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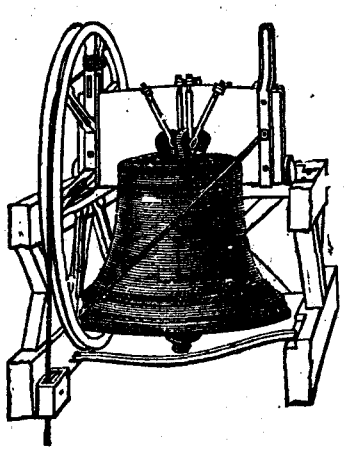
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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of the members of the above association was held in Durham, on Monday, October 31st, and like all previous meetings of the society held in Durham was most successful, the attendance of members being larger than ever. Performing members were present from Staindrop, Ripon, Winlaton, Durham (St. Oswald's), Jarrow (St. Peter's), Newcastle, Consett, Shotley Bridge, Darlington, Bishop Auckland, South Shields, North Shields, Chester-le-Street, Thirsk, and Stockton. The ringing during the day consisted of a 720 each of Bob Minor, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, at St. Oswald's, and a 504 of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral. At St. Oswald's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following mixed company: Wm. Henry Craggs, St. Oswald's, 1; E. Titt, South Church, 2; D. Skipp (conductor), Staindrop, 3; F. Charlton, South Church, 4; Lancelot Newton, St. Oswald's, 5; F. Cleminson, South Church, 6. At two o'clock in the afternoon a special service was held in St. Oswald's church, which was very largely attended. Prayers were intoned by the vicar (the Rev. Arthur William Headlam), whilst the special preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon Watkins. The annual dinner was subsequently held at the Three Tuns Hotel. About 70 sat down to a most excellent repast, which was served up in Mrs. Brown's best style. The vicar of St. Oswald's presided, whilst the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. R. S. Story, president of the association.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "Church and Queen," and hoped done of them would live to see the day when these two were nisunited (applause).

The VICE-CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Bishop and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," referred to the marked improvement in the relationship which now existed between the clergy and the association, and went on to allude to the success which had attended the efforts of their excellent secretary, Mr. Clarkson, to get the bells of Durham Cathedral placed in a state of good repair. Much had already been done, and doubtless the bells would be put in proper order as soon as the authorities appreciated the endeavours of the association and what they had in view (hear, hear). With regard to the bells of the Cathedral of St. Nicholas', he thought they would ultimately succeed in what they wanted by perseverance.

The CHAIRMAN, in responding to the toast, said that wherever there was a peal of bells he knew there was no clergyman who cared for the interests of his church and parish who would not cordially welcome the assistance of the Association to promote the art of change-ringing. Mr. Headlam also referred to the cordial manner in which Archdeacon Watkins responded to the request to address them in St. Oswald's that afternoon, and certainly all who had the privilege of hearing the Archdeacon would agree that he delivered a most excellent and appropriate address.

Mr. CLARKSON, the hon. sec., then read his annual report.

Mr. THOMPSON, Chester-le-Street, who referred in eulogistic terms to the manner in which Mr. Clarkson always drew up his reports, moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. NOTT, of South Shields, and carried unanimously.

Mr. G. W. ROUTLEDGE, of Newcastle, proposed "The Health of the President and Vice-Presidents," which was most enthusiastically drank

The PRESIDENT and Mr. LEE having responded,

Mr. W. STORY, of Newcastle, gave "The Health of the Secretary." Mr. Story alluded to the arduous nature of the duties performed by Mr. Clarkson, and said that having that gentleman as their hon. secretary they had the right man in the right place.

Mr. CLARKSON said it was very gratifying to receive from year to year such unqualified terms of their approval of the work which as their secretary he had performed. Of course, one gained confidence as time went on, and he thought that an incompetent secretary would have worn the life out of the toughest society in existence in ten years. But they were still in a prosperous condition, and, although perhaps he commenced the report on terms which might not seem of a very congratulatory nature, still he was convinced that good seed was being sown for the future in these two dioceses, and the results would be richly produced in some future report. Mr. Clarkson said he did not wish to claim that the success of the association was entirely due to the way in which a single office had been fulfilled, because from the very commencement up the present moment he had always received the warmest and most hearty support from every member who was in a position to afford it.

The members then proceeded to discharge the usual business.

Mr. W. STORY moved, and Mr. SCOTT seconded, "That the day for holding the annual meeting be changed to a Saturday, and that rule vi. be expunged."

An interesting discussion followed, after which the motion was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

The president (Mr. R. S. Story), the vice-presidents (Mr. F. Lees and Mr. T. Clark), and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. J. Clarkson) were unanimously re-elected. A number of new members were also elected.

Mr. CLARKSON proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Oswald's for the use of his church, and for presiding at that meeting; also to the Archdeacon of Durham for his address, and to the Dean and Chapter for having so far taken into consideration the Association's complaints about the Cathedral bells, and for having had something done to them by that meeting. It was perhaps his fault, to begin with, that the work was not put in hand some time ago. Unfortunately, owing to several circumstances, they had been short by two or three days of carrying out the work in its entirety, and thus the bells which had given them most trouble that day were those which there had not been time to touch. These matters would be attended to in due course, and the peal in Durham Cathedral would be looked upon as a ringable peal for good long touches, or even 5000's, and when that time came he was sure that the Sacrist of Durham Cathedral would always be willing to do his utmost to afford every facility for ringers who could handle the bells to go and ring them at any time.

The SECRETARY announced to the meeting that in accordance with the decision of the Committee the February meeting would would go to Chester-le-street, the Whit-Monday meeting to Stockton including the peal of eight at Middlesboro, the annual meeting going of course to Newcastle.

RE-OPENING OF TWYFORD CHURCH, BUCKS.

ON Thursday, November 3rd, this ancient church was re-opened after partial restoration, which included the rebuilding of the tower. The bell-frame was shored up during this latter operation, to save the expense and trouble of taking it to pieces and refitting it. The "go" of the bells was found to be somewhat rough and heavy, and the position of the tenor rope very awkward, viz., close to the north east corner of the tower. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, two very fair 720's were rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; W. Woods, 2; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 3; F. Field, 4: S. Hounslow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6. Tenor about 11 cwt. Seemons were preached at Matins by the Ven. Archdeacon Randall, and at Evensong by the Rev. Dr. Merry, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, and the day passed off very pleasantly, notwithstanding the weather.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—MANCHESTER AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the above has been postponed until Saturday, November 19th. The meeting will take place at Manchester. Those intending to be present are requested to meet at Mr. Woolley's, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars Street, at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Subscriptions can be paid and new members elected at this meeting. The cathedral bells will be at liberty for the use of the members at the close of the meeting.

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THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH.—AUGMENTATION TO A RING OF TEN.

The town of Loughborough has long claimed distinction throughout the country, or, perhaps, to speak more correctly, over the whole of the civilised world, as being what is popularly designated "the home of bells." For many years the numerous peals of bells which have received their form at the large bell foundry carried on by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co. have been despatched far and wide over the face of the globe, while that triumph of modern bell-founding, the famous "Great Paul," attracted so much attention to the town, that Loughborough has ever since been associated in people's minds with the production of church bells. It therefore seems only natural and quite *apropos* that the town should be in possession of a distinctive if not unique ring of bells. Up to the present we have had a choice peal of eight bells, and it is to Messrs. Taylor and Co. that the town is now indebted for the enlargement of these to a ring of ten, a distinction to which no other place in the county (except the county town itself) is entitled. In Leicester there are two rings of ten bells each, and the one now completed at Loughborough makes the third in the county. The two additional bells at Loughborough have been presented as a Jubilee gift by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have also been most liberal in recasting, with additional metal, some of the old bells. The task of augmenting the bells and re-hanging them on new frames was commenced in the spring of this year, and has been brought to a successful issue this week. On Tuesday evening the work was so far advanced that a trial peal of short duration was rung on the bells, and after such a lengthened silence, the melodious strains from the fine old tower of All Saints' attracted much attention.

On Friday the new ring was dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson. D.D., D.C.L. (Archdeacon of Leicester), at a special service, which was attended by a large and aristocratic congregation. The Rev. T. Pitts (rector) officiated as Bishop's chaplain, and conducted the introductory portion of the special form of service used on the occasion. The following clergy of the town and neighbourhood also attended in surplices:—The Rev. O. Glover (rector of Emanuel), the Rev. E. Bell (vicar of Holy Trinity), the Rev. E. Smythies, R.D. (Hathern), the Rev. R. Burton (Rothley), the Rev. J. H. Killick (Prestwold), the Rev. Stuart Taylor (Sutton Bonnington), the Rev. R. A. Parsons (Worthington), the Rev. F. J. Ottley (Thorpe Acre), the Rev. J. Evans (Woodhouse), the Rev. W. R. Tagart (The Oaks), the Rev. G. Pope (Rempstone), Rev. V. Baker (East Leake), the Rev. J. Bird (Walton-on-the-Wolds), the Rev. R. C. Green (Wymeswold), the Rev. A. Shears (Sileby), the W. H. F. 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The bells were then rung, and the hymn "When morning gilds the skies," having been sung, the Bishop preached an interesting sermon from the 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" (Colossians iii., 17). In the course of his sermon the right rev. preacher said that they never thought a church furnished until it had a bell to call the people together. There was nothing like being out of reach of the sound of a peal of bells (as he had been in a distant colony) to convince people how closely they were connected with worship and with the calm enjoyment of the Lord's Day. They could not be too thankful that religious persons from time to time determined to augment the bells of old churches and to invest new churches with such a desirable adjunct. Need he point out, too, how wonderfully bells symbolised the work of the Church of Christ in four of her most important functions—namely, to rouse the sleeper, to warn those in danger, to guide those who were lost, and to soothe and comfort those in pain or suffering. They had been invited that day to what might be called a reasonable service, and were carrying out the injunction of St. Paul by dedicating to Almighty God the peal of bells in that parish church. They were striking the key-note of a harmony which would keep on sounding throughout all ages, sometimes in a minor, sometimes major key, according to the circumstances which set the bells ringing, but all to the glory of God. That day saw the completion of the first part of a great work, for the re-hanging of the bells and the increase of their number formed but a small portion of a great task, boldly entered upon in the town of Loughborough. One of the objects of the scheme, thanks to individual munificence, had been carried out, for the defective pier in the church had been restored. Then they came to what had been completed that day so far as the work was concerned, making Loughborough pre-eminent in the diocese, and distinguished throughout the country for the possession of a peal of ten bells. The expense of re-hanging the bells had not yet been defrayed, and he hoped that day they would receive a liberal contribution towards the sum required. The scheme seemed a very big business, but it was a most reasonable one, and there was not one of the objects which could be dispensed with; they were all desirable for the town of Loughborough. He said the town advisedly, for he did not consider the benefits of them would be confined to the parish of All Saints. The Bishop concluded by appealing for support in the undertaking, first to the congregation present to aid in wiping off the debt on the bells before the campaign was fairly opened to carry out the other objects: secondly, for the general scheme, to the parishioners, and particularly to those who lived outside the parish, but who, as employers of labour therein, were reminded that they were equally liable in the sight of God for the spiritual welfare of the parish. He exhorted all to rally round the Rector to make it as easy as possible for him to carry out what he had undertaken for the parish. A voluntary was played by the organist (Dr. Briggs) during the offertory, and the service concluded with the recessional hymn, "O praise ye the Lord." The collection realised £24 towards the cost of re-hanging the bells.—*Local paper.*

