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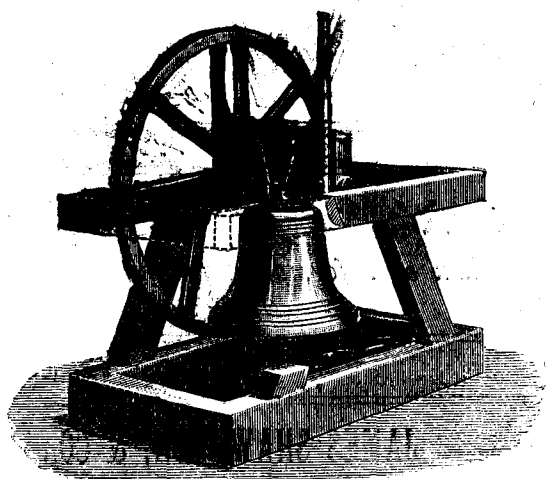
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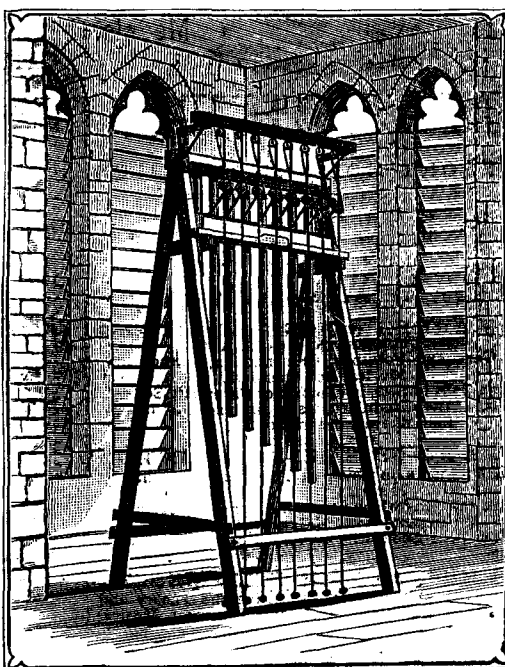
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THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.

The seventh annual change-ringing excursion of the above company took place on Saturday, June 22nd, a day selected for the general convenience of all, as being nearest to that of the anniversary of the famous battle of Waterloo. If the veritable "luck in an odd number" is to be accepted as an omen of success, it was certainly exemplified in this particular instance. Fair weather, the attendance of one or two old faces, and the more than usual well-regulated details, tended to thoroughly crown the seventh outing of this prosperous body of brother-strings. To avoid considerable repetition and sameness I have taken the opportunity of reporting particulars under three headings in a rather unusual mode.

I.—PROGRAMME.

Meeting at Great Western Railway Station, Reading, at 7.50 a.m.; take train to Hungerford at 7.57 and arrive at 9.6; leave Hungerford, after ringing (by brake and pair), at 10; Aldbourne (eight mile drive), arrive at 11 and take lunch; Aldbourne (after ringing), depart 12.30; Drive on to Lambourne (five miles), dinner at the "Red Lion" hotel at 1, ringing at 2 o'clock, and depart from Lambourne at 3.30; Great Shefford (four miles) arrive at 4 and depart at 5 p.m.; Newbury (nine miles by brake), arrive at 6.30; tea at the Guildhall Coffee Tavern; Ringing 8 till 9; Newbury (leave by Great Western Railway) at 9.50, and arrive at Reading 10.17 p.m.

II.—PERFORMANCES.

Hungerford, St. Lawrence.—Six bells, tenor 14 cwt., raised and fell in peal. A 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. by W. Holloway, J. Potter (very fond of Bob Minor), W. Williams, T. Hibbert, W. Newell, and E. Reeves (conductor). Others took part in some Grandsire Doubles.

Aldbourne Parish Church.—Eight bells, tenor 21 cwt., up in readiness. A 336 Grandsire Triples, the first touch rang on these bells for many years. Also a well-struck 503 by W. Holloway, W. H. Fussell, T. Hibbert, W. Goseltine (very fond of trout fishing), J. Potter, W. Williams (conductor), W. Newell, and W. Johnson.

Lambourne, St. Michael's.—Vicar, Rev. J. H. Light. Eight bells, tenor 23 cwt. Bells raised and fell in peal. A 504 Grandsire Triples, rang in 19 mins., by W. Williams, W. Lawrence (of Whitechurch), W. Holloway, A. E. Reeve, E. Bishop (conductor), W. Newell, W. A. Fussell, T. Hibbert. Also a course of Bob Major by J. Shepherd (Bristol), J. Potter, A. Reeve, W. Williams, F. Bishop, W. Johnson, T. Hibbert, W. H. Fussell.

Great Shefford, St. Mary's.—Six bells, tenor 10 cwt. Raised and fell in peal. Courses of Minor in Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire were rang, and some Grandsire Doubles by nearly all the band at different intervals.

Newbury, St. Nicholas.—Rector, the Rev. E. J. Gardener, M.A. Eight bells, Tenor 21 cwt. A musical touch of Grandsire Triples by William H. Fussell (conductor), W. Goseltine, E. Bishop, W. Williams, W. Newell ("the Bugle-Major,"), and J. Potter. Another touch in which two of the Newbury men took part. Two courses of Stedman Triples. W. Williams, W. Holloway, W. Johnson, G. Talbot, E. Bishop, W. Newell, W. H. Fussell, T. Hibbert. Also two courses of Bob Major, the local ringers hearing their tenor "turned in" for the first time. The striking was good and made an excellent finish to the day's ringing.

III.—PARTICULARS.

Correspondence, and the necessary arrangements were undertaken this year by Mr. W. Newell, the genial host of "The Mitre," Reading, in a most trustworthy manner. Mr. J. W. Williams, the society's able conductor, acted as "geographical pioneer." After being pensioned off for two years, the "bugle major" once again, in his old familiar military notes, announced the various arrivals and departures of the company. Reminiscences of bygone outings were discussed, and the "tit-bits" relating to ringers in Lancashire and Herefordshire were well digested on the route, while estimates were made as to the

probable number of bells, weight of tenor, etc., in the various towers seen peeping out here and there as the train or the brake went rolling along.

The drivers of the engines and the brake were each good fellows. There was not the slightest accident or misunderstanding during the day, matters were arranged to suit all, and all seemed to be well suited. At Hungerford church preparations were being made to put in a stained glass east window, with much needed improvements to the stone sill and mullions thereof. At Aldbourne the old bell foundry premises of the late Robert Wells was visited, also the house in which Bridgman (one of Wells' employes), died. Both were change-ringers, and their names appear on peal tablets in Aldbourne tower. Interesting details of this tower and its old band of ringers were published in "THE BELL NEWS" a year ago. On arrival the visitors were met by the brothers Lawrence—when it is remembered that the first church they rang at was dedicated to St. Lawrence, the title also of their society—it comes natural to suggest that their next festival be held on St. Lawrence's day. Host Penfold, of the "Red Lion" Hotel, Lambourne, laboured well—the sight of fifteen hungry men seated in their sleeves round one table meant havoc. Half-way between Aldbourne and Lambourne, the boundary of the counties of Wilts and Berks was passed, while crossing the downs excellent scenery spread out beautifully on either hand. Travelling from Lambourne to Newbury, frequent stretches of the river Lambourne were closely scanned by the trout eyes of Mr. Goseltine, attention occasionally being diverted by Mr. Potter pointing out some distant spire with a finger which seemed to say "Bob Minor"—both with their individual lines being brought to attention by the sound of a long long "G" from bugler Newell.

The Newbury ringers gave the society a courteous reception, and saw their friends away from the station. They were also glad to hear their peal of eight rang in Major. I would advise the members of the Oxford Guild to attend their Annual Festival to be held shortly in this town; they will not be disappointed.

This society proposes on the next occasion to visit Painswick, Stroud, Cirencester, etc., should the generous support and kind favours accorded them be renewed another year. Each of the members desire, through the medium of their own journal, to tender their best thanks to the respective clergy, ringers, and gentry who assisted to make the seventh excursion of the St. Laurence's so successful.

W. H. F.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, ESSEX.

The 266th anniversary of this Society was held at Saffron Walden, on Thursday, June 27th, and was a great success; a delightful day, pleasant company, easy going bells, splendid ringing, good dinner, hearty singing, capital spirits of many denominations, enlivening speeches, appropriate sermon, all combined to success. The local company were favoured with the presence of Mr. L. Proctor and his band; also esteemed friends from Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Stortford, Stanstead, Cambridge, etc., and touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge were rung. Major Herbert Taylor (of the firm of Messrs Taylor, brewers) occupied the seat of honour at the dinner, and the company, numbering thirty-six, was regaled by his generosity to a plentiful supply of refreshments. In proposing the health and success of the visitors, the Major expressed his pleasure in meeting one of whom he had heard from his boyhood, viz., L. Proctor, Esq.

Mr. Proctor, replying, said he had visited Saffron Walden as long ago as forty-five years, in fact he had his tuition in the art from the Walden company; and made some interesting remarks, accompanied by sound advice.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association will be held at Bolney, on Saturday, July 20th. Full particulars in next issue.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

JAS. E. WORSSELL, Assist. Hon. Sec.

The report of the Annual General Meeting of the above Association is again unavoidably postponed.

G. F. ATTREE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

On Tuesday, June 25th, members of the above Guild began to arrive at Ryde about nine o'clock. They proceeded at once to the belfry at All Saints' Church, and ringing was indulged in for about an hour and a half before the Special Service. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round, including a 504 of Grandsire Triples by F. W. J. Rees, Esq., 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; H. White, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Grafham, 5; F. Hill, 6; G. Williams, 7; H. Jennings, 8. And 168 of Stedman Triples by G. Woodiss, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; H. White, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Grafham, 5; F. Hill, 6; G. Williams, 7; H. E. Hart, 8. The Festival Service was held at All Saints' at 11.30. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. H. A. Spyers, the special lesson, Isaiah lxi., was read by the Rev. W. E. Youngman, curate of All Saints'. Special psalms and hymns were sung, and the sermon preached by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Poole), from Psalm xlvii. 5, 6. Having dwelt on the uses of trumpets in the worship and festivals of the Jews, he showed that bells were the counterpart of these trumpets in Christian times. In the earliest days of the Church the meetings of worshippers were summoned not by bells, for they were forbidden to be held at all under pain of death, but by a private messenger sent round to the various Christian houses and families, called a "cursor" or runner. When the conversion of Constantine the Great took place, God gave the Church freedom and peace, and, for a time, notably in Africa, the faithful were summoned with the sound of the trumpet. But as early as the fifth century, the trumpet gave place to the church bell. The younger Pliny tells us that in the reign of the Emperor Trajan bells were made of fine brass from Campania, the most southern province of Italy. Hence the science of bell-casting and ringing derived its name of campanology. The Vicar said that Gregory of Tours mentioned that bells were used in his time in calling the monks to prayer. He spoke of early bells—one at Canterbury and another given by S. Columba to the Archbishop of Armagh, and dedicated to S. Patrick—and said that they soon became universally used for calling people to prayer and praise, to ring the old year out and the new year in, to announce the great festivals of the Church, to join with their tuneful voices in the blessing of bride and bridegroom, and asking by the passing bell for prayer for the soul passing away from this earthly scene and entering upon the solemnities of that undiscovered something after death. He was sure he need not appeal in vain to a society of bell-ringers to attest the usefulness of the joyful and merry noise that bells made for them. Had not they listened to them with joy on New Year's morn or some great Christmas or Easter Festival? Even careless people could appreciate the sweet sounds of church bells, could feel the power of the words of their living poet: "Ring out the old, ring in the new." They wanted men to know that the merry noise of the bells proclaimed the blessings of Christian liberty, and stirred men to the enjoyment of the whole of their privileges as Christians. The science of bell-ringing, as he knew to his cost, was very difficult, for he had been obliged to abandon it, only to be learnt by great application, by much careful study. He exhorted them to bring those good gifts of God to bear upon their interesting work. Let them do their work well, with diligence, punctuality, subordination to guidance and instruction, so showing that they regarded it as a Christian duty and privilege to assist in the high, heavenly, and ancient office of summoning immortal souls to sing praises to their King. To the general congregation he said, let the bells exhort them to avail themselves of this blessed privilege of worship. Let them hear the merry noise with understanding, not in the grudging and resentful temper of some few surly spirits found even in Christian parishes, but as a blessed, happy and joyful sound, inviting them to take part with angels, arch-angels, and all the company of heaven, in universal and increasing praise.

After service the members of the Guild assembled at the Town Hall, where to the number of about 160 they sat down to a substantial dinner. The members appeared greatly to enjoy the meal after the long journeys some of them had made. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Poole) who was supported by the Rev. F. T. Madge (minor canon of Winchester), the Rev. C. Baston, of Deane, the Rev. G. C. Robinson, of Ryde, the Rev. H. M. Cross, of Brading, F. W. J. Rees, Esq. of Guildford,

Cameron Brock, Esq., of Bishop Waltham, and A. Lawson, Esq. After the removal of the cloth, the vicar gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," and said Her Majesty had shown the Guild a great token of respect by permitting her son, the Duke of Connaught, to become one of the patrons of the Guild. He knew enough of what went on at court to be sure that this was no empty compliment, nor a mere matter of course, but really a mark of the interest which Her Majesty took in the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The toast was received with due honours.

