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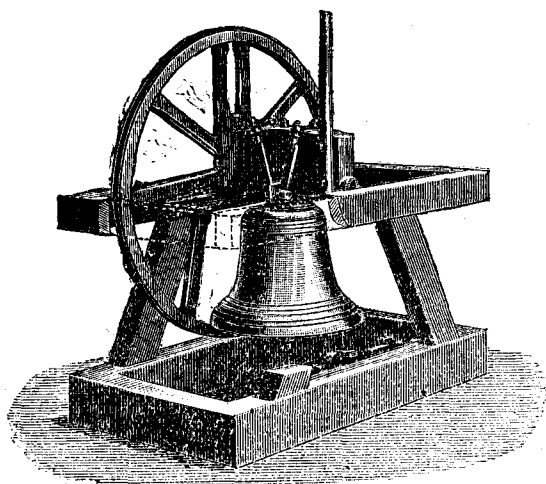
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MR. WILLIAM WHITAKER, OF LEEDS.

[Vide Portrait.]

This gentleman, whose name is so well known amongst us through the office of Hon. Secretary to the Yorkshire Association, which he has held since its formation in 1875, was born at Padiham, near Burnley, Lancashire, on August 26th, 1839. He has thus just recently passed his 50th birthday. He commenced ringing in 1860, and, like many others at that period found himself confronted with many difficulties in the way of accomplishing his desire of learning the art of change-ringing. There was at that time no practical ringer in the town to whom he could apply for instruction, so he journeyed to the neighbouring town of Accrington, five miles away, where he was cordially received by the Parish Church Society, and instructed in Plain Bob Minor, the only method known in the district, and in a short time after rang his first 720. Armed with the knowledge thus acquired, he then strove to introduce change-ringing into his native place, but without success; several attempts made by him to form and teach a young company meeting with failure, from various causes. In 1867 he removed to Leeds, when he made the acquaintance of the Parish Church Company, shortly afterwards becoming a member, in which capacity he soon gained the esteem of his fellow-members, and on the death of Mr. Gankroger in 1874, he was elected President, which office he held for nine years. During that time, he turned his attention again to the state of ringing matters in his native town of Padiham. With the object of teaching a band of ringers, he journeyed there often; this time, happily, with success; and he had eventually the satisfaction of hearing the bells of his old parish church rung scientifically by a band of men belonging to the place whom he had taught. But the great feature of Mr. Whitaker's life work in connection with the Exercise has been his labours for the Yorkshire Association, of which he was one of the founders. In the work of establishing this Association, he along with the late Jasper Snowdon, Robert Tuke, and a few others, entered with a zeal that knew no such word as failure, and at the first formal meeting of the new society, held at Birstall, on October 30th, 1875, he was unanimously elected to the office of Hon. Secretary. The many and onerous duties of this post, particularly during the first years of the Association, may to some imperfect extent be estimated by others, but cannot possibly be known fully to any one but himself. It is pleasing to be able to state, however, that in the fulfilment of these duties he speedily gained the confidence and esteem of the whole body of members, and his name became, as it were, synonymous with that of the Association of which he was so able and energetic an officer. He rang his first Association peal (No. 2 on the books of the Association) at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on November 15th, 1875. This peal, a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, was composed by H. Hubbard, and conducted by Thomas West. As might naturally be expected, the great amount of work devolving upon him by reason of his office prevented him from joining to any large extent in peal ringing. But he did not feel the loss of these opportunities much, as his greatest ambition was to help in building up the Association, and making it strong, permanent, and powerful for the work which it had in hand. In this he has not been disappointed, for the success which has attended the Association since its formation, and the high position which it has held and now holds in the Exercise is such as should afford the highest gratification to all who have had a hand in the good work. After fourteen years' good service to his County Association, and through it to the Exercise at large, Mr. Whitaker seeks retirement from his labours, and at the Annual Meeting to be

held to-day at Pudsey, he will be relieved from his duties, and for the first time in the history of the Yorkshire Association another name than his will carry with it the title of Hon. Sec. In entering upon his retirement from the duties of this post, it is pleasing for us to be able to state—and no doubt equally pleasing to our readers to learn—that he will carry with him the greatest esteem from his brother members both of his own Association and the Exercise, and also that he will receive from the former a tangible recognition of his labours on their behalf and the respect in which he is held by them. That he will live long to enjoy this repose which he has so well earned, and to see that Association in the service of which the best years of his manhood have been spent, grow stronger year by year, and thus more capable of fulfilling that mission of good which was the aim of its founders, will be the wish of us all.

