lovely spin home during the evening hours brought to a close this enjoyable outing. The ringers wish to thank the rev. gentlemen of Mapledurham and Checkendon for the use of their bells."

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1901.

It is doubtful indeed whether the Rev. H. DRAKE will carry the Exercise with him in his objection to the payment of ringers. His arguments in favor of his views are clever and subtle, but they are likely not to be understood as he would desire them to be. Any proposition of non-payment is sure to be met with impatience by the majority of ringers whom the question concerns; and such people will not stay to consider any refined or subtle reasons for its adoption in any shape or form.

If voluntary ringers could be had to ring for service, so much the better, but our experience is that voluntary work of this sort does not endure. It has been found before now that voluntaryism, pure and simple, does not impart that cohesion which is desirable in a ringing society. The

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attendance at two or sometimes three services on the Sabbath is no small matter, whether we love our Art or not.

We hold that from the payment for weddings, state occasions, etc., nothing should ever be mulcted for any purpose whatever. The sums paid for such purposes are the property of those who do the work, and they should receive it in full. Such ringing work as these often compel ringers to lose a whole day's employment, and therefore payment to them should be fully compensative at least. Because voluntary choirs abound is no reason why ringers should perform their duties for nothing. Else, to be consistent, all church officials should forego their emolument, from the organist down to the gravedigger.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble	JOHN SHARMAN 5.
HENRY BOTTRILL 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
HENRY C. ALFORD 2.	†EDWARD J. WEBB 6.
ALBERT COLES 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4.	*ARTHUR COLES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

Silent Handbell Peal.

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

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT 13, HARLESDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 7-8.

Umpires—William T. Cockerill and Walter S. Wise, who ticked off every six-end. Further reference elsewhere.

The Provinces.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BELGRAVE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble.	WILLIAM CORNISH 5.
GEORGE BURROWS 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
FREDERICK DEXTER 3.	JOSIAH MORRIS 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON 4.	WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

SELLY OAK, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

HENRY WITHERS Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
HENRY MIDDLETON 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
ERNEST ALLOWAY 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

TREETON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, College Pleasure, City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Duke of York, and Violet. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN TINKLER Treble.	WM. LAMBERT 4.
THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 2.	W. J. NICHOLSON 5.
J. H. BROTHWELL 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WM. LAMBERT.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Edith Annie Jones, of Treeton Grange, and Mr. Leslie Edward Wilton, of Stratford, Essex.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT† .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT 4.
ALFRED PEARMAN† 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 5.
HENRY S. REEVES† 3.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

†First peal on six bells. †First peal in seven methods.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire,

J. BRINN Treble.	A. WOODERSON 4.
J. MOYTH* 2.	C. SMART 5.
H. WATTS 3.	A. E. COUSINS Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. COUSINS.

*First peal.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, December 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES,

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RICHARD A. JUDD Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN 5.	JOSHUA STEPHENS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON,

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH POTTER Treble.	THOMAS PEERS 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2	*WALTER HENSHALL .. 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
WILLIAM LEVER 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY† Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
JAMES HUNT 2.	CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JAMES PICKIN Treble.	THOMAS HUGHES 5.
JOSEPH WOODS† 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOSEPH SHONE 3.	EDWIN BREEZE 7.
FRANK JONES 4.	*RALPH GRINDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH WOODS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

F. HOLDEN Treble.	W. H. FUSSELL 5.
A. WICKS 2.	F. RICHARDSON 6.
F. V. H. SINKINS 3.	G. HARRISON 7.
E. BUTLER 4.	J. PHILIPS Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK K. BIGGS Treble.	ARTHUR G. JONES 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
E. BOREHAM† 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
RHYS M. HAWES 4.	*GEORGE WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. This is R. Biggs' 50th peal of Stedman Triples.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Treble.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 6.
FRANCIS E. WARD 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
THOMAS NEWMAN 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Composed by FRED. G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. AUSTIN† .. Treble.	ALBERT LAWRENCE 5.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. 2.	*GEORGE CARTER 6.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
JESSE PUPLETT 4.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

*First peal of Major. †First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. After the peal the ringers were invited to supper by Mr. Norman Christie, one of the family who gave the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED HICKLING Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SYDNEY DAWSON 2.	HENRY GEORGE 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
JOHN FLOWER 4.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN SUGDEN.

BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GOODCHILD* .. Treble.	THOMAS MACK 5.
WILLIAM YOUNG 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 5.
T. W. LIGHTFOOT† 3.	HENRY MULLARD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY MULLARD.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal of Minor. First on the bells.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 2.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 8.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4.	HENRY MIDDLETON 9.
JOHN W. THOMPSON 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, 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 19 cwt. in E.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	JOSEPH EARWICKER 5.
THOMAS P. COOMBE 2.	EDWARD WHITBREAD 6.
JOHN HARE 3.	THOMAS WALLER 7.
ROBERT WELLS 4.	GEORGE WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. RYDER .. Treble.	JOHN EACHUS 5.
ALFRED WILSON 2.	CHARLES OLLIER 6.
WILLIAM PYLE 3.	RALPH RAVESCROFT .. 7.
ALFRED BARNES 4.	*ROBERT DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

*First peal as conductor. First peal of Bob Major by all except the 4th and 5th ringers.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	*OSWALD SIMM 7.
RICHARD A. GOFTON 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. FERRY.

*First peal away from the tenor.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE NORRIS .. Treble.	REUBEN STANDING 5.
JOHN PAICE 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
WILLIAM PALMER, JUN.* .. 3.	EDMUND LINDUP 7.
HARRY MEETEN 4.	FREDERIC LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

*First peal in the method.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY DAVY .. Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 4.
JAMES ROSE 2.	THOMAS DAVY 5.
GEORGE KEMP 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

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HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

JOSEPH PORTER† .. Treble.	THOMAS COLLINSON 5.
EDMUND J. HYLAND* .. 2.	THOMAS HYLAND 6.
JOHN WRIGHT† 3.	†JOHN NEAL 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 4.	JOHN T. PERRY Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by JOHN T. PERRY.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Bob Major. This peal is now rung for the first time.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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 9½ cwt.

FRED. WILFORD .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
JOHN WM. BARKER 2.	JOSEPH CHURCH 5.
FRANK WEBB 3.	ALBERT ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR .. Treble.	HARRY WILLIAMS 5.
ALFRED NAYLOR 2.	BENJAMIN SHAW 6.
TOM FLINT 3.	ALBERT HASTE 7.
WALTER WOOD 4.	HENRY LINDSAY Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman Triples by Messrs. Windsor and Naylor.

Handbell Peal.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, December 6, 1901, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

RICHARD R. CHERRY .. 1-2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5-6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3-4.	GEORGE SALTER 7-8.

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

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, will be found on another page.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Minor rung at Hever, Kent, has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 15th, for afternoon service, a date touch of 1201 changes in the following methods, in 1 hr. 3 mins.: 41 Bob Minor, 60 College Single, 360 Woodbine, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent. J. Robertshaw, W. Ingham, J. Armstrong, F. Robertshaw, R. Nowell, F. P. Powell conductor.

Miscellaneous.**THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.**

EALING (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, September 11th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' one-part, in 40 mins. J. Basden, H. Miles, J. T. Kentish, E. Harris, W. Pickworth, T. H. Taffender conductor, H. Browning, A. P. Taber. Also 252 Stedman Triples. T. Beadle, T. H. Taffender conductor, J. T. Kentish, H. Miles, H. Browning, R. George, J. Aldridge, W. Pickworth.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARLESFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, September 19th, for the Harvest Festival, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. R. H. Hayward, H. C. Gillingham, E. P. Buckingham, W. Sawyer, E. Sherwood. This is the first time Stedman has been rung in this tower.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY.—On Thursday, August 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Pounds, T. Bull, H. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Monk, F. P. Powell conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Bates, W. Ingham, J. W. Foster, F. Robertshaw. R. Nowell, F. P. Powell conductor. On Wednesday, August 21st, 720 Bob Minor. L. Bates, W. Ingham, J. Robertshaw, F. Robertshaw, R. Nowell, F. P. Powell conductor. On Wednesday, August 21st, 720 Bob Minor. L. Bates, W. Ingham, J. Robertshaw, F. Robertshaw, R. Nowell, F. P. Powell conductor. On Sunday, August 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw, W. Ingham, J. W. Foster, F. Robertshaw, R. Nowell, F. P. Powell conductor. On Sunday, September 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor (Johnson's). J. Robertshaw, W. Ingham, J. Armstrong, F. Robertshaw, R. Nowell, F. P. Powell conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOPS WALTHAM (Hants).—On the occasion of the dedication of the bells on December 4th, 366 Bob Minor. C. Privett, Rev. H. Wheat, H. Burling, T. Blackburn, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. Also 360 Oxford Single. G. Grafham, W. Cooper, A. Millard, H. Burling, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. And 720 Oxford Single. G. Grafham, W. Cooper, A. Millard, W. Cooper, H. Burling, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, December 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' one-part, in 44 mins. H. Flanders, E. Nixon, E. Price, J. J. Lamb, I. G. Shade conductor, J. Motts, W. J. Jeffries, W. Berry.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, October 23rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. H. Wallis, C. H. Drake, F. Hunt, S. R. Garner, A. Charlton, H. Baker, W. Holdstock, G. Pearson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, November 24th, at St. Michael's church, 784 Bob Major. W. B. Wiffen, P. Holme, C. H. Howard conductor, G. Williams, H. Pilcher, W. Hammond, H. Coote, F. Slade. For evening service 720 Bob Major. W. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, W. Grimwade, H. Collin, H. Pilcher, E. Newman, H. Coote, G. F. Williams conductor. On Monday, November 25th, 720 Bob Minor. W. B. Wiffen, G. Sentance, H. Pilcher, C. H. Howard, P. Holmes conductor, G. F. Williams. On Wednesday, December 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. B. Wiffen, C. H. Howard, E. Newman, W. Farrow, G. F. Williams, H. Collins conductor. On Sunday, December 8th, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering. W. B. Wiffen, F. Webb, C. H. Howard, H. Pilcher, P. Holmes conductor, W. Hammond, H. Coote.

BOCKING.—On Wednesday, December 27th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. N. Smith, G. F. Williams, E. Newman, C. H. Howard conductor, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade. On Sunday, December 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Radley, W. Moore, E. Newman, G. F. Williams, F. Rudkin, W. Grimwade conductor.

GALLEYWOOD.—Recently, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. Dawson, A. White, W. Lily, H. Richell, C. Waskett, G. W. Piper, G. Green conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 10th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, G. Carter conductor. On Sunday, September 15th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, September 24th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, C. Gale, G. Carter, G. H. Barker, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence conductor. On Thursday, September 26th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter conductor. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, C. Gale, G. Carter, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, October 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Gale, A. Lawrence, H. Austin, G. H. Barker, A. Phillips conductor, W. H. Lawrence. On Sunday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, J. Smith, C. Gale, A. Phillips, W. H. Lawrence, A. Lawrence conductor. Also 360 Oxford Bob. On Tuesday, 8th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Smith, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. On Saturday, October 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Gale, G. H. Barker, A. Lawrence, A. Smith, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Thursday, October 16th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter, A. Phillips conductor. On Thursday, October 24th, 720 each of College Single and Grandsire. A. Smith, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence, A. Lawrence conductor.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 19th, 531 Grandsire Triples. G. Farmer, T. Pigott, T. Gibbs, H. Grovenor, W. G. Ellis conductor, J. Pigott, A. Beacham, J. Such.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 9th, after failing for a peal, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Price E. Dodd, E. Hull, J. White conductor, A. Dean, J. Wyatt, J. Hoyle, W. Lynch.

LEATHERHEAD.—On November 9th, in honour of the birthday of the King, 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. Otway, J. Hoyle, T. Newnham, J. Wyatt, H. Wood, J. White, W. Marks conductor, E. Hull A. Dean, W. Cropley. On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Harding, H. Wood, T. Newnham, W. Otway, W. Marks, A. Dean conductor, E. Hull, W. Cropley.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—At St. Stephen's church, on Sunday, September 8th, for morning service, 480 Bob Minor. W. J. Norton, E. Pryor, M. Woodcock, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, F. Smith conductor. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. W. J. Norton, E. Pryor, M. Woodcock, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, F. Smith conductor. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. M. Woodcock, E. Pryor, S. Saker, W. Pryor conductor, W. H. Pryor, F. Smith, W. J. Norton. On Tuesday evening, September 10th, 503 Grandsire Caters. C. Pryor, R. Bevan, M. Woodcock, J. Durrant, E. Bonfield, T. Titchener, F. Smith, W. H. Pryor conductor, C. H. Martin, W. J. Norton.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Recently, at St. Edward's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Aldgate, C. Vye, A. J. Perkins, H. Cateswell, G. Roughton, L. W. Copsey, W. Watson, A. Sorrell. After service 720 Bob Minor. H. Aldgate, A. J. Perkins, H. F. Dawkins, W. Nash, L. W. Copsey, W. Watson conductor. On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service, 1120 Superlative Surprise. L. W. Copsey, W. Keeble, G. Pye, I. Shade, H. Dawkins, A. Brighton, W. Watson, E. Pye. On September 22nd, 1280 Superlative, in 46 mins. L. W. Copsey, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, I. Shade, H. F. Dawkins, W. Keeble, W. Watson, E. Pye. Both conducted by G. R. Pye. On Sunday, October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, W. Nash, H. F. Dawkins, G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, W. Watson, L. W. Copsey, A. Sorrell. Composed and Conducted by A. J. Perkins. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. B. Cousins, W. Nash, H. Aldgate, W. Pye, G. Roughton, E. Pye, G. R. Pye, R. Vyse.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, October 27th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Baker, G. Turley, J. Baker, G. Fuggle, R. Pelling, A. T. Godley, J. Maynard conductor, F. Still. This quarter-peal was rung as a welcome to Major General Baden-Powell, who was on a visit to his cousin, C. W. Powell, Esq.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Austin, T. Allen, A. Brindley, J. Steele, C. Preston, A. Clowes, S. Churton conductor, J. Tittenton. On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Austin, T. Allen, A. Brindley, A. Clowes, T. Mountford, J. Tittenton, S. Churton conductor, J. Simister.