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, November 5th, being one of the principal ringing days, eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association made an arrangement to celebrate the evening by ringing Mr. Hubbard's peal of Plain Bob Triples, but there was a great detriment, one of the members not turning up according to promise, whose name I shall expose (W. J. Sevier), but another member accidentally dropped in, and by great persuasion he was enlisted to join us in the peal, telling us he thought he should not be able to stand out the peal, for he did not feel very well, but he would try and do his best. A start was made, and everything went on comfortable till just before the half-way single was due, a sound came from the member in question, to say he could not keep on much longer, so the conductor brought the bells round at the half-peal (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5: S. Romans, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; and T. White, 8. Great credit was due to the conductor for the masterly way he conducted it, this being his second attempt. This is the longest touch by all, and the longest on these bells in the above method, hoping soon to obtain the whole peal, consisting of 5040 changes. H. M.

YORK MINSTER.—ASSIZE SUNDAY.

It being customary to ring the judges to service, the ringers took the opportunity, and rang for morning service a touch of 1349 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. I. Underwood, 1; R. Long, 2; G. Worth, 3; I. C. Cundall, 4: A. C. Fearnley, 5; E. Dawson, 6; J. Haigh (conductor), 7; T. Hodgson, 8; J. Thompson, 9; W. H. Howard and E. Morrod, 10. The above is the first part of the peal composed by W. H. Howard that appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time back.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Algarkirk and Sutterton, on Saturday, October 22nd. By 9 a.m. the bells at Algarkirk were in motion, and the local company rang three 120s of Grandsire Doubles, two of Bob Doubles, and one of Hudibras. G. Oldacre, 1; W. Muse, 2; W. F. Harwood, 3; F. Clow, 4; G. Clow, 5. Members began to arrive from Boston, Skirbeck, Sibsey, East and West Keal, Longton, Friskney, Frieston, and Fishtoft. The company drove from Boston, and a halt was made at Kirton, when 360 of Bob Minor was rung. T. Cheetham, J. A. Hand, W. Vickers, J. Mawer, H. Daulton, J. M. Rylatt. At 2 p.m. dinner was provided at the Bridge Arms in a very creditable manner by Mr. Hudson, presided over by the president, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, who was supported by the Rev. J. Heath, Rev. F. Formby, and thirty-nine ringers and friends. After dinner the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN congratulated the members on such a large gathering that day. He thought they were now at their extreme point. Having explained the three Associations in Lincolnshire, North, East and South, he hoped their friends in the South would not think they were getting too near them. He would have liked to have seen them altogether, but the time had not arrived yet. He thanked the Vicars of Algarkirk and Sutterton for the use of the bells that day, he said he hoped before they paid another visit the peal of eight at Sutterton would be ringable; the vicar said they would soon be attended to, two of the bells not being ringable, the others going very bad.

The Rev. J. HEATH, Vicar of Wigtoft, proposed success to the Association, and said he was very glad to be able to meet them, he having been a ringer himself some years ago. He gave a very interesting address on bells and bell-ringing.

Several new members were admitted, including the Rev. J. Heath, Rev. F. Formby, Captain Austins, Captain Stockdale, and Mr. T. Hand as honorary members, and three skilled members. The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was well received.

Ringing was then resumed at Algarkirk. The Frieston company rung Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Dream, London Doubles, Hudibras, Antelope, and Dunstan's Doubles. Some Bob Minor was rung at Sutterton, bnt the bells going so bad only 360s were attempted. A call was made at Kirton going home, and 168 of Grandsire was rung. Some of the Kirton company become members of the Society, and it is now hoped that they will start in earnest for Grandsire Triples.

WALTHAM, GRIMSBY.

On Thursday evening, October 27th, with the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Gaussen), the members of St. James's branch (Grimsby) journeyed over to Waltham to have a pull on the new peal of six just completed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Owing to it being such a wet night they were obliged to seek a conveyance, which made it 8 o'clock before they arrived. The ringers were waiting for them, and had almost given up all hopes of seeing them, however they ascended the tower and found the bells were a nice ring, with a very good circle; tenor about 13 cwt. A few rounds and call changes just to feel the bells was rung, and then several attempts were made to secure the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles but owing to the third bell casting her rope did not succeed (this has since been altered). Afterwards, by the invitation of the Vicar they proceeded to the vicarage, and rang on the handbells a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, in good time. A move was then made for home, having spent a very comfortable evening. On Monday evening, October 31st, being appointed for the opening of the bells, they again visited Waltham, with a determined will to secure the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles on the bells, which they succeeded in doing. D. Seamer (conductor). 1; T. Bates, 2; A. Bramall, 3; W. Heyhoe, 4; G. Weldon, 5; A. Shephard, 6. They wish to thank the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells, and the kind manner in which they received them, and hope they will have the pleasure of visiting Waltham again shortly.

OLD ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, November 9th, eight members of the above Society rang at the Temple church, Bristol, a date touch of 1887 Grandsire Triples. This is the longest length ever known to have been rung in this tower, and probably the first date touch ever rung in a leaning tower. For this massive piece of masonry, which is about 90 ft. high, is no less than 4 ft. 6 in. out of the perpendicular, and this at a point about 60 ft. from the ground, the upper portion having been built on after the sinking of the foundations. The bells are a fine peal of eight, tenor 22 cwt., and have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and four of them recast. The band stood as follows: T. Salter, 1: J. Walters, 2: A. Anderson, Esq., 3; J. Davies, 4; R. Knill, 5; C. Boutflower, Esq., 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; H. Schusler, 8. The touch was composed by J. Carter, of Binmingham, and was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins.

READING RINGERS AT BEENHAM, BERKS.

On Saturday, October 22nd, three members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild paid a visit to Beenham, to have a ring on this fine peal (tenor 10 cwt.) in good order. After raising them in peal the ringers from Reading, namely, Reeves, Sweetzer, and Evans, with the assistance of three of the local band, rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Greetham, 1; A. Richardson, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. Evans, 4; J. Richardson, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. E. Reeves (conductor), 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Richardson, 6. The ringers from Reading wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicar, the Rev. T. Bushnell, for allowing them the use of the bells.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE MARRIOTT.

ON Friday night, November 4th, the usual practice-night of the Royal Cumberland Society, the bells of St. Martin's in-the-Fields were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect and esteem to the memory of the late George Marriott, who for forty-seven years was a member of this society. The ringing consisted of the usual whole pull and stand, followed by some Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. On Saturday, November 5th, the mortal remains of the deceased were deposited in Manor Park Cemetery, followed by numerous members of his family, the solemn ceremony being witnessed by Messrs. Gobbett and Dains, of the Royal Cumberlands, Messrs. Newman and Smith, of the College Youths. In his day Mr. Marriott has taken part in some first-class performances, and when circumstances required it, he figured as a bob-caller. He was also a good handbell ringer, and ever ready to lend a hand to young and aspiring ringers. The connection of the deceased with this society has been both constant and true, like the ever celebrated names of Shipway, Miller, and Squire Procter. By the death of Mr. Marriott another connecting link between ringers of the present day and those of the last century is severed and torn asunder. This is apparent from the fact that George Marriott assisted in the funeral peal of Malachi Channon, the ringer of the ninth bell of the 12,000 in 1784 at Shoreditch. There is one cousolation, and it is gratifying to know that the memory of the deceased will ever be held by members of the Cumberlands in highest respect and veneration, and further that after a long and honourable life of seventy-six years, George Marriott died peacefully and comfortably, without apparent pain, conscious and able to speak with his friends and children we are told, within four minutes of his decease.

On Sunday evening last, October 6th, at the parish church of St. John-at-Hackney, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. George Marriott, rang a half-muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, J. Davidson, 1; F. Rumens, 2; C. Lee, 3; J. Pettit, 4; G. Page, 5; T. Page, 6; R. J. Turner, 7; W. D. Smith, 8. And a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples. T. Page, 1; W. D. Smith, 2; C, Lee, 3; J. Pettit (conductor), 4; G. Page, 5; R. J. Turner, 6; W. Prime, 7; E. Marriott, 8. Mr. G. Marriott had been a parochial ringer at the above church for fifty-four years.