RE-OPENING OF CHURCH BELLS AT HOLY TRINITY, GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

ON Thursday, October 3rd, six members of the Braintree branch of the Essex Association journeyed to the above place to open a new ring of six, the old five having been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, the 3rd and 5th recast, and the whole put in good going order with new frame and improved appliances. The work has been executed by the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and for compactness, combined with stability, can hardly be surpassed, and the whole reflects great credit upon the above firm. Arriving at Great Bardfield about 4 p.m., the company attended the dedication service, conducted by the Rev. W. E. L. Lampet. After service they proceeded to the belfry and commenced with a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 52 mins., the ringing being very good. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. Howard, 3; F. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. The company then inspected the bells and were highly pleased with the adjustment, the "go" and improved appliances being perfection. Descending to the belfry again, another 720 Bob Minor brought them close upon the evening Harvest Thanksgiving service, and for this occasion the church was very neatly decorated. An adjournment was then made to the "Vine" hotel, where a nice light tea, kindly provided for by the vicar and churchwardens awaited them. The course-ends were got through successfully, and then they made their way back again, and after service rang another 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before, with the exception of the treble man, the treble being rung by Mr. Hyndes, of Stebbing. The bells being lowered, the vicar requested their presence, complimented them, and bid them repair to the "Vine," where a good substantial supper awaited them, kindly provided by the same gentlemen, and to which ample justice was done. The cloth being removed, the little brown jug was freely passed round, and they spent a comfortable half-hour in handbell ringing and social chat. Time was now called, and after the "good nights" and well wishes had been exchanged, a move was made for home, and by the able coaching of Mr. F. Rudkin, they arrived safely home in the small hours, thus ending a pleasant opening.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—A meeting was held at Canterbury, on Monday, October 7th, and was attended by members from Canterbury, Boughton, Deal, Elham, Faversham, and Hernhill. The committee meeting was held in the Cathedral Library at four o'clock, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Sec., in the chair. Mr. A. Foreman, Shelmford, Canterbury, was unanimously elected Secretary of the district, and Mr. H. G. Fairbrass, representative on the Central Committee. It was decided to follow the example of the other districts and hold meetings for ringing only at all the towers in union in the district, and the annual meeting of the District at Faversham in February, subject to the approval of the Central Committee.

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THE ST. SAVIOUR'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW.

On Saturday, September 28th, the members of this Society enjoyed their first annual outing. Leaving home by train about 9.0 a.m., they arrived at Chelmsford just before 11 o'clock, at the railway station of which town a two-horse brake awaited their coming. Under the guidance of Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle, who had kindly made excellent arrangements, they proceeded first of all to that village, where upon the fine-going peal of eight they rang several good touches. The ringing-chamber of All Saints is a spacious apartment, and a pull here was much enjoyed. The rev. Vicar happened to be away upon a holiday at the time, but he had sent his kindly wishes to the visitors, coupled with the hope that they would have a pleasant time of it. Leaving Writtle, a short drive was had through country lanes to Widford, where the obliging sexton, Mr. J. Dains, had got all ready. Several touches were rung at the church of St. Mary, the bells of which are a light peal, and go very well, though rung from the floor of the church. While the company were in the middle of a touch of Grandsire Major—the treasurer of the Society—Mr. T. Watson—with admirable forethought, gave instructions for a slight repast—by way of luncheon—to be provided at a quiet old-fashioned inn adjoining the churchyard, and the ringing being over, the appetites of the visitors were *en evidence*. After calling at the churchwarden's house (that gentleman however not being in the way) the visitors proceeded to Galleywood, where they were met and welcomed by a brother-string in the person of H. F. de Lisle, Esq., a son of the Vicar of Galleywood. Here the church was undergoing decoration for the harvest festival. The bells are a good ring of eight, and go fairly well, but the draught appears lengthy, and the noise of something like rollers above does not add to the pleasure of ringing. However, a very good touch of Stedman Triples was rung. To the brake again was now the order, *en route* for the village of Great Baddow. But one adventurous spirit of the party, who had gone poaching on a private demesne for blackberries, was nearly left behind through failing to respond to the command at the proper time. At length however all were seated. Up to this time the weather had been glorious, but angry clouds above betokened a shower, which was not of great volume however, the "gamps" of the party being in use only a very short period. The church of Great Baddow was soon reached—the bells raised—and a touch of Union Triples rung. These bells go well, but their cry is somewhat peculiar, one or two of them being out of tune. The horse's heads were then turned, not inside-out (as one of the company facetiously observed), but for Chelmsford, which was gained about 4.45 p.m. At the "Dolphin" inn a substantial hot dinner had been ordered, and at 5 o'clock precisely the party, in company with Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Edwards (who had not recovered from his accident), Mr. Rowland, and Mr. Burrell, sat down to do justice to roast beef and boiled mutton with its usual concomitants. The country air the visitors had inhaled during the day resulted in justice being meted out to the well-cooked viands, and great praise was accorded to the *cuisine* of "The Dolphin." At the conclusion of the repast a visit was paid to the tower of St. Mary, Chelmsford, where, as everyone knows, there is a peal of ten. The ringing-chamber is a very comfortable apartment, and upon first entering everything seems to be beautifully in order. At night-time however the room is but imperfectly lighted, and between the ringers and the floor above are badly-constructed guides for the ropes which together make a terrible rattle, so that "conducting" is practically out of the question. Owing to these drawbacks but one touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round.