Mr. Rees then proposed "The health of the Bishop of Winchester and the clergy of the Diocese." It was well-known that the Bishop of Winchester took the warmest interest in the guild, and the clergy were always ready to welcome them and give them the fullest use of their bells. They were especially indebted to the Vicar of Ryde for the use of the beautiful peal in perfect order in the belfry of his church, and also for the learned and interesting sermon which he had been good enough to address to them that morning.

The Vicar returned sincere thanks for the manner in which they had received the toast. Speaking on behalf of the clergy he felt sure they regarded it as bring not merely a duty, but a privilege, to be allowed to assist their brethren of this guild in learning the heart of bell-ringing, superintending the work of the association, or even in lending physical aid, as some of them did. He had commenced change-ringing himself and found it a most interesting study. He could well understand that it would be useful not only in controlling one's nerve and judgment, but also in aiding the physical development of one's arms and body. But the care of a parish of 8000 souls and the many evening engagements necessarily devolving upon him, prevented him attending the practices, and therefore he was obliged to withdraw as a ringing member. He should, however, always enjoy a performance of bell-ringing. He occasionally went into the belfry and was always received with kindness, and he might say affection, by his ringers.

The Chairman then proposed "Success to the Winchester Guild," coupling the toast with the name of the Secretary, the Rev. H. A. Spyers. He was informed by that gentleman that the Guild now numbered nearly five hundred members. Considering the difficulty of bell-ringing, the sacrifice of time, and the intelligence which were required to make a successful ringer, he thought that the number stated was a very convincing proof of this popularity of the art, and the success of their admirable Guild. He should be glad to hear if the Guild was a success financially. Mr. Spyers was a capital organizer, and he felt sure would undertake the organization of twice the number with quite as much ease as the present. He hoped that in a few years time their numbers would be doubled.

The Rev. H. A. Spyers, in response, rather disputed the assertion of the vicar that he would be equal to the organization of twice the number. He might if he had the money. He wished them all to go home with the idea that as they increased the number of performing members of the guild, in the same proportion they must increase the number of honorary members; otherwise in the splendid future foreshadowed for them by the vicar they would be a guild, not of bell-ringers, but of bankrupts. If they could preserve the proportion of honorary members to performing members which they now enjoyed, they would always be able to pay their way. The proportion should be two honorary members to every six performing members, and if they could preserve that proportion it did not matter whether their numbers were 500 or 1000. He hoped next year therefore, they would all endeavour to increase the number of honorary members. He did not wish them to be like the Sussex Association. They could not compete at present with that association in regard to the number of peals rung in the year, but they compared very favourably with them as regards their financial position. Last year the Sussex Association had a deficit of £14, this year they have a deficit of £50. The Winchester Guild did not wish to be in such a position: and if they found their numbers increase without a corresponding increase in their funds, they would have to increase the severity of their test for membership. He informed them that Mr. Moore would remain president of the guild, and would have been with them that day had not important business detained him in London. He said he had been running about the streets of Ryde on the previous day for a President, but he found the laymen of Ryde had all gone mad on

the Yeomanry Sports. And in his distress he had to fall back upon his good friend the Vicar, who had been kind enough to take the chair in Mr. Moore's absence. In conclusion the Secretary referred to the progress which had been made by the Guildford ringers. He had prophesied at the last festival that Guildford was destined to be a centre of scientific bell-ringing, and no other band had made such marked progress during the year as the Guildford band. Woking, Chiddingfold, and in fact all the district round Guildford were making great progress.

The election of officers then took place, Mr. Moore being re-elected President, and all the officers and committee were to be the same as before.

The members then dispersed to ring at various churches in the island. The Ryde, Brading, Capel and Privett bands (with J. Hewett, G. Williams and T. Newnham), went by train to Newport, where a capital touch of Treble Bob Major (768 changes), was rung by C. Weedon, 1; E. Jordan, 2; J. Hewitt, 3; R. Jordan, 4; T. Newnham, 5; D. Jordan, 6; G. Woodiss, 7; G. Williams, 8. The Alton, Basingstoke, Farnham, Gateley, and Swanmore bands went by train to Brading, where the following ringing was done. A 504 of Grandsire Triples by E. Jacobs, 1; H. White, 2; H. Garfath, 3; J. Hawkes, 4; R. Linter, 5; C. Fry, 6; W. Linter, 7; A. Millard, 8. Another 504 in the same method by the Basingstoke band. F. Wilson, 1; S. Powell, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; J. Ballard, 4; T. Curtis, 5; H. White, 6; G. Gasson, 7; W. Hatten, 8. and also a course of Grandsire Major by a mixed band.

The Fareham, Weybridge, and Havant bands went by train to Shanklin, where the following touches were brought round. A 250 Grandsire Triples by W. Naylor, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Staples, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whiting, 7; W. Irish, 8. A 434 of the same by W. Naylor, 1; G. Hackett, 2; J. Staples, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Passingham, 8. Also a 500 of the same by G. Grafham, 1; C. Privett, 2; G. Hackett, 3; J. Staples, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whiting, 7; C. W. H. Brock, Esq., 8.

The Hursley, Chiddingfold, Hambledon, Shalford and Woking bands went by brake to Newchurch.

The Bagshot and Twyford bands, with the Rev. C. Buston, went by brake to Gadshill, and were welcomed and very hospitably entertained by the Rector, the Rev. T. Radcliffe. A 360 and a 240 of Grandsire Minor were rung by C. Hawkins, 1; G. Smith, 2; Rev. C. Buston, 3; W. West, 4; A. Ashford, 5; F. Hewlett, 6.

The party who visited Shanklin were treated to an excellent tea by the Rev. C. I. Burland, Vicar of St. Saviour's.

BATH AND KEYNSHAM UNITED DEANERIES ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held at the parish church, Twerton-on Avon, on Monday evening the 1st inst., when there was a good attendance of members. Tea was provided at the Vicarage, through the kindness of the Rev. W. S. Shaw, after which a very pleasant evening was spent in change-ringing, including the following. Three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Wyburn, 1; W. Lanham, 2; W. Dicks, 3; G. Hill (conductor), 4; F. Beesley, 5; F. Skure, 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Salmon, 1; G. Freith, 2; J. Holman, 3; S. J. Francis, 4; J. Stugg (conductor), 5; W. A. Gully, 6. And one 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Salmon, 1; W. Dicks, 2; H. Wotton (conductor), 3; S. J. Francis, 4; J. Stugg, 5; W. A. Gully, 6. Also a touch of 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Dicks, 1; G. Temple, 2; G. Hill (conductor), 3; W. Lanham, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Holman, 6; J. B. Blackmore, 7; O. Wake, 8. And a touch of 112 Grandsire Major. W. Dicks, 1; G. Temple, 2; G. Hill, 3; W. Lanham, 4; H. Wotton (conductor), 5; J. S. Flower, 6; J. B. Blackmore, 7; J. Holman, 8.

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RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Whit-Monday, the ringers of St. Andrew's church, Auckland, had their annual outing. A start was made by an early train to Barnard Castle, in company with the Rev. E. Sutton, who is learning the art of change-ringing. They were also joined by J. Shipp, of Staindrop, and touches of Kent Treble Bob, and 168 Grandsire Triples were rung. T. Bozyard, 1; E. Titt (conductor), 2; W. Charlton, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. Pallister, 5; F. Castree, 6; F. Charlton, 7; J. Cleminson, 8. Breakfast was now ready, which was presided over by the Rev. E. Sutton, and to which ample justice was done, after which more ringing was done. During service they took a walk along the banks of the Tees, and then returned back to the church when 1036 of Triples was rung. T. Bozyard, 1; J. Pallister, 2; W. Charlton, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. Shipp, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; J. Cleminson, 8. Dinner was now ready, and was presided over by the Rev. E. Sutton, to which ample justice was done. A start was then made for Cotherstone, and after a pleasant walk along the banks of the river Tees a nice light peal of six was found, tenor 9 cwt. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was then rung. J. Pallister, 1; E. Titt, 2; J. Shipp, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6. And 240 in the same method, tram time not allowing for any more. They then returned home after enjoying a most pleasant day. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars and churchwardens of both places for the use of the bells. At the parish church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, June 15th, on the occasion of the Choral Union Festival, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. E. Bozyard, 1; T. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Shipp, 4; F. Charlton, 5; A. Haigh, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; T. Wick, 8. A. Haigh hails from Gillingham, Kent. Also on Sunday evening, June 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Bozyard, 1; T. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; F. Castree, 8.

STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

ON Thursday, June 27th, being the Queen's Accession, the bells of the village church was pealing forth in honour of the event, and the following touches were rung during the day: First—a 720 of Bob Minor. S. Slater (Glensford), 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Second 720.—A. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; R. Brett, 3; H. Duce (Long Melford), 4; R. Gowers, 5; J. Wheeler (conductor), 6. Third 720.—S. Slater (Glensford, conductor), 1; J. Wheeler, 2; A. Papworth, 3; H. Duce (Long Melford), 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers, 6. Fourth 720.—J. Wheeler, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Clarke, 3; R. Brett, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

At one o'clock the esteemed rector of the parish invited the whole band to the rectory to dine with him and to enjoy his plentiful repast of beef, plum pudding, and ale, in the true old style of English hospitality. After dinner was over, the health of the rector, the Rev. Frederick Pearson, was proposed by Mr. S. Slater, who said that it gave him very great pleasure to do so, and to be amongst the company on that day, having achieved a feat that day that no other man had done since the Stanstead bells were augmented and put up in 1830, and that was of ringing a complete 720 with all residents of the village. This was the more satisfactory to himself, as all the young band had been tutored by him since Christmas. This proposition was well received, and after enjoying themselves for some time ringing the handbells to the tune of Bob Major and Bob Minor, the company by kind invitation partook of a capital tea, which was served up in good style, and enjoyed by one and all. The company wish to return their most sincere thanks to the rector for his great kindness to them, also to the rector's sister (Mrs. Pocock), this lady being very kind to all present on various occasions. On Sunday, June 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Brett, 4; J. Wheeler, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

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A DAY'S HOLIDAY IN WEST NORFOLK BY THE NORWICH RINGERS.

On Thursday, June 20th, six of the St. Peter's Mancroft Society, with Messrs. Sowter and Archer of Diss, paid a visit to some of the remote places in West Norfolk for the purpose of seeing the condition and ringing on some of the various peals of bells. Arriving at Swaffham at 9.40 a.m., where the agricultural show was being held, they were conducted to the tower by the local company, who had everything in readiness for a pull, and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung by the following: G. Houchin, 1; G. Archer, 2; P. Sadler, 3; A. H. Warnes, 4; F. Houchin, 5; F. Knights, sen., 6; J. Skinner, 7; J. Souter, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. The bells are a capital peal, five of them cast by Miles Graye; the trebles and 5th are by Thomas Newman, put up in 1737. In the belfry are two peal-boards in good preservation, a record on one of a 5040 of Bob Major, and on the other a 5040 of "Garthon's Trebles," both dated 1740. These two tablets are (with the exception of those at Norwich) the oldest in Norfolk. They were copied for Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glensford, who, with Mr. Sadler, of Norwich, are collecting all information possible to be found about ringers and ringing in Norfolk and Suffolk. From here Marsham was the next place, which was reached after a deal of trouble, as direction posts are very scarce in this part of the county. Here 360 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by F. Knights, 1; P. Sadler, 2; G. Archer, 3; F. Houchin, 4; J. Skinner, 5; J. Souter, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. The bells are all by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, in good condition, put up in 1802, and are very musical. Here was also found a peal-board, recording 5760 changes, rung in 1828. About three miles from here is Shouldham, six bells, in capital order, the trebles put in by Warner and Son, and also rehung in 1875. Another 360 of Oxford was rung here, and a short touch. Fincham was next reached. Here is a musical peal of six, tenor 7 cwt. These bells were cast at the Whitechapel foundry, and they are in very good order. Similar touches were rang. Now commenced a long drive and somewhat tedious journey, the route having so many ups and downs, hills to climb, and declivities to descend, but eventually Barton Bendish was reached, where the church of St. Andrew has a ring of five (tenor about 8 cwt.) in good order. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles was rung by A. Warner, 1; P. Sadler, 2; F. Houchin, 3; F. Knights, 4; J. Souter, 5; the others taking part in some Grandsire and Old Doubles. From here the company proceeded to Oxborough, with its handsome tower and lofty stone spire, with a very good ring of six (tenor, a very good bell, about 12 cwt.). Raising the bells a 720 of Treble Bob was essayed, but was brought to grief by the imperious interference of the schoolmistress, whose hectoring manner totally surprised the party, causing them to leave in disgust. Time did not allow of an appeal to the Vicar, whose residence was some distance from the church, so a departure was made for the little village of Hilborough, where they found a splendid church in good preservation, with a tower containing five bells in a very sad condition, clogged, wheels broken, without pulleys or proper bell-ropes, and generally in a very unsafe condition. However a few leads of Old Doubles were chimed upon them. The company now returned to Swaffham to catch the train for Norwich. Amid the various drawbacks the outing was full of enjoyment, and the visitors thank the authorities of the different churches they rang at for the use of the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The First Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, July 13th, when the following towers will be open for ringing, viz.: St. Paul's (eight bells), from two till nine; St. Modwen's (eight bells); St. Mark's, Winhill, six bells, from two till half-past five. Committee meeting in St. Paul's parish room at 5.45. Tea in St. Paul's Institute at 6 o'clock. General meeting immediately after tea.