RESTORATION AT WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday week, the villagers of Waltham enjoyed a fete day, in commemoration of the completed work of restoring their Parish Church. All Saints' Church is of the early English style of architecture, and dates from the end of the 12th century. The edifice was partially stored in 1867 by subscription; the chancel being restored by the present Rector, the Rev. John Ash Gaussen, M.A. The tower has been almost entirely rebuilt, from the plans of Mr. Farebrother, architect, of Grimsby. The work, both in design and in execution, has been thoroughly well carried out; the mouldings of the belfry windows are very beautiful. A peal of six bells has been supplied by the Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough at a cost of nearly £250. The tone of the bells is exceedingly soft and pleasant—as the parishioners and their immediate neighbours had the opportunity of judging on Monday. The following is a description of the bells:—Tenor bell, inscription "Jubilee Year, George White, in memory of his parents and to the glory of God"; second bell, "Hosanna in the highest; J. W. Hembrough, M.D." The third and fourth bells have the founder's name and date when cast, 1887; the fifth bell, "*Te Deum Laudamus*"; John Ash Gaussen, vicar, Arthur Soames, James Anderson, churchwardens"; sixth bell, "James Harrison, Barton," cast in 1820.

The completion of the work was duly celebrated by a special service on the evening of Monday, at which the Bishop of the Diocese attended, and was supported by a large circle of the neighbouring clergymen. His lordship and the clergy were the guests of the Rector, whose labours in this important matter of church restoration have been unwearied; and are deserving of the success ultimately reached. At the same service, harvest-home was honoured and likewise the festival of All Saints, to whom the church is dedicated. There was thus a four-fold festival, and as may be anticipated the whole village united to do fitting honour to the occasion. Many friends from Grimsby were present, and the church was filled to overflow. The church had been very tastefully decorated with fruit, flowers, cereals, garden produce, &c.; this artistic preparation—at once chaste, effective and appropriate.

The Bishop preached from Hebrews xii 1—"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." He said they were called on that night to keep, by God's help, a four-fold festival. One festival was suggested to them under the authority of the season and also by the book of nature. The harvest festival came from the calendar of that book which God had spread round about them and made so easy that the simplest could read it if they would. Two of the others came from their own parochial calendar—they were met to rejoice and thank God for the restoration of their church tower and the completion of its peal of bells. There was also another festival which they were called on to begin that night, and that festival was partly under the authority of their own Parish Church and partly under the general authority of the Church—he meant the festival which the Church kept, the great festival of All Saints, to whom their church was dedicated—a day of great rejoicing, the harvest home of the Church at large. They would remember when they came to keep the festival of the restoration of their church tower, that it was a witness directing attention to God's House and to a society of men and women—a divinely-founded society. Then, there was another witness in this festival, which was partly to celebrate the restoration and perfecting of their church bells. That was a witness which must not be suffered to pass unheeded. They must not look upon the bells merely as pleasant music—pleasant as they were. The bells were more than that. They were meant to teach something from their position. Whence came their music? Not from the ground, nor quite from heaven; but somewhere between the two. When, therefore, they heard the music of the church bells, it ought to be a warning and a hope. It told them where they should be and what they should do. "Lift up your hearts to God," that was the message of the church bells. That was what they said to men and women. Whence did they ring? From out the church tower; away off and above the earth. Each one should ask himself or herself, "Have I anything to do off the earth?" Yes, the position from which the bells rang was a constant witness calling them to lift their minds off the earth. The Bishop went on to refer to the deep and heartfelt pleasure with which, in far away lands, the English villager heard the church bells, and then he spoke of the mission of the bells in ringing marriage and funeral peals; counselling young and old alike in earnest terms to live so that the music of the marriage peal, or the funeral tolling, should bring no thoughts of sadness or regret. Next, reference was made to the festival of All Saints and the dedication of their church, also celebrated at that service, pointing out that in these holy men and women who had gone on high, they had an exceedingly great cloud of witnesses calling on them to be also ready when the time came to take their places with them.—The Bishop preached fifty minutes, and was heard with rapt attention throughout his sermon, of which the above is a simple outline.

The offertory hymn was 431; after which the Bishop pronounced the benediction. Whilst the recessional hymn, 436—"Hark the sound of holy voices"—was being sung, the Bishop and Clergy returned to the Rectory; and thus ended a service long to be remembered in Waltham.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE BRIGHTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY OF AMATEUR CHANGE-RINGERS.

On Saturday, October 22nd, this annual event took place, and at 7.35 a.m, the members together with some ringing friends to the number of eighteen, were on their way to the city of bells and fogs (London). Arriving at London Bridge shortly after nine o'clock, a move was made for St. Bride's church, Fleet Street, where Mr. Moore, the steeple-keeper had everything ready. Short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round, and an attempt made for a course of Treble Bob Royal (the first by the whole band), which came to grief twenty changes from home. The bells though heavy, are in first-class ringing order. The next church visited was St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where Mr. Lamb was found waiting. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, Mr. Church forming one of the band. An adjournment was next made to the refreshment rooms at Victoria Station, and the inner man was satisfied with a hot luncheon. At 3 o'clock the party witnessed the performance at the Wild West, and at 5 o'clock a small crowd (not of the unemployed, but of hard working ringers), assembled in Trafalgar Square in front of St. Martin's Church. Here the following well-known Cumberlands were kind enough to meet and enable the party to enjoy a ring on the grand peal of twelve; Messrs. Dains, Baron, Rogers, Mansfield, Hopkins, Thomas, Wild, Davies, Porter. Two short touches of Grandsire Caters and three courses of Grandsire Cinques were rung. A meat tea was partaken of at Gatti's restaurant, and the remainder of the evening was spent at the meeting-house of the Royal Cumberland Society. Here the visitors were treated to some double-handed ringing, songs, and inspected the peal-books, and other property of the society. Before parting to catch the ten o'clock train from Victoria Station, the Hon. Secretary thanked all those London friends who had so kindly assisted in making the excursion one of the most enjoyable ringing outings on record, and especially to Mr. Dains, who had obtained the use of the respective church bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above Association will be held at Luton, on Saturday afternoon, November 12th. The bells of the parish church (eight) will be at the service of the members, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. O'Neill. Ringing friends from Herts will be welcomed. CHAS. HERBERT, *Hon. Sec.*

Woburn, November 1st, 1887.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its Quarterly Meeting at Todmorden, on Saturday, November 5th, ringers being present from Rochdale, Walsden, and Todmorden. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and was continued by mixed companies until 7.30, when the meeting was held. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close about 8.30.

A CORRECTION.—The peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, was rung on Monday, October 31st, not October 20th, as stated in our last issue.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5160.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 1 4 5 6	2	3	6
4 6 3 1 5 2	10	13	16
4 6 2 3 5 1			16
4 6 1 2 5 3			16
5 6 1 3 4 2	4	5	16
5 6 2 1 4 3			16
5 6 3 2 4 1			16
3 6 1 4 5 2	4		16
3 6 2 1 5 4			16
3 6 4 2 5 1			16
5 6 4 1 3 2	4	5	16
5 6 2 4 3 1			16
5 6 1 2 3 4			16
1 6 4 3 5 2	4		16
1 6 2 4 5 3			16
1 6 3 2 5 4			16
5 6 3 4 1 2	4	5	16
5 6 2 3 1 4			16
2 6 4 1 5 3	4		16
2 6 3 4 5 1			16
2 6 1 3 5 4			16
5 6 1 4 2 3	4	5	16
5 6 3 1 2 4			16
5 6 4 3 2 1			16
1 3 2 4 5 6 7 8 9	3	7	11 13 (s15) 18

Repeated.

Contains the 5th extent in 5ths place at course-ends, and twenty-two times before.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5120.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
5 6 2 3 4		4	–	–
2 5 6 3 4				–
6 2 5 3 4				–
4 5 2 3 6			–	–
2 4 5 3 6				–
5 2 4 3 6				–
4 3 5 2 6	–			–
5 4 3 2 6				–
3 2 5 4 6	–			–
5 3 2 4 6				–
3 4 6 2 5		2		–
2 3 6 4 5	–			
4 2 6 3 5	–			
6 3 4 2 5	–			–
4 6 3 2 5				–
3 2 4 6 5	–			–
4 3 2 6 5				–
5 2 3 6 4			–	–
3 5 2 6 4				–
4 2 3 5 6	–		–	–
3 4 2 5 6				–
3 2 4 5 6				s

Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd is not in 6ths place at the course-ends. If 7-8 lay still at the sixteenth course-end, it will be a date touch of 1887.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5344.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 4 3 2 6			2	2
5 3 2 4 6			1	2
5 2 4 3 6	1	–	2	2
2 6 4 3 5	1			2
3 4 6 2 5			2	2
3 6 2 4 5			1	2
3 2 4 6 5			1	2
2 5 4 6 3	1			2
5 2 3 6 4		–	1	2
5 3 6 2 4			1	2
5 6 2 3 4			1	2
4 5 3 6 2		–	2	2
2 4 6 5 3		–	2	2
4 3 6 5 2	1			2
3 2 6 5 4	1			2
2 3 4 5 6	2			2

This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5ths, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6ths.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By W. J. CARTER, *Biddulph.*

2 3 4 5 6	1	4	6
5 3 6 2 4	–	–	–
2 6 3 5 4	–		–
5 6 4 2 3	–	–	–
2 4 6 5 3	–		–
3 5 4 2 6	–	–	
2 5 6 3 4	–	–	–
3 6 5 2 4	–		–
4 2 6 5 3	–	–	
3 6 2 4 5	–		–

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
4 6 5 3 2	1	1	2
3 4 6 2 5	2	2	2
4 5 6 2 3	1		2
4 5 2 3 6	2	2	1
3 2 5 4 6		2	2
5 4 3 2 6		1	1
2 3 4 5 6		2	2

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By J. SHOLICAR, *Ormskirk.*

2 3 4 5 6 7	
3 4 2 5 6 7	4
2 6 3 4 7 5	3
4 6 2 5 3 7	5
5 6 4 7 2 3	5
3 7 5 2 6 4	1
2 7 3 4 5 6	5
4 7 2 6 3 5	5
3 5 4 2 6 7	2