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Notices.

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The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. Russell), at Sunbury, to-day, Saturday, December 14. Bells available from 4 p.m. till 5.30, and again at 6 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leyland parish church to-day Saturday, December 14th. JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Kirkburton on Saturday, December 14th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house.—The George hotel.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury. W. IDLE, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian church Todmorden, to-day, Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. New reports ready.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*
72, Church Street, Middleton.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Painswick to-day, Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at The Falcon hotel. Business meeting to follow. There will be a short service with an address by the Vicar. The undersigned will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting.

F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. George's, Bristol.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The first quarterly meeting of the West Dorset branch will be held at Maiden Newton on Monday, December 16th, at 3.30 p.m. Committee Meeting at 3. Service with address 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. 6d. each to those sending me notice by December 12th.

H. DRAKE, *Secretary for Dorset.*
Verwood, near Wimborne.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Bristol on Saturday, December 21st. Sermon at St. Thomas' church (City), at 5 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Business meeting after service. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions be paid by this date.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next annual meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells available all day. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE SILENT HANDBELL PEAL.—This peal, which emanated from a quarter-peal rung non-conducted by the same band at the residence of Mr. Cockerill, was first practised for at Mr. Buckingham's after meeting for a peal at Rickmansworth on October 19th last. The peal

was then attempted at the meeting house on October 21st (Trafalgar Day) when it came to grief in the 36th course. Several further attempts were made without success, the band in the meantime taking part in the same peal rung non-conducted at St. George the Martyr, Southwark. It was necessary at several of the meetings to ring in the kitchen, instead of the usual room, owing to that being engaged by other friendly societies. On one occasion, in moving the kitchen table to make room, the drawers full of spoons and knives were upset, and one of the band fell into the Brussels sprouts. The black cat, a native of the establishment, not caring for the company of the visitors, ran away, but condescended to jump through the skylight during the ringing. It was finally decided to meet on December 7th at the residence of Mr. Winney, when the umpires called "go" at 7.27 p.m., and after 2 hrs. 33 mins. this splendid achievement was an established fact by the bells running into rounds at 10 o'clock, when the umpires called "stand," and heartily congratulated the band on their masterly performance.

PEAL CORRECTION.—Mr. G. N. Price, of Oxhey, writes: "I find that the peal of Minor rung at Elstree on the 26th ultimo was not the first peal on the bells, as stated in your last week's issue. The first peal on the bells was rung on 20th February, 1892, and was conducted by Mr. Charles H. Martin, of Hendon. I should be much obliged if you would correct this error of mine in your next publication."

Compositions.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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5040.	
234567	
462375	3
754236	2
547236	4
s 635724	2
246573	2
s 532746	1
245367	3
342756	5
563274	2
265437	5
462753	5
254637	3
652743	5
436275	2
754263	2
367254	1
263475	5
754623	2
637452	1
756324	3
357462	5
453276	5
624753	1
456237	3

Four times repeated.

This peal, which was composed about two years ago, is the first on the plan. The remainder of which plan the author has, and will be published in due course. First rung on handbells in Dublin on December 6th, 1901, conducted by W. H. Barber.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, 1050 Grandsire. T. Bartlett, F. Shepherd, W. Scobell, J. Ford, J. R. Sandover, T. Laver, W. Mogridge.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On October 13th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 324 Grandsire Caters. W. B. Biss, L. Brooks, W. Northey, F. Isaacs, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombs, B. Tilley. On Sunday, October 20th, 461 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. B. Biss, A. Rowley, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Coombs, B. Tilley. Also 125 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, F. Isaacs, A. Rowley, W. B. Biss, G. Hardage, W. Coombs, C. Oram. For practice on Friday, October 25th, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, W. Northey, G. Hardage, W. B. Biss conductor, C. Winfield, W. Coombs, W. Canter, C. Oram. And 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, W. Northey, W. Coombs conductor, W. Miller, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Carter, E. Oram.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On Sunday evening, September 15th, 756 Stedman Triples. J. W. Howard, A. Baker, J. Elcock, E. Foxall, B. Head, W. Overton, J. Overton (conductor), H. Jones.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, October 24th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Boxall, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, J. Bumble, C. Dean, A. Trappitt, H. Brooker, A. Clayton conductor, S. Talbot.

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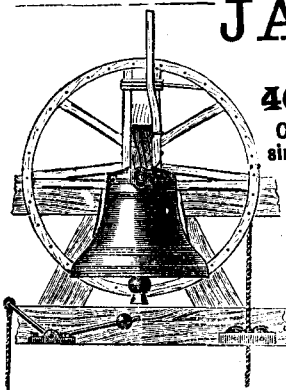
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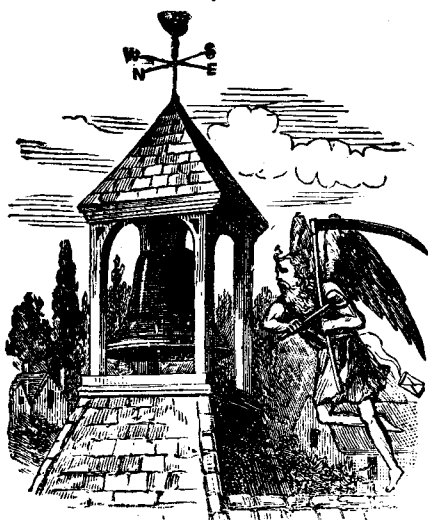
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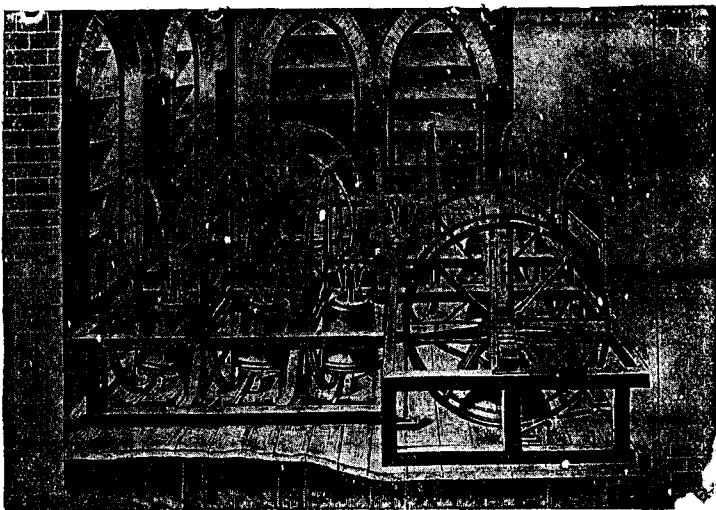
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TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

For several years I have been strongly of opinion that the usual methods of deciding the originality of compositions are in many respects defective, and from the first I have had no doubt that this is the result of a failure of composers and others to realise the relations which exist between compositions apparently totally different. If you look at the early ringing books you cannot fail to notice that the rule which the early composers acted on was this: "Is this peal exactly the same as one already published? If not, then I have a right to call it mine." And so we find in the pages of Sottanstell, Hubbard, Bannister, and the rest, compositions side by side which differ, certainly, in the exact position and number of the calls, yet are in all the essential features of construction identical. Nor do we find that contemporary opinion considered these to be other than equally distinct and equally original compositions. We have progressed since those days. But while much has been done, much remains to be done. The first great step towards putting the rules of variation on a sound basis was when Mr. Jasper Snowdon pointed out the laws of reversal. What was then a novel idea has now passed into the general rule of the Exercise. Mr. Davies followed with his article on Bob-and-Single peals of Grandsire Triples. Messrs. Bulwer and Heywood investigated Stedman on general principles. To do for the simpler methods what these had done for more complex—to investigate the laws of relationship between composition and composition on the basis of Bob Major, has long been an idea of mine. I began several times, and my note-books are full of attempts at this task, but the difficulty of expressing oneself clearly on such a subject, the frequent breaking down of apparently sound theories, the large scope of the subject—all these have brought such attempts to nought. So then I abandon the idea of dealing with the whole subject, and in place I invite the attention of the Exercise to a single point connected with it.

The following are two compositions, both of them old. The first and oldest is by John Reeves, and was first published in 1788. The second by, I think, Eversley, appears in Shipway's work. I write them both from memory, and may not quite reproduce their original form, but that matters not for my purpose.

A	13,440.			
23456	W	M	R	
42635	-	-		
64523	-	-		
56342	-	-		
23564	-	-		
52436	-	-		
45623	-	-		
64352	-	-		
36245	-	-		

	W	M	R
52364	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-

Twice repeated; omitting last bob last time gives—

34256			
23645	-	-	
62534	-	-	
56423	-	-	
34562	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32654	-	-	
63425	-	-	
46532	-	-	u
54263	-	-	
32546	-	-	-

Repeated twice, [with single for last bob last time gives the half-peal.

B	5760.			
23456	W	B	M	R
23564	-	-		
52436	-	-		
52364	-	-		
43526	-	-		
43265	-	-		
24536	-	-		
24365	-	-		
53246	-	-	-	
53462	-	-	-	
45236	-	-	-	
45362	-	-	-	
34256	-	-	-	
34562	-	-	-	
25346	-	-	-	
54263	-	-	-	
32546	-	-	-	
32465	-	-	-	
54326	-	-	-	
42563	-	-	-	
35426	-	-	-	
35264	-	-	-	
42356	-	-	-	
25463	-	-	-	
43256	-	-	-	s

Repeated.

I think I am fully justified in saying that the number of composers who would say that these two are in any way related are very few in number, while those who would agree with me when I say that they are not merely related but are variations the one of the other, are much fewer still.

The general idea is that the course is the one unit 'o

composition, and that composition consists of joining courses together so as to produce required results. This is true, but it is not all the truth. For what are the qualities which make the course suitable for being the unit of composition? They are as follows:

- (a) It consists of a perfect round block.
- (b) It is incapable of internal falseness.
- (c) Under ordinary circumstances a given row in any one course can only be false with the corresponding row of any other course.

The falseness of corresponding rows in any two courses necessitates the falseness of all the rows producing and produced by those rows, that is the whole course; and conversely if two corresponding rows are different, then every row must be different, *i.e.* no falseness can occur between the courses.

These are the reasons, and these only which make the course suitable for the basis of composition, and if any other blocks of rows exist with the same qualities they would be equally suitable. Do such blocks exist? Yes, they do.

Turn to Reeves's peal. Take the first five courses. Omit the bob at R. You get—

Block C.				
23456	W	M	R	
42635	—	—		
64523	—	—		
56342	—	—		
35264	—	—		
23456	—	—		

Now observe—

- (a) It is a perfect round block.
- (b) It is internally true.

So much for the first two conditions. Now as this block consists of parts of courses, according to condition (c) any falseness would shew at W M or R.

Write down the block by—

(x) Natural course-ends at W M R.

(y) Actual rows at W M R, shewing position of 6th only. You get—

(x) W	M	R	(y) W	M	R
00006	00600	00600	00006	60000	00600
00600	60000	60000	00060	60000	60000
06000	06000	06000	60000	06000	06000
00060	00060	00060	06000	00060	00060
60000	00006	00006	00600	00600	00006

Either will shew that 6-7-8 do not fall into any duplicate position through block.

It follows that in any number of touches produced by bobs as in Block C, with 6-7-8 at home at the block-end, if the last course-ends are different there can be no falseness between these blocks. That is Block C fulfils condition C.

Now turn to the 5760 and treat the first two courses as you have done the first five of the 13,440. Omit the first w.

NATURAL COURSE-ENDS.

Block D.	W	B	M	R
	00006	00006		
		00060	00060	00060
	60000	60000	00006	00006

This block also fulfils the above conditions.

In each peal you will notice that the calling of these blocks is repeated throughout the composition with the

addition of certain other calls which do not affect the 6th. Omit them, and each composition falls into an equal number of blocks, those of each peal equal to each other in all respects, and in which 6-7-8 occupy corresponding positions.

Each of these two compositions, then, consists of an equal number of blocks, the blocks of one differing from the blocks of the other in form, but in qualities equal to each other, and to the plain course.

That is our first point. Now let us consider the calls we have omitted.

In each composition they occur in two places only in each block. In the 13,440 at the Rs of the fourth and fifth courses. In the 5760 at the w of the first course and the r of the second. But the "Block-end" produced by adding a bob to the r of the fourth course of block C is 52436. And the "block-end" produced by adding a bob to the w of the first course of block D is 52436, and the course-end produced by adding a bob to the w of the plain course is 52436. Similarly the addition of a bob r to the last course of blocks C and D, and to the plain course is 42356. Write down these calls we have omitted in each of the two compositions under notice. The result is the same in both cases. Thus—

23456	M	N
52436	—	
43526	—	—
24536	—	
53246	—	—
45236	—	
34256	—	
25346	—	—
32546	—	
54326	—	—
35426	—	
42356	—	—
43256		s

Repeated.