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WINDSOR (Berks).—On Friday, June 28th, being the 52nd anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria, 518 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. F. King, 1; A. C. Fussell, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; W. Wilder, 4; E. Willis, 5; F. Sinkins, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; J. Perryman, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

ON Sunday morning, June 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 120 Plain Bob Doubles on the back six (there being not enough to ring the eight), in which C. Tribe, and W. Selby, of Midhurst, took part. After dinner they were joined by B. Bassett, of the Heene company, and walked by way of Tarring, over High-down Hill, and paid a visit to the noted Miller's tomb which dates back to 1793, which is in splendid preservation, with a lot of inscriptions, but time not permitting to take it off, being there met by C. Hills, and H. Evans, who conducted them to Angmering, it being a most enjoyable walk, although rather warm. On arrival the company made for the parish church, where they were met by other members of the band, and a start was made for Canterbury Pleasure Minor, but was lost owing to a change-course. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. H. Evans, 1; C. Tribe, 2; F. Finch, 3; W. Selby, 4; B. Bassett, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure in 24 mins., by the same band. And after service 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 24 mins. *B. Bassett, 1; *C. Tribe, 2; J. Hills, 3; *W. Selby, 4; T. Parsons, 5; *C. Hills (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method, and first attempt. Mr. Bassett hails from Heene; Evans from Goring; Selby and Tribe from Midhurst.

A DAYS' RINGING IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

ON Saturday, June 15th, three of the Aldington band visited the Weald of Kent for a days' ringing by invitation from Mr. Thomas Lambert and his two sons. Arriving at St. Margaret's church, Horsmonden, about nine o'clock, several attempts for a 720 of Bob Minor failed, the longest touch being about a 1000 changes, when two bells changed course, which brought it to grief. T. Lambert, 1; E. Hyder, 2; C. Slingsby, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert, 5; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 6. These are a fine ring of six, with a tenor of 19½ cwt. in E., by Pack and Chapman, 1769. This a very low pitched belfry, being only about nine feet high, the ringers almost reaching the top. It is also about thirty feet from the ground floor, and has a great fireplace—a very unusual thing for a belfry. This beautiful ring is in splendid going order. Lamberhurst was visited in the afternoon, and a 720 was attempted at St. Mary's church, but a change-course brought the bells round at 480 changes. These are a nice ring of six, by Pack and Chapman, 1779, tenor 13 cwt. in G., but new ropes and sallies, nearly six feet long, are great drawbacks to good ringing. Brenchley was also visited, where there is a good ring of six, about 19 cwt. in E., by Joseph Hatch, 1610, with five coins on the waist; but three funerals having taken place, no ringing could be done here. Thus ended a very pleasant day's outing.

P. H.

SUMMER RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

The Midland Railway Company announce an Improved Service between the North and West of England.—A new Express will leave Bradford at 10.5, Leeds at 10.35, York at 9.50 (in connection with the 7.30 a.m. from Newcastle), Sheffield at 11.35, Manchester at 11.0 a.m., Derby at 12.35 and Birmingham at 1.34 p.m., for Bristol and Bath, in direct connection at Bristol with Express train to Exeter, Plymouth, and the West of England; and at Bath with Express train to the Somerset and Dorset Line, Exeter, Plymouth, and Ilfracombe, via L. and S. W. route. A corresponding Up Train will be run from Bristol at 3.50 p.m., in connection with the express leaving Plymouth at 12.0 noon, and Exeter at 1.53 p.m.; and from Bath at 3.35, after arrival of train from Plymouth, Ilfracombe, and Exeter, by L. and S. W. and Somerset and Dorset route, for Manchester, Liverpool, and the North. Through Carriages will be run by these trains between Plymouth (L. and S. W.) and Derby, Sheffield, Leeds, and Bradford. Third Class Passengers will be conveyed throughout between Manchester, Leeds, and other Midland, Lancashire, and Yorkshire, and North Eastern Stations, and the West of England by these trains. First and Third Class Lavatory Carriages will be provided by these and other principal express trains between Bristol and Manchester.

SCOTLAND.—An Improved Service of day trains has been established between Bristol and Scotland, by the running of an Express from Bristol at 9.35 a.m. in connection with the 6.0 a.m. from Exeter, reaching Glasgow at 7.50, and Edinburgh at 8.25 p.m., and from Glasgow at 10.25 a.m., arriving at Bristol at 8.45 p.m. Through Carriages (furnished with First and Third Class Lavatories) between Bristol and Glasgow by these trains. The New Line will be opened connecting the Midland and L. and Y. Systems at Manchester, and the Midland Railway Company will run a service of trains between Marple, Manchester (Victoria), and Blackburn, by the New route in connection with their Main Line trains to and from Bristol and the West of England, enabling Passengers to travel through between the two systems without having to change Stations in Manchester.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. Members were present from the following companies: Cathedral, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, Lichfield; Perry Barr, Tamworth, Harborne, Tipton, All Saints and Christ Church West Bromwich, etc. Ringing commenced at the Cathedral about 3.0 p.m., and at 4 o'clock the Committee meeting was held to prepare the report, etc., for the general meeting. At 5 o'clock a short special service was conducted for the members in the Lady Chapel by the Rev. Canon Bodington, who gave an earnest and stirring address on bells and bellringing, and their place in the work of the church. He also made a touching reference to the loss which the society had lately sustained by the death of Mr. A. Greenwood, who was a ringer of much promise, and one of the original members. He belonged to the Cathedral band, and according to his own request, was buried in the Close.

Tea was served in the coffee-house at 6 o'clock, when Archdeacon Scott, who was unanimously elected President in the place of the late Ven. Archdeacon Iles, presided. After tea the General Meeting was held. The report was read and passed, which showed a very satisfactory year's work, and the balance-sheet proved that after beginning the year in debt the society had a balance in hand. The Rev. C. H. Joberns, Vicar of Christ Church, West Bromwich, was re-elected Treasurer; and the Rev. J. R. Keble, Vicar of Perry Barr, and Mr. Samuel Reeves, of Christ Church, West Bromwich, were re-elected Secretaries for the ensuing year. Eight new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wolverhampton on Saturday, October 5th.

BLACKLANDS, SUSSEX.

The laying of the foundation-stone of the tower of Christ Church, Blacklands, near Hastings, took place on Monday week. A special form of service was used and an address was given by Archdeacon Sutton, who congratulated the vicar (the Rev. A. Hodges) and the parishioners upon the interesting and encouraging stage in their church's history which was to be inaugurated that day. That house of God was consecrated in 1877 as an offshoot of St. Mary's, and a district was given to it shortly afterwards. The present vicar, who was also the first, for he was called to that place in 1881 after having previously worked there as curate-in-charge, experienced great difficulty just at the first in obtaining means to meet the absolutely necessary expenses. But a very different state of things was soon established. The congregation largely increased, and in fact the history of the church might be summed up as being one of quiet, continual progress. That progress was due under God mainly to the sympathy that had existed between priest and people. Amongst other gratifying and encouraging incidents he would mention the erection of the organ at a cost of £700; the large and beautiful schoolroom, costing £1,550; the jubilee window, £250; and a like amount for the heating apparatus, while the lighting had also been improved. Altogether the vicar estimated that something like £3,500 had been voluntarily raised and spent upon the church over and above what the patrons expended, and apart also from the expenditure now in view. As regarded the entire completion of the church by the erection of the tower and belfry, the contract for the whole amounted to £3,600, but in order to avoid incurring a heavy debt the building committee had decided to build the tower as far as the belfry stage, at a cost of £2,100. This also included new porches for the church, and 150 additional seats, giving a total accommodation for 900 persons. One lady of the congregation had generously given £650 for a peal of bells; another 180 for a chiming clock, sums which had been invested—for of course the tower must be finished first.

The Bishop of Llandaff confirmed, in the palace chapel, on the 25th ult., Mr. John Williams, until lately a Calvinistic Methodist minister. Mr. Williams is now working gratuitously as a lay-reader in a populous parish in the diocese, and will probably be accepted as a candidate for deacon's orders in September. On leaving Trevecca College he was placed first in the final examination. Mrs. Williams, his wife, was confirmed at the same time.

PERSHORE, ABBEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The twelve-hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the church at Pershore was commemorated on St. Peter's Day. The Abbey of Pershore owes its foundation, in 689, to Oswald, nephew to Æthelred, King of Mercia, whose brother, Osric, Sub-King of the Hwiccas, founded the Abbey of St. Peter, Worcester, now the cathedral. In Domesday it is called *Ecclesia Sanctae Mariae de Persore*, and the charter of King John describes the monastery as that of our blessed Lady and St. Edburgh of Pershore. The church followed the usual form of a cruciform building, with a central tower, and a Lady-chapel at the east-end. It seems to have been a parish church as well as a chapel to the abbey, though there is in the town another parish, with a church still existing, dedicated to St. Andrew. The choir, tower, and south transept, have been preserved, and, according to Nash, the nave, now no longer existing, was 180 feet long. The choir, which is the present church, he gives as thirty-four yards and four inches in length. Mr. Alderman Noake, a Worcestershire antiquary, notes that the condition of the tower and transept, as well as the Lady Chapel, was in 1148 almost ruinous. The tower arch was built up and a western gallery placed against it, and the arch between the choir and the Lady-chapel was also blocked. About this time some restoration was attempted, and was liberally supported by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, the patrons of the church. It had been intended to restore the Lady Chapel, and use it as the chancel of the existing church, but Samuel Wilberforce, then Dean of Westminster, thought that the clergyman officiating at the altar would be too far removed from the congregation, and a small insignificant apse was built against the arch. In 1862 a general restoration was undertaken under the direction of Mr. (afterwards Sir) Gilbert Scott, and it was carried out with great taste and judgment. The nave of the ancient church, which, as has been said, has wholly disappeared, was Norman, similar, probably, to that of Gloucester and Tewkesbury. The choir is a beautiful example of Early English architecture. Its vaulting is of the Decorated period, but harmonises very well with the Early English work. The upper portion of the tower is also Decorated, and the lower story forms a lantern open to the interior, thought by Sir Gilbert Scott to be, with the single exception of the lantern in Lincoln Cathedral, the most beautiful feature of this class to be found in any English church. During the last fifty years there have been about forty assistant-curates, who were invited to take part in the commemoration proceedings, but the inconvenience of a Saturday and other causes prevented all but fourteen from attending. "A great service of lauds," held at 3 p.m. on St. Peter's Day, was the great feature of the commemoration, at which Precentor Crowdy, of Winchester, said the office. The Rev. R. Davis, vicar of Cleeve Prior, and curate fifty years ago, read the first lesson, and the R. E. Bartlett, late Bampton lecturer, and sometime vicar, read the second lesson. The Bishop of Worcester was present and gave the Benediction. Special hymns were sung—one composed by Canon Gregory Smith, vicar of Malvern, and set to music by the organist of Malvern; and another composed and set to music by the Rev. F. W. Wallis, formerly curate, were most appropriate. The sermon was preached by Canon Creighton, from Exodus xiv., 15. The festival services were continued on Sunday, attracting large and interested congregations. The effect of the church was most striking, filled from end to end, with the lantern tower lit up, with banners on the eight pillars representing the parish church and the seven chapels formerly or still attached, with the further effect of the long procession of clergy and choir, preceded by a rich banner, designed by the Rev. G. C. Little, domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Manchester.

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NOLA IN CAMPANIA.

"Nola, with 12,000 inhabitants, an ancient Campanian city, twenty and a half miles from Naples, was almost the only town which successfully resisted the attacks of Hannibal after the battle of Cannæ, B.C. 216; and the following year its inhabitants under the command of the brave M. Marcellus succeeded in repulsing the invader. The Emperor Augustus died here on August 19th, A.D. 14, in his 76th year, in the same house and apartment where his father Octavius had breathed his last. In ancient times Nola was not less important than Pompeii. It is now an insignificant place and devoid of interest. In the fifth century St. Paulinus, an accomplished poet and Bishop of Nola, (born at Bordeaux in 354, died in 431) is said to have invented church bells at this Campanian town, whence the word 'campana' is derived. On July 26th a festival, accompanied by processions and games, is celebrated in his honour. The free-thinker, Giordano Bruno, who on 17th February, 1600, terminated his eventful career at the stake in Rome, was born at Nola. Giovanni Merliano, the sculptor of Naples, known as Giovanni di Nola, was also born here in 1488.