Twice repeated.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 4 5 3 6			1	2
3 2 4 6 5		–		2
2 5 4 6 3	1			2
2 4 6 5 3	1	–	2	2
2 6 5 4 3	1	–	2	2
6 3 5 4 2	2	–	1	2
3 2 5 4 6	1			2
3 5 4 2 6	1	–	2	2
2 3 5 6 4	2		2	2
3 4 5 6 2	2	–	1	2
2 3 6 4 5		–	2	2
2 6 4 3 5			1	2
3 4 6 2 5			2	2
2 3 4 5 6	2		2	2

In this peal the 6th is the extent wrong and right, the 5th her extent wrong, the 4th the extent in 5th's place, and the 2nd in the hunt at eight course-ends. It will reverse by calling the first seven courses last, and the last seven first.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 4 5 3 6			1	2
3 2 4 6 5		–		2
2 5 4 6 3	2	–	1	2
3 2 6 5 4	2		1	2
3 6 5 2 4			1	2
2 5 6 3 4	1	–		2
3 2 5 4 6	2		2	2
3 5 4 2 6	1	–	2	2
2 3 5 6 4	2		2	2
3 4 5 6 2	2	–	1	2
2 3 6 4 5		–	2	2
2 6 4 3 5			1	2
3 5 6 4 2	1		2	2
2 3 4 5 6	2		1	2

This peal has the 6th the extent right and wrong, with twenty 8-6's and 8-6-7's; the 4th the extent in 6th's, and eighteen times in 5th's place, and is noteworthy that the 2nd and 3rd are in the hunt at each course-end, and neither peal has yet been rung.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5184.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2	2	2
5 2 6 4 3	2	2	1
3 4 6 2 5	1	1	1
4 2 3 5 6	2	2	
2 5 4 6 3	2	2	
6 3 5 4 2	1	2	2
2 3 4 5 6	1	2	1

A CORRECTION.—The footnote to the peal of Bob Major by H. J. Tucker, in the number for October 22nd, should read—with the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-four times right, instead of twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right.

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The Provinces.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal. 2880

On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES; IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court Bob, Oxford Bob, College Little, Court Single, College Single, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARCHIBALD COLES ..	..*Treble.*	HENRY W. STUBBS	4.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ..	2.	RICHARD DUNKLEY	5.
FRED GILBERT	3.	*FREDERICK SLADE ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM JOSEPH GILBERT.

*First peal on six bells. R. Dunkley hails from Bythorn, Hunts. The above peal was rung in honour of the 40th birthday of Mr. W. H. Stubbs, who afterwards kindly invited the company to his new home for house-warming and birthday celebration, when a most enjoyable evening was spent upon the handbells and songs at intervals, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

HENRY BASTABLE ..	..*Treble.*	CHARLES STANBRIDGE ..	5.
WILLIAM KENT	2.	JOHN SANDERS	6.
JOB JOYNES	3.	ALFRED THOMAS	7.
BERNARD WITCHELL ..	4.	FRANCIS H. JAMES ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. H. BASTABLE.

This is the first 5040 rung on these bells.

DIDSBURY, LANCASHIRE.

On Friday, November 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BARLOW MOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

THOMAS G. DOWNS ..	..*Treble.*	JAMES WILDE	5.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK ..	2.	THOMAS BRICKELL	6.
JAMES DARBYSHIRE ..	3.	PETER BRICKELL	7.
A. EDWARD WREAKS ..	4.	SAMUEL BRICKELL ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by PETER BRICKELL.

First peal by all except Messrs. Downs, Wreaks, and Peter Brickell. Messrs. Downs and Wreaks hail from Manchester; Peter and Samuel Brickell from Northenden; the rest are of the local company.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 31, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES ..	..*Treble.*	DAVID WESLEY	5.
FRANK HALLSWORTH	2.	JOSEPH LAWTON	6.
WILLIAM WALKER	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL	4.	JOHN ASTBURY	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Previous to starting for this peal the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berkshire, was elected a member of the above Society. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung at the close of the Dedication Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

G. E. TURNER	..*Treble.*	JAMES ADAMS	5.
JOSEPH MELLOR	2.	BEN BROADBENT	6.
GEORGE LONGDEN	3.	JOHN THORP	7.
ERNEST BISHOP	4.	SAMUEL WOOD	..*Tenor.*

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED TRIGG	..*Treble.*	JAMES NASH	5.
ARTHUR J. GWINNETT* ..	2.	CHARLES KING	6.
WILLIAM SLOMAN	3.	FREDERICK STEPHENS ..	7.
WILLIAM HALE†	4.	GEORGE SMITH	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM HALE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Trigg, Gwinnett, Hale, and Smith hail from Painswick; the rest are of the local company.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ARUNDEL AND STEYNING BRANCHES.

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

E. BRACKLEY*	..*Treble.*	G BALCHIN	5.
F. LUXFORD	2.	C. BLACKMAN	6.
H. HAGGETT	3.	C. TYLER	7.
G. SMART*	4.	†J. KNIGHT	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. TYLER.

*First peal of Triples. Messrs. Brackley, Smart, and Tyler hail from Steyning, the remainder belong to the Arundel branch. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Ven. Archdeacon Walker, a vice-president of the Association. †First peal.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

On Monday, November 7, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR JOHN PLOWMAN*	*Treble.*	ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, ESQ.	5.
JOHN PLOWMAN	2.	WILLIAM BURKIN	6.
CHARLES E. MALIM, ESQ.	3.	JOSEPH FAYERS	7.
GEORGE WELLING	4.	HENRY BROOKS	..*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

*First peal.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours & Four-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES BROOK	*Treble.*	ABRAM HAIGH	5.
JOHN G. HARDY	2.	WM. WOMERSLEY	6.
JOHN JENKINSON	3.	W. BOOTHROYD	7.
G. MACDONALD	4.	W. LODGE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. LODGE.

The above peal was rung in excellent style throughout; the ringers being highly complimented by able judges on their performance.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:—

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SOLLAWAY ..	*Treble.*	WILLIAM BOLLAND	4.
WALTER IDLE	2.	GEORGE BOLLAND	5.
SAMUEL ODDY	3.	GEORGE H. SIMON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Idle hails from Dewsbury; Simon from Batley Carr, and it is their first 5000 on six bells.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

In Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.—No date mentioned,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART PEAL FROM SHIPWAY'S WORK.

A. E. PARSONS	*Treble.*	C. W. BASSANO	5.
W. BIRD	2.	A. H. BASSANO	6.
H. MASON	3.	W. GREEN	7.
R. BIRD	4.	H. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. H. BASSANO.

First 5040 on these bells. First peal in the method by all the band, who are from Old Hill. The rehanging and the three top bells are by Mr. Barwell, of Birmingham, and are decidedly satisfactory; the belfry too has been greatly improved at the rehanging.

RYTON, SALOP.

To commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee, two small bells have been cast for the tower of Ryton church, making, with the three old bells, a ring of five. The new bells, being the trebles in a light peal, are necessarily very small, but the founders have succeeded in producing two maiden bells excellent in tone and tune. The bells bear the inscriptions given below. That on the treble is a chronograph, for, if the numbers represented by the numeral letters occurring in the inscription, viz., MDCCLLLXVVVIIIIIIIIIIII are added together, the date 1887 is obtained.

+ VICTORIA · REGINA · ET · IMPERATRIX · ANNO · IVBILAEI · PERFECTO · GRATES · AGIT · SIT · GLORIA · DEO · REGINAE . SALVS

+ GILLET · DE · CROYDON · NOS · DVAS · MINIMAS · FECIT · IACOBO · CLARKE · ROBERTS · RECTORE . ROBERTO · BRADLEY · GARDIANO · MDCCCLXXXVII

The new ones have been hung, and the old bells at the same time re-hung most successfully, by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, near Exeter, his work being, as usual, not only substantial and good, but thoroughly well finished. The bells were rung for the first time on October 6th, and gave great satisfaction.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Anniversary Dinner of this Society took place, as announced, last Saturday. We shall give a detailed report of the proceedings in our next number.

Date Touches.

READING (Bucks). — On Wednesday, November 2nd, at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 20 mins. J. F. Tarrant, 1; C. Hounslow (Oxford), 2; W. Johnson, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell, 9; S. Harvey (St. Mary's), 10. Composed by A. E. Wreaks, of Manchester, and conducted by W. J. Williams.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 16th, for Morning Service at St. Saviour's, Southwark, three courses of Stedman Cinques. C. Mee (conductor), 1; R. T. Woodley, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; G. Mash, 5; F. Mee, 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; C. F. Winny, 8; F. J. Tillett, 9; E. Horrex, 10; E. Pemberton, 11; A. R. Aldham, 12. Tenor 52 cwt. Also at St. Paul's Cathedral for afternoon service, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettitt (conductor), 1; C. Mee, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; F. Mee, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; E. E. Clarke, 8; F. J. Tillett, 9; E. Pemberton, 10; A. R. Aldham, 11; Messrs. Greenleaf, Dwight, and C. Lee, 12. Tenor 62 cwt. And for evening service at the church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. H. A. Hopkins, 1; C. Mee, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; A. R. Aldham, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; F. Newman, 6; F. Mee, 7; W. Baron, 8; W. Greenleaf, 9; F. J. Tillett, 10; E. Carter, 11; E. Pemberton, 12. Tenor 34 cwt.

ST. MARY-ATTE-BOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., containing the twenty-four 6-7s. *Thos. Baker, 1; York Green. 2; Henry Springall (conductor), 3; Arthur Cutmore, 4; Richard Turner, 5; Samuel E. Joyce, 6; Samuel Hayes, 7; J. H. Barrett (composer), 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, October 29th, at St. Owen's church, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven different methods, but failed in the 3rd 720. The 1st: 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). 2nd: 720 of New London Pleasure, and about 480 of Violet Treble Bob. *W. Allan, 1; *I. Hills, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; *W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. *1st 720; and it is also the first 720 of New London on the bells.

CARDINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Mary's church, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Bob Major (5056 changes), but a shift-course occurred after ringing about 1600. C. Pass, 1; W. Allan, 2; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; M. Warwick, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. in E.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Tell (1st 720), 1; H. Chapman, 2; M. Warwick (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. Pass, 6. Also a 720 of Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. Also on Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Paul's church, for evening service, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. Pass, 3; M. Warwick (conductor), 4; W. Allan, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. M. Warwick, 1; W. Allan, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, a 462 of Grandsire Triples. H. Tell, 1; W. Allan, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8.

WOBURN.—On Monday evening, October 24th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 800 of Bob Major in 28 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, October 31st, 356 of Bob Major. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 6; W. Mynard, 6; Rev. W. W. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds.).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine service, a 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 22 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice at the 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. L. Bumstead, 2; W.

Hammond, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; S. Hammond (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also for Divine Service on Sunday morning, October 30th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And for evening service 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). S. Hammond, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for Divine Service, in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Gobbett, 1; J. Bradley, 2; Y. Green, 3; H. Springall (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Doran, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD.—*Chiming.*—On Sunday, October 30th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, containing the whole of the 6-7's at home right in 36 mins. Also 490 and 97 in the same method, and 112 Bob Major, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major, 84 Stedman Triples, and 48 Duffield Major. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 1st, before evening service at the parish church, on the occasion of the opening of a new organ, 720 of Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; F. Radley, 3; R. Wood, 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; A. Bonnington, 7. And on Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. de Lisle, Esq., 1; J. Everard, 2; A. Edwards, 3; F. Radley, 4; R. Wood, 5; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, October 29th, being the second anniversary of the restoration of the bells, six members of the above association rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor and a 360 in the same method, in 37 mins. W. Peglar, 1; S. Romans, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. A. A. Waite (conductor), 1; S. Romans, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Peglar, 6. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Peglar, 1; S. Romans, 2; D. J. Ashton, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, after Divine Service at the parish church, nine members of the above Association rang 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Yeates, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; H. Mitchell (conductor), 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; S. Romans, 6; W. Gregory (first 504), 7; T. White, 8. Also 658 of Plain Bob Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; S. Romans, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; T. White, 8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire.)—On Friday evening, November 4th, the local company rang the first part of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples (518 changes). A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; D. Marment, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Wright, 8. Also the fifth part. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also two courses of Triples on the handbells. A. Trigg, 1-2; J. Wager, 3; W. Ryland, 4; W. Hale, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8. Also, after the Stroud peal, two courses of Triples. A. Trigg, 1-2; W. Sloman, 3-4; W. Hale, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8. And one of Doubles. W. Sloman, 1-2; W. Hale, 3-4-5-6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, at St. James's Church, for practice on the back six, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. D. Seamer (conductor), 1; T. Bates, 2; A. Bramall, 3; W. Heghoe, 4; G. Weldon, 5; H. Fuller, 6. On Tuesday, October 25th, 120 of Grandsire Doubles, standing as before with the exception of A. Sheppard in the place of H. Fuller. This is the first 120 by the local band. Also within the last month, several plain courses of Grandsire Triples. H. Fuller, 1; A. Shephard, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; T. Bates, 4; D. Seamer, 5; W. Heyhoe, 6; G. Weldon, 7; A. Bramall, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRITTENDEN (Kent).—On Friday, October 28th, at St. Mary's church, a 1008 and 560 of Bob Major. J. Gransbury, 1; W. E. Pope, 2; W. Pope, 3; H. G. Pope, 4; J. Tillmon, 5; E. Pope, 6; W. Brattle, 7; T. Daynes (conductor), 8.

MEREWORTH (Kent.)—On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. E. Newman (aged 15), 1; W. Eldridge, 2; G. Bell, 3; G. Hook, 4; W. Bell, 5; G. Newman (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. Also on Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. G. Boorman, 1; G. Bell, 2; W. Eldridge, 3; G. Hook, 4; W. Bell, 5; G. Newman (conductor), 6.

STAPLEHURST (Kent).—On Thursday, October 27th, at All Saints church, a 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. Pope, 1; J. Tillmon, 2; H. G. Pope, 3; E. Pope, 4; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 5; T. Colvin, 6. And on Sunday, October 30th, a 434 of Grandsire Triples. J. Gransbury, 1; W. Collison, 2; W. E. Pope, 3; W. Pope, 4; J. Tillmon, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 7; T. Colvin, 8. And on Monday, October 31st, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, for details see peal column.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday evening, November 2nd, at St. James's church, for practice, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1024 changes, in 39 mins. A. Pearse, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearse, 3; G. Pymm, 4; W. Paddock, 5; W. W. Porch, 6; H. Tucker, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8. This touch was rung in honour of the eighteenth birthday of Mr. Arthur Howell, and his brother-strings wish him many happy returns.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, October 30th, at the parish church, 896 of Grandsire Triples. F. Groccott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Fitchford, 4; A. Groccott, 5; A. Walker, 6; W. Miller (conductor), 7; W. Slater, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM (St. Oswald's.)—On Monday, October 31st, a 120 of Plain Bob Doubles was rung by the following:—Wm. H. Craggs (St. Oswald's), 1; E. Titt (South Church), 2; D. Shipp, conductor (Staindrop), 3; F. Charlton (South Church), 4; Launcelot Newton (St. Oswald's), 5; F. Cleminson (South Church), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Mr. Cragg's first peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, November 1st, being the dedication festival of the church, the following rang for service, a 900 of Duffield Royal. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; S. Johnson, 3; E. Moreton, 4; W. Hickling, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; G. Hingley, 7; A. Robinson, 8; B. Sugden, 9; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 10. Also on Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples. H. Midgeley, 1; S. Maskrey, 2; S. Johnson, 3; B. Sugden, 4; G. Hingley, 5; J. Howe, 6; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 7; J. Seal, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Peter's in-the-East, 720 of Cambridge Surprise. P. A. Hind, 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. And on Thursday, October 20th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Baston (conductor), 1; C. Tolley, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. Also on Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Finch, 1; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 2; C. Tolley, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. Baston, 6. And on Thursday, October 27th, 720 of Double Court. H. Cox, 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, at All Saints' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. W. Washbrook, (conductor), 1; F. Williamson, 2; J. Howes, 3; S. Hounslow, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. Smith, 6.—*Tapping.*—On Monday, November 7th, 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, 720 Double Court, and 720 of Grandsire Minor, 120 Kent and 120 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 60 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1-2-3-4-5-6. It is intended by the above to attempt sevempt seven 720s in different methods, for which this is practice, thus making a 5040. The bells are hung in a row, and tapped with two hammers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service, at St. Anne's Church, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (Ewhurst), 3; Fred Francis, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Bob Minor (two singles), and 120 Grandsire Doubles, standing as before. And on Wednesday, October 26th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Spooner, 5; W. Harding, 6. Also 360 of Bob Doubles. F. Francis, 1; T. Gould, 2; H. Houlton, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at All Saints' church, being the Dedication Festival, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Lambert, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. King, 3; T. Guiager, 4; J. Trendell (conductor), 5; H. Bryant, 6. This is the first 720 on an inside bell by G. King, and

the first ever rung by J. Lambert and E. Trendell, the latter being only a young ringer, and is only fifteen years of age, and shews well of becoming a good ringer.

BINGLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, October 30th, 1887, by the local society, for morning service, 384 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 177 of Bob Triples, 384 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 192 of Bob Major. And in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Major. James Speight, 1; Jos. Garnett, 2; Herbert Anderson, 3; T. Leach, 4; T. Walker, 5; H. Foster, 6; J. Green, 7; T. W. Green (conductor), 8. Tenor 17¾ cwt. Also on Friday, November 4th, a 720 of College Single and a 720 of Oxford Minor. J. Speight, 1; H. Anderson, 2; J. Garnett, 3; H. Foster, 4; J. Green, 5; T. W. Green (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, November 5th, a 240 of Bob Minor, 240 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 240 of College Single Minor, and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Speight, 1; H. Anderson, 2; J. Garnett, 3; H. Foster, 4; J. Green, 5; T. W. Green (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 1024 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Speight, 1; J. Garnett, 2; H. Anderson, 3; T. Leach, 4; T. Walker, 5; H. Foster, 6; J. Green, 7; T. W. Green (conductor), 8. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

BOLTON (Bradford, Yorks).—On Sunday, November 6th, at St James's Church, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. *B. E. Howe, 1; B. T. Copley (conductor), 2; J. Mawson, 3; G. Titterington 4; S. Palframan, 5; B. F. Lamb, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. *First 720.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday evening, October 31st, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of October 22nd. E. Dodd, 1; R. Sanders, 2; F. Sanders, 3; W. Boxall, 4; H. Boxall jun., 5; C. Boxall (conductor), 6; H. Boxall sen., 7; F. Hudson, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dobinson, 1; R. Sanders, 2; H. Sanders, 3; H. Dobinson, 4; H. Boxall jun., 5; C. Boxall (conductor), 6; H. Boxall sen., 7; F. Hudson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

DURSLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 6th, eight members of the above Association made an attempt to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. through a shift course. H. G. Gardner, 1; T. Brown, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; S. Romans, 4; J. Hinton, 5; W. Hale, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Conducted by H. G. Gardner. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Brown, 1; S. Romans, 2; H. G. Gardner, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; *W. Hale, 5; J. Hinton, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Conducted by R. J. Wilkins, whose birthday it was, and his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. A. Trigg, 1: T. Brown, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Romans, 5; H. G. Gardner, 6; F. Stephens, 7; J. Hinton, 8. The ringers wish to return thanks to the Vicar for the kind way in which he treated them, and for the use of the bells.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 26th, by the local company, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation), in 1hr. 33 mins. J. Smith, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; C. Coachman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; H. Hogben, 8.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, at St. Mary's parish church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Tenor 12 cwt. in G. J. Huspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowland, 6. And 120 of College Single. J. Huspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Rowlands, 5; J. Hughes (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs), and 180 of Plain Bob Minor (three bobs). J. Huspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Also for evening serviee, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Huspray (conductor), 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Time for each 720, 26 mins.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, November 5th, the following members of the S.S. Thomas and Edmund's Society rang for practice, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples 518 changes. C. Fellows, 1; W. Baldwin, 2; P. Coulon, 3; W. Stringer, 4; J. Murphy, 5; W. Dunlavey, 6; M. Murphy (conductor) 7; F. Hales, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. C. Fellows, 1; M. Murphy, 2; J. Murphy, 3; W. Stringer, 4; P. Coulon, 5; W. Dunlavey, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. The above contains the 5th at home every three leads, and the twelve 6-7's.