A short meeting at "The Dolphin," where the usual courtesies were exchanged, the local ringers hoping again to see their visiting brethren among them, the Walthamstow company departed for home, each arriving there before 11 o'clock. They tender their best thanks to Mr. Lincoln for his masterly arrangements whereby they were able to enjoy a ring at five different towers; and to the authorities of those churches for so promptly according permission. And they hope this first outing will be the forerunner of many others as pleasant and exhilarating.

ASLACTON, NORFOLK.

OPENING OF A PEAL OF BELLS.—On Thursday, October 3rd, the opening of the peal of five bells took place at the church of St. Michael, Aslacton, by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. About forty ringers attended from Norwich, Redenhall, Diss, Brockdish, Eye, Fundenhall, Bunwell, Tivetshall, Forncett, Dickleburgh, and Tibenham. There were also among the visitors Captain Moore (Weybread), Rev. Dr. Raven, vicar of Fressingfield, Rev. T. D. Turner (Flixton), Rev. W. G. Wilson (Forncett), Rev. T. W. Thompson, vicar of Tibenham, and Mrs. and Miss Matchett, of Stratton Strawless. The bells were opened with a 6-score each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. J. Rudd (Diss), 1; G. Day (Eye), 2; R. Hutton (Bunwell), 3; F. Day (Eye), 4; P. Sadler (Norwich), 5. Tenor 9½ cwt. Much praise is due to the Rev. A. P. Jollye, who has been vicar at Aslacton but a short time, for having the bells put in good ringing order. They have been fitted with new clappers, stocks, wheels, pulleys, gudgeons, brasses, and ropes; the oak bell-frame, which is as old as the bells, required but little strengthening.

At 1.30 the ringers partook of an excellent dinner at the "Bell" inn, kindly given by the vicar. At 3.30 a short and appropriate service was held in the church, when special collects and hymns were used; also a most excellent sermon by Dr. Raven, who took his text from Zechariah xiv. verse 20,—"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord." In the evening the harvest thanksgiving service was held, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. G. Wilson, rector of Forncett St. Peter, to a crowded congregation. The church was most beautifully decorated for the occasion. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—"Anno Domini 1607, W."

Second.—"Anno Domini 1607, W."

Third.—"Anno Domini 1614, W.B."

Fourth.—"Anno Domini 1614, W.B."

Fifth.—"Anno Domini, 1607, W."

These bells were cast by William Brend, whose foundry was situated on All Saints' Green, Norwich. The tower and walls of Aslacton church are of Saxon date, supposed to have been built in the year 880.

SNAITH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY, YORKS.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the above society was held on Monday evening, October 7th, at the Parish Room. The vicar (the Rev. E. S. Fox, the President), occupied the chair, and the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Pears and R. Fisher), Vice-Presidents, were also present. There was a full attendance of members. The Vicar on rising, expressed his pleasure at being called upon to meet the ringers of this old church. He congratulated them on their steady work during the past year, and hoped that next year would be even more successful. He remarked upon their regularity and attention to their duties, their punctuality being especially worthy of praise. The Treasurer (Mr. G. Holmes), presented the accounts, shewing a balance in hand of £14s. 0d. The Secretary (Mr. E. Donkin), read the report, which was of an entirely encouraging nature. The Churchwardens also tendered their thanks, and promised that the belfry chamber should be made more comfortable, and offered to repair the handbells, and ordered that the number of handbells be increased.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar and churchwardens for their presence, and also for their help during the year.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 28th. Dinner at the "Three Tuns" Hotel. Members intending to be present will kindly notify the same to
Whitley, R.S.O. R. S. STORY, *President*.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at Wolverhampton. Members assemble at the Collegiate church at 2.30 p.m. J. R. KEBLE, *Hon. Sec.*

INSANITY OR WHAT?

The *Suffolk and Essex Free Press*, a newspaper published at Sudbury, in the former county, allows the following rhodomontade to appear in the shape of a letter to the Editor:—