"Nola is celebrated as an ancient cradle of the plastic art. The magnificent vases with shining black glazing and skilfully drawn red figures, which form the principal ornaments of the museums of Naples, and of other places, were made here. Numerous coins of Nola, with Greek inscriptions, have also been found. Scanty remains of an amphitheatre still exist. In the Seminary many Latin inscriptions, and the so-called 'Cippus Abellanus,' a remarkable inscription in the Oscari language found near Abella, are preserved."

Thus says the all-knowing one, Baedeker; and finding myself at Naples one Saturday evening, determined to make a pilgrimage to the shrine of the patron saint of the Brothers of the String. So enlisting the companionship of a young Italian friend, we started about 17.0 a.m. on Sunday, June 2nd, by seeking a cab to drive us to the station of the Nola-Baiano railway. Forty cabmen closed round us, each swearing that his horse was the fastest, and cab the most luxuriant, and a fierce combat of tongues ensued before we got seated, all over a fare of one franc—tenpence. The streets of Naples are even thus early very gay and crowded, for the Neapolitans are early risers, all, and to-day is the great State festival celebrating Italian unity, and their beloved Queen Margherita has come from Rome on purpose to hold a review of the troops on the beautiful marine parade called the Riviera di Chiaja, to which the folk are trooping in their thousands, dressed in their best, and many of carrying large bunches of white lilies. We pass the Porta Nolana, one of the mediæval gates of the city, flanked by two enormous circular towers, on top of one of which is built a very modern-looking three-storied house, with a wing extending over the gateway itself to the other tower, which is crowned by a fine garden with fig, orange, and pomegranate trees in profusion, and beautiful creepers growing half-way down, not up, the ancient walls.

The railway fare from Naples to Nola, second class, is fifteen pence, and the return fare, which is advertised as being 25 per cent. more, is to-day, being a *fiesta*, but one penny more, so there is no need for us to apply to the company for special rates, for surely this is generous terms enough to satisfy the most economical of pleasure-seekers. The walls of the little terminus are ornamented with the arms of the various towns through which the line passes, those of Nola being a double-headed eagle bearing a shield, having a large bell in the centre, and as far as I can make out, a bee in each corner. Very comfortable carriages in the American style, *i.e.* with a central passage right through the train from end to end, and seats for two at each side; for the first four or five miles through "Campania the blest" continuous gardens of every description of green edible, peas, beans, lettuce, radishes, potatoes, cauliflowers, and many other vegetables strange to English markets, also many fig, almond, and mulberry trees. Then about ten miles through a perfect forest of vineyards, composed of a sort of plane tree about fifty feet high, planted in regular rows twenty-five or thirty feet apart. The vines grow up the trunks of these trees for a height of about twenty feet, and then festoons from trunk to trunk, thus forming alleys of vines stretching away on each side of the line as far as the eye can reach. Thus early in the season of the most luscious green, not a leaf turned colour yet, but

neither are the grapes yet visible; under the vines and between the trees are seas of maize, barley, wheat, beans, scarlet trefoil or clover, and most beautiful of all, lupines. Not an inch of uncultivated land in all these miles. Stations occur every two or three miles or less, Nola being the eleventh from Naples. Three or four miles before reaching Nola the vineyards cease, and again appears the market gardens, and away to the right Vesuvius is poking his head up through the clouds, smoking away as usual, with the clouds round his neck, looking like a lazy fellow having his morning pipe in bed.

Alighting and passing out of the station through a bower of roses, we fight off the cabmen and walk a very dusty quarter of a mile or so into the town, and proceed to beat up for breakfast. We traverse the main streets in all directions for nearly an hour, but can see nothing of a decent hotel, although all the shops are open and busy, and a military band parading the town, followed by all the boys, big and little, in honour of the day. At last, at the corner of the Piazza del Duomo, or principal square, we discover a not very clean-looking restaurant, and get a breakfast of beefsteaks, fried eggs, salad, fruit, and wine, which costs for two three and a half francs, say two shillings and ninepence. We have to ask two or three times though for salt for our steak and eggs before we get any: salt costs fourpence a pound in this part of Italy, and is not to be thought lightly of.

We explain to the restaurateur our errand to Nola, and ask for a guide; we have hit on the right place, for a servant of the house is also the bellringer at the cathedral tower. I say "cathedral tower," for the cathedral of St. Paulinus, built in the fourteenth century, was burned down, all except the bell-tower, in 1860, and although the rebuilding of it has commenced, and progressed as far as the outer walls, it has stopped now some years for lack of funds. Service is held in a small temporary building upon part of the site. The tower, about forty-five feet square at the base, is of four stories, and crowned by an octagon which looks like the commencement of a spire. At the belfry the walls are about seven or eight feet thick, with a chamber fourteen feet square. Arched openings are in each of the four walls nineteen feet high by nine feet wide, and in the western arch hang two modern bells, one thirty-five inches diameter by thirty-two inches high, the other thirty inches diameter by twenty-eight inches high. They are highly ornamented, the cannons having masks heavily bearded, and the body of the bells figures of saints, crosses, and leaves of plants, the figure of St. Paulinus with a bishop's mitre and crozier, and by his side a bell, being conspicuous on both bells. A Latin inscription shows that they were cast in Naples in 1847. These two in the arch, and the third bell inside the tower are hung, or rather fastened rigidly to their supporting beams, and the clappers pulled to sound them.

No. 3 is of good modern shape, forty-three inches in diameter, thirty-six inches high, and three inches thick at the soundbow. Without ornament of any kind, the date MDCCLXXV on one side, and on the other only the lettering:—

OPVS
VEREDVM
DE POLIS
VEN

It is badly cracked, in fact the piece looks ready to fall out, from the crown down about twelve inches, and extending about eighteen inches of the circumference, the lower part is however quite sound, and the bell has a good tone.

But the pride of the heart of the campanaro, our guide, is the big bell, which is, he assures us with much energy, both "grandissimo" and "molto vecchio," *i.e.* very large and very old. As a matter of fact it is neither the one or the other, having been cast, we are informed by one of the superior priests of the cathedral, on the 4th of May, 1400, while its very large dimensions are these: diameter, forty inches; height, forty-five inches, with cannons another eleven inches high. Certainly 489 years is a good old age, but there are many older bells in existence. As will be seen, it is very long-bodied, and of shape very different to modern bells; from the spring of the soundbow, where it is thirty-five and a half inches diameter, to the crown—twenty-inches diameter, there are no curves whatever, but quite straight-sided. At the spring of soundbow is a complete ring of lettering, and near the top three complete rings, divided by ornamental heading forming a band of four or five inches wide. Some indi-

vidual letters, about three quarters of an inch square, are very distinct, but as a whole so much obliterated as to be, to me, quite undecipherable; neither could the priest who gave me the date inform me as to the purport of the inscription. The original thickness of the soundbow was three-and-a-quarter inches, but it is worn down with its five centuries of work to two-and-a-half inches, and this nearly all round, as the manner in which the clapper is hung permits of it striking any portion of the circle. The clapper is a very rough forging, with a ball of four-and-three-quarter inches diameter, and hangs from an iron staple passing through the crown and secured with nuts outside. There are two holes in the crown each about one inch square, roughly cut out by chisels, showing a thickness of only three-eighths inches (1½ in.).

This is the only bell in the tower that swings, it is mounted on a very ancient-looking stock, hung right out without any tucking up, on a very rough framework of untrimmed fir poles, which framework was only five days ago struck by lightning, and one of its principal standards split. The campanero avers that the bell was struck at the same time, as it was heard to sound by the people in the neighbourhood, including himself and some of the priests, but it shows no sign of the visitation. An iron strap-work round the stock serves to carry an horizontal wooden lever about six feet long, from the end of which two stout ropes depend, and on "festas" so it is rung, but at ordinary times by clappering only.

Being on the spot at midday, my friend and I assisted to ring for service, and it being a great festival, the full peal was rung, the steeplekeeper rattling away at the clappers of the two small bells as fast as he could strike them, my friend doing ditto at number three, and myself at the end of the lever of the tenor came in as often as I could, that would be on an average one blow to the other fellows' eight or ten. About ten minutes of this brought them into rounds, or if it did not, we stopped, which amounted to the same thing for those were "taking off the peal" outside.

On the floor above the bells is a fine clock eight feet nine inches in diameter, by Bernand Napoli (1873), with one face only, and with no striking arrangements; the clock weights are of marble.

From the belfry fine views are obtained: the summit of Vesuvius is about eight miles, and the foot of Mount Somma, which intervenes between Nola and its fiery neighbour, stretches down to the plane in which the town stands. Immediately behind the town again commences to rise the mountains of Maddaloni, and up in the green hills are many old castles, monasteries, and small towns; in front the luxurious plain, a perfect sea of green, stretching as far as the eye can reach towards Naples.

Our friend and guide the campanero took us to the atelier of the artists who are preparing for the great festival of St. Paulinus on July 26th. It lasts officially for two days, but very little in the shape of work is done by the Nolanese for a whole week. An immense triumphal arch, or trophy, over a hundred feet high, is erected in the Piazza del Duomo, that is the large square in front of the cathedral, illuminated by numberless lamps and candles, and crowded with plaster figures nearly life-size, representing, some allegorical figures, others events in the history of the good bishop; one in particular his return from Africa with a large number of the youth of Nola whom he had rescued from slavery. Gilding, tinsel, and flowers in profusion assist to beautify the trophy.

There are many other churches in Nola, all equally ugly, and as we were told that they had nothing worth seeing in the shape of bells, did not trouble to visit them, but returned to the restaurant for some refreshment in the shape of bread, fruit, and wine, and to send off the account of "the peal" to "THE BELL NEWS," which latter I trust did not cause the compositors to make use of bad language, being written on paper which a decent grocer would object to wrap sugar in, with ink seemingly of soot and water, and a hoop iron pen. The facilities for writing supplied at the principal restaurant of Nola are not first-class.

Having discharged our obligations to Giovanni Canfora, the campanaro or steeplekeeper, by a present of three francs, took a walk through the town, now about 3.0 p.m. and in the heat of the day like a city of the dead, and then determined to sacrifice our tickets, at a loss of twopence, and return by another railway, passing by the opposite side of the town to the one by which

we came, in the hopes of viewing other scenery. But we had better have saved the four francs, as after about two or three miles the line ran alongside the one we had come on.

Arriving at Naples about 5.0 p.m., too late for service in the English church held at 3.0 p.m., so paid a visit to the cathedral of St. Gennaro, built in the thirteenth century, but nearly destroyed by earthquake in 1456, and rebuilt in the French-Gothic style of architecture.

Then to dinner at the cafe d'Europe, opposite the Royal palace, and saw that building illuminated by candles about five feet long, in the same style of illumination that has prevailed for centuries; many of the other buildings were illuminated by gas, and some by electric light. To the marine parade, where hundreds, or it would be no exaggeration to say thousands of carriages were driving, amongst them the Queen and her brother-in-law, without any escort. And so ended our pilgrimage to Nola in Campania. G. P. C.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR BIRMINGHAM, ASTON, AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held at Borwick Street Mission Rooms on Thursday, June 27th, James Evans, Esq., one of the churchwardens of Aston, presiding. A very satisfactory report on the Guild's recent progress and financial position was made by the Secretary, and officers were then appointed for the ensuing year.

It was decided to hold the Guild's annual dinner and picnic at Stratford-on-Avon, on Saturday, July 20th. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, who expressed the gratification it afforded him to assist in the business of the Guild.

Obituary.

THE REV. J. M. BRAITHWAITE,
VICAR OF CROYDON.

By the sudden death of this gentleman on Friday evening, the 28th June, the ringers of the parish church, Croydon, have lost a true friend and supporter. It appears that the rev. gentleman went into his study after dinner on Friday evening, probably to prepare his sermon for the following Sunday, and as he did not retire to rest at the usual hour, the fears of the family were aroused, and the door, which was bolted on the inside, was forced open. It was then discovered that Mr. Braithwaite was sitting in his chair, quite dead, death being due to failure of the heart's action. In all matters connected with the belfry the vicar was always interested, and although his numerous engagements prevented him attending the practices or taking an active part in the ringing, he delighted to hear of any fresh advance made in the science.

The funeral service took place in the parish church on Tuesday, July 2nd, at four o'clock, p.m., and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, and from thence a procession headed by a deputation of bell-ringers, choir and clergy, preceded the body to the cemetery. As the procession left the church, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled, and the age (43) was also rung out with the tenor only. On arriving at the cemetery, the Archbishop of Canterbury met the other clergy, and conducted the remainder of the service in the presence of thousands of spectators.

In the evening the following touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled:—a 1414 of Grandsire Triples in about one hour. W. J. Chambers, 1; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 2; H. Brooker, 3; W. States, 4; R. E. Pearson, 5; A. Bruce, 6; T. Verrall, 7; A. Collins and W. Todd, 8. Also a 504 of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Spencer (from Bedford), 1; W. J. Chambers, 2; R. E. Pearson, 3; W. States, 4; H. Brooker, 5; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 6; T. Verrall, 7; W. Hill, 8. The age was then again rung out with the whole pull and stand. Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 1; W. J. Chambers, 2; R. E. Pearson, 3; H. Brooker, 4; W. States, 5; A. Bruce, 6; T. Verrall, 7; W. Hill, 8. The whole of the ringing during the day was conducted by Dr. A. B. Carpenter.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1889.