HALESOWEN (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, October 29th, at the parish church, several six-scores of Stedman Doubles. R. A. Eaton, 1; E. Hackett, 2; G. Cockin, 3; E. White, 4; H. Raybould (conductor), 5; M. Hackett, 6. On Monday, 31st, several courses of Stedman Triples. H. Raybould, 1; H. Lea, 2; H. Mason (Old Hill), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; G. Cockin, 5; E. White, 6; R. A. Eaton, 7; E. Hackett, 8. Also a 518 of Grandsire Triples. H. Mason (Old Hill), 1; H. Lea, 2; J. P. Heckingbottom, 3; G. Cockin, 4; E. White, 5; R. A. Eaton (conductor), 6; E. Hackett, 7; M. Hackett, 8. Tenor 1 ton.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Sunday, October 23rd. for Divine Service, in the evening at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins. J. Ramble, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Hare, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; S. Hare, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Messrs. Newson and Jacob hail from London; the rest are local men.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Salter, 1; J. Crane, 2; T. Salter, 3; H. Williams, 4; J. Bennett, jun., 5; R. E. Grove (conductor), 6.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, 336 of Bob Triples. *J. Lee, 1; *W. Gridley, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; *A. Symonds (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Also 336 of Bob Major, standing as before. Messrs. Lee and Gridley hail from Foxearth; Essex, Hollocks, Moore, and Snell, from Preston; the rest are local men. *Cumberland Youths.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, November 6th, at the house of Mr. Williams, two 120's of Stedman Doubles. G. Williams, 1-2-3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6; G. Williams, 1-2-3-4; W. Chamberlain, 5-6. And two courses of Grandsire Triples. W. L. Chamberlain, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4-5-6; Mrs. Williams, 7-8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. L. Chamberlain, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6. And two 120's of Bob Doubles. W. Chamberlain, 1; C. Tribe, 2; G. Williams, 3-4; W. Selby, 5-6.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; W. Ellis, 3; W. Bentham, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8.

POSTINGFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 31st, at the parish church, the local company rang their first six-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Atkinson (conductor), 1; G. Basham, 2; F. W. Hicks, H. Burling, 4; C. Home, 5.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 30th, at St. Laurence' church, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; G. Talbot, 4; W. Goseltine, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams, 7; A. E. Reeves, 8. Taken from Carter's collection in "BELL NEWS," and conducted by W. J. Williams.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, at St. Alban's church, for Divine service, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 25 mins. William Adshead, 1; William Brierley, 2; *George Hoyle, 3; †William Nixon, 4; ‡Peter Nuttall, 5; Edward Isherwood, 6; *Frank Birtwistle (conductor), 7; Wm. Phillips, 8. Tenor 18¾ cwt in F. *Members of the Lancashire Association. P. Nuttall hails from Bolton parish church. First half-peal conducted by Frank Birtwistle. E. Isherwood hails from St. Thomas's church, Newhey.

SALISBURY (Wilts.)—On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 16 mins. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; T. Blackbourn, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; W. Mills, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Screen, 5; R. Schofield (conductor), 6; J. Davenport, 7; J. Flavell, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Parrett, 1; E. C. Bourquin, 2; C. Willshire, 3; P. Simms (conductor), 4; E. J. Bottle, 5: J. G. Elliott, 6; S. Snelling, 7; J. Jordan, 8. On Monday evening, October 31st, for practice, three courses of Bob Major. F. Parrett, 1; E. C. Bourquin, 2; C. Willshire, 3; P. Simms, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 6; J. G. Elliot, 7; S. Snelling, 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, October 30th, for afternoon service at the Cathedral, 672 of Stedman Triples in 25 mins. E. J. Mitchell, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. And for evening service 504 of Stedman Tripies. J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; N. N. Hills, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; R. M. Pratt, 8. Also on Monday, October 31st, the Cathedral society attempted a peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation), but after ringing 1 hr. 32 mins., and the half-way single being called, a break-

down occurred. E. J. Mitchell, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6: N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, at the house of Mr. H. Lewis, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Lewis, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6. Also at the Abbey national schools, on Friday evening, November 4th, 1330 of Grandsire Triples, being the last part of Holt's original. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; T. Waller, 7-8.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex.)—On Sunday, November 6th, after Divine Service in the evening, at the parish church, a 1440 of Bob Major, in 55 mins. T. Wood, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; J. Nunn, 4; W. B. Manning, 5; J. Wilkins, 6; T. Maynard, 7; H. Scarlett (conductor), 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 31st, the following memof the local company met at St. Peter's church, and rang a half-peal of Bob Major (2512 changes), in 1 hr. 45 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Griggs, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. This is the first half of J. Barker's 5024, and is the longest touch ever brought home on these bells. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

TEWKESBURY.—On Thursday evening, November 3rd, at the Abbey, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the second bell left out, and the tenor a cover. W. Hampton, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; *C. W. Dyson, 3; S. Cleal, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6; W. Haines, tenor. *First 720 in the method.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; J. Priest, 2; S. Hayes, 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; H. Prior (Stanstead), 5; G. Cornell, 6. This is H. Prior's 198th complete 720.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, October 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 45 mins. G. Cornell, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; J. Priest, 6; E. Barnett, 7; H. Scarlett (composer and conductor), 8. It was intended to have started for a 6088, but owing to a special service being held, the above was rung instead. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, at the parish church, a 360 of Double Court Minor, in 13 mins. W. B. Manning, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; J. Nunn, 3; T. Wood, 4; E. Barnett, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob, by the same band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6TH, 1887:—

By the Arundel and Steyning branches at Arundel.—On Saturday, November 5th, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 6-part), in 3 hrs. 7 mins., for particulars see peal column. And on Sunday morning, November 6th, a 714 of Grandsire Triples. O. Evershed, 1; G. Balchin, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Tyler, 4; F. Luxford, 5; G. Smart, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Knight, 8. And in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. O. Evershed, 1; C. Blackman, 2; E. Brackley 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Balchin, 5; F. Luxford, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Knight, 8.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Nicholas' church.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, an attempt was made for Vicars' peal of Grandsire Triples (bob and single), which failed through the breaking of the 2nd rope, after ringing 1 hr. G. Gatland, 1; Geo. F. Attree, 2: J. Reilly, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. King, 5; H. Weston (conductor), 6; J. Searle, 7; C. Tyler, 8. And at St. Peter's church, on Friday, November 4th, a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. G. F. Attree (conductor), 1; *J. Reilly, 2; J. Jay, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. A. King, 5; H. Weston, 6; J. Seale, 7; *H. Cornwall, 8. *First 504 in the method. And on Sunday, November 6th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. C. E. Golds, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; J. E. Worsell, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; J. Iay, 5; J. Reilly (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; D. Ross, 8.

By the Cuckfield branch at Cuckfield.—On Saturday, October 29th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. H. Miles, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; T. Fox, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. And on Sunday evening, October 30th, a 700 of Grandsire Triples, in 28 mins. H. Miles, 1; W. Fox, 2; F. Hounsell (conductor), 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; T. Fox, 7; C. Cheeseman (composer), 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 672 of Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8.

G. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

SHIRE OAKS, NOTTS.

Ringing done at Shire Oaks by the above company, for the month of October, 1887.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, at the parish church, a 360 each of New London Pleasure and Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; Dan Russon, 6. Also a 240 of Violet, with J. Hargreaves on the tenor. Also for evening service, a 720 of Kent. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; Dan Russon, 6. Also on Tuesday, October 4th, for practice, 240 each of Violet, Oxford, Kent, Duke of York and New London Pleasure. Standing in the order above. And on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, 360 each of New London Pleasure and Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, a 360 of New London Pleasure and 240 of Violet. Standing as above. And for evening service, 720 of Violet and 240 of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; E. Russon, 3; H. Watkinson, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; John Hargreaves, 6. And on Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, 720 of Violet Treble. S. Tomlinson, 1; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 2; E. Russon, 3; D. Russon, 4; R. Knowles, 5; John Hargreaves, 6. Also a 240 of Oxford, with W. Kelk, of Killamarsh, on the treble, the others as above. And on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, 240 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of Violet. D. Russon, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; John Hargreaves, 6. Also a 240 of Kent, with S. Tomlinson on the treble, the others as before. And on Saturday, October 8th, at Blyth, two 720's of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; D. Russon, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; R. Beeston, 6. Also on Sunday, October 9th, at Worksop, for afternoon service, a 720 of Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, two 720's of Oxford. R. Beeston, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; H. Watkinson, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. In the second 720 R. Goacher was on the 2nd, and S. Harwood on the 3rd, the others as before.

NEW GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF CHESTER.