"THE BELL RINGERS—'CHACUN A SON GOUT.'—Sir,—Is there any reason in the nature of things—any mysterious cause connected possibly with man's primeval curse—why we should tamely submit to the appalling nuisance of bell ringing? Surely if church bells had hitherto never been heard of, and if in this nineteenth century it were now proposed for the first time in history to hang up in our steeples these tremendous masses of metal, and by infernally ingenious contrivances to elicit from them a horribly discordant and ear-splitting din. Surely, I say, the common sense of mankind would urge them at once to rise up against the miscreants who invented the process, and most righteously to strangle them with their own bell ropes. But, unfortunately, church bells had their origin ages ago in people's superstition and entirely barbarous times. It was thought in those dark days that their frightful sounds would scare away demons—which is probable enough, though it was forgotten that the ears of angels are equally sensitive—they were rung as fire alarms, they gave notice of the approach of enemies, and as few persons in those dark ages possessed cheap American watches, they summoned worshippers to church at appointed hours. But we live under the genial influence of a more advanced civilisation, and for none of these purposes is the dreadful clamour of church bells now required. Yet the custom of centuries has eaten into our constitution. Men are still found to ring gladly these instruments of torture; we bear their maddening clamour almost with equanimity, and make no effort to exterminate our tormentors. The law takes no notice of these disturbers of the public peace—without asking permission from any power, human or Divine, they may ascend the church steeple at any time of the day or night, and for twenty-four hours at a stretch, if they please, wantonly keep on driving their fellow creatures, men, women and children who have never done them any harm—to the verge of distraction. It is even reported, though I am loth to believe in such depravity, that wild bands of bell ringing men, urged like Malays running a muck by some dreadful impulse which they are unable to control, go about from steeple to steeple competing with maniacs like themselves as to which can make the greatest amount of noise and consume the longest amount of time in making it. But there is balm in Gilead, and I have reason to believe that the time is approaching when society will rebel against this tyranny and assert its inalienable right to the blessing of peace and quietness. A scheme is afoot for handing over the steeples to our County Councils, whose members are invariably gentlemen of serene and tranquil dispositions. As soon as the transfer is accomplished, each steeple will be strictly licensed to accommodate only one bell—and that a very small one—and to that bell one ringer only will be attached, who will be required, under severe competitive examination to prove his capacity for doing the work in a thoroughly noiseless and inoffensive manner. After a short experience of the benefits of this reform we shall wonder how the human species can have submitted so long doggedly to endure the monstrous nuisance of bell ringing.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant, A REPEALER."

From the same paper we get an account of the tower of Bungay church being set on fire. The conflagration began in the bell-chamber, and did not cease till the whole of the interior of the tower was destroyed, and the four bells therein melted. On the night of the fire a local police-constable reports that while on duty, a man having a very wild appearance, rushed up and made the statement that "a church down the road was on fire; that he had chased the devil into the church, put him in a box, and set fire to him." The constable at once collared the man and took him to the police station, and here, whilst he was being questioned by Inspector Lingley, the news was received that Bungay church was on fire. Eventually he was brought before the magistrates and remanded till Thursday last. While in Ipswich gaol he was under medical inspection, and is said to have appeared "very absent-minded."

The appearance of the letter and the report of burning down a tower in the same issue of the above-named paper appears very remarkable, and we are of opinion that the "active and intelligent" members of the Bungay police have failed to notice the peculiar connection there appears to be between the writer of the letter and the man who succeeded in setting fire to the Church tower. The latter act is beyond doubt that of a madman; the letter is certainly the production of one who is

labouring under some kind of melancholia. Are they one and the same person? We cannot help thinking so. At any rate it is a strange coincidence. Perhaps our Suffolk contemporary will in future examine more strictly letters sent to him, and be fully satisfied, before publication, that the writers are in their right mind.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Hatfield to-day, Saturday, October 12th, when, by kind permission of the rector, the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. At 5 p.m. tea will be provided (charge to members, 6d. each), and a Meeting held for the transaction of general and special business. Mr. J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), gave notice at the last Meeting that he would propose that the following be added to Rule IX: "No peal of Triples, Caters, or Cinques, rung without the tenor covering shall be entered in the peal-book, without the consent of the members, which may be given at the next meeting of the Association."

The recent letter from Mr. Heywood on the subject of a Central Council will be considered with the view of taking such steps in the matter as may be thought desirable.

The Secretary will be glad to receive the subscriptions of those members who have not yet remitted the same to him.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans, September 24th, 1889.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above was held at Woburn on Saturday, October 5th, members attending from Aspley Guise, Bedford, Milton Bryant, and Woburn. Some good practice was executed on the ring of eight in the old tower, tenor 13 cwt.

The following is the account of the ringing done: A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; I. Hills, 6. And 1264 Bob Major. A. Morrison, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; *Cyril Herbert, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Chibnall, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; I. Hills, 7; M. Lane, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; I. Hills, 8. *Longest length.

It was agreed to hold the next district meeting at Arlesey on Saturday, January 4th, 1890, on obtaining the necessary permission from the authorities there.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Tenterden, on Monday, October 14th. The tower will be open for ringing from 6 p.m.

A. E. NUNN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at Frittenden, to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Belfry open from 9 a.m.