IN our report of the observations addressed by the President of the Midland Counties' Association to the College Youths the other evening, there is the following sentence: "What would that body of gentlemen who were trying to pull down every institution we have do in the case of disestablishment? They would not be content to let the bell-metal lay idle in the tower." These words have exercised the mind of a correspondent, who writes a long letter upon "Disestablishment," which we regret being unable to provide room for. Our correspondent ridicules the notion that in the event of disestablishment the bells

of the Church would be molested, and points to the Irish Church as an example. Without taking up any side of this question, it is as well to know that if the Quixotic notions of the Liberation Society are ever carried out, the bells of our churches would be in great jeopardy, to say the least. Some of the schemes propounded for the disruption of the Church of England would appear to emanate from the region of savagery. It is not enough that the Church shall have its entire revenues taken away and then placed on a level with the meanest sect; nothing short of absolute destruction will satisfy many of the iconoclastic Goths and Vandals of to-day. The revenues must be diverted to other channels, the sacred edifices which possess historical and architectural beauties may be kept intact, "the property of the nation," to be used as the dictators for the time may determine. Churches possessing no features worth preservation may be sold to the highest bidder, and thus be turned into music halls, casinos, or stables, or pulled down to satisfy the greed of the speculator in "modern and substantial" bricks and mortar, who longs to "open up" a neighbourhood by the "development" of the churchyard and its precincts into building leases and fat ground-rents.

This is no fancy picture, as any one who watches the tactics of the Liberationists may see. This being so, is the remark concerning the bell-metal not being allowed to lay idle far-fetched? Not at all. The disestablishment of the Irish Church must not be taken as any criterion of what will be attempted in England. When the attack is made, it will be fierce and vindictive, and pent-up impressions of hatred will impart to it a savage and relentless spirit.

Whatever our general politics may be, it behoves us as ringers to thoroughly understand the intentions of the would-be despoilers, and not remain quiet and passive under the assumption that should the Church be disestablished, the bells will not be interfered with. Whatever power we possess may not be effective to arrest for one moment the assault, but we can man our own citadel, and neutralise the attack made upon one quarter of the rampart at least.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Thursday, June 27th, the choir and ringers of the Priory Church, Great Malvern, Worcestershire, visited the above town for their annual outing. On their arrival the ringers made their way to the church, where they found a peal of eight bells, tenor about 15 cwt. Permission having been obtained to ring, the bells were raised in peal and a 420 Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Burston, jun., 1; H. T. Knowles, 2; R. G. Knowles, 3; G. Peachey, 4; E. Sprague (conductor), 5; F. Jelf, 6; D. Greening, 7; T. Gunnell, 8. Also a 504 in the same method, the 3rd and 5th men changing places, conducted by F. Jelf. On the arrival of one of the local ringers (Mr. G. Freeman) they were surprised to hear that these were the first touches of Triples on the bells. They are a capital ring, being augmented from six to eight for the Queen's Jubilee. The go of them is all that can be desired. Great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Sons for the way in which they have carried out the work. The company wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Freeman for giving them information, and afterwards helping them to spend a most enjoyable day.

Review.

[BY SCRUTATOR].

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—From a perusal of this report I find that the Guild commenced its past year with a total of 393 honorary and performing members. In the review of its twelve months' work, it states that "During the year eleven peals have been rung, including two of Bob Triples, four of Grandsire Triples, one of 10,080 changes in fourteen methods on six bells, three of seven different methods on six bells, and one of four different methods on six bells. Good progress has been made in six-bell ringing at Capel, Bagshot, Twyford, Catherington and Swanmore; and in eight-bell ringing at Guildford, Ryde, Farnham, Bourne-mouth and Privett. One new ring has been opened by the guild at Shanklin. Instruction has been given to Brading, Ryde, Weybridge, Yateley, and Privett. Five new bands have joined the Guild during the year. The total number of honorary and performing members is 450." The treasurer's accounts show that the Guild commenced the year with a balance in hand of £17 5s. 4d.; its income has been £41 7s. 6d., making a total of £58 12s. 10d. On the other side its expenses have amounted to £54 11s. 2d., leaving a balance to carry forward of £4 1s. 8d., which means a loss on the year of £13 3s. 8d. There must, however, be some mistake in this column, which is totalled up to £4 more than the items set down amount to; consequently if these items of expenditure are stated correctly, the balance in hand should be £8 1s. 8d. As no auditors' names are appended, I presume the accounts are "taken as read," without careful investigation. At any rate, the discrepancy is sufficiently serious to deserve acknowledgment and correction. Then even assuming that the balance carried forward is the larger amount, the deficiency of receipts against disbursements, is a question which should attract the serious attention of the officers. Let them look carefully at all the channels through which their funds ooze away, and see if they cannot, by judicious retrenchment, turn this deficiency in the future into a surplus. About one-half of these expenses (£26 12s. 2d.), is put down to "fares of members" on July 19th, along with £5 5s. 1d., "expenses of festival." This means that while the members have paid £41 4s. 0d. in subscriptions throughout the whole year, they have taken back in railway fares and other expenses at that one meeting alone, £31 17s. 3d. Is there not ample scope for retrenchment here? I have previously referred to this plan adopted by some of our societies of defraying members' expenses in connection with meetings out of the general funds. It appears to me wrong in principle and pernicious in practice; particularly in a case like this where the funds in hand are on the "downward grade," to such an extent as will most assuredly, if not arrested, soon land the society into a state of insolvency. I have before me a copy of the last report issued by the Yorkshire Association; its balance-sheet shews no items of this nature; while they have over £169 banked. The members there appear to defray their own expenses in this direction, without touching their funds; they have thus a good round sum to fall back upon in case of need. I am no advocate for any excessive accumulation of funds by our associations, but I am certainly of opinion that year by year these funds should be not only carefully disbursed, but just as carefully husbanded for future requirements. Looking at this matter in another light, I would ask the officers, in all sincerity of spirit, do they consider that this one general meeting which they hold during the year is really worth the £30 odd which it has cost? Among the other items of expenditure, I find that £7 7s. 6d. has been paid for instruction to three bands—a very creditable portion of the expenses; while £2 16s. has been expended in inserting peals. If that refers to the eleven peals rung, it means an average of over 5s. per peal. As I have already expressed my opinions on this point, I will not remark upon this item further than to repeat that to my mind, it appears so much good money wasted, seeing that these peals appear in the annual published reports. Leaving these details, and taking the report generally, a perusal of it compels one to come to the conclusion that it is a long way—indeed a very long way—off being all that one could desire it to be, particularly when compared with reports of many other County Associations. With the notable exception of the 10,080 of Minor at Capel the peal record, considering the number of members, is meagre indeed. Then why go to the expense of printing seven pages of "Miscellaneous Performances," considering the state of the finances and the fact that most, if not all, of these touches have already appeared in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS"? Then again, why does not the committee, as is the case with other associations, issue a proper official report of the twelve months' work and progress, instead of contenting themselves with a "hashed up" account of the proceedings of the annual meeting nearly twelve months ago, and which will also have been seen in the columns of our paper? I have been constrained to make these criticisms through feelings of the most anxious and friendly kind towards our brethren of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and certainly

not from any inclination towards "hole-picking." I hope, therefore, that my remarks will be accepted by them in the same fraternal spirit. He is not a man's truest friend who neglects, when the proper opportunity presents itself, to point out to him little failings, and suggest modes of improvement. I know this from personal experience, and have had cause many a time to thank good friends of my own for services rendered to me in this way. The operation may not be pleasant at first, but when accepted and acted upon, the benefit most assuredly follows. Therefore, while assuring our Winchester friends of my warmest wishes for the success of their Guild, I trust that they will accept my remarks in the same spirit in which they are made, and that by judicious management on the part of the officers, and a hearty co-operation by the members, their future may be a bright one, and they may take front rank among our great County Associations.

The Provinces.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

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5040 CHANGES UPON SIX BELLS;

Consisting of

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W. COURT	2.	W. SELBY	5.
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GEORGE OLDHAM†	3.	GEORGE HENRY JOHNSON	7.
ARTHUR LOWE*	4.	*SAMUEL WESLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FOX.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 30th, at the parish church of St. Oswald, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. S. Brown, 1; F. W. Dixon, 2; J. Sunderland, 3; T. Thompson, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; D. E. Rhodes (conductor), 8. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. Also for evening service a date touch in the same method (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. O. Frankland, 1; D. E. Rhodes, 2; J. Sunderland, 3; S. Brown, 4; H. Demaine, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; W. Kitson, 7; J. Baldwin (conductor), 8. Composed by Lister Cawood, of Otley. The above are all members of the local company. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

ORMSKIRK.—On Monday, July 1st, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Hodge (Aughton), 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; W. Ellis, 3; J. Benson (Aughton), 4; J. Pilkington, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; W. Bentham (Aughton), 7; G. Prescott, 8. Messrs. Sholicar, Ellis, Pilkington, Taylor, and Prescott, belong to the parish church company. The treble ringer was elected a member of the above Association before starting. The above touch was rung as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Lax and Mr. T. Hutton.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday morning, June 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889

changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Bennett, 1; *W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Rowley, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. T. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. *Longest touch. J. Rowley hails from Sheffield.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEERNHAM.—On Sunday evening, June 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 21 mins. J. Nichols, 1; T. Pocock, 2; A. Richardson, 3; C. Pocock, 4; E. Bushnell, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Also after service 720 Plain Bob Minor in 20 mins. T. Pocock, 1; T. Bidmead, 2; E. Bushnell, 3; C. Pocock, 4; J. Hatto, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. J. Nichols hails from Pangbourne; C. Pocock, E. Bushnell, and T. Pocock from Whitchurch, Oxon.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, June 17th, at St. Mary's church, on handbells, retained in hand, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). F. Evans, 1; H. Room, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher, 4; J. Monk (conductor), 5; M. Fowler, 6. On Tuesday, June 18th, at the residence of Mr. M. Fowler, three 6-scores in the same method (each called differently), standing as before, conducted by J. H. Fisher. And on Wednesday, June 19th, at an entertainment given at Holy Trinity School, two 6-scores in the same method (each called differently). F. Evans, 1; H. Room, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; J. H. Fisher, 4; J. Monk (conductor), 5; M. Fowler, 6. The Messrs. Fisher hail from Ducklington; the rest from Witney.

WHITCHURCH (Oxon).—On Wednesday evening, June 28th, for practice, 360 Stedman Doubles. T. Pocock, 1; Wm. Pocock, 2; Wm. Lawrence, 3; C. Pocock, 4; E. Bushnell, 5; J. Nicholls, 6. On Thursday, June 20th, 720 Bob Minor, in 20 mins. J. Nicholls, 1; Tom Pocock, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; C. Pocock, 4; E. Bushnell, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—Recently, two 720s of Bob Minor, one with Mr. W. Hosmer, late of Wrotham, the other with A. Hore, 3; being his first 720 with a bob bell. On Tuesday, June 18th, the first part of Holt's 6-part (826 changes) peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hosmer, 1; A. Harris, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Cooke, 4; W. Evans, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; A. Hore, 8. On Saturday, June 22nd, several friends met to welcome Mr. E. Andrew, of Ross, Herefordshire. Holt's Original was started for, but after ringing 3500 changes, in 1 hr. 55 mins. it came to grief. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; J. Tullett, 2; J. Baker, 3; C. Wiltshire, 4; W. Evans, 5; S. Snelling, 6; E. Andrew, 7; W. Haigh, 8. On Sunday, June 23rd, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Tullett, 1; W. Preston, 2; A. Harris, 3; A. Ring, 4; W. Evans, 5; W. Cooke, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; G. Chantler, 8. Messrs. Snelling and Wiltshire hail from Sittingbourne; Tullett and Chantler from Rochester; Ring from Frindsbury.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Monday, June 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Grandsire Minor thirty-four bobs and two singles, in 26 mins. A. Smith, 1; F. T. Harris, 2; H. F. Foreman, 3; E. E. Foreman, 4; R. Castle, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Monday, June 24th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and eighteen singles). W. Post, sen., 1; E. Hyder, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; J. H. Cheeseman (Stowting), 6. Also 216 in the same method. C. Slingsby, 1; P. Hodgkin, 2; W. Post, jun., 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; J. H. Cheeseman, 6. The above was rung in honour of the seventy-seventh birthday of Mr. E. Hyder, and the fifty-eighth year of his being a ringer at the above church. There is sixty years difference in the second and tenor ringers' age, J. H. Cheeseman being only seventeen years of age. Tenor 15 cwt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Monday, June 10th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2500 changes in 1 hr. 23 mins., it came to grief. J. Bennett, 1; T. Bennett, 2; G. Salter, 3; John Bennett, 4; W. Short, 5; J. T. Salter (conductor), 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. Another attempt in the afternoon failed after ringing 4500 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins. J. Bennett, 1; John Bennett, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; W. Short, 5; J. T. Salter (con-

ductor), 6; R. E. Grove, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. W. Short hails from Clent. And on Wednesday, June 12th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. T. Salter, 4; R. E. Grove (conductor), 5; J. Crane, 6.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, June 10th, at St. Martin's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 30 mins. it came to grief. W. Millard, 1; W. H. Horton, 2; H. W. Wilde, 3; H. Mills, 4; B. Gough, 5; W. Cheshire, 6; G. Hughes (conductor), 7; A. E. Lane, 8. Afterwards a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. W. Millard, 1; B. Gough, 2; H. Mills, 3; W. Cheshire, 4; G. Hughes, 5; H. W. Wilde, 6. Wilde hails from Sandiacre; Mills and Hughes are of the Tipton company; the rest belong to Coseley.