At the Chester Diocesan conference held recently, Archdeacon Barber introduced a discussion on a proposal to form a Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, which had been made in January last. The advantages of such a Guild would be to raise the status and condition of church bellringers by recognising them as distinct church officers; to improve change-ringing; to draw up and circulate a code of rules and regulations for bell ringing; and to give competent advice as to the enlargement of belfries and repairs that might be required. He moved a resolution affirming the desirability of forming a Guild of church bellringers for the diocese of Chester. Mr. J. H. Cook, Northwich, in seconding, enumerated some of the benefits believed to be secured by the neighbouring Lancashire Association—the cultivation of the science of change-ringing, the abolition of the obnoxious practice of prize-ringing (which, he considered, reduced the belfry to the level of the bowling-green), the promotion of friendly peal ringing, and the provision of teachers for those who desire them. Rev. R. G. Barnacle, Holmes Chapel; Rev. H. B. Blodd, Frodsham; Canon Upperton, and several others supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The following circular in connection with the above proposal has been circulated:—

DEAR SIR,—At the Diocesan Conference last Wednesday the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That it is desirable to form a Diocesan Guild or Association of church bell-ringers." In furtherance of this object a meeting will be held in the Old Refectory of the Cathedral (by kind permision of the Dean), on Saturday, November 12th, at 2 p.m., at which your attendance (with any ringers or others interested in the matter) is respectfully requested. I should be glad to know how many would be likely to attend, so that due provision may be made. Kindly bring this to the notice of your ringers, and if unable to attend or to send representatives, would you let me know whether your ringers would be likely to join?

EDWARD BARBER, *Archdeacon.*

St. Bridget's Rectory, Chester, October 28th, 1887.

THE "JAMES RUDD" FUND.

Mr. Ireland acknowledges the receipt of the undermentioned sum for this fund:

The St. John's Company, Manchester, per Mr. Mould	...	...	7 0
The Kingston-on-Thames company, per Mr. J. Smith	...	...	6 0
The Aylesford Society, per Mr. E. Trice	...	...	6 0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. W Ireland, Victoria Road, Diss, and will be acknowledged in this paper..

Church News.

The Rev. Champion Welbank Streatfeild has resigned his vicarage of Isycoed, in the diocese of St. Asaph.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Asaph have reduced the salaries of their officials by 10 per cent. in consequence of the decreased value of their revenue, which consists entirely of tithe rent-charge.

The Rev. J. F. Kitto, after prolonged hesitation, has re-introduced evening communion at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where it had for some years been unknown.

The Church Parochial Mission Society has published a list of forty-four Missions which it has arranged to take place during the present month.

The Crown living of Chipping Barnet, Herts, has fallen vacant by the death of the Rev. Robert Rosseter Hutton. Mr. Hutton, who graduated from Trinity College, Oxford, in 1868, was ordained in the following year, and was appointed to Chipping Barnet in 1866.

The Bishop of Chichester, who is the oldest prelate of the Church of England, completed his eighty-fifth year on Wednesday last. He graduated at Oxford in 1826, and was consecrated Bishop of Chichester in 1870.

The Bishop of Pretoria has appointed the Rev. James Hoare Masters, rector of Slinfold, Horsham, to be his commissary in England, conjointly with the Rev. Dr. Baker, head master of Merchant Taylors' School.

On Monday, the Duchess of Teck, who was accompanied by the Princess Victoria, opened a large hall in Hanbury Street, Spitalfields, which had been bought by Prebendary Billing, of Christ Church, and a number of friends, in which to hold entertainments and meetings in connection with the parish church,

On Wednesday week the Bishop of Ripon confirmed twenty-five male and ten female prisoners at Wakefield. The men answered clearly and firmly the questions put to them, and after the laying on of hands, they were addressed by the Bishop from St. John xvi, 33—"In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

A new altar is about to be presented to Lincoln Cathedral by the Bishop of Nottingham. Various necessaries are still required, a new set of altar linen being needed. The estimate for three frontals, red, white, and green (the violet is already provided), and super-frontal, and for the complete set of linen, is £300. The linen will cost about £20.

The statement which has gone the round respecting the consecration of Archdeacon Matthews is incorrect. Dr. French's resignation of Lahore does not take effect till December 21st, when he will complete the tenth year of his episcopate, and his successor cannot possibly be consecrated before Christmas.

It is understood that the Rev. F. J. Mount, prebendary of Sutton, and vicar of Cuckfield, has accepted the Archdeaconry of Chichester, vacant by the death of Canon Walker. Mr. Mount graduated from Oriel in 1854, and was ordained the next year. In 1870 he was appointed examining chaplain to the Bishop of Chichester, whose nephew he is.

The Rev. W. H. Hewlett-Cooper, M.A., was last week presented by the parishioners of St. Peter's, Belsize Park, with a purse of 150 guineas, and an illuminated address, on his preferment to Bradenstoke, Wilts, as a token of their respect and esteem for him. He is an able and earnest preacher, an energetic worker, and possesses great tact in dealing with young persons. Mr. Cooper is also well known in the neighbourhood, as a successful and interesting lecturer on scientific subjects. Mrs. Hewlett-Cooper at the same time received a handsome and suitable gift.

At a meeting of the Drapers' Company, at which the applications of nearly a hundred candidates were received for the vacant rectory oi St. Michael's, Cornhill, void by the death of the Rev. W. Hunt, a letter was read from the Bishop of London, suggesting that the endowment, which is about £1,200 a year, should be devoted as a stipend for a second Suffragan Bishop of London. The Bishop proposed that the company should nominate two clergymen, one of whom he would select, and forward his name with another nominated by himself to the Crown, who would appoint. The company almost unanimously agreed to adopt the Bishop's proposals.

Kenchester, the site of a Roman station, midway between Hereford and Staunton-on-Wye, boasts a very small early Norman church and a font supposed to be older than the Conquest. The late rector, Mr. Parkin, provided a temporary reredos of painted tinfoil, which has now been replaced by one of solid oak, the gift of the Hon. Mrs. Griffiths, daughter of the late Archdeacon (Lord Saye and Sele), in memory of her husband, Major Griffiths, of the Weir. Mrs. Griffiths has associated with herself in this handsome donation two old retainers of the Griffiths family, Messrs. Stait and Simmonds, who were desirous of paying some tribute to the memory of a good master and an excellent country gentleman.

On the eve of All Saints', the Bishop of Rochester visited the parish of St. Paul's, Lorrimore Square, to unveil a window to the memory of its late vicar and his chaplain, the Rev. E. F. Alexander After the second lesson his lordship was conducted to the west end by the choir and clergy, singing in procession "For all thy Saints who from their labours rest," and beneath the unveiled window the Bishop delivered an earnest address on the work and character of the clergyman whose six years' faithful efforts had set together the vigorous organisation of St. Paul's. From the church the Bishop passed to give his blessing to a home established in Lorrimore Square for lady-workers among the poor.

On All Saints' Day the dedication-stone of the permanent church of St. Mary Magdalene's, Wandsworth Common, was laid by Lady Barbara Yeatman. Shortened evensong was said in the temporary church at 3 p.m., and after the laying of the stone an address was given by Archdeacon Burney. He remarked that he had been present seventeen years ago when the temporary church was opened by Bishop Wilberforce, who took great interest in the progress of the district. The neighbourhood has increased rapidly of late years, and steps are in process for the formation of a separate parish and the building of a permanent church, of which the Rev. W. Starkie Shuttleworth is vicar-designate. It has been decided at present to build the western half of the permanent church, and to wait until further funds have been raised before attempting to complete the building. The cost of the present work will be about £2,000., and at least £2,000. more will be required to finish the whole undertaking. The architect is Mr. E. D. Ferrey.

Book Notices.

THE QUIVER for November—(Cassell and Co., London and New York.)—This is the first part of a new and enlarged series of this deservedly popular magazine. The illustrations are if possible better than ever, and there is a very good coloured frontispiece entitled "Good-bye to the old Home," which appeals very strongly to the feelings. It is really impossible to select any particular portion for especial approval where all is excellent. One thing we may say, that though the size has increased, the price of publication remains the same.

THE HISTORY OF THE FRANCO-GERMAN WAR, issued by the same publishers, maintains its character. It is a concise and faithful narrative of the late European war and the influences which led to it. It is plentifully illustrated.

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 TOTTENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—I thank you for your able leading article on our peal at Tottenham, which I suppose was the cause of the large meeting at the St. James society meeting-house on October 31st. My friend Mr. Barnett is quite right when he said our opponents' victory was not decisive. It would have been a victory for us if Mr. J. M. Hayes had acted as a gentleman while the voting was going on, and not to have pulled one of the member's hand down when he was voting against him, and called across the room and ordered one of his dupes to hold up his hand and vote for him, which was answered at once. But where was that man's conscience? Had he got one? Yes, certainly, but he dare not use it. I think we had the sense of the society with us, for out of the sixteen for us, there were eight conductors, while out of the sixteen against us there were about that number who hardly knew how to handle a bell, and four conductors.

G. B. LUCAS.

SIR,—I am much surprised at the decision of the St. James's Society as to recording this peal. It is utterly useless for anyone to try to prove that the absence of a cover can interfere with the correctness of a peal. It is rather odd, but one never hears of a peal of seven bells, although there are plenty of five. Now when a six-score is rung upon five bells no one ever for a moment objects to it. In fact Doubles are generally considered preferable when rung on five bells to being

rung on six with the tenor covering. At the same time, as the music of seven bells is very bad, I do not think that ringing a peal on that number is a thing to be encouraged, although it is most unjust and absurd to refuse to book a peal for the reasons above mentioned.

KERAULOPHON.

SIR,—I see a great deal of correspondence over the peal recently rung at Tottenham, and if you will allow me I should like to point out that there was once a peal rung at Witney, Oxon, where the tenor-man had to give up, and the other seven men kept on for an hour or more without him in a peal of Grandsire Triples, the peal being truly rung and duly recorded, and why not? From a practical point of view it is far more worthy of record than a peal with a tenor. Of course the music must be rather odd. But a peal of Triples is only on seven bells after all, and why not record it? This is the opinion of the ringers of this neighbourhood, which I am asked to convey to you.

Oxford. J. W. WASHBROOK.