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ST. PETER'S, ADDINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity was a Festal Day in this parish. The bells were ringing merrily at an early hour, the occasion being the re-opening of the church, and the Harvest Festival. The weather was not altogether what could be wished for, but infinitely better than the day following on which these lines were written. The services were all that could be desired—hearty, interesting, and edifying. The Rev. T. H. Taylor, B.A., Ilkley, preached in the morning on the "Lord is Good," Psalm 34, verse 8, and the choir sang "O give thanks unto the Lord." In the afternoon the choir sang the *Nunc Dimittis*, by Thos. Ebdon. This music is always fresh and taking. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. W. Danks, M.A., St. Margaret's, Ilkley. His text was "I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord." Isaiah 63, verse 7. In the evening the congregation was exceedingly large, and special forms had to be brought in for the convenience of worshippers. The choir sang the Anthem "Ye shall dwell in the land," by Dr. Stainer." They had sung well all day, but they even surpassed themselves at night. The Rev. W. James, curate, preached from the words "Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" Now last but not least the ringers also deserve special mention. They came out well, rang carefully and steadily. It is wonderful the spirit of devotion the melodious sounds of our charming peal of bells can stir up in our hearts when rung as they were last Sunday. The ringing commenced with a date touch in the following methods: 449 Oxford, 720 New London, and 720 Oxford Delight in 1 hr. 6 mins. E. Town, 1; W. Phillip, 2; W. Laird, 3; F. Dean, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. Cottam, 6. Composed by C. Inman, of Burnshall, and conducted by W. Laird. In the afternoon a 720 of Woodbine was attempted but came to grief. In the evening a 720 of Oxford was brought round in 26 mins. The ringers on this occasion were E. Town, 1; W. Slater, 2; W. Laird, 3; W. Phillip, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. Cottam, 6. Conducted by W. Laird.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, October 6th, by previous arrangement, Messrs. Tribe and Selby from Midhurst, met Messrs. Hills, Linfield, and Hills, from Angmering, and W. Leney, from Duncton, and proceeded to the above parish church. The bells were raised in peal and a few short touches of Plain Bob rung for morning service. In the afternoon another start was made, and this time a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung. Also two 360s of Oxford Single Bob, and two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. And four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung with three of the local company. The bells are a nice light peal of six, tenor 8½ cwt., but rather too long a draught to be comfortable. Proceeding from here to Pulborough, and hearing the bells ringing for service, they made for the church, and had a short turn in rounds before service. After service a start was made for a 6-score of Bob Doubles, but it was found impossible to get the tenor along, so several courses of Bob Singles was rung with the tenor behind. This is believed to be the first half-pull ringing ever done on these bells, and our correspondent adds, "and no wonder. Fancy a peal of five bells, tenor 19 cwt., and 33 feet draft, without any guides to the ropes! I once heard an old ringer say that he liked ringing either for fame or pleasure, but I must confess that this at Pulborough was neither of it."

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly ringing meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, October 5th, at Wolstanton. The attendance (which was not very large, probably owing to the wet weather), consisted of ringers from Wolstanton, Stoke, Leek, Bucknall and Uttoxeter. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Bob Minor, Bob and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung. The meeting, which was very enjoyable, was brought to a close about half-past eight, when the bells were lowered in peal. The next meeting will be held at Norton, on Saturday, November 2nd, when it is hoped the attendance will be more numerous.

ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, BRISLINGTON, SOMERSET.

The members of this Society had their annual outing on Monday, September 30th. The places chosen were Tintern and Chepstow, Mon., which were reached about 11.15 a.m. After viewing the beautiful scenery and the ancient ruins of the Abbey, with which they were much pleased, they made their way back to Chepstow, where they were met by the very obliging steeplekeeper, Mr. Morley, who, after partaking of lunch with them at the "Plough" inn, conducted them to the tower, which contains a beautiful peal of eight, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Their own church having only six bells they rang several 6-scores, with 4-6-8 covering. They were then escorted round the town by Mr. Morley, visiting the old castle and shipbuilding yards, where several iron boats were being built for the Government, and close to which is the beautiful piece of engineering, the tubular bridge. They then returned to the church, and after ringing several 6-scores, with 4-6-8 behind, lowered the bells and returned to the inn and partook of tea, which brought on the time to return, and the company arrived in Bristol at 9 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable day. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. E. J. Hensley, M.A., for the use of the bells, which go remarkably well, also Mr. Morley for his kind attention to them during the day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.—The usual Quarterly Meeting of this Branch was held at Slough, on Saturday last, October 5th. Ringing had been arranged to commence at 2.30 p.m., but owing to the occurrence of a funeral nothing could be done till four o'clock. The members who had assembled then proceeded to the belfry and brought off two well-struck touches, conducted respectively by J. Wilkins (Boyne Hill), and J. Parker (Farnham Royal), on a light ring of eight. The same band, accompanied by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Branch Sec., subsequently visited Farnham Royal, where an excellent ring of six was kept going merrily in several methods till a late hour. Details of the performances will be found in another column. The thanks of the ringers are hereby tendered to the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of their bells. It was a matter of great regret that out of a branch total of about 150 members only eight attended the meeting! With one exception the local band were conspicuous by their absence, which, unless unavoidable, showed a great want of courtesy and good feeling; nor were neighbouring towers much better represented. Gatherings like these entirely fail in their object unless well attended; as they are arranged with no little trouble to the officers and committee, in order to bring the various towers into touch with each other, and promote harmony and solidarity throughout the branch.

BRACKLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—These bells have been recently examined by the parish authorities, who report that they will shortly require new wheels, and possibly new blocks and bearings. The first bell has been cracked for a long time and should be re-cast, and the addition of a sixth bell would add richness to the peal. All the bells were cast in 1628, during the incumbency of Canon Sibthorp. The inscriptions are as follows: 1st, Jesus Nazaranus Rex Judaeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei. 1628; 2nd, God save the King, 1628; 3rd, same as first; 4th, Somo Isti G.L., 1628. T. E. I. H. Clorum Christe Plateat Tibi Rex; 5th, Cum sono si non vis venire Nunquam ad preces cupies Ire, 1628. Explanation is invited of the letters placed on either side of the fourth bell.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at the "White Swan" hotel, Edmund Street, on Saturday, October 10th, at 6 o'clock p.m., when all members are earnestly requested to attend. W. Brook, Sec.

11, Tennant Street.

Review.

(By SCRUTATOR.)

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.—ANNUAL REPORT.—My first impression on looking over this report was one of bewilderment. It is stated to cover the period between October 15th, 1887, and October 31st, 1888. This, thought I, appears to have appeared considerably after date; but on turning over, I find that the balance-sheet extends to December 31st, 1888, and that also appears to have remained unaudited until five months later—the 27th May, 1889. Then the peal record commences and ends with the year 1888, and does not run concurrently with the report of the Committee and its specified datalimits. All this appeared "passing strange," and I was at a loss to account for it, unless it was owing to the long absence from home of the Hon. Sec., referred to by the Committee. This fact may also explain the singular absence of statistics which characterises the Committee's report. Not one word is mentioned in it as to number of members or the increase or decrease of the same from previous years nor is there any intimation as to the financial position of the Association. These are omissions which I am at a loss to understand. But perhaps I may not be vain in surmising that the pointing out of them will lead to improvement in this direction in the future. In the matter of peal ringing, the association has scored 41 peals during the year, comprising: Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3; Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Kent Teble Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court, 3; Bob Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Grandsire Triples, 10; Stedman Triples, 3; Bob Triples, 1; in 14 Minor methods, 1; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 1; in seven Minor methods, 1. This is a record of no small merit, both for quantity and quality of methods rung; and the Committee, to my mind, are perfectly justified in offering as they do their hearty congratulation to all the members who took part in them. Financially the association is by no means extravagant in its expenditure of money, the total being £14 14s. 6d. out of which £6 9s. 6d. has been paid for printing the Annual Report, and £3 11s. 6d. repaid to the secretary, leaving only about £4 for secretary's expenses, and other necessary incidentals. These items, moreover, are of such an essentially necessary character that altogether the most rigid economist would find it impossible to discover a peg on which to hang the least cause of complaint. As to the numerical position of the association, I certainly made an attempt to get at the figures, but soon found my efforts futile, and so gave it up. First is a list of 54 Honorary Members; then 72 Honorary and Performing Members, and 16 unattached. This was all plain sailing; but in place of the usual test of ordinary ringing-members, here we have a list of "Rings in union with the Association, and the members who usually practice upon them." On examining this, with the intention of totalling up the number, to my surprise I found the same names appearing under different headings, so that I positively began to get bewildered amongst it; and the time at my disposal being limited, coupled with the unfortunate fact that my powers of analysis are not of any brilliant nature, I gave it up. Perhaps the Analyser-General to the Exercise, whose abode is at Brighton, might possibly work out the problem. Regarding the general get-up of this report, while it is certainly superior to some which I have seen, yet improvements might be made which would not entail either extra cost or trouble. The most notable of these would be a proper title page instead of a crowded front page which meets the eye on lifting the cover, and the substitution of uniform plain headings to the peals for the variegated fancy types used. No doubt Mr. Bolingbroke has done the very best he could under the circumstances, and altogether the report is one which he has good cause to be pleased with. He, unfortunately, evidently experiences that lack of support in his work from the rank and file which only too often falls to the lot of the secretaries of our County Associations, and his concluding words are so applicable to others besides his own that I feel constrained to quote them in full. "What we need in our Association," he says, "is more *esprit du corps*, though we know this is the difficulty experienced in many other Diocesan Societies. It is not good that any association should depend upon the

energy of one man; a secretary should be supported by the whole of the committee, and not merely by a few earnest workers. Unity is strength, and if the church bell-ringers of the Norwich Diocese would remember this, we shall soon regain our former flourishing position among the ringing associations of England." I commend these plain-spoken words to the Exercise in general, but to the members of the Norwich Association in particular. If acted upon, there is no reason why Mr. Bolingbroke's anticipation should not be realised to the full. They owe much to him, and it is as little as they can do to strengthen his hands by earnest co-operation and support, and so bring that success to the work which is alike his desire, and for the benefit of them all.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

STRATFORD (BOW).—On Thursday, October 3rd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples in 40 mins. W. Cecil, 1; A. Catmore, 2; S. Hayes, 3; Y. Green, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; R. Turner, 7; T. Baker, 8. The above was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. S. Hayes. It was intended to start for a peal, but they had to be contented with a quarter, owing to the disappointment of one of the members being too late, but we hope this worthy member may live to ring his Golden Wedding peal.