WORCESTER.—On Saturday, June 29th, at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Davis (first 720), 1; W. Micklewright (conductor), 2; W. Powell, 3; J. Smith, 4; S. Cotton, 5; W. Page, 6. Also 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. B. Hill, 1; S. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; W. Micklewright (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Page, 6. And several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with T. Penny, W. Bradburn, and W. Bateman. Messrs. Smith and Micklewright hail from Dudley.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, June 9th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. †F. Wilson, 1; *S. F. W. Powell, 2; *W. Bulpitt, 3; J. Ballard, 4; T. Curtis, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; G. Gasson, 7; W. Hatton, 8. †First 500. *First 500 with a bob bell. Also 504 in the same method. H. White (conductor), 1; S. F. W. Powell, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; J. Ballard, 4; T. Curtis, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; G. Gasson, 7; W. Woods, 8. And on Sunday, June 23rd, for Divine Service, 321 Grandsire Triples. S. Powell, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; T. Curtis, 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. Higgins, 6; G. Gasson, 7; W. Woods, 8.

WOKING (Surrey).—On Monday, June 10th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. Fred. Arnold, 1; Frank Arnold, 2; C. D. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde, 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. This 720 was rung by two sets of brothers, being the first 720 of Minor by the brothers Ryde; and was the first 720 rung since the rehanging of the bells in 1887. This is also believed to be the first 720 of Minor rung in the tower within living memory; and for aught that is known to the contrary, it is the first 720 ever rung on the bells since they were originally cast in 1684.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 22nd, at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. A. Le Clerq, 1; *S. Powell, 2; H. Garfath (composer and conductor), 3; H. White, 4; J. Hawkes, 5; G. Gasson, 6; G. H. Barnett, 7; E. Claphaw, 8. *First quarter-peal on tower bells; aged 13. Tenor 22 cwt. Messrs. Powell, White, and Gasson, hail from Basingstoke; the rest are of the local company.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 9th, at the church of St. Nicolas, for Divine Service in the morning, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Heathorn, 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; C. W. Miller, 3; *J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; W. Grove, 7; E. Stone, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell. Also on Sunday, June 15th, 658 and 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Heathorn, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; C. W. Miller, 3; T. H. Colburn, 4; J. Jones, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; W. Grove, 7; H. E. Hart, 8. And on Thursday, June 27th, for practice, two courses of Grandsire Major. E. Heathorn, 1; C. W. Miller, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; T. H. Colburn, 6; F. Bennett, 7; W. Grove, 8. This is the first attempt at Major by the band. Also on Sunday, June 30th, 504 Plain Bob Triples. E. Heathorn, 1; T. H. Colburn, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; W. Grove, 7; H. E. Hart, 8. And in the evening, 742 Grandsire Triples. E. Heathorn, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; C. W. Miller, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; J. Jones, 7; E. Stone, 8.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Woodiss, 1-2; H. White, 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; F. Bennett, 7-8. Also a course of Caters.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Saturday, June 15th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. R. Linter, 1; W. Linter, 2; F. Hill, 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, by the same band. These are the first 720's in the method by the brothers Linter, also the first in the method on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, June 20th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 252 Grandsire Triples. G. Newman, 1; H. Prior, 2; R. Tabor, 3; W. Morris, 4; F. Tarling, 5; P.

Springham, 6; T. Ellis, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. Also a course of Plain Bob Caters. G. Newman, 1; F. Harris, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; R. Tabor, 4; F. W. Chapman, 5; H. Prior, 6; W. Morris, 7; T. Ellis, 8; P. Springham, 9; F. Tarling, 10. First course of Plain Bob Caters by all. Messrs. Tabor and Ellis hail from Harlow; P. Springham, Morris and Tarling from Sawbridgeworth. On Sunday morning, June 30th, for Divine Service, 800 Bob Major. G. Newman, 1; F. Harris (first attempt at Major), 2; C. Prior, 3; W. Prior, 4; F. W. Chapman, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. All conducted by H. J. Tucker.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, June 6th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Double Court Bob, in 24 mins. T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 9th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, June 10th, 720 Yorkshire Court, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Cavill (conductor), 5; I. Hammond, 6. Also on Saturday, June 15th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor, (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 24½ mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, June 30th, at St. Edward's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; L. W. Copsey, 2; W. Pegrum, 3; B. Keeble, 4; G. Roughton, 5; M. L. Myhill, 6; W. Nash, 7; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 8. The above contains all the 7-5-6's. Chiming.—Also in the afternoon 503 Grandsire Triples. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. Tenor 17½ cwt.

BRENTWOOD.—On Saturday, June 20th, at the church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief through a shift-course, caused by the treble man wandering away from his place. A. B. Goody, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; W. Pegrum, 3; W. Pye, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; W. Nash, 6; M. L. Myhill, 7; S. James, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), taken from Shipway's peal of 6160, in 40 mins. S. Whitworth, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; V. Hawkins, 3; J. Ensor, 4; T. Wild, 5; J. Farmery, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; T. Whitworth (conductor), 8. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Sunday afternoon, June 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 College Single. A. White (conductor), 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith (Rawtenstall), 5; W. Smith, 6. Also on Tuesday, June 25th, 720 College Single. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; Z. Lord, 3; A. A. Downing, 4; A. White, 5; J. Watts, 6. And on Friday evening, June 28th, 720 Oxford Single. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Watts, 6.

BLACKBURN.—On Thursday, June 20th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Walker (first 720), 1; John Walker, 2; J. Smith, 3; A. Chew (conductor), 4; J. Davidson, 5; G. Appleby, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, June 29th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 2 mins. *J. Smith, 1; *G. Appleby (conductor), 2; †H. Hayes, 3; T. Dewhurst, 4; J. Dewhurst, 5; *J. Davison, 6; *J. Walker, 7; W. Margerson, 8. Those marked * hail from Blackburn; † from Church; the rest belong to the local company.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, June 2nd, after Divine Service, 704 Treble Bob Major. C. Trevett, 1; F. Elles, 2; S. Phillips, 3; G. Colston, 4; C. Burden, 5; F. Price, 6; J. Holman, 7; J. Hinton (conductor),

8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. C. Trevett, 1; F. Elles, 2; G. Colston, 3; S. Phillips, 4; F. Price, 5; J. Hinton, 6; G. Daltry, 7; W. Colston, 8. And on Monday, June 3rd, for practice, 640 Treble Bob Major. C. Gordon, 1; H. Pring, 2; G. Colston, 3; S. Phillips, 4; F. Elles, 5; G. Daltry, 6; F. Price, 7; J. Hinton (conductor), 8. And a touch of Grandsire Major. J. Hinton, 1; W. Dowling, 2; F. Elles, 3; C. Gordon, 4; C. Trevett, 5; W. Parsons, 6; W. Emery, 7; G. Daltry (conductor), 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; C. Trevett, 2; G. Colston, 3; C. Gordon, 4; S. Phillips, 5; F. Price, 6; F. Elles, 7; W. Colston, 8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. E. Duckham, 1; G. Colston, 2; S. Phillips, 3; W. Dowling, 4; G. Daltry (conductor), 5; W. Parsons, 6; J. Gould, 7; R. Chamming, 8. J. Holman hails from Bath.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Sunday, June 9th, at the parish church, 252 Stedman Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Phillips, 3; J. Craft, 4; Rt. Jackson, 5; G. T. Spicer, 6; Rd. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also 658 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Craft, 4; Rt. Jackson, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; Rd. Jackson (conductor), 7; G. T. Spicer, 8. And 97 in the same method with T. Webb (conductor). Also on Thursday, June 13th, 224 Bob Major. Rt. Jackson, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Craft, 4; J. Phillips, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; Rd. Jackson (conductor), 7; G. T. Spicer, 8. And on Sunday evening, June 16th, for Divine Service, a non-conducted 350 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Craft, 4; J. Phillips, 5; G. T. Spicer, 6; Rd. Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Monday, June 10th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made for Mr. J. Carter's 12-part bob-and-single variation peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it came to grief after ringing 3780 changes, through the seventh rope breaking. W. Fox, 1; G. Oldham, 2; *G. Walker (conductor), 3; W. Clifford, 4; J. Woolby, 5; J. Hickman, 6; S. Burton, 7; S. Simpkins, 8. *Longest touch as conductor. Also on Tuesday, June 11th, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. S. Simpkins, 1; S. Burton, 2; G. Walker, 3; J. Hickman, 4; C. Robinson, 5; H. W. Abbott, 6; G. Middleton (conductor), 7; W. Fox, 8.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, June 9th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 26½ mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Nixon, 2; T. Card, 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method (fifteen bobs), in 26½ mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; J. Nixon, 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Card, 5; T. Titchener, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

PINCHBECK (Lincolnshire).—Recently, on the occasion of the annual flower service at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. E. Jarvis, 1; T. Ladd, 2; *G. Skeef, 3; *J. W. Jarvis, 4; *G. Ladd (conductor), 5. *College Youths.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday, June 25th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Chapman, 1; G. Weldon, 2; C. F. Allison, 3; J. H. Taylor, 4; T. O. Nixon, 5; W. H. Heyhoe, 6; D. Seamer (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. This is the first quarter-peal by the treble, 4th, and 5th men.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Thursday, June 13th, for practice at the parish church, 720 College Single in 24 mins. W. Costin, 1; E. Norman, 2; C. Herbert (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Mynard, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Saturday, June 8th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Miller, 1; J. T. Rickman, 2; A. Slarks, 3; G. Washer, 4; H. Jones, 5; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 6; C. Painter, 7; G. Taylor, 8. And on Sunday morning, June 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples, standing as before, with the exception of F. Banks, 8. Also on Saturday, June 15th for practice, 504 Stedman Triples, standing as before. And on Sunday evening, June 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Taylor, 1; J. T. Rickman, 2; A. Slarks, 3; G. Washer, 4; H. Jones, 5; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 6; C. Painter, 7; F. Banks, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, June 25th, eight members of this Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. H. G. Gardner, 1; E. King, 2; M. Window (first quarter peal), 3; R. King, 4; J. Nash, 5; C. King, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; H. Jordan, 8.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Sunday, June 9th, for Divine Service at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). A. Staniland, 1; A. Burgess, 2; E. Aldworth, 3; J. Brown, 4; H. Humfrey, 5; E. Humfrey, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; A. Holloway, 8. Also on Monday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). A. Holloway, 1; J. Viner, 2; E. Aldworth, 3; A. Burgess, 4; A. Kimbrey, 5; J. Brown, 6; H. G. Fruin (composer and conductor), 7; W. Carter, 8.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, June 26th, for practice at the church of St. Michael, 896 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilson, 1; S. Powell, 2; W. Bulpit, 3; T. Curtis, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; G. Gasson, 7; W. Woods, 8. And on Friday, June 28th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal, but it was lost after ringing 2764 changes in 1 hr. 38 mins., through the 6th rope slipping wheel.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, June 26th, at the church of St. Mary Redcliff, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Derrick, 1; A. Gard, 2; C. Trevett, 3; F. Price, 4; H. Pring (conductor), 5; D. Lewis, 6. And two more 6-scores, with C. Derrick on the 5th. On Thursday June 27th, at the church of St. Mary-le-port, 280 Grandsire Triples. C. Derrick, 1; A. Gard, 2; H. Pring, 3; J. Hinton, 4; F. Elles (conductor), 5; C. Trevett, 6; S. Phillips, 7; J. Vinney, 8. First attempt at Triples by C. Derrick and A. Gard. And on Sunday, June 2nd, at the church of St. Mary Redcliff, 704 Treble Bob Major. C. Trevett, 1; C. Burden, 2; F. Elles, 3; G. Colston, 4; S. Phillips, 5; F. Price, 6; J. Holman, 7; J. Hinton (conductor), 8. J. Holman hails from Bath. Also on Monday, June 3rd, at All Saints' church, 672 Treble Bob Major. E. Duckham, 1; H. Pring, 2; F. Elles, 3; G. Colston, 4; S. Phillips, 5; F. Price, 6; G. Daltry, 7; J. Hinton (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; C. Trevett, 2; G. Colston, 3; C. Gordon, 4; S. Phillips, 5; F. Rice, 6; F. Elles, 7; W. Colston, 8. Also 432 Grandsire Major. J. Hinton, 1; W. Dowling, 2; F. Elles, 3; C. Gordon, 4; C. Trevett, 5; W. Parsons, 6; W. Emery, 7; G. Daltry (conductor), 8.

CHARLWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 9th, at the parish church, 720 College Pleasure in 24 mins. C. Weeden, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan (conductor), 5; F. Wickens, 6. Also 720 College Exercise. A. Ellis, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Wickens, 3; A. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And before evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Weeden, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; E. Jordan, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. Also after service, 360 Oxford Bob. C. Weeden, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. Messrs. Akehurst, A. Mills, Jordan, and Jenkins, hail from Capel; Cox and W. Mills from Ockley; Newnham from Crawley; the rest are local men.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, June 9th, at St. Thomas's church, 593 Grandsire Caters. E. Fellows, jun., 1; E. Fellows, 2; E. Fellows, sen., 3; J. Mills, 4; J. Fellows, jun., 5; W. Micklewright, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; T. Burd, 8; W. Pardoe, 9; T. Hill, 10. Also 305 in the same method. T. Hill, 1; E. Fellows, jun., 2; E. Fellows, sen., 3; J. Mills, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6; J. Fellows, jun., 7; T. Burd, 8; S. Spittle, 9; F. Fellows, 10. T. Burd hails from Shrewsbury, and it being his first attempt at Caters rang in a very creditable manner. W. Pardoe hails from Tipton.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 8th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Basden (first 720), 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; J. Basden, 4; J. Barrington (first 720), 5; H. Reeves, 6.

HIGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, June 15th, at the parish church, two 720's of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Winny (Stratford St. Mary), 1; G. Scowen (Hadleigh), 2; W. Ransom (Stratford St. Mary), 3; A. Smith (Langham, Essex), 4; G. Smith (Higham, conductor), 5; C. Ablitt (Higham), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HUDDERSFIELD (Yorks).—On Thursday, June 27th, at the parish church, 720 Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Hanson (first 720), 1; J. Barrowclough, 2; F. Lockwood, 3; J. W. Cudworth, 4; H. Kaye, 4; T. Haigh (conductor), 6.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, June 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. Salter, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; R. E. Grove (conductor), 3; J. Rowley, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. T. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. J. Rowley hails from Sheffield.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. Michael's church, Star Street, Paddington, at 9 a.m. (the usual time for ringing here), 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; E. Jones, 2; G. Thurlow, 3; D. W. Griggs, 4; J. Nixon, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; J. James, 7; W. Williams, 8. E. Jones hails from Marlow, Oxford, and is a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; the others belong to the St. Michael's company.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 30th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Keeble, 1; R. Beddingfield, 2; C. Green, 3; C. Parker, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. R. Beddingfield hails from Bildertine; the rest belong to the local company.

PEOVER (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, June 11th, at the parish church, a 720 and 180 Bob Minor. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; T. Moore, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; S. Moore, 6.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—Recently for afternoon service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Hardman, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; W. Warburton, 5; W. Hilton, 6. And for evening service 720 Bob Minor in 27½ mins. J. Hardman, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Also after evening service 720 Bob Minor in 28½ mins. J. Hardman, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; W. Warburton, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Messrs. Warburton and Hilton hail from Whitefield; Gratrix from Manchester; Jas. Hardman from Pendleton; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, five courses of Grandsire Triples (350 changes). W. Leader, 1; A. C. Fussell, 2; H. Reeves, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; G. Stanbrook, 5; F. Sinkins, 6; W. Wilder, 7; T. Leader, 8. And on Monday, June 3rd, being the birthday of Prince George of Wales, two 504's of Grandsire Triples. W. Leader, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; W. Wilder, 3; H. Reeves, 4; G. Stanbrook, 5; F. Sinkins, 6; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 7; J. Perryman, 8. E. Willis rang in the second touch in place of G. Stanbrook. Also on Sunday evening, June 9th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Leader, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; W. Wilder, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; G. Stanbrook, 5; J. Basden, 6; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 7; T. Leader, 8. And after service 480 Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by J. J. Parker. On Friday, June 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., with twelve 7-4's and twelve 6-7's. W. Leader, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; W. Wilder, 4; G. Stanbrook (longest length), 5; F. Sinkins, 6; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 7; J. Perryman, 8. Tenor 9½ cwt.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Thursday, June 13th, the last 700 of Holt's Original, on handbells, retained in hand. C. A. Clements, 1-2; W. S. Wise (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; A. J. Callaway, 7-8. On Friday, June 14th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, composed by J. Sholicar. C. A. Clements (first 1260 on handbells), 1-2; W. S. Wise (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; A. J. Callaway, 7-8. Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, June 24th, 1367 Grandsire Caters. C. A. Clements, 1-2; W. S. Wise, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; G. Newson (conductor), 7-8; H. D. Adams, 9-10.

WHITCHURCH (Oxon).—On Friday, June 28th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 21 mins. J. Nicholls, 1; E. Bushnell, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; C. Pocock, 4; T. Pocock, 5; J. Richardson (Beenham, conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 30th, for Divine Service, 120 each of Stedman, Bob, and Grandsire Doubles. T. Pocock, 1; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Richardson, 3; C. Pocock (conductor), 4; E. Bushnell, 5; J. Oates, 6. W. Pocock rang the 3rd in the Grandsire.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 25th, at St. Peter's church, eight members of the local company rang the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 23 mins. George Hyslop, 1; Peter Leather, 2; Henry Fyles, 3; Richard Roughley, 4; Richard Leather, 5; Peter Ball, 6; Thomas Kay (conductor), 7; John Edwards, 8. This is the longest touch by all the band. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

By the Angmering Branch at Angmering.—On Saturday, June 15th, 1440 changes, being a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and a 720 of Bob Minor, in 49 mins. E. Parsons, 1; I. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late wife of W. Kerl, Esq. Also on Sunday, June 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. F. Finch, 1; C. Clear, 2; T. Linfield, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, June 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. J. Mockett, 1; G. A. King, 2; J. Jay, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; H. Weston (conductor), 5; E. C. Merritt, 6; A. A. Fuller, 7; H. Tugwell, 8.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I write in the hope that some one in this neighbourhood may be induced to do something on behalf of this association, in order to prevent, if possible, its entire collapse. A year ago a meeting was held at Leek (the first held there for many months), at which one of our respected North Staffordshire clergymen accepted the then vacant office of clerical Honorary Secretary, and amid acclamation announced that he hoped to be able to arrange for the holding of our next annual meeting in 1889, at our Cathedral Church at Lichfield. A minority of the meeting which had previously been in favour of some indefinite project of amalgamating our even then weak society with a stronger association, loyally gave in to the decision of the majority, having a special regard to the opinion of our greatly respected president, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, "that it would be a thousand pities to allow the association to fall through." But since the above assembly of last summer, nothing has been done by anyone in the way of calling another meeting, nor does any attempt seem to have been made by the committee of the association to prevent the same from breaking up, while no ringing meetings whatever (which by resolution last year were to have been held monthly), have been arranged. If this association is to be revived, no time should be lost in arranging a meeting during the present fine weather, while if it be beyond resuscitation, may I ask your interested readers what plan had best be adopted to prevent the good work already done in this neighbourhood from being altogether lost.

Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.

W. B. ALLISON.

THE PROPOSED NATIONAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—In these columns of last week's issue, appears a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Provincial," complaining (and justly so), of Mr. Muskett's conduct at the recent meeting of the College Youths, when Mr. A. P. Heywood spoke on the formation of the National Council above mentioned. I venture to say the wording of "Provincial's" letter is not severe enough, for the remarks of Mr. Muskett are most unwarrantable, and should have the condemnation of ringers of all shades of opinion. I ask what object had Mr. Muskett in view when he used the sentiments complained of? Did he wish to relieve himself of a little personal abuse, for such it amounted to? But when Mr. Muskett speaks of ringers being best apart, I am not at all surprised; perhaps for him it would be well they were apart, for I feel certain of this that ringers as a rule are totally of an adverse disposition to himself, to judge by his own words; I can quite understand him being able to speak from experience, an experience few ringers envy him of. Again, I am at a loss to know how the meeting were content to listen to his waste talk, as I fail to see what his remarks had to do with the "National Council" previously mentioned. Brother ringers, I appeal to you to enter your protest against so unjustifiable a proceeding; and do not be content to stand by and say nothing, for I ask (and I am sure not in vain), is Mr. Heywood's words to be hampered in this manner? The great majority of the meeting mentioned says "No!" and ringers from one end of England to the other say "No!" and I doubt not that ringers in our colonies, whom we are always glad to hear, would welcome the formation of a National Council; for national indeed it would be if our colonial ringers were to become attached to it. Then, brethren, let us accord Mr. Heywood, and those who may be working with him, the assistance and support that from us they have a right to expect. One word more. If correspondents would sign their names it would be much better. Let Mr. Muskett and those who may be with him see we have the courage of our convictions, and are not afraid to enter our protests as I have done, and claim to have a right to do. Thanking you for anticipation for inserting this, I am, &c.,

JAMES E. WORSSELL.

Brighton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND SEVEN BELL PEALS.

SIR,—As Mr. Perkins' letter on this subject is calculated to produce a entirely false impression, I should like to point out to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" that although the membership of the Essex Association may be 448, Mr. Perkins has no right to infer that all except those who voted in the minority were opposed to booking the peal. The actual attendance at the meeting may have been half the strength of the association, but of this number certainly not one voted either way; while the minority, although small, was larger as reported, the Tottenham ringers themselves numbering eight. It is also worthy of remark that those members of the St. James' Society who took the most prominent part in refusing to book the seven-bell peal, were also among the most active supporters

of the resolution reported as having been proposed by Mr. Perkins, but really fathered in the first instance by a certain Mr. R. T. Woodley, who is not entirely unknown in connection with the former discussion. I believe I am correct in stating that the resolution was taken (at the suggestion of the chairman) in the name of Mr. Perkins, although that of Mr. Woodley appeared in the minutes of the Romford meeting, to avoid the appearance of what was undoubtedly the fact, that it was due to a bitter personal feeling against the Tottenham ringers.

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Perkins' letter about "Free Lance's" remarks on the Chelmsford meeting, may I be allowed to state the matter from the point of view of the Tottenham Society. We do not complain of anything done at the Chelmsford meeting. After due notice had been given by the Essex Association that a resolution objecting to the seven-bell peal would be proposed, the subject was fully discussed and the issue was left in the hands of the assembled members. But Mr. Perkins' reference to the proceedings of St. James' Society in a similar case is scarcely happy. This society, which he calls "not the most unimportant in London," acted in a very different manner. No notice was given us that they intended rejecting the peal rung on the 29th January, 1887, and the matter was finally disposed of by the casting vote of the Master for that year (Mr. Langdon), who, we are informed, had himself been one of a band which had unsuccessfully attempted to ring a peal on seven bells. Had that attempt succeeded, we not unreasonably think his casting vote might have been given in our favour. It is perhaps a pity that the St. James' Society has again been brought into the discussion. Let it rest in peace until St. Clement's church is removed to widen the Strand, when no doubt the society will die a natural death.

T. C. GROVE, Sec. of Tottenham Society.

SIR,—Referring to the statement of Mr. Ackland J. Perkins in today's issue that "the peal at Croydon with the tenor chimed behind was not allowed to be booked," I beg to state for his information that the College Youths were never asked to book the peal, which was a Surrey Association peal, and as such was duly recorded in the peal-book of the Association.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

June 29th.

Hon. Sec. Surrey Association of Change Ringers.

REPLY TO "FREE LANCE."

SIR,—In reply to "Free Lance" re quick peal ringing, I can safely say that it is not impossible to ring a peal in 2 hours 39 mins., and if he is any hand at ringing at all, I will have the tower open at any time for him to come and ring a better struck peal than we did in the same time; then, perhaps, he will satisfy himself. But if he is not qualified in the art sufficient to do that, I am sure he is not qualified enough to pass such remarks as he did in "THE BELL NEWS."

Perry Barr.

WILLIAM E. SMITH.

REPLY TO "PLAIN BOB."

SIR,—In Jubilee year some alterations took place in our tower; the old ringing chamber was taken down and a new floor was made about 14 ft. above the old one. It was said by some people at the time that the bells would not go so well as before, but this was not proved to be the case, as our tenor is 23 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., and can be rung through a 5040 with pleasure, the other bells go equally as well. Be sure and keep "Mr. Clockey" out of your ringing-chamber if possible to do so.

Twickenham.

JOSIAH WATHEN.

P.S.—The present distance between the bell and ringing floors is 24 ft. 3 ins.

THE DUCKLINGTON BELL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount advertised	23	10	3
Mrs. Henderson, London	0	2	6
Mrs. Geaves	0	2	6
Miss Geaves	0	2	0
Miss L. Lott	0	2	0
Miss M. Kipps	0	1	0
Miss A. Kipps	0	1	0
Miss Humphreys	0	1	0
Total	£24	2	3

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by W. J. FISHER, 24, Hyde Park Square, W.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; E. Saunders, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Radley, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Messrs. Bearman, Sargent, and Moore, hail from Bocking; the rest belong to the local company.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Ring! ring! ye sacred Sabbath bells,
Your changes loud and clear;
Your richly swelling cadence tells
The hour of prayer is near."