M — the first call of each of the blocks, C and D, and the w of the plain course.

N — the second of the calls of each of the blocks, and the r of the plain course.

This is our second point. Thus we have—

- (a) 1 A block of five courses.
- 2 A block of two courses.
- 3 The plain course.

different in form but identical in qualities.

(b) A series of bobs which in identical fashion extends each block to twenty-four times its length.

From this point it is but a step to the conclusion that if a set of bobs can extend *three* blocks of similar qualities, it can also extend in like manner other blocks of similar qualities. And if *one* set of bobs can extend these blocks there are no doubt other sets which would do the same. So we come across a network of relationship which spreads through almost all the compositions in a method, and further still links up composition in this method with composition in that, till one's old ideas of originality of peals are all gone by the board. Nor shall we wonder that this is so, if only we look at the matter from the right point of view. Peal compositions are *not* the creation of their composers as a novel is the creation of the novelist, or the opera the creation of the musician. They are merely expressions of facts which exist independently of any man's will. Had Dickens never lived the Pickwick

Papers would not have been written. Had there been no Handel we should have had no "The Messiah." But if Holt had never been a ringer we should not have lost the ten-part.

So too different men's temperament and character affect their work in the sphere of creative art. But science knows neither temperament nor character. What individuality can anyone impress on a peal composition? Annable's three-part is as much the expression of a cold scientific fact as the statement that two and two make four. I will not pursue the thought further, but I am sure that our ideas of composition will shortly undergo radical change. The composition of the future will not be the seeking for individual 5000's as if they existed independently, but it will be the investigating of the rules which produce various results, the seeking for the complex by the interworking of the simple, the codifying the laws upon which all peal construction is based.

OPENING OF THE BELLS AT ST. MARY'S, BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

On Wednesday, December 11th, twelve members of the Dalton parish church Society, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, paid a visit to the above church. Starting at 12.40 they had a very pleasant drive, and arrived at Broughton about 2.20, and were met at the church by the Vicar. The bells were raised in peal, and a start was made for Bob Minor on the middle six, and a 720 was rung in 27 mins. This was the first 720 in any method on the bells, which are a new ring, with the exception of the tenor, by Taylors, and were dedicated a few months ago. They have not been rung until lately on account of the new tower not having settled. They are a nice handy peal, and the "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired. Several attempts were made for Grandsire Minor, all the ringers taking part, but with no success. About 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to The Old Nag's Head for tea, which was kindly provided by the parishioners, and to which full justice was done. This part of the programme was well done, every course-end coming up true and complete. The Vicar presided, and the curate and Mr. J. Balderstone were present.

After tea Mr. T. R. Jackson, on behalf of the Dalton ringers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the kind invitation to open the bells, and the generous manner in which the comfort of the ringers had been provided for.

The Vicar kindly responded, and said it was a very pleasing duty to perform. He had certainly enjoyed the ringing, and was pleased to have the Dalton ringers to open the bells, and hoped to have their company at Broughton in the future; any time they could get the opportunity.

The tower was again visited, and the Broughton company rang a few rounds and queens, the striking being very good, considering the short time they have been practising. The Vicar and curate are ringers, and they have a promising young band, so it is hoped they will meet with every success.

Another start was made for Canterbury Pleasure Minor, but it collapsed about half-way.

During the proceedings Lord Cross and his daughter, with several ladies, entered the tower, and appeared very much interested with the ringing.

Time for return being nigh, the visitors, after a few minutes' conversation with the local ringers, departed for

home. Our correspondent adds: "But what a journey! I should think we broke the record, only three hours and twenty minutes to travel ten miles and a half, but considering the horses we had, it was not so bad. We only got lost once, but the commotion soon aroused the post office authorities, who kindly put us on the right road, arrived safely home after a memorable day's proceedings, in which all greatly enjoyed themselves."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Bexhill on Saturday, December 7th, although no doubt many were prevented from attending in consequence of the very bad weather. The towers represented were Christ Church and All Saints, Eastbourne, Christ Church St. Leonard's, Christ Church Blacklands, St. Clement's, Hastings, and St. Mary's, Rye. Sixteen members sat down to a most excellent tea prepared by Host Terry at The Bell hotel, and the usual short business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, and a resolution passed to the effect that the next attempt for the quarterly peal should be Bob Major. All went well throughout, the only regret being that neither the Vicar nor either of his curates were present. A good combined practice was had during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major.

WOODBURY, DEVON.

At the Vicarage, Woodbury, the Rev. R. Neely, on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. George Laurence with a 14-day striking clock, on the occasion of his marriage. In making the presentation the Vicar remarked that he was more than pleased to be asked to be the spokesman of the band. This presentation showed the harmony which existed between the ringers. He hoped the good feeling would ever remain, and that the band would attain the proud position of being the leading band in the Guild. In asking Mr. Laurence's acceptance of the clock, which was accompanied by an illuminated address, he could only echo the wishes of all present that he would be long spared to live with his good wife in the parish. The clock, whenever he heard it strike, would remind him of his duty at the tower, and the address would tell him of the true friends he would meet when there. Mr. Laurence acknowledged the present, and thanked the members for what they had done on his behalf. It was a pleasing feature that the address was executed by one of the band, and the clock supplied by a ringer of Exeter, namely Mr. Sydney Herbert, of St. Sidwell's. The Vicar and Mrs. Neely very kindly entertained the band to refreshments. The evening was spent in handbell ringing and singing.

CROYDON.—On Sunday evening, September 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Bonner, F. Larbey, H. Brooker conductor, W. Gammon, G. Burt, C. Kitching, T. Hermon, H. Smith.

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

PAYMENT OF RINGERS.

SIR,—Mr. Drake's qualification of his speech at Congress is little better than his original, and the whole is eminently unpractical. The diffidence he felt in disagreeing with Sir Arthur Heywood should have warned him that he was on the wrong track, and had better be silent on the point. His statement that as a fact the clergy are not paid, and only receive pittance or prizes, is incomprehensible to me, and I must leave your readers to draw their own conclusions. I know that all the best choirs in Bristol receive salaries, and are regular and efficient, while the voluntary ones are irregular and inefficient. I know of no increase in ladies' choirs, and did not mean to be ungallant, but object to Mr. Drake's finding "they make as good ringers as any one on the business like tower bells," a statement I contend, that is opposed to the natural order of things. I regret Mr. Drake's unfortunate experience at Emmanuel, Clifton, but he has only himself to blame, as any ordinary mortal desirous of learning change-ringing would have interviewed the ringers and judged for himself. I might here mention that when the Vicar there died this year, we offered to ring a voluntary peal to show our respect, and received permission from the churchwardens, but when we met to ring we were informed by the churchwarden that the permission was withdrawn, as some of the neighbours objected to the bells. Mr. Drake's experience seems to be exceptional in some respects. I presume the band he tried to teach change-ringing in his father's country parish were voluntary ringers, to quote Mr. Drake, "whose intellectual gifts would be invaluable to the science," yet his attempts to teach them what Mr. Drake at Congress said "was not difficult for anyone of ordinary understanding" were futile! I hope this correspondence will have the effect of making Mr. Drake's views less ethereal.

G. T. DALTRY.

SIR,—Mr. Drake's letter in your last issue and the report of his speech at Congress seem to be at cross purposes with each other. At Congress Mr. Drake said emphatically his experience was that payment for ringing was always a bad thing, but in the letter in which he states his position (paragraph number three). Mr. Drake says that "full payment should be paid for services rendered," etc. The speech and letter each leave an entirely different impression, and I think ringers will wish more than ever that Mr. Drake had left the payment subject alone when addressing the meeting at Brighton. The "money ringers" I referred to in my letter are those men who will not ring at any time unless paid for doing so. These men are always styled "money ringers" in Norfolk. I certainly did not intend to include, the men who, as a rule, ring for the love of it, but receive payment occasionally. Mr. Drake is apparently a great believer in volunteers for the work of the church, and mentions voluntary choirs. If Mr. Drake can mention any other body of men, banded together to work for one object, who have more jealousies and bickerings amongst themselves than the average voluntary choir, I should be glad to hear of such a one. I have been a member of a voluntary choir for sixteen years, and know something of other choirs too. The parson seldom knows about the squabbles, but they have them all the same, and the more proficient the choir the more frequent the squabbles. There may be model voluntary choirs and model voluntary ringers in places, but the voluntary system does not always mean that it is a credit to the church or a credit to the volunteers themselves.

C. E. BORRETT.

SIR,—I fully endorse your remarks *re* payment of ringers in your leader of last week, by which, I consider, you have summed up in a nutshell the whole question, and if you will allow me I will quote them again. "If voluntary ringers could be had to ring for service, so much the better, but our experience is that voluntary work of this sort does not endure. It has been found before now that voluntarism, pure and simple, does not impart that cohesion which is desirable in a ringing society."

Brighton.

G. WILLIAMS.

SCIENCE AND ART.

SIR,—The reason I think change-ringing is not fine art is because it is incapable of individual expression, as painting, music, and sculpture are, but is bounded on all sides by the strict laws of the mathematical science "permutation." So much does this science predominate in change-ringing, and of so little importance is the mechanical art of manipulating the rope, that it makes the whole, in my opinion, more of a science than an art. I should be pleased if the Rev. H. E. Bulwer responded to Mr. Daniell's invite, and also I wish the Rev. C. D. P. Davies could find time to write a line on it.

G. T. DALTRY.

IS THE SCIENCE OF CHANGE-RINGING A MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE?

SIR,—There is surely no need for a highly-educated man like Mr. Daniell to challenge me for an answer to the above question. He knows as well as I that the science of change-ringing is concerned largely, one might almost say solely, with permutations and combinations; and that permutations and combinations form a feature of the arithmetical side of mathematical science. But we may go a step further; and say that any science which embodies laws for the proper co-ordination and exact adjustment of the elements with which it deals, when those elements relate to magnitudes, quantities, or numbers, is a branch of mathematical science.

I agree with Sir George Grove in considering change-ringing a branch of musical science; but whether it is so, or not, does not matter for the moment, because change-ringing, as a science, is connected with mathematics independently of music. The science of music, however, may be used as an illustration of the wide-embracing domain of mathematics, because it consists in the knowledge of the laws which govern the harmonious co-ordination of sounds produced by the varying magnitudes and numbers of air-pulsations to be set up by some vibrating agency. In like manner the science of change-ringing is the knowledge of the laws that control the co-ordination and combination of permutations in series of given number and extent in such a way that no single permutation, or series of permutations, shall reappear within that number or extent. I hope I am not obscure: Mr. Daniell should not tempt me. Let us come down to the commonplace, and say that the ringer (conductor or composer, whichever he may be) who *knows* by study, or experience, or both, that if he brings up 42356 by a bob, he must also bring up 34256 and 23456 by bobs, and uses his knowledge, is, perhaps unconsciously, dabbling in mathematics, because he is applying a law which governs the co-ordination of permutations so as to prevent the repetition of one, or a series, within a given number, or extent: say, three courses of Bob Major.

H. EARLE BULWER.

ROUND RINGERS.

SIR,—As a reader of your valuable paper, I must raise a protest against the remarks of Mr. Drake respecting the round ringer. Notwithstanding his most excellent paper at the Church Congress, I think there were remarks in it which might have been left out. I would like to ask him which sends forth the best music, the scientific method, or the round-call-change method. When the Barnstaple bells were opened a band of ringers came, and the general opinion was that round ringing was far in advance of the half-pull system. And when he speaks of round ringers in the manner he did he should take a walk round some of our parish towers in Devonshire where round-ringing is indulged in. I think he would be of a far different opinion.

Pilton.

F. W. NEWMAN.

AN AGED CUMBERLAND YOUTH.

Older members of the Society of Cumberland Youths will be interested to hear that Mr. George Russell, who is probably the oldest living member, is still able to enjoy a chat about ringing and ringers, although he attained on the 3rd of December his 92nd birthday. To celebrate the event a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's church, Croydon, in 48 mins., by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, E. Bennett, A. Clark, E. W. Bray, A. Jones (whose birthday was also recognised), F. Pates (conductor), W. Hill, and J. Talbot.

Mr. Russell desires to be remembered to all old friends,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

A record meeting for this division was held at Goring, on Saturday, December 7th, nine towers being represented, viz.: Aldrington, Angmering, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Heene, Goring, Lymminster, Midhurst, and Steyning. The bells were started soon after three o'clock, several 120's of Doubles, and touches of Minor, were rung till five p.m., when the members adjourned to the Reading room, where a substantial tea was kindly provided for them by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Leefe.

Amongst those present were the Vicar, in the chair, Mr. G. Harrison (churchwarden), Mr. Bennett (Hon. Sec.), Mr. Williams (Central Division Sec.), and Mr. Evans (Western Division Sec.), numbering in all thirty-seven.