Obituary.

MOSES BRADBURY.

On Monday last, were interred at Christ Church, Friezeland, the mortal remains of Moses Bradbury, who died in his 57th year. He had been a ringer at the above-named church for about thirty-two years. His funeral was attended by the Friezeland ringers, and representatives from the towers of St. Chad Saddleworth and St. George Mossley. The deceased was a weaver, employed at the Royal George Mills, and most of his fellow-workmen attended the funeral, as well as representatives from the Druids and Foresters. He had been a very useful member and a past officer of these societies, and for many years a member of the committee of the Grasscroft co-operative society. Whatever he undertook to do he did it to the best of his ability, and with all his might. The writer has rung with him at many different churches during the past twenty-seven years, and never once knew him either to miss or be too late for any appointment, but generally at his post and ready ten or fifteen minutes before the appointed time. When a peal of bells were placed in the Mossley tower, he very kindly volunteered to make one of the ringers for the first twelve months, which he did, and attended twice a week to assist in the instruction of a company. He rung with these new hands in their first 720; and he took part in the opening peal at Mossley on Easter Sunday morning, 1888—a peal of 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major—which was his last peal of Major. He had previously taken part in peals of the same number and method at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, and St. Chad's, Saddleworth, and a 5120 at the last-named church. He was an excellent six-bell ringer, generally ringing the tenor. He rang at a contest at Holmfirth in 1857; also in connection with the United Counties' Association at Hayfield in the September of last year with the Mossley company, being awarded the fourth prize; and at Christ Church, Bury, with the Friezeland company on September 21st, 1889. At the last moment, though in failing health, he took the place of one who had accidentally, in unloading a lorry at the mill, broken his arm. It is noteworthy that the last time he ascended the tower was to oblige, and substitute for a friend. For the past six months he has been gradually sinking, inflammation setting in at last. He expired on Thursday, October 3rd, The Friezeland ringers rung before and after the funeral with the bells deeply muffled, and the ringers of St. George's, Mossley, rang a muffled date touch (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Greaves, 1; F. Rhodes, 2; S. Cooper, 3; H. Mayall, 4; A. W. Holden, 5; J. Holden, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; T. B. Dicken (conductor), 8.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1889.

THE season has arrived when early morn as well as the close of day become sure harbingers of the approach of winter, the time when early and late outdoor employment must cease or be much shortened. This fact will soon be exemplified in the increase of ringing records, because many societies whose members have from the nature of their employment been compelled to relinquish much of their practice during the summer and commencement of autumn, will now have more time at their disposal to follow it up. We may therefore expect to hear of more peals being rung, and the records filling two or three pages of our paper.

We should like to point out to members of societies, the members of whom will meet more frequently during the coming winter, the great desirability of punctual atten-

dance at the hour agreed upon. Irregularity in this respect leads to a host of unpleasantness, and a lasting feud is often the result of keeping others waiting. And efforts should also be made to meet—not in the street or thoroughfare opposite the church, but in the ringing-chamber. A body of men collecting in the street, some enjoying their short clays, perhaps, is a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance, and leads, in some cases, to criticism the reverse of friendly. Let our meeting-place be in the belfry, and let the meetings be punctual and regular. In many instances the sexton has the power of the keys, and in his absence through business they may not always be attainable at the proper time. But a little gentle pressure in the right direction would soon alter this. We speak on this matter because we have had experience of the bad results of waste of time on practice-night, and we hope our words will have some effect in cases where the evil has existed.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 5, 1889, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

J. MURRAY HAYES* Treble.	A. W. BARKUS 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY* 2.	*JAMES NICHOLLS, JUN. .. 7.
FREDERICK W. KELLEY* .. 3.	*JOHN W. KELLEY 8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD* .. 4.	*WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
R. T. HIBBERT 5.	*SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and

Conducted by JOHN W. KELLEY.

*Members of Fulham Society. R. T. Hibbert hails from Reading; A. W. Barkus from Salisbury. Rung in honour of the birthday of the Vicar of Fulham, he being President of the Fulham Society and also a College Youth, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1889, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

GEORGE ROBINSON Treble.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 5.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 2.	WILLIAM KENT 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS* 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
HENRY BASTABLE 4.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

*First peal in the method. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells hail from Birmingham.