SIR,—In last week's issue of "BELL NEWS" your correspondent, H. A. Barnett, says that "J. M. Hayes was fully attended by the band of St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, and these members of course followed as he led," inferring that they were brought there to vote against the Tottenham men. There were six members present belonging to the St. Stephen's Society, one of whom is junior steward of St. James's Society; but that is out of the question, as it was a St. James's Society meeting, and they are all members of that society and meet the company regularly, which is more that the Tottenham Society can say, for they admitted at the meeting that they had only come then to try and put aside a resolution passed by a majority of members at a *bona fide* meeting, and were backed up by as many of their own members as they could coax there. This was not the case with the St. Stephen's Society, who came in the ordinary way to practice; and they have as much right to vote as they please, as well as the Tottenham Society, perhaps more. The St. Stephen's Society may be young members, but they are old enough to have and express an opinion of their own.

T. R. BELL, *Secretary.*

St. Stephen's, Westminster.

SIR,—It was with mingled feelings of surprise and regret that I read in your last issue that the above peal is to be boycotted by the St. James Society, especially when I saw the names of the gentlemen who framed and carried the resolution. Triples have always been described (in this part of the country), as seven bell ringing, so whether you have a tenor to cover or not, so long as the 5040 changes are rung true on seven bells, it would be a peal of Triples. If the gentlemen who took part in the opposition have no other reason to advance why the peal should not be recorded, I think that they have made themselves the laughing stock of the whole ringing community. If they are correct in their reasoning, perhaps they will be consistent in their practice, and at once tack a cover bell on to their peals of Major, Royal, and Maximus. Just one word more. The St. James Society have rung I believe twenty-three peals this year, of this number the Tottenham band have scored seven. These figures speak for themselves.

Kidderminster, November 7th, 1887. COMMON SENSE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—I fear my last letter to you has caused an ebullition of ill-temper on the part of Mr. Binns, otherwise he would not have penned the very disjointed and almost unintelligible epistle which appeared last Saturday. But facts are stubborn things, and as he challenges further investigation, I give the peals in question side by side, to tell their own story.

MR. BINNS'.				Course-ends of both.	No. 247 in Report.			
M	B	W	H		M	B	W	H
	1		2	52364		1		2
	1	1	2	25463		1	2	2
1		2	2	63542	1		1	2
2		2	2	46325	2		2	2
2		2	2	24653	2		2	2
2		1	2	32546	2		1	2
1	1		2	45236	1	1		1
Repeated.					Repeated.			

Now, Sir, will any man in his sober senses attempt to argue that these two are not the self-same peal. It will be noticed that the bobs wrong in the second and third courses are reversed in the Report, but that is so palpably a "printer's error," that it needs no explanation. Any one with the slightest knowledge of the table of course-ends, will see that at a glance; or how could the course-ends have come up in proper order? It seems superfluous to argue the point further. With his regard to his insinuating remarks about my signature, I need only say that I am a life member of the Yorkshire Association (as you, Mr. Editor, will no doubt be able to testify), and the simple reason of my writing anonymously is that (perhaps unlike Mr. Binns in this respect), I do not feel ambitious to "see my name in print." If a correspondent advances facts, it is immaterial what patronymic he writes under. I am also of opinion that had Mr. Binns taken the sensible course of bringing this matter before the Committee of the Yorkshire Association, he would have got a satisfactory explanation, and thus have rendered unnecessary this complaint which is as puerile as it is unwarranted.

A MEMBER Y.A.C.R.

SIR,—It seems to me that the unpleasantness that has arisen with respect to the publishing of peals in the Yorkshire Association report is simply a mistake, which all ringers know well can take place, and stop any peal when the accomplishment is almost certain. If No. 247 in the Association's performances been printed as sent, no doubt it would have been like R. Binns' peal. The second course 1B, 1W, 2H, in place of 1B, 2W, 2H, and third course 1M, 2W, 2H, instead of 1M, 1W, 2H, that is the mistake. The course-ends are all right but not the calling. The peal was taken by the conductor from Snowdon's "Treatise on Treble Bob," Part 2, page 35. It is also in an old manuscript of the late George Carter, as Tebbs' farewell peal. I remember having said the peal had been rung in a revised form, but I referred to the report as printed. Had I been the conductor in either peal I might have made a closer investigation, and that would have been with the result as above stated. In R. Binns' first letter he states the peal was not reported as sent. That being admitted; but if all peals were reported as sent, we should have more mistakes than the paltry one in question. If R. B. will look at his report once more, No. 391, he will find a peal reported as sent, but no fault to be found, it being more pleasing to the conductor. It reads: "This peal, which was now rung the first time by the Society, was composed by Joseph Fleming, and conducted by R. Binns." This statement I say is false, as it was rung at Drighlington, and stands No 173 of the Society's performances conducted by Ben. Lightfoot. I trust that expert conductors will assist the officials to issue a true and sound report, and if they find something wrong to communicate to the Secretary or President, who is always willing to be corrected at any time.

Tong, November 7, 1887. GEORGE BOLLAND.

ADVICE WANTED.

SIR,—Perhaps some of your correspondents would help us with their experience in the following case. We are intending to place movable wooden louvres or some contrivance inside the hard stone louvres of our bell-chamber, for the double purpose of keeping out the wet and keeping in the sound when desirable, so as not to be an annoyance to those who live near the church. I may state that we have made some little progress in change-ringing, having been able to ring Grandsire Doubles for some years, and now, as more men are joining us, we wish to try Triples, but are afraid our efforts will not meet with that encouragement we could wish if the bells clash, and are considered a nuisance by the round ringers' friends who live close by. I believe a similar difficulty has been found in other places, I think at the new cathedral at Edinburgh, and I should be glad to know how it has been met, and if successful.

P. H. JACKSON.

Beaminster, Dorset.

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—As there seems to be a great deal of trouble to get to know, where the leaders of ringers reside, would it not be as well if the old ringers' guide was revised, say about once a year, and sold at about 2d. so as to be within the reach of every ringer? WILLIAM CLAYTON.

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SIR,—In calling Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, I believe it is the custom of many conductors to adopt the plan of calling by the bells which come "before," and to rely upon the fact of their turning up in their proper order to prove the truth of the peal as it progresses. It may be of interest to these gentlemen to know that in a recent attempt it was found that a change-course had occurred within the first half hour's ringing, but for an experiment the peal was continued on the plan I have mentioned, with the result that not until 2 hrs. and 15 mins. had elapsed from the commencement was it found that the bell required for a call "before" was in the hunt. This fact I hope will act as an inducement to those who do not as yet understand the system of proving if the bells be in or out of course, to make themselves acquainted with this indispensable knowledge. DODGER.

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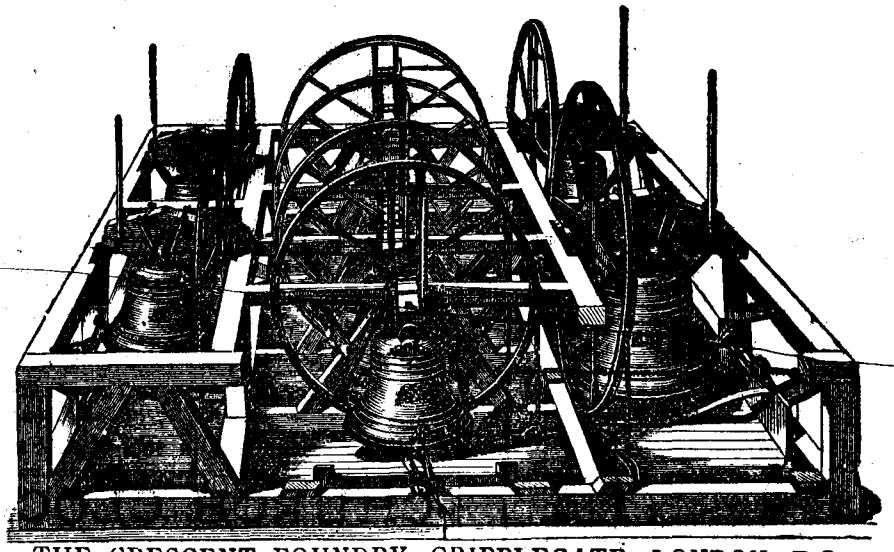
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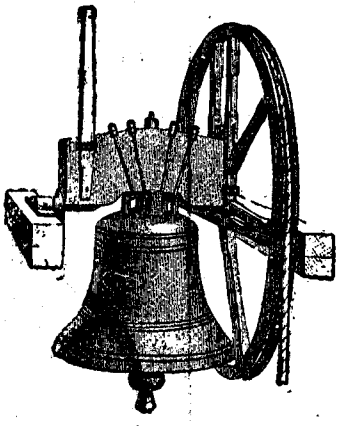
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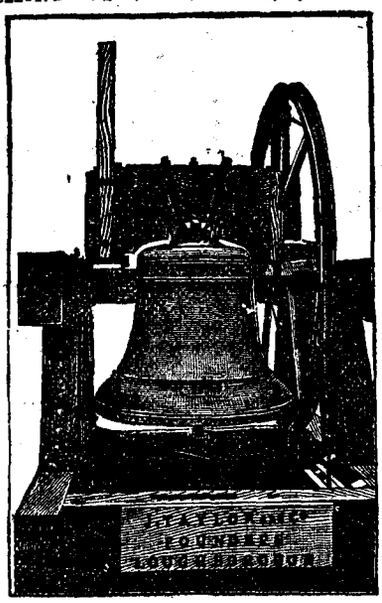
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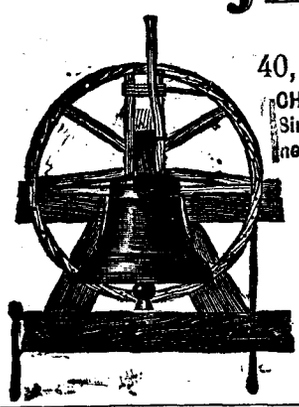
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