Grace having been said by the chairman, the members proceeded to do justice to the good things provided for them. Afterwards a few items of business were transacted. With reference to the quarterly peal, it was proposed by Mr. Bennett, and seconded by Mr. Evans, that a peal of Minor be attempted at Lymminster on Boxing day. The Div. Sec. said he wished to thank them all for their attendance that day, for it was a great pleasure to get a good meeting than a bad one, if it did touch the Vicar's pocket a little more. A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman by Mr. Bennett, for his kindness, to which he replied that he was pleased to welcome them at Goring, and he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves. He was about to give them a short service, and wished them all to attend. A move was then made to the church, a short touch being rung prior to the service. The organist and a full choir were in attendance, a few ladies also joining in the service. Hymn 223 was chosen as the most appropriate, the lessons being read by the Hon. Secretary. A very suitable address was then given by the Vicar from the words: "We are laborers together with God." The rev. gentleman opened by saying that never was the truth of the text more applicable to bellringers than at the present day. The clergy as a body were more than ever regarding their ringers as church officers. The prominent position given to the subject at the recent Brighton Congress was a striking illustration of this fact. The ringers themselves were likewise realising more and more the important position they occupied. They were not forgetful that the tower was a sacred part of the building. The whole tone of the ringers was higher, they were more alive to the importance of attending, when possible, that service to which they had summoned the people. The Vicar concluded his address (which was attentively listened to throughout) by reminding his hearers of the honour, privilege, responsibility, and benefit of being "laborers together with God."

The lower was again visited, and touches of Treble Bob rung until eight o'clock.

Miscellaneous.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday evening, June 30th, at All Saints church, 503 Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to Mr. J. Hale. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, C. Throssell, A. Hill, W. Powell, W. H. Johnson, H. Wilkes conductor, E. Watkins, G. Checketts, T. Malin. On Sunday, July 14th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. F. Cooper, O. Throssell, B. S. Hill, A. Hill, G. Hinton, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. On Sunday morning, July 28th, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, C. Throssell, G. Hinton, A. Hill, W. Powell, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, G. Checketts conductor, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin. On Monday, September 16th, 791 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, C. Throssell, W. Powell, A. Hill, W. C. Jones conductor, G. Hinton, G. Checketts, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malin.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 44 mins. A. Rothwell, W. T. Lightfoot, H. Mullard, A. E. Bartlett, T. Attwell, W. G. Brockhurst, A. Ashdown, A. J. Bartlett. On Thursday, September 12th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Luff, W. G. Brockhurst, A. J. Bartlett, W. Lightfoot, A. E. Bartlett, H. Mullard, T. Attwell conductor, H. Ellis. On Sunday, September 15th, for Divine service, 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Attwell. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

A. J. Bartlett conductor, G. Luff, W. T. Lightfoot, T. Attwell, A. E. Bartlett, R. Ashdown, W. G. Brockhurst, H. Ellis. This was rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM (Berks).—On Wednesday, October 2nd, at St. Paul's church, two courses of Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. E. Hern, A. E. Reeves, F. Dentry, S. Clark, W. Horne, F. Hopgood, W. Newell, A. Osborne. Also 288 Stedman Triples. W. Horne, A. E. Reeves, F. Dentry, J. E. Hern, A. Osborne, F. Hopgood conductor, W. Newell, S. Clark.

READING (Berks).—Recently, for services held during the Dedication Festival at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Goodenough, F. Tarrant, H. Pickering, A. E. Reeves, C. Cox, J. Tucker, A. Osborne conductor, R. Sawyer. And 168 in the same method. C. Moulden, J. Goodenough, H. Pickering, C. Cox, A. Osborne conductor, J. Swain, J. Tucker, E. Searle. Another 168. G. Boddington, F. Tarrant, H. Pickering, N. Cox, A. Osborne conductor J. Swain, J. Tucker, C. Cox. And two courses of Bob Major. H. Pickering, G. Boddington, F. Tarrant, C. Giles conductor, E. Munday, J. Swain, A. Osborne, J. Tucker. On Monday, December 2nd, for practice at St. Mary's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, C. Cox, H. Pickering, J. Goodenough, A. Osborne conductor, J. Swain, E. Bruce, N. Cox. Also 368. F. Webb, C. Cox, N. Cox, J. Goodenough, A. Osborne, J. Swain conductor, E. Bruce, H. Pickering. And 504. J. Goodenough, E. Bruce, F. Tarrant, C. Cox, N. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, F. Webb.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH)

STOCKPORT.—For practice on Monday, October 22nd, at St. George's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Foster, Wm. Gordon, W. Sear, H. Meakin, J. Hankinson, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader conductor, C. Barber. Also 224 Bob Major. W. Sear, T. Jackson, J. Booth, H. Meakin, J. Hankinson, G. Astbury, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader conductor. On Tuesday, October 23rd, at St. Mary's church 701 Grandsire Caters. W. Sear, W. Gordon, sen., G. Astbury, T. Sale, J. Barlow, E. Birch, J. A. Gordon, A. S. Gordon, E. Reader, J. W. Bailey.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, August 25th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hancock, W. Scobell, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, F. Shepherd, F. Murphy conductor, J. Sandover, W. Lowton. On Thursday, August 29th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Scobell, F. Murphy, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, W. Mogridge, J. R. Sandover conductor, F. Shepherd, W. Nethercott.

NORTHON (North Devon).—On Saturday, September 7th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 700 Grandsire Doubles. A. W. Brighton conductor, R. Dadds, F. J. Reed, G. W. Burnell, G. Bowen, W. Slocombe. First 720 on the bells.

ILKERCOMBE.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service at the church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Vicary, R. Dadds, F. J. Reed, A. W. Brighton conductor, G. Bowen, Rev. Prebendary R. Martin, A. Dadds, 7; G. W. Burnell. On Sunday, September 15th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. German, A. Dadds, F. J. Reed, R. Dadds, W. Vicary, Rev. Prebendary R. Martin, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Slocombe.

WEST DOWN (North Devon).—On Thursday, September 12th, at the church of the Holy Trinity 480 Grandsire Doubles. A. W. Brighton conductor, G. Bowen, F. J. Reed, G. W. Burnell, W. Vicary, A. Dadds. And 240 Stedman Doubles. W. Vicary, G. Bowen, F. J. Reed, A. Dadds, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Slocombe.

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DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Thursday, September 19th, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Hole, G. Stacey, R. Hole, J. Jones, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Thrush, J. Grabham, J. Payne.

NORTON FITZWARREN.—On Wednesday, September 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Wyatt, H. J. Creed, I. Creed, J. W. Creed, J. Cridland, A. W. Brighton conductor.

BISHOP LYDEARD (Somerset).—On Friday, September 27th, at the re-opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Hole, G. Stacey, C. F. Winney conductor, J. Jones, A. W. Brighton, E. Bishop, J. Grabham, H. Moore.

STOKE (Devonport).—On Friday, October 11th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. B. Crews, E. Marsh, W. Richards, H. Myers, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Ford. First 120 by Crews, age 13.

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AGAIN we approach the most important festival of the Christian year, for before another number of this paper is published Christmas will have been and departed. It has been our duty for the past twenty years to allude to this festive season as it has periodically arrived; but we do not remember through this period another Christmas so begirt with untoward circumstances. The country still laboring under the South African trouble; the comparative stagnation of trade; and the restlessness and irritation attendant upon such evils, all go to show that the proverbial happiness of the season will not be so universal as it has been. And unfortunately at present the outlook has hardly any redeeming feature. That the expenditure we have incurred will be felt acutely by all, rich and poor,

in the near future, is a vista which cannot be looked upon with equanimity by any class who are acquainted with what is going on all over this mortal coil.

That we shall make the best of the season there is no doubt. In spite of all drawbacks our Christmas fare will be in evidence as heretofore; and we shall joyfully welcome our friends to partake of our Christmas cheer! We shall do our devoirs in the belfry whether we are voluntary ringers or otherwise, and act like the best of churchmen and true Britons in attending Divine Service afterwards in our own parish churches. Of a truth a British Christmas is, under the customary happy conditions, a grand old institution, worthy of conserving. What is there like it? What is there to compare with, as an accompaniment to the festive time, the voice of our church bells on Christmas morning? Nothing; nor can there be anything. With this feeling and belief let us enter upon our duties next Christmas morning, joyfully and with zest, with a downright heartiness, giving us such feelings of unalloyed satisfaction unknown to the followers of any other pursuit. Brethren: we wish you, in all sincerity, "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

BIRMINGHAM.—All being well twelve members of the St. Martin's Guild will attempt a long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, starting at 10.30 a.m., on Thursday, December 26th.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On December 26th, all being well, six members of the Stansted company of the Essex Association will attempt a long peal of Surprise Minor. Start at 8 o'clock.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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On Wednesday, December 11, 1901, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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HERBERT LANGDON 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11.
HENRY S. ELLIS 6.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for granting them permission to ring this peal. This is M. Wood's 360th peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS BARKING, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	ALFRED H. PULLING 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	JOHN MOULE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ALBERT COLES 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	WILLIAM BERRY 9.
JOHN BASDEN 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

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

ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. Treble.	*SIDNEY T. DARLINGTON .. 5.
JAMES PARKER 2.	FRANK HULL 6.
HARRY A. HORREX 3.	WILLIAM WARD 7.
HENRY S. REEVES* 4.	†THOMAS MILES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

†First peal: *First peal of Stedman.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE* .. Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER 6.
ARTHUR CUTMORE* 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE 3.	GEORGE CHARGE 8.
THOMAS G. MILLER 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER* .. 5.	WILLIAM CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*First peal on ten bells. This is J. W. Driver's 100th peal, a list of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 1900, but one peal was found to be false. This is A. Cutmore's first peal for fourteen years.

Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT "THE SHAKESPEARE," WYCH STREET, STRAND,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; LATES' ONE-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4.	WALTER S. WISE 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire—Joseph Barry. This composition is now rung on handbells for the first time, being rung by the above band at the first attempt.

FOR BLACK AND BLUE SERGE FOR LADIES' DRES
and Costumes, send to T. HAIGH, 14, George St., Huddersfield.

The Provinces.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT C. HUDSON .. Treble.	FRANK NAISBY 5.
ROBERT M. PICK 2.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6.
ROBERT W. LOVIE† 3.	*THOMAS RICHARDSON 7.
ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 4.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Tenor.

Composed by T. HAIGH, and Conducted by ROBERT C. HUDSON.

*First peal of Major †First peal of Kent.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART (No. 3.)

ARTHUR HARDING Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD 6.
HENRY CHANDLER 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS 4.	ALBERT SHEARD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday—First peal in the method on the bells.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 6.
FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. 2.	FRANK BOREHAM 7.
THOMAS LUNGLEY 3.	RALPH H. BIGGS 8.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS 9.
FRANK K. BIGGS 5.	BENJAMIN PAGE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Composed by THOMAS HENRY TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in the county of Buckinghamshire and by all the band except the conductor, the 4th and 5th ringers. Rung in honour of the fifty-seventh birthday of Queen Alexandra.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

JOHN CRIDLAND Treble.	ISAAC CREED 4.
HARRY STEVEN† 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
WILLIAM WEBBER 3.	HARRY WAYGOOD Tenor.

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

First peal as conductor. †First peal with a bob bell.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY G. MALPASS .. Treble.	JAMES WIGNELL 5.
FRANK HOLDER 2.	EDWIN HOLLANDS 6.
ALFRED BOXALL 3.	ALFRED CLAYTON 7.
ALFRED TRAPPITT 4.	ARTHUR BUNDLE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

HEVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and College Single,

GEORGE HOLLINGSBER* .. Treble.	CHARLES EASTMAN 4.
EDWIN LONGLEY† 2.	EDWIN SEAL 5.
ERNEST HARRINGTON .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARRINGTON.

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

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE STUART, SEN. .. Treble.	EDWARD LISTER 5.
JOSEPH BLACK* 2.	ISAAC MYERS 6.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
ANDREW STUART 4.	†RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. BOREHAM Treble.	FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 5.
ARTHUR G. JAMES 2.	FRANK BOREHAM 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRANK K. BIGGS 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

EDGAR BURDEN Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS 2.	ALFRED HINDS 6.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Walter Clift; also as a birthday compliment to George Neve.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
JAMES W. HINTON 2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL 8.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 4.	JOHN BURFORD 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

BELL CASTER wanted.—Apply, stating age, terms, and experience in confidence to "Foundry," care of this paper.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

On Thursday, December 12, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK FAY .. .. .Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON 5.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 2.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 6.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
GEORGE F. SWANN 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY ..Treble.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 2.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

**DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY BRANCH.)**

On Friday, December 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

T. ANTHONY .. .. .Treble.	L. L. LOMAS 5.
G. THOMPSON 2.	W. WALLACE 6.
C. T. DOWELL 3.	J. W. THOMPSON 7.
T. ALTON 4.	A. E. THOMPSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY SEAR .. .. .Treble.	FRED WILFORD 5.
WALTER SEAR 2.	FRANK WEBB 6.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
WILLIAM TUCKER 4.	*BENJAMIN GUTTERIDGE ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

*First peal. This is supposed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank Canon Macaulay for the use of the bells

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT .. .. .Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
CHARLES HAZLEDEN .. 2.	ARTHUR DEAN 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	EDWARD HULL .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The band tender their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt for providing such a bountiful tea after the peal.

SHEPHERD'S PEAL.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Superlative, London, York, Durham, Worcester and Chichester. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER T. PRIOR* ..Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 3.	†THOMAS J. WATTS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. WATTS.