A month ago I complimented old Mr. Dwight, "ringer and poet," on his appearance in "the gallery." That gentleman, I regretfully admitted, I was not acquainted with personally—so much the worse for me. This time, however, I am more fortunate. Being happily familiar with the features of our friend Mr. Bastable, I can speak with the weight of personal knowledge in criticising the portrait. That it is a good one every way is beyond question; and I am gratified at having his photo in my collection. I sincerely hope that his health may soon be fully restored—a good marriage works wonders sometimes, you know—and that the St. Martin's Guild may long have his talented assistance and enjoy his genial companionship.

The report read by Mr. Thornton at the Annual Meeting of the Trinity Youths gives a very favourable account of that society's doings during the first year since its "revivication." I am pleased to read that Mr. Cockey's efforts in this direction have been rewarded with such excellent results. The influx of new members; the acquisition of new towers; a growing desire on the part of many novices to learn the art of change-ringing; and the gained support of so many of the clergy; surely that is a fair good report of a twelve months' work, and ought to nerve the officers) particularly their energetic Hon. Sec., Mr. Thornton, who, of course, as is usual, will have to bear the brunt of the work, and who I am glad to see has been re-elected), to push on with their educational work.

There is one statement in this report which I would not pass over. It informs us that the policy of the society is an educational one; that its more advanced members are of opinion that "the society will be of greater usefulness if it can establish general half-pull ringing in its district, than if it merely fills up its peal-book with the names of a selected few of its members repeated *ad nauseam* in connection with performances of no unusual merit and of small variety." I very cordially commend these words to our friends; for I thoroughly believe that if this principle was acted upon, the results would be beneficial in not a few places. Meanwhile, Trinity Youths, go on and prosper; you are on the right tack—stick to it; educate your novices in the right way, so that when they have grown to manhood in the science, they may be a source of pleasure and pride to you, and of credit to the Church to which they belong.

Mr. Perkins takes umbrage at some of my remarks in connection with the proceedings at their Annual Meeting. But his letter does not affect my previous observations in any material way. The "universal" approval of which I spoke was certainly not confined to the borders of the Essex Association, as my following sentences clearly shewed; and although the St. James' Society case might be brought forward as a sort of precedent, the Croydon peal is a different matter; the analogy—if indeed one exists at all—is to say the least of it—very imperfect. I am with Mr. Perkins in his opposition to these odd-bell peals with out cover; but that was not the question brought up for decision at their annual meeting. Their vote in the matter was with reference to a peal which had been rung in this unmusical and certainly objectionable manner. They thus punished certain of their members for an action which had not previously been

declared illegal, instead of letting it pass—even if under protest—and laying down definite laws for the future. This action, I maintain, has not met with universal approval. You must first lay down a law before you inflict penalties for the infraction of it.

Mr. Mitchell, of the Hertfordshire Association, is taking the most reasonable and sensible course in this matter by formally giving notice of motion "that no peal of Triples, Caters, or Cinques rung without the tenor covering shall be entered without the consent of the members, which may be given at the next meeting of the Association." That looks like business, and if the Essex Association had pursued this course, there can be no question that their action would have met "with universal approval."

However, with Mr. Perkins, I look forward with pleasure to the formation of our Central Council, when questions such as this can be properly and definitely settled.

Mr. "Provincial" has come down rather heavy on our Ancient Society; although a member, he evidently is not imbued with any great notions of its usefulness. But as I expect Mr. Muskett will consider it his duty to deal with him, I look forward with interest to see his rejoinder, and reserve my own remarks.

More quick peals! A 5040 of Stedman Triples at Drayton in 2 hrs. and 28 mins.; another in the same method at Hughenden in 2 hrs. 29 mins.; and another (also in the same method), at Great Marlow with a 16 cwt. tenor in 2 hrs. and 36 mins. I wonder if our friends of the Oxford Guild are going in for another form of record-beating—that of speed.

FREE LANCE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch was held on Saturday, July 29th, at St. Luke's church, Heywood. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and was kept up till 5 p.m., by mixed bands, when an adjournment was made to the schools, and the members present, numbering fifty-six, sat down to a substantial knife and fork tea, which was kindly provided at the Rector's expense. A meeting was afterwards held, the Rev. R. W. P. Circuit presiding. St. Thomas's church, Moorside, near Oldham, was selected as the next place of meeting, on Saturday, July 27th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address, and also for giving them such an excellent tea, was proposed by Mr. H. H. Nutter, and seconded by Mr. A. E. Wreaks, and was carried amid applause. In responding, the Rector said he was pleased to know that his efforts to make them enjoy a good tea had been successful. He often went in the belfry himself, as he did not believe in ringers being out of sight that they were out of mind also. He held that ringers did a duty equal to the choir and other church workers. He did not like to see ringers slink away, through architects making the belfry door outside the church instead of inside, and he was glad to see his own ringers could find their way round the corner into God's House, to service, and in conclusion thanked them heartily for their vote of thanks, and hoped they would all meet together again on some future occasion. Ringing was resumed, and the bells were kept going till 9.30 p.m. Touches were brought round during the day in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major. Ringers were present from Heywood, Rochdale, Oldham, Moorside, Radcliffe, Whitefield, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Newchurch, Bacup, Milnrow, and Bolton.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

MAJOR.

By CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

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This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in sixths place, and the 2nd and 3rd never there.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL

By W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, *St. Albans.*

5000.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 W B M H

5 2 4 3 6 7 8 9

4 3 5 2 6

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

By G. NEWSON, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5000.

1 2 3 4 5 6

5 2 3 6 1 4

3 2 5 4 1 6

5 2 6 1 3 4

6 1 2 4 3 5

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These eleven courses repeated produce—

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Rounds produced in next course by bobs at 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

By using the following four courses in lieu of first four given, a 5002 is produced.

2 3 1 4 5 6

3 1 5 6 2 4

2 1 5 4 3 6

2 1 6 5 3 4

6 1 2 4 3 5

First rung as 5002 at St. Martin's-in-the Fields, on October 13th, 1888, and as 5000 at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on March 2nd, 1889, conducted on both occasions by its composer.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE

MAJOR.

By W. F. HARTSHORNE, *Hart Hill.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 5 2 3

3 5 2 6 4

4 2 6 3 5

5 6 3 4 2

3 6 4 5 2

2 4 5 3 6

5 4 3 2 6

3 4 2 5 6

Five times repeated, single at Home at the end of the third and sixth parts.

TO COMPOSERS.—Send for your new Summer Hat to James Wilde, Hyde, near Manchester. For particulars see large advertisement on other page.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By W. T. PATES, *Cheltenham.*

5255.

2 3 4 5 6

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3 4 2 5 6 9th in 3

6 5 4 3 2 8th in and out

2 3 5 6 4 8th in and out

4 6 3 2 5 8th in and out

5 2 6 4 3 8th in and out

6 5 2 4 3 9th in 3

2 6 5 4 3 9th in 3

3 4 6 2 5 8th in and out

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6 4 3 5 2 8th in and out

2 5 4 6 3 8th in and out

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†2 3 4 5 6

*7th in and out at 3; †9th in and out at 2.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 5 4 2 6 I I

5 2 3 6 4 I

2 6 5 4 3 I

3 6 2 4 5 I I

6 4 3 5 2 I

4 5 6 2 3 I

2 4 5 3 6 I 2

Twice repeated.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival will take place at Newbury, on Monday, July 22nd. Return tickets will be issued at any Station on the G. W. R. from which eight members, and on the L. & N. W. R. from which ten members travel at one and a quarter fare. Dinner tickets at 2s. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order and the name of station from which they travel to Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham, on or before July 15th. The order should also state the number of Honorary, Change-ringing, and Probationary members respectively who will attend, as the whole amount will be returned to Change-ringing, and 1s. each to Probationary members who are present at the Dinner.

DOLBEN PAUL, *Secretary.*

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The members of the above Society will hold their Annual Meeting at "The White Swan" Hotel, Edmund Street, to-day, Saturday, July 6th, when all members are earnestly requested to attend. All district members being unable to attend will oblige by sending their contributions to me on or before the day of the meeting.

W. BROOK, *Sec.*

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Members are requested to attend the meeting at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, on Monday, July 8th, 1889, when the question of the formation of a National Council will be discussed.

G. T. McLAUGHLIN, *Hon. Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held to-day, Sat. July 6th, at the Parish Church, Preston. Ringing from 2 p.m. Business Meeting in the schools at 6 p.m.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
A. E. WREAKS, }

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—By request of the ringers of St. Mark's Church, Worsley, the meeting announced in "THE BELL NEWS" on the 22nd, to be held at the above church on the 29th, will be postponed until Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, Meeting at 7.30.

J. EACHUS, *Branch Secretary.*

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ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The next ringing meeting of the above branch will take place on Saturday, July 15th, 1889, at St. Thomas's Church, Helmshore. Bells ready at 2.30, Meeting at 6.30.

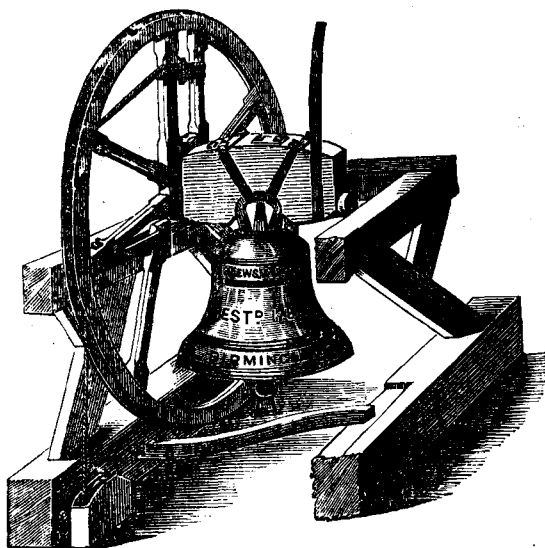
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THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly General Meeting of the above association will be held at Grimsby, on Saturday, July 13th, when the peals of eight at St James's and St. Andrew's churches will be placed at the disposal of visitors. Tea will be provided (tickets 1s. each), at the "Bull Ring" Coffee Hall at five o'clock, and the business meeting will be held directly afterwards. Those intending to be present at the tea are requested to write to Mr. D. Seamer, Deansgate, Grimsby, not later than Wednesday, July 10th.

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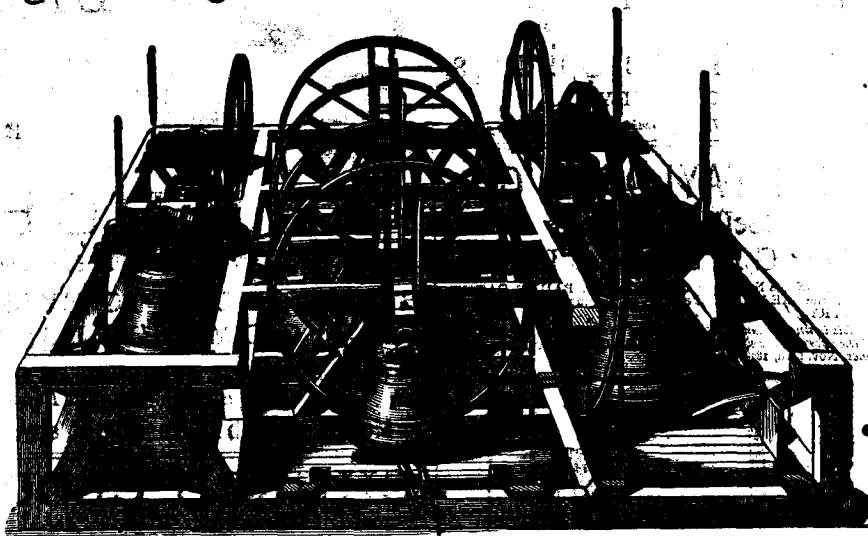
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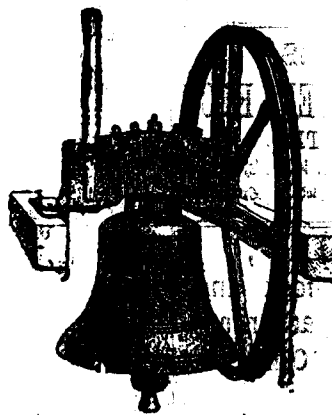
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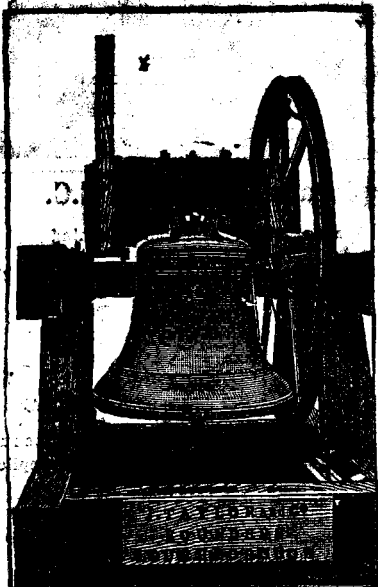
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