*First peal of Surprise Minor. †First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Minor ever rung by Shepherds.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR RUSHTON ..Treble.	EDWARD ISHERWOOD .. 5.
ROBERT LEACH 2.	WALTER TAYLOR 6.
JOHN H. HAYDOCK .. 3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7.
WILLIAM MITCHELL .. 4.	JOHN BOOTH .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ..Treble.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 5.
MAURICE B. SMITHERS .. 2.	†CHARLES GREEN 6.
EDWARD W. COSTER* .. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRANK BOREHAM 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. At the completion of the peal the Vicar, the Rev. H. O. Whittingstall, M.A., entered the belfry and congratulated the band on their success.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.

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

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Treble.	HUBERT EDEN 4.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 5.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

A further reference elsewhere.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

CHARLES GALE .. .. .Treble.	HENRY G. ROWE 4.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 2.	GEORGE CARTER 5.
ALBERT LAWRENCE .. 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM PERVIN Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON 2.	*RICHARD LANE 6.
HARRY COLBOURN 3.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON 7.
FRANK PERVIN 4.	HARRY WHITTLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal in the method. Longest length on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

F. A. HOLDEN Treble.	F. H. SINKINS 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD 2.	G. MARTIN 6.
A. WICKS 3.	F. RICHARDSON 7.
W. E. BUTLER 4.	S. W. GREENWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 32½ cwt.

FRED. COCKS Treble.	SAM. STOTT 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW 2.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
FRED. JAKEMAN 3.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN 8.
GEORGE HOYLE 4.	BEN. THORPE 9.
ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

Further reference elsewhere.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. Treble.	FRANCIS T. BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	ALBERT C. BURCH 6.
WILLIAM BUTTON 3.	RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 7.
WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD .. 4.	GEORGE H. BURCH Tenor.

Composed by RICHARD W. STANNARD.

First peal of Grandsire by all except the 3rd and 7th ringers. W. Briton was elected a member before starting for the peal. This is believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

J. BAXTER Treble.	H. PEVRELL 5.
J. G. GREEN 2.	E. C. HUNT 6.
G. W. PEVRELL 3.	G. F. WILLIAMS 7.
T. CLARK 4.	W. H. PORTER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. H. PORTER.

SUTTERTON.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RUPERT RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 5.
JOHN W. WOOD 2.	WILLIAM DICKINSON .. 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	*ROBERT MARSHALL .. 7.
THOMAS B. WOOD* 4.	JOHN T. HOLMES Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Major.

EPSOM, SURREY.

On Monday, December 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

EDWIN GROVES Treble.	JOHN CROWFORD 5.
ALFRED BASSETT 2.	THOMAS TUTTE 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
THOMAS MILES 4.	HARRY PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOYLE.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DURLING* .. Treble.	†ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 5.
THOMAS DURLING 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
RICHARD HIMS† 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Further reference elsewhere.

Handbell Peal.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET, WOBURN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 1-2.	†DOUGLAS HARRIS 5-6.
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4.	CYRIL HERBERT 7-8.

Conducted by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

First peal on handbells by M. Matthews. Umpire—Charles Herbert.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. DAWKINS, HIGH STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 7-8.

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung at Hasketon, Suffolk, on November 2nd, was conducted by Joseph Last.

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.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Bristol to-day, Saturday, December 21st. Sermon at St. Thomas' church (City), at 5 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Business meeting after service. It is requested that all outstanding subscriptions be paid by this date.
C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next annual meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, December 26th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells available all day. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, January 4th, 1902. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m., at he Cardigan Arms.

JNO. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

157 Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ABBOTS LANGLEY.—This is the first peal on these bells, which were cast, as a peal of six, by Richard Phelps, of London, in 1734. The church was built about the year 1100. The parish of Abbots Langley is specially interesting as having been the birthplace of Nicholas Breakspear, who became Pope Adrian IV, being the first and only Englishman to occupy the papal chair. Pope Adrian IV is chiefly famous for having issued a bull in 1156 in which he granted to the English king Henry II entire right and authority over Ireland.

THE PEAL AT CHISLEHURST.—Great credit is due to Mr. Thomas Durling for the way he rang in this peal. He is 68 years of age and for the last few years he has suffered from an injury to his hip, sustained through an accident, and has to walk with the aid of a stick. He had to ring his bell in a sitting position.

THE PEAL AT OLDHAM.—This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. John Harrison on attaining his fiftieth birthday, all the ringers wishing him many happy returns. It is also the first peal of Treble Bob Royal for over forty years on these bells. Also the first peal of Royal for Messrs. F. Cocks, E. B. Shaw, F. Jakeman, G. Hoyle, J. Schofield and Harrison. Also the first peal of Royal as conductor for W. Jakeman. Messrs. Adams, Thorpe, Harrison, and brothers Jakeman hail from Ashton; Hoyle from Rochdale; the rest belong to the local company.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT DUBLIN (RECORDED LAST WEEK.—In connection with this Mr. Lindoff writes: "Sir, I omitted to state that Mr. J. W. Townley kindly refereed our handbell peal on December 6th, ticking off every lead as it was rung."

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5056

	W	B	M	H
23456	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
35294	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

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5120

	I	4	5	6
23456	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On December 4th, the Three Towns and District branch of the Devonshire Guild of Change-ringers were honoured by a visit of the Rev. M. Kelly, M.A., president of the Guild to Charles' Church, Plymouth. The band started for a peal of Plain Bob Major, but after ringing half-an-hour broke down. Afterwards rang two touches 342 and 756 of Grandsire Caters (conducted by Mr. Hopley), and a plain course of Plain Bob Royal.

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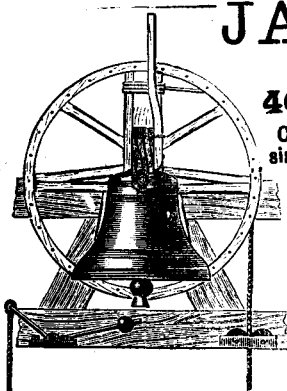
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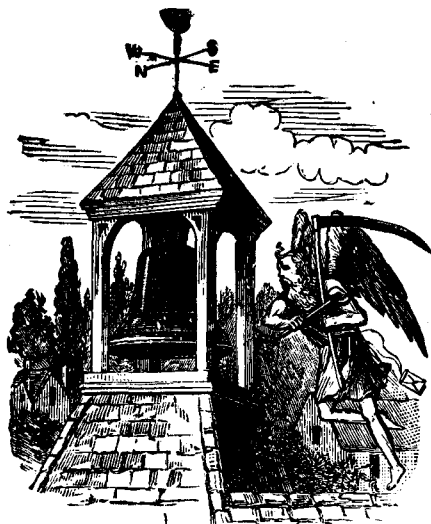
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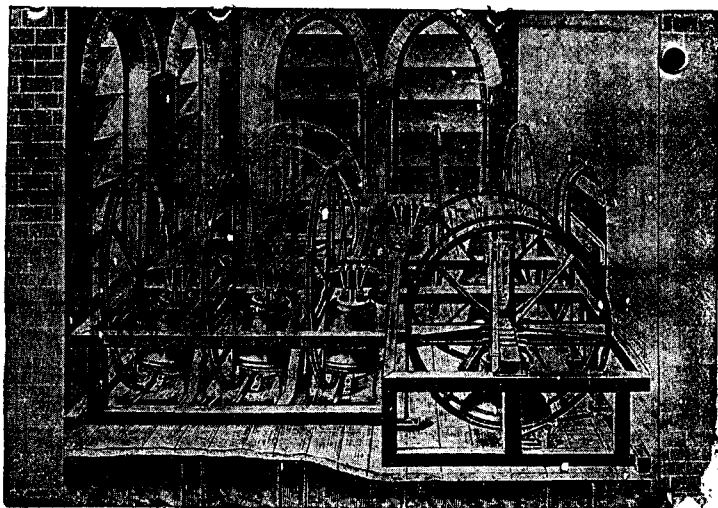
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GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.—RESTORATION AND RE-DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

On Thursday, December 19th, the ring of six bells in the tower of the above church, which have been silent owing to their dilapidated condition for upwards of sixty years, were reopened after a thorough restoration, the 5th and 6th bells being recast by Warner and Sons. The 5th was cast by Stephanus Tonni, of Bury St. Edmunds, about 1570, and the tenor probably in the fifteenth century; the four smaller bells being the work of Miles Graye, an East Anglian founder of note in the middle of the seventeenth century. The Vicar and parishioners are to be congratulated on having at last rescued their fine old bells from the fate to which long years of neglect have doomed so many interesting bells that ordinary care in past years might easily have preserved.

Services were held at 3 and 7.m., at the first of which some dedicatory prayers were said, and a few rounds rung upon the bells by a band of the Essex Association, who had driven over from Coggeshall (14 miles), under the command of Mr. E. Beckwith, the recently-appointed district secretary of the north-eastern division of the county, accompanied by the Rev. H. T. Eyre, Hon. Secretary of the Association. An address was then given by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Master of the Essex Association from Exodus xii. 36—"What mean ye by this service?" "You mean," he said, "first, re-dedication of the old bells that for more than 300 years have summoned people here to church; and secondly, let us hope, dedication of yourselves to God's service. Bells are a part of Church property to be cared for, kept in order as much as any other; the belfry is a part of the Church, and the ringers are churchworkers. You mean by this service that the essential purpose of church bells is religious, they are to be used in the service of the Church, and their best use is to call people to prayer. But this duty should be performed in best way. Ringers should cultivate and improve their art. Why be content with unskilful handling of the bells any more than with a bungling performance on the organ or a choir out of tune? The bells will also be rung for other uses—weddings, funerals, and other incidents in the life of the people, with which bells in this country have always been connected. These "secular" concerns are really religious, arising out of the connection of religion with everyday life. Religion is in the background of all our ringing. From the thought of bells set apart to God's service, follows the thought that our lives must also be dedicated to the service. Ringers and congregation, the Church and all its fittings, all Church music and the skilful ringing of the bells—all must have this end in view. Now, as the bells are dedicated afresh, and every time that they call you to worship, or tell of the joys and sorrows of your lives, let them help you to dedicate yourselves afresh to a Christian life."

The visiting ringers were hospitably entertained at the vicarage by the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. Bromwich. At present there are no ringers in the parish; but it is hoped

that a band may in due time be formed, now that the bells are once more ringable.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—29 inches, given by Mester Ellison and Judeth his wife, M.G. 1659.

2nd.—33 inches, Miles Graye made 1658.

3rd.—35 inches. Miles Graye made me 1658.

4th.—38 inches. Miles Graye made 1658. P.E.

5th.—Grates: Deo: Referens: Pro: Laurentio: E: G: Oates: Filio: Dilecto: Sospite: Cum: Honore: E: Belli Africani: Periculis: Recepto: Hanc: Et: Sextam: Campanas: Diu: Fractas: Et: Inutiles: Refundendas: Curavit: C: A: Oates: M C M I.

("In gratitude to God for the safe return with honour of her beloved son Lawrence E. G. Oates from the dangers of the war in Africa, C. A. Oates has caused this and the sixth bell for a long time cracked and useless to be recast 1901.")

6th.—Christo ConCorDes resonant CaMpanæ.

("May the bells ring out in harmony for Christ.") Haec sexta campana refusa ex antiqua Buriensi ol im inscripta erat "Sancta Maria ora pro nobis."

(This inscription is a "chronogram," showing the date, MCCCXI.)

The tenor is 16 cwt. in F.

The following methods were rung by members of the Essex Association and friends: Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, New London, and Woodbine Treble Bob. The ringers were as follows: Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Messrs. E. Beckwith, D. Elliott, J. Nicholls, C. Norfolk, R. Potter, J. Sadler, W. Dyer, J. Williams, C. Sillitoe, F. Day.

CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Until the year 1901 the fine old tower of the parish church of Cam contained five bells only, but it has long been uppermost in the minds of the villagers to add a new treble, and at the same time place the six in a thoroughly efficient and ringable state. With this good and laudable intention, the needful was earnestly appealed for by the popular and genial Vicar, the Rev. E. T. Griffiths, and almost at once sufficient response were made to allow of the work being put in hand. Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, was entrusted with the work, and commenced it at once. It consisted of removing the bells, together with the old framework of oak, dating back by the way from the year 1640, and the bells to be quarter-turned, tuned and refitted with new stocks, wheels, etc., and rehung, together with a new treble on up-to-date iron framing; also the tower to be overhauled and left in a condition of thorough repair. The estimate for this work was about £330, and so generously did subscriptions pour in, that on the morning of dedication the sum of £10 only was required to wipe it off, and it may be added that this sum was placed in the bags after the two services, leaving the Vicar and churchwardens with a clean slate. The villagers were most anxious after an enforced interval of a month or two of quiet to again hear the familiar tones of their beloved bells, and the workmen towered their

hardest to complete the work by Christmas. This they did, and the Dedication was fixed for Sunday, December 22nd. An invitation was extended by the Vicar to Mr. R. T. Prout (Coaley), to bring a band of ringers to assist the local men on this auspicious occasion. The usual Morning Prayer commenced with the hymn "O God our help in ages past," and included an anthem and two solos, followed by an excellent address on church bells and their uses by the Vicar. Then the Vicar, churchwardens, and sidesmen proceeded to the tower and ascended to the bell-chamber where appropriate prayers were read, and the new bell rung seven times. Then followed dedicatory prayers for the whole peal from the vestry beneath the ringing-chamber, and the bells were then raised in peal by the ringers of the parish. The service ended the visitors took the ropes and opened with a few 6-scores in various methods, and a 9-score of Bob Minor.

At one o'clock all repaired to the house of Mr. Churchwarden Bennett, who generously placed a capital spread before them, roast beef and plum pudding. Like giants refreshed, once more the ropes were grasped, this time for the full peal, viz., 720 Bob Minor. During the ringing, the conductor, Mr. W. H. Fussell, was greatly handicapped by the terrific din of the bells, the sound-floor not yet being in position, but after a break or two, the welcome "that's all" sounded at length, after 26 mins. capital striking. Tea time arriving, Mr. Churchwarden Garn did the honours, and his table fairly groaned beneath the good things provided. Then back again to the tower, and a mixed band was made up, the local men standing in, and after a few more 6-scores the bells were lowered in peal for the evening service. The visitors included Mr. G. Prout (Coaley), Messrs. C. East, A. Summers, and H. Curzon (Frocester), E. Whittard, with H. W. Fussell (Dursley).

The go of the bells was pronounced perfect, and reflects great credit on the firm entrusted with the work.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT PAINSWICK.

The branch for the Archdeaconry of Gloucester held its annual meeting at Painswick on a recent Saturday. The fine ring of twelve bells were available at two o'clock, and members began to arrive after that hour, when various touches were successfully rung up till five o'clock, when an adjournment to The Falcon took place. Host Westcott served an excellent meat tea. The Master of the Association (Rev. H. C. Courtney) presided, and was supported by the Rev. W. H. Seddon (Vicar of Painswick), Mr. F. G. May, Mr. A. T. Ford, and others, there being about twenty-five members present. The Ven. Archdeacon Hayward was unanimously re-elected chairman for the coming year. Mr. John Austin having written that he found himself unable to continue the duties of secretary, the meeting was unanimous in requesting Mr. A. T. Ford to accept the office. Mr. Ford said he was afraid it would be a rather large demand on his time to look after a district extending over an area which included eight deaneries, and thought that Gloucester or Cheltenham being more central, it would be more fit the secretary should be found in one of those places. This, however, was over-ruled, and Mr. Ford was unanimously elected to the office.

The Master having to leave to catch his train at Stroud, the Vicar was elected an honorary member, and occupied

the chair. Six new members were elected, and the business concluded with a cordial and enthusiastic vote of thanks to the Rev. W. H. Seddon for his kindly and genial presence. Service at the church followed, conducted by the Vicar and clergy, with full choir, and was attended by all the members. The form of service was that specially approved by the Bishop for such occasions, and the address by the Vicar engaged the serious attention of his hearers. More touches on the bells, which are in the very best going order, brought the proceedings to a close at about 9.30 p.m., and visitors left for home, remarking that the Painswick ringers were a most fortunate band in having the finest bells in England, and in being presided over by a Vicar who so thoroughly recognised and sympathises with them in their efforts and work.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting of the members of this Association was held at Hersham, on Saturday, November 2nd. The bells of St. Peter's church were raised about 4.30 p.m., and from that time until 6 o'clock were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. An adjournment was then made to the parish room adjoining the vicarage, where tea, provided by Mr. Wiltshire, of Weybridge, was served. The business meeting followed, the vicar, the Rev. W. F. Fagan, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the secretary reported that since the last meeting two peals of Oxford Bob, one of Stedman, and one of Grandsire Triples had been rung—three at Ashted and one at Ewell. It was resolved that the peals be recorded as performances by the Association.

The following new members were elected: Mr. Jesse Beams, Ewell; Messrs. John Harley Bridges Hesse, Harry Last, and George Nash, Kingston-on-Thames; Mr. Charles Hazelden, Guildford; and Mr. George Woodiss, unattached.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on a Monday in January, to be fixed by the secretary.

The secretary stated he had now for disposal a supply of the Central Council's "Glossary of the Terms used in the Art and Science of Change-Ringing," the price being twopence per copy.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for the use of the bells and for presiding, brought the business to a conclusion, and the members then returned to the belfry for further ringing.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Maiden Newton, on December 16th. There was a good attendance, representatives being present from Leigh, Sherborne, West Lulworth, Bridport, Verwood, and Maiden Newton. Considerable difficulty had been experienced in finding suitable officers: there were many who were sufficiently keen about the interests of the Art, but other qualifications are required for keeping an organization going among scattered country parishes. When, however, the Rev. Canon Hankey, of Maiden Newton, and the Rev. T. L. Jenkins, of Leigh, Sherborne, consented to be chairman and secretary respectively, it was felt that the best possible selection had been made, and both were elected with acclamation. It was then decided to hold the next meeting at Beaminster in January, and

the annual meeting of the Branch on Easter Monday, at Dorchester. It was also decided to form subdivisions for Dorchester (with Captain Acland as chairman, and Miss Ridley as Secretary), and for Sherborne (with Mr. S. Hunt as secretary), and for Bridport (with Mr. Northover as secretary.) Fifty-six new members were elected. The members then sat down to a tea provided by Canon Hankey, afterwards adjourning to church, where the prescribed form of service was performed. All enjoyed the heartiness of this short service, and listened with interest to the short address by the rev. Canon on the position of ringers as churchworkers.

Afterwards—as earlier in the afternoon—beginners were initiated into the art of change-ringing, and dispersed later with many expressions of gratitude to Canon Hankey for making such kind arrangements and providing such generous hospitality.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-TABLET.

At St. George's church, Stockport, on a recent Saturday there was a gathering of the ringers in the rural deaneries of Stockport, Bowden, and Mottram, in connection with the Chester Diocesan Guild's quarterly meeting, and the occasion was made eventful by the unveiling of a memorial tablet in the ringing-chamber of the belfry of St. George's, in honour to our late Queen Victoria the Beloved, and as a record of the feats performed on the bells of St. George's by the ringers. The tablet, which has been placed in the wall of the belfry is of black marble by Messrs. Caspar and Company, of King's Cross, London, and bears the following inscription:—

"Chester Diocesan Guild, St. George's Stockport. This is to record that on December 8th, 1900, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in three hours and twenty-two minutes. (Brook's Variation):

Thomas Jackson	...	...	1st
Charles Barber...	...	...	2nd
James Booth	...	...	3rd
Hiram Meakin	...	...	4th
Luke Meakin	...	...	5th
Edwin Reader	...	...	6th
Tom Marshall	...	...	7th
J. W. Bayley	...	...	8th

Conducted by Tom Marshall.

First peal in this method on these bells.

In Memoriam. February 2nd, 1901, being the occasion of the funeral of Queen Victoria the beloved, a date touch of Stedman triples, composed by Tom Marshall, was rung with muffled bells in one hour and fourteen minutes:

Thomas Jackson	...	...	1st
Charles Barber...	...	...	2nd
James Booth	...	...	3rd
Hiram Meakin	...	...	4th
Luke Meakin	...	...	5th
J. N. Bayley	...	...	6th
Edwin Reader	...	...	7th
George Marshall	...	...	8th

Conducted by Edwin Reader.

Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., Vicar. Robert Green, J.P., George Fearn, J.P., churchwardens."

Prior to the unveiling ceremony a service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, assisted by the Rev. H. Leigh Mallory, Vicar of Mobberley. The Rev. J. H. Thorpe addressed the ringers, and pointed out the whole-heartedness of St. Paul's life in the service of Christ in the words of his text: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. iii. 17). This said the preacher, was a rule laid down for the life of the Christian; it was not a rule

of a part of life, a department of life, it was a rule which comprehended the whole of the Christian's activity. Many lives were lived, with partial motives, such as the motive, the desire to make money, or the absorbing interest in learning, but they would notice that St. Paul's motive covered the whole circumstances of life, there was no department of the character in being that did not come under the constraining of this law. They would remark: The result of the due appreciation of living up to this spirit that there was no such thing as secular as compared with religious things, and that the real character of life was sanctified in the service of Christ, and of that they could not have a better illustration than of the life of St. Paul himself, in whose life there was no such thing as comparing one part of his work with another. There were many ways in which the Gospel might be spelt. Besides the letters which spelt the word "Gospel" it might stand for the word duty or obligation, and he urged them that it was the obligation and duty of the Christian to spread the knowledge of Christ by which he had been blest, as there could be no such thing as the neglect of little things. Great men saw to the little things as well as the great; perfection was achieved by detail, although perfection was no detail. The office of bellringer was one of the details of churches assembly, and on that was an important part of its perfection. It was a service to the King, a service to Christ. There was now spread amongst them the true measure and the true appreciation of the office of bellringer, which unfortunately some years ago was almost entirely lost sight of, but they now realised the fact that the bellringer was a part of the institution of public worship. He was an ancient officer, and he instanced the mention of his predecessor the Cursor in the letters of Pliny, and explained the part he took in calling together the Christians for worship in the heathen times. The Cursor like the bellringer of to-day gave notice to the faithful that the assembly of the faithful was about to take place. When the better times came and the Christians were freer from persecution the place of the Cursor was taken by the deacon, who announced to the people when and where the next assembly would take place. The bell took the place of this mode of announcement about the period Anno Domini 420, the first bell being in the form of a resonant piece of wood affixed to a chain.

Some speeches followed; and after the unveiling the Rev. H. L. Mallory moved a vote of thanks to Mr. G. H. Norris, and Colonel W. T. Carrington seconded, the vote being enthusiastically carried.

AN INTERESTING EVENT.

The name of Mr. Henry S. Thomas, of the Royal Cumberland Youths, will be familiar to most of our readers. Mr. Thomas holds a very important position in the well-known publishing firm of Ward, Lock and Co., Limited. At the annual dinner, held at Anderton's hotel, on December 20th, it was Mr. Thomas's turn to preside, having completed thirty years' service. A very interesting programme was gone through and the speeches all showed the marked esteem in which Mr. Thomas is held by those who are accustomed to work with him.

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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."

MAJOR ORIGINAL.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Positions for calls from tenor	Home	2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
		2	4	1	5	3	8	5	7
		4	2	6	1	8	3	7	5
		4	6	2	8	1	7	3	5
	In	6	4	8	2	7	1	5	3
		6	8	4	7	2	5	1	3
		8	6	7	4	5	2	3	1
		8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	Before	7	8	5	6	3	4	1	2
		7	5	8	3	6	1	4	2
		5	7	3	8	1	6	2	4
		5	3	7	1	8	2	6	4
	Out	3	5	1	7	2	8	4	6
		3	1	5	2	7	4	8	6
		1	3	2	5	4	7	6	8
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	4ths	2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7
		2	4	1	5	3	8	5	7
		4	2	6	1	8	3	7	5
		4	6	2	8	1	7	3	5

Example of a 6ths place bob made thus :

8 6 7 4 5 2 3 1
8 7 6 5 4 2 1 3

Example for making singles :

8 6 7 4 5 2 3 1
8 7 6 5 4 2 3 1

Before.

SIR,—Some of my older friends tell me the above plain course is the first lead of Bob Major, while some of my younger friends tell me this is not so. It certainly contains no dodging, and there is no place-making order, all the bells work in plain hunting, this unquestionably belongs to the plain hunt principle. There is no question as to odd and even courses of changes, and I may add the scale being clear, composers may go to work *ad lib.* It contains the shortest possible course, and the system may be extended to Caters, Royal, Cinques, and Maximus, while it is also reducible to Triples, Minor, and also Doubles. In Major there are six working bells, the tenors continue the process of hunting throughout, except a composition is made with calls home, then these bells will do a little dodging, in fact there is no dodging whatever till calls are made. The plain course is simplicity itself, but in a touch with calls at every second change neither ringing nor conducting will not be so easy as it may at first sight appear. Tebbs's Stedman Triples will take second's place for the quantity of calls contained in a touch or peal. Touches are easily made, and by anyone that will take the trouble they will run equally well both in Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, as by calls only at in, before, and out. The 6th is undisturbed.

Example 1—Minor 60 changes; Major 80 changes.

Royal 100 changes; Maximus 120 changes.

1 2 3 4 5 6 1 B O

4 5 2 3 1 6 - - -

Four times repeated.

Add singles if required at the last B of each half, and repeat the whole, and double the quantity of changes is the result.

H. DAINS.

COMPOSITION.

SIR,—I wish to say, "Well done, Trollope, for your last week's letter." I admire your intrepidity, but I dare say if the poor old *Clavis* author and W. Eversfield could only turn up there would be mutual congratulations at knowing of their being talked of, and the latter would probably go for the 5024 on the same plan, variation or not. In your same issue I note on page 407 a peal of Double Norwich, 5120 changes. This is very similar to a peal I published in "BELL NEWS" on August 13th, 1892, but spoiled by adding changes in one place and cutting out in others. My peal contained full extents, the one mentioned do not. The Bob Major, 5056, is also an imitation of one of mine, also published several years ago.

Now Sir, Mr. Charge has been publishing peals in your paper for several years, and he should know when he finds anything worth preservation or not. Of course he and anyone may go on publishing peals of Bob Major or Double Norwich with the musical qualities of 4, 5, and 6 exclusively in 5-6, when such peals do not contain extents of changes or places, be they variations of others or not, as no one of any note would probably trouble to correct or claim, especially when a few changes are added to shortest cuts. But directly the extents are touched the composer should know he is treading on treacherous ground, and so be very careful indeed how far he goes. It is no doubt a grand thing in the ringing line for a man to be able to append the word composer to his name. But supposing the act become a libel and a monetary value followed, why the courts of law would be full, and cases of arbitration would be common, and appeals to the upper house would cause quite a flutter of excitement, and one is apt to wonder how many names it would clear from the honourable list, probably I should myself be glad to shelter myself behind the legal and able advice of Mr. Daniell. If Mr. Charge would consult Mr. Trollope I dare say he would know there were very few peals indeed possible in Bob Major. In Double Norwich here is a job. Find a 5024 peal in two equal parts with the 4th and 6th bells exclusively in 6ths place. I don't remember one up to date.

1. If a job is required in Treble Bob, try and get a peal with the 6th eleven course-ends home. If unsuccessful say why.

2. Try and place the 6th at more than twelve course-ends in 5-6. If unsuccessful say why.

3. Again, try and get a composition with all the 8-6s and 8-6-7s with double calls R at every other course, when these qualities are not involved. If unsuccessful say why. Tenors together of course in such cases.

H. DAINS.

TO MR. BULWER.

SIR,—Permit me to thank Mr. Bulwer for his lucid letter in your last issue, which gives me the information of which I was in search. Private circumstances prevent my adding more at this moment, but I hope it will not be long before I can make use of what he says.

R. A. DANIELL.

AN ENCROACHMENT.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to inform Mr. Lindoff through our valuable paper, that he has been encroaching on my preserves. The peal of Grandsire Triples in your issue of the 14th inst., is a transposition of my peal which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" in the year 1891. I fully investigated the plan at the time, and published the peal with the fewest number of calls the plan would give. The peal is sometimes rung as a five-part and sometimes as a ten-part. But we are indebted to the Rev. E. B. James for the discovery. Mr. James was the first to publish a peal upon the plan which was in the form of a ten-part. Mr. James also has the peal in five-part form. With the compliments of the season to yourself and all brother-ringers.

J. J. PARKER.

DISCLAIMER OF A PEAL.

SIR,—Having decided on excluding the peal of Stedman Triples at Hook Norton on November 23rd from the Guild Report, I must also disown it in "BELL NEWS." A mistake was made in the nineteenth course, but as the bells fell immediately into what seemed to be their proper places, and all the part-ends came up right, I thought at the time that a peal had been rung. But careful attention to the working of the bells in the nineteenth and twentieth courses of peals rung correctly since that date has convinced me that some changes must have been omitted in the Hook Norton peal, which I hereby disclaim, being imperfect, with apology for having sent it for publication.

F. E. ROBINSON.

PAYMENT OF RINGERS, AND ROUND RINGERS.

SIR,—I am certainly surprised that so many of my critics (both public and private) consider my opinions impractical. It shows what opposite meanings to the latter word many of us hold. Not only was everything I wrote founded entirely on experience, but I referred all through to the actual practice I and others had had in the matter. Instancing cases where bands which had always been a failure when paid, became a

success (from a change-ringing point of view) when run on a voluntary basis. I fail to understand how anything written could be more "practical" than that!

The only theoretical point I mentioned was that, strictly speaking, payment towards the upkeep of the bells should be demanded, as well as for the ringers at weddings, etc., but I only mentioned it in order to show that I did not approve of such a thing being done in actual practice.

My letter was not intended to "qualify," nor to be "at cross purposes" with, the report of my speech—rather to emphasize it. Mr. Daltry, by omitting a hyphen and some words out of my sentence on lady ringers, gives it a curious effect. With regard to his remark about Bristol choirs, my connection with the place was with a choir of which the adult members were voluntary, and we were usually considered about the best there, but perhaps we were vain. And if Mr. Borrett asks me what is more troublesome than a voluntary choir, I answer without hesitation a paid one—and my experience is neither restricted nor peculiar.

Mr. Borrett says I have "only myself to blame" because I did not "interview the ringers" but that was just what I was trying to do, but in vain. Never having rung away from home I did not know what steps to take, and those who might have told me, avoided all ringers because they were paid. The Vicar he refers to was not, I think, the same that I referred to. The reason why I could not teach ringing to my father's ringers I think I made clear, was that I did not know it myself. I have never stated that all voluntary ringers have necessarily valuable intellectual gifts; nor that it is easy to acquire practice of change-ringing.

Brighton is certainly a "residential neighbourhood" and so exceptional.

I do not see much practical difference between Mr. Borrett and myself, as his reference to "money ringers" about sums up my position. It seems however to me to be an abuse of the hospitality of your columns to maintain that the music of round ringing is better than that of changes. But why should change-ringers support a custom by which round ringers, however bad they are, receive as much payment as the best change-ringers?

Writing, as I am doing on Christmas-eve, I rejoice to be able to wish you and your readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope that those who are paid ringers may receive a larger box than ever; and that those who are not (and especially those who have so kindly expressed their support of what I have written), may get—well, the equivalent! H. DRAKE.

A QUESTIONABLE PEAL.

SIR,—It would have been much better on the conductor's part to have come forward and corrected the false peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 28th, in a proper manner, after drawing his attention to the same. Anyhow it has come to me that the peal was in the titmums throughout, therefore one half is hopelessly false against the other half. Unfortunately several peals have been rung on this and similar plans; one by the late G. Newson has been rung several times, also the peal in question by the late H. Johnson. I will now give an outline why this plan runs false. If we look at the 17th six in a course, 3rd and 5th are found in the slow together, so with 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 fixed bells we get twenty-four changes on the four remaining bells, equivalent to twenty-four course-ends. I hope the Exercise will now see the fallacy of entertaining the idea in reversing bells in 2nd and 5th to any musical advantage. Of course peals can be obtained on this plan, but as I have said before no advantage gained.

F. DENCH.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS.

THE WORK IN A BELFRY—GRANDSIREs AND STEDMANs—CHAT WITH AN OLD RINGER.

In a few hours the Christmas bells will be ringing out over all the land, and their clanging tongues will give warning to the most careless, the most misanthropic, that Yule Tide is with us once again. There is, it seems to me, a glamour of poetry and romance round bells, just as there is humour and pathos, laughter and tears, joy and grief in their tones. Though we may smile at the quaint conceits of Trotty Veck, we cannot blame him if he invested the bells he listened to day after day, with unfathomable mystery. "They were so mysterious, often heard and never seen, so high up, so far off, so full of such a strong, deep melody, that he regarded them with a species of awe, and sometimes when he looked up at the dark, arched windows in the tower, he half expected to be beckoned to by something which was not a bell, and yet was what he had so often heard sounding in the chimes."

Bells are the only things that never vary in whatever land you hear them. I speak the literal truth when I say with Father Prout—

I have heard bells chiming full many a clime in,
Tolling sublime in cathedral shrine.

I have heard bells tolling old Adrian's mole in,
Their thunder rolling from the Vatican,
With cymbals glorious swinging uproarious
In the gorgeous turrets of Notre Dame.

And all their music is of the same sentient kind. Just as we notice in the beauteous country sides of England, so the German hears and understands the story of the bells. "Bell," says the German song, "though soundest merrily when the bridal party to the church doth hie; thou soundest solemnly when, on Sabbath morn, the fields deserted lie; thou soundest merrily at evening, when bedtime draweth nigh; thou soundest mournfully, telling of the bitter parting that hath gone by! Say, how canst thou mourn or rejoice that art but metal dull? And yet all our sorrowings and all our rejoicings thou art made to express!" Yes, many old bells the world over bear the legend—

Gaudemus gaudentibus,
Dolemus dolentibus

—which, being translated, means, "We rejoice with the joyful, we grieve with the sorrowful."

To-day, as of yore, Tennyson's Christmas bells call to one another from hamlet to hamlet, and his New Year bells are bidden "ring out the false, ring in the true." Those Evening Bells of the sweet singer, Tom Moore, still sound melodiously in Ashbourne steeple, and few of us can forget Les Cloches de Corneville, the mad bells of which Edgar Allen Poe has told us, the bells of Lynn of Longfellow, the bell on the Inchcape Rock, the fairy bells of the great church of Antwerp, the silver chimes that hold such a place in our memories of Florence, or the great bell of Bruges. This last I have listened to many a time, and oft. At mid-day, and in the still hours of the early morning, before the clang of the wooden shoon of the incoming peasants made the stones of the very street musical, I have "heard the heart of iron beating in the ancient tower," when—

Visions of the days departed, shadowy phantoms filled my brain,
They who live in history only seemed to walk the earth again.

In another old Flemish city, which to know is to love exceedingly, there is a grand bell which bears an inscription which, done into English, reads, "I praise the true God, I call the people, I summon the clergy, I mourn for the dead, I drive away pestilence, I grace festivals." But it is easy to extend the list. Is there not the passing bell, the Angelus, the curfew, the wedding bell, the convent bell, and of more secular bells have we not examples innumerable! It would be useless to catalogue them. But before I end this paragraph let me remind you of a beautiful sentiment of James Russell Lowell—

Henceforth, when rings the health to those
Who live in story and in song,
O, nameless dead, who now repose
Safe in Oblivion's chambers strong,
One cap of recognition true
Shall silently be drained to you.

(To be continued.)

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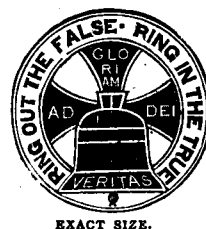
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1901.

It is a misfortune that the brief period taken up by most of our holidays invariably puts out of joint for a time the usual course of business machinery. Perhaps this is felt more at Christmastide than at any other period. Two days in the middle of the week abstention from our customary routine gets us out of course, as it were, with our usual habits and ideas. We hear it often said at holiday time such phrases as "we don't know how the week is going;" or "how strange the time seems," and so forth. But these remarks find vent only when the enjoyments and pleasures of the holiday are on the wane; they are not uttered but when the end of a festive season

is in sight, and the conviction that the ordinary cares of every-day life must again be encountered.

But for all this, who would do away with our holidays, or lessen their number? No one. The Christmas just over will be followed by the new year's festivities, in which our Scotch friends take delight. And thus both at Christmas and the New Year does business concerns of all kinds have to wait. Every trade and profession, both learned and unlearned, is affected for the time by the prevailing sentiment which hovers around Christmas and the New Year.

And so it will ever be, we hope. So will ever the season of Christmas be kept as a time of rejoicing. Perhaps as education becomes more rife, and the circumstances by reason of which we keep Christmas becomes better known and understood, the keeping of the season may reach a loftier ideal than at present.

Before our next number appears many of us will have met to give the parting honours to the old year, and greetings to the new one. In many cases there is something interesting, we may say, weird, about such midnight ringing, especially in country places. Sometimes the ringing is followed by a hospitable invitation to a repast, and the early hours of the new year are spent, by some of us in discussing the bountiful provision to which as we know, justice is uniformly done. *May our brethren thus be enabled to enjoy the New Year's morn, by the hospitality of those who are able to show it. Under such conditions, or any others, we wish them once more "A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

On Thursday, December 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cumberland Exercise, College Exercise, Cambridge and Victoria Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON* Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.
JOHN MARDELL 2.	JOHN MOULE 5.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	GEORGE HAYDEN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

*First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Keeble, of Kelvedon, Essex, grandparents of the conductor, and also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson. This is the conductor's 60th peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five 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.

WILLIAM BEDWELL.. .. Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM.. .. 6.
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
ARTHUR HARDY.. .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 8.
FREDERICK J. PERRIN .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
ERNEST H. NIXON 5.	ARTHUR R. JACOB Tenor.

Composed by HAROLD N. DAVIS and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Mr. G. H. Daynes was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART, REVERSED.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER 5.
HARRY MILLER* 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
ERNEST W. MARSHALL .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	GEORGE BESTER Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. *First peal in the method with a bob bell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	*BERTRAM PREWETT 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 10.
CHARLES WILKINS 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
ISAAC G. SHADE 6.	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal on twelve bells.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. W. BRIGHTON, 71, SOUTHESK ROAD, FOREST GATE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire - H. F. Dawkins. First peal in the method on handbells by the Association.

The Provinces.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR HARDING Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 6.
HENRY CHANDLER 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS 4.	ALFRED SHEARD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS.. .. Tr. ble.	FRANK BOREHAM 5.
MAURICE B. SMITHERS* .. 2.	JOHN EVANS 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS 7.
FRANK V. H. SINKINS* .. 4.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER,

*First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. Treble.	LEWIS WIFFEN 5.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 2.	WALTER LART 6.
JAMES MOTTS 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.

On Saturday, December 14, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD CHAPMAN .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 6.
W. P. ROUTH, Esq. .. 3.	J. M. ROUTH, Esq. .. 7.
W. NEWELL 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, December 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

HORACE J. SAYER .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS* .. Treble.	CHARLES E. HART 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 3.	WALTER WALLACE 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	HARRY HORREX 6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	WILLIAM HEWITT Tenor.

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

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 2.	*GEORGE PENFOLD 6.
SYDNEY C. SAKER, JUN.* .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE HOWSE 4.	*REUBEN BIGNELL Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman; also on the bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs.

JAMES H. HUNNISETT .. Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 5.
ARTHUR GOWER 2.	ROBERT C. MAYO 6.
ARTHUR MILES 3.	JOSEPH SHARP 7.
THOMAS PRICE 4.	*CHARLES CRUNDEN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This composition which is in ten parts with the 6th as the observation bell, contains two ordinary singles in each part, and is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. C. Mayo. *First peal.

ALDERMASTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

WILLIAM HORNE .. Treble.	ERNEST BRUCE 5.
JAMES W. WILKINS .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
REV. H. C. BILL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 4.	HERBERT FRANKUM Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY .. 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN WHITE 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

Rung at a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT J. ELLIS* .. Treble.	EDWARD RADDON 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL 2.	ERNEST ALLEN 6.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 3.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 7.
GEORGE LUFF† 4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAWKINS, of Hawley, Hants., and
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY DAVY .. .. .Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLÉ 4.
GEORGE KEMP .. .. .2.	JAMES ROSE .. .. .5.
THOMAS DAVY .. .. .3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLÉ ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLÉ

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE A. RANSOM ..Treble.	CHARLES EDWARDS 5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 2.	THOMAS BEADLE 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. .. .3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
HENRY CHANDLER 4.	HENRY SEWARD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES HOUNSLOW ..Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	ALFRED ARNOLD 6.
FRANK WEBB .. .. .3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS PAYNE .. .. .4.	HENRY JUDGE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, December 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES BLOOMFIELD ..Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3.
WILLIAM CLAYDON 2.	ERNEST RICHARDSON .. 4.
FRED. NEWMAN .. .. .Tenor.	

Conducted by E. RICHARDSON.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal rung on Monday, December 9th, at Wickham Skeith, should have been 720 each of Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Sunday, September 15th, for morning service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Short, J. Brown, W. Adkin, P. W. Wilkins, E. Humfrey, J. W. Wilkins conductor, H. Humfrey, W. Absalom.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Wednesday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Sherman, P. W. Wilkins, J. Batting, W. Bagley, F. Hayes, F. Paintin, J. W. Wilkins conductor, A. Bagley. A peal was intended but time would not permit. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. T. Buckland, father of Mr. R. Buckland, the esteemed foreman of the Beaconsfield ringers.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, September, 15th, for evening service at the Cathedral, 420 Grandsire Triples. J. Hedges, W. Stone, A. Fox, P. W. Wilkins, F. Painter, J. W. Wilkins conductor, E. Hims, F. Verry. The above are the first touches by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON.—On Friday evening, September 13th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Marrable, A. Lawrance, I. Cavill, A. Phillips, A. Pearman, W. H. Lawrance conductor. Also 720 Oxford Bob. W. Littlechild, W. H. Lawrance, J. Crabb, A. Phillips, I. Cavill, A. Lawrance conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Thursday, December 5th, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York, 720 Woodbine, 720 Kent. G. Boswell, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, T. E. Ellis, A. B. Bennett conductor, T. Stroud, J. Lee.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On August 25th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cantor, L. L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. B. Biss conductor, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Heath, H. Day. On Thursday, September 5th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cantor, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. B. Biss, J. W. Jones, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, H. Day. And 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Cantor, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Miller, J. W. Jones, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, H. Day. On Sunday, September 8th, 125 Grandsire Triples. L. Brooks, W. Biss, W. Northey, W. Heath, A. Rowley, G. Hardage, W. Coombs conductor, B. Tilley. On June 13th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Northey, L. L. Brooks, J. Pitcher, H. V. Wilkins, C. Winfield, W. B. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, H. Day. On June 20th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. L. L. Brooks, W. Northey, J. W. W. Jones, W. B. Biss conductor, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, H. V. Wilkins, H. Day. For Divine Service on Sunday, June 23rd, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. V. Wilkins, L. L. Brooks, W. Northey, H. J. Balcombe, W. B. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE.—On Sunday, September 9th, for evening service, 503 Grandsire Caters. G. Thompson, F. T. Hoad, sen. conductor, H. F. Ewins, H. R. Thorpe, T. Brown, W. Tiller, G. Huggett, J. Ansell, F. T. Hoad, jun., G. F. Hoad. A 504 Grandsire Caters. H. Ewins, G. Thompson, J. Ansell, F. T. Hoad, sen., T. Brown, G. Huggett, W. Argent, F. T. Hoad, jun., H. Reeves conductor, A. Moseley. On Monday, September 10th, for practice, 600 Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Ewins, F. T. Hoad, sen. conductor, G. Thompson, J. Ansell, G. Croucher, G. Huggett, G. Card, F. T. Hoad, jun., J. Willshire, G. Hoad. Also 108 Stedman Caters. G. Thompson, F. T. Hoad, sen., G. Huggett, F. T. Hoad, jun., G. Croucher, W. Tiller, G. Card, G. F. Hoad, J. Willshire, H. F. Ewins. And 112 Double Norwich Major. H. Ewins, F. T. Hoad, sen., G. Croucher, W. Tiller, G. Card, F. T. Hoad, sen., G. Croucher, W. Tiller, G. Card, F. T. Hoad, jun., J. Willshire G. F. Hoad.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MOSELEY (Worcestershire).—On a recent Wednesday, at St. Mary's church, 209 Grandsire Triples. E. Hawthorn, A. E. Pegler, W. G. Ellis conductor, T. Newman, J. Gillett, E. T. Allaway, J. Neal, S. J. Jessop. A 336 Bob Major. C. Barnacle, W. G. Ellis, E. T. Allaway, J. Gillett, T. Newman, H. Middleton conductor, J. Neal, A. E. Pegler. And 336 Stedman Triples. H. Middleton conductor, W. G. Ellis, E. Allaway, J. Gillett, S. Newman, J. Neal, A. E. Pegler, S. J. Jessop.

HULL (Yorks).—On Saturday, September 7th, at Holy Trinity church, 1120 Grandsire Triples. C. Jackson, G. T. Marshall, H. Jenkins, W. Varley, P. Larvan, D. W. Brown, G. Me Hale, R. Binns. At All Saints' church, 546 Grandsire Triples. W. Southwick, R. Binns, G. T. Marshall, W. Varley, P. Larvan, G. Mc Hale, C. Jackson conductor, H. Jenkins. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Howard, of York, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, on his 80th birthday. On Sunday, September 8th, at Holy Trinity church, 480 Stedman Caters. R. Chaffer, T. Stockdale, J. Highfield, W. Southwick, T. Clarke, J. Dixey, D. W. Brown, T. Miller C. Jackson conductor, J. Dale.

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PAYMENT OF RINGERS.

BY THE REV. T. L. PAPILLON.

The payment of ringers is a matter that must to a certain extent depend upon circumstances: and I doubt whether it is possible to lay down any rule of universal application. Where there is no difficulty as to funds, there is no reason why men who undertake at stated times to perform skilled work should not be paid for it; and paid work has one advantage over voluntary work, that it is more amenable to discipline and control. You have a hold over the paid ringer that you have not over the volunteer. There are, no doubt, abuses incident to paid ringing. But these, I think, have often arisen from the neglect of clergy and church authorities to exercise proper supervision over their belfries. The management of belfry funds has been left too much to ringers themselves, with the result that in certain cases they have come to regard payments for ringing as private perquisites, and have resisted any introduction of fresh ringers or improved methods of ringing. I know a tower of eight bells (not in Essex), in which six ringers divide the ringing money and resist any attempt to introduce two more. I know another tower where a body of call-change ringers are in possession. They mean to keep possession, if they can, of the tower and the ringing money, and they see that their best chance of doing so is to keep out change-ringing; which hitherto, aided by the indifference of the authorities, they have successfully done. These are the cases that bring discredit upon a system which in itself is legitimate.

In many parishes, however, there are no funds available for the regular payment of a band of ringers. In such places the authorities, unless they are content with a chiming apparatus worked by the sexton, must depend upon volunteer ringers; and where a band of the right stamp can be got together—and kept together—for the love of their art alone, this is, I grant, an ideal system. But it is a "counsel of perfection;" and it, no less than the system of payment, has its difficulties and its liability to break down. In some places a combination of the two systems, viz., a band of volunteer ringers, with a collection through the parish at Christmas time in recognition of their services, is found to work well. To me the case against paid ringing in itself, apart from its abuses, is not so clear as it appears to Mr. Drake. But I agree with him that where, through neglect of the authorities to exercise proper control, or from whatever cause, the abuses that we know only too well have grown up and remain unchecked, paid ringing may become the worst possible system for the Church, for the cause of change-ringing, and for ringers themselves.

I have good reason myself to be satisfied with the voluntary system, and I know how demoralising the paid system occasionally becomes. But one must not judge a system only by its abuses.

PILTON, DEVON.

The bells of the above parish church have been rehung by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, and were duly tested on completion by the Pilton Guild, who found the go of them excellent, and Messrs. Stokes are to be congratulated on their work. The committee are also to be congratulated, and the ringers, for the help they have given. The whole of the money required has been subscribed, and the inhabitants of Pilton are now very proud of their bells.

A GOSSIP ABOUT BELLS.

A Birkenhead paper has the following. It was evidently written after a perusal of the old church accounts at Neston, Cheshire:—

When we dip down into the archives of antiquity we find that bell-ringing accounted for no small share of church expenses. Each year's accounts contain records of the amounts paid to the bellringers for their services. The bells were then rung upon all sorts of occasions, joyous and sad. Indeed the church bell would appear to have served the purpose of the modern newspaper and telephone, only not so effectively as those latter-day mediums do. One can picture to oneself the villagers rushing out of their houses, or leaving their work, when the tones of the bell were heard, and questioning each other as to what the intelligence was—gay or otherwise. Those records are reminiscent of many interesting occasions in English history during the first half of the nineteenth century. For instance, on November 5th, 1805, the ringers received half-a-guinea for ringing on the occasion of a "Nelson victory;" on March 26th, 1806, news must have been received in Neston of a victory by Admiral Duckworth, inasmuch as the ringers, under this head, again received 10s. 6d.; on May 29th, in the same year the ringers were paid 6s. on account of the King's Restoration, and a similar amount for ringing the tidings of the King's birthday; on August 12th, 1808, they received 6s. for "Cadize," and on September 10th, the same year, they received 6s. for a "Wellesley" victory; half-a-guinea was paid to them on October 25th, 1809, for "Jubele" day; in August of the next year they were paid 10s. 6d. for ringing the intelligence of Lord Wellington's victory, and again on July 13th, 1813, a like amount for another Lord Wellington's victory, while on November 24th their services at the bell, or bells, in connection with the Dutch "revelusion" were rewarded with a sovereign. Again, on July 7th, 1814, the ringers received a sovereign in connection with "thanksgiving for peace," and on June 18th, 1815—the year that is indelibly imprinted upon the mind of every schoolboy and girl—£1 was paid to the "bell-pullers" for announcing the welcome intelligence of the Allies' victory over "Buonparte," while on January 18th, 1816, they were paid 18s.—there is a good lot of "eighteen" about this matter—for ringing the bells in connection with the thanksgiving for peace. And so on.

The ringers must have been a very useful, not to say indispensable section of the community in those far-back times. One wonders if it was a custom in those days to apprentice lads to the bell-ringing, just as nowadays "young hopefuls" are apprenticed to different trades and professions. Certainly bell-ringing seems to have been a much more important business then than it is now, or is ever likely to again become. A custom now defunct, and unknown for many years, was that of ringing in the new churchwardens after each vestry meeting. The ringers were also paid for their services at confirmation, for ringing on Christmas and New Year's days, and also for tolling the curfew bell—that old relic of the Norman period (happily now defunct), when fires had to be covered, lights extinguished, and the people were supposed to retire to rest at eight o'clock. Those must truly have been happy times! One more item in reference to the ringers, and then I will pass on. About 1848 or so they must have been getting very lax, or doing something that displeased their superiors, for in 1849 "it was ordered that the bellringers be expected to attend Divine service regularly.

Notices.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, January 4th, 1902. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m., at The Cardigan Arms.

JNO. W. T. HOLTGATE, Hon. Sec.
157 Stanningley Road, Bramley, Leeds.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be at St James', Poole, on Monday, December 30th, at 3.30. Committee meeting at 3. Service and address by Rev. H. Drake, at 4.30. Tea (6d each) at 5. Ringing from 2 p.m., and at Christchurch, and Bournemouth, St. Peter's, (earlier by arrangement).

Verwood, Wimborne, H. DRAKE, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, January 4th.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.
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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held on Saturday next, January 4th, at Newcastle. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. Wm. Masefield, Heath Street, Newcastle.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church, Burnley, on Saturday, January 11th. Ringers meet at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Birstall, on Saturday, January 18th. Service at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, a ringing member of the Association. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.15. Business meeting immediately after. Communications respecting ringing, tea, or other matters concerning the day's arrangements, should be sent to the local hon. sec., Mr. John Clayton, Leyfields, Birstall, Leeds. Circulars to members in due course.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

Boxing Day being the occasion of Mr. Geo. Hitchman's wedding day, he being one of the local band, the following ringers met to celebrate the event by firing and ringing the bells at St. Philip's church as soon as the ceremony terminated. Afterwards 377 Grandsire Caters. W. F. Webb, T. Collinson, J. Jennings, C. Sparks, J. Porter, J. Neal, J. Wright, J. T. Perry conductor, A. Hackley, A. E. Ford.

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543276	5	735642	1
625743	1	547326	3
256743	4	635247	1
372456	1	356247	4
253764	3	723456	1
472653	1	427635	5
674325	5	S 534762	2
536274	1	275634	1
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42635	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
35246	-	S	-
52346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

Repeated.

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5040.

23456	W	M	H
64235	-	-	-
54236	-	S	-
35246	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
62435	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-

Repeated.

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By GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, Rayne, Braintree.

5184.

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	-	1	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
24365	-	1	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
45362	-	1	-	-
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