GUILDFORD.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 3, 1889, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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M. BROWN Treble.	J. J. JONES 5.
J. HEATHORN 2.	F. BENNETT 6.
C. W. MILLER* 3.	W. GROVE 7.
F. W. J. REES 4.	E. STONE Tenor.

No Conductor mentioned.

*First peal with a bob bell. All the above are ringers of St. Nicholas' church. The peal was well struck, and is the first peal which has been rung in Guildford by an unaided local band since 1824.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 4, 1889, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	*F. A. UNDERWOOD 6.
J. SMITH* 2.	*E. W. CARTWRIGHT 7.
J. HARDY 3.	W. T. BILLINGHURST 8.
W. E. TYDEMAN 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 9.
S. SMITH 5.	*E. READER Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by
JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal rung entirely by members of the reorganised Society of All Saints' Church, Loughborough.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM FRYER* Treble.	HARRY HARTSHORNE 5.
JAMES LEWIS* 2.	CHARLES BARRETT 6.
JOSEPH SMITH 3.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	OLIVER HOOPER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE.

*First peal. Great credit is due to W. Short for the way in which he rang his bell, which was minus a stay throughout the peal.

TAMWORTH—STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM ORME Treble.	JAMES HICKLING 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2.	ROBERT P. BRINDLEY 6.
JOSEPH TIMMS 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
JOHN JAGGAR 4.	RICHARD W. LOGIE Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. SMITH.

Mr. Logie was elected a member previous to starting. Messrs. Orme, Smith, Hickling, Bullock, Logie, and Jaggar hail from Burton-on-Trent. This is their first peal in this society.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1889, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Tenor 9 cwt.

J. GASTRELL Treble.	W. GREGORY 4.
G. POPE 2.	D. MARMENT 5.
W. VERRINDER 3.	T. CAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GREGORY.

David Marment hails from Painswick; the rest belong to the local company. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 5, 1889, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	*GEORGE J. SMITH 5.
JOHN BASHFORD, JUN.* 2.	*WILLIAM BURKIN 6.
CHARLES BEECH 3.	EDWIN HORREX 7.
WILLIAM D. SMITH 4.	LUKE KILICK Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells; and rung at the second attempt. The ringers desire to thank the vicar for his kindness in granting them the use of the bells. John Bashford and Luke Killick are of Blethingly; William Burkin from Nutfield; the rest from London. *First peal in the method.

DRAYTON, BERKS—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 7, 1889, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. W. GIFFORD Treble.	H. F. ADAMS 5.
W. ADKINS 2.	A. F. KIMBREY 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
THOS. BLACKBOURN 4.	THOS. SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

Messrs. Gifford, Blackburn, and Adams hail from Salisbury.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, October 7, 1889, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. CARTMEL,

UPON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 3-4.	WALTER BATTLE 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAM CARTMEL.

Umpire: Mr. J. W. Brewer.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1889, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

S. HARROP Treble.	S. KNOTT, SEN. 5.
J. HARROP 2.	F. LEES 6.
W. HARROP 3.	J. MALONEY 7.
J. SELLARS 4.	J. PYE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS, of Yarmouth, and Conducted by
J. MALONEY.

This peal has the tenors parted in the last course. Francis Lees hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was formerly President of the Durham and Newcastle Association; the rest are of the local company. J. Sellars, J. Maloney, J. Pye, jun., belong to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1889, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES BARRATT Treble.	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN* 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD* 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JAMES RIDYARD 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

This is the first peal ever rung in this method at Eccles. Mr. Chapman belongs to Manchester Cathedral, Barratt to Eccles, and rest to the Worsley company. *First in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday, October 5, 1889, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER† Treble.	*WILLIAM WARBURTON 6.
JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER 7.
JAMES GRATRICK 3.	*HARRY CHAPMAN 8.
ARTHUR BARRETT* 4.	JOHN EACHUS 9.
REV. H. J. ELSEE 5.	JAMES PARKINSON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

The above peal was rung on the 50th birthday of James Gratrick. His brother-ringers wished him many happy returns. *First peal in any method. †First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Date Touch.

ILKLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, October 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Triples (1889 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. F. Myers, 1; C. Stephenson, 2; C. Barker, 3; W. Cook, 4; F. Pell, 5; W. Beanlands, 6; J. Beanlands (composer and conductor), 7; W. E. Waland, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, September 28th, at the church of St. Mary, Whitechapel, eight members of the above society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. G. Tanner, 1; C. Beach, 2; J. Bonney, 3; W. Cooter, 4; M. A. Wood (composer and conductor), 5; E. Wallage, 6; S. E. Joyce, 7; J. West, 8. The above was rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Joseph Jones, a member of the above society, which took place at the above church. Mr. Jones has been a trooper in the Horse Guards (Blue), and took part in the Egyptian campaign. His brother-ringers wish him long life, health and happiness.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, September 29th, six ringers of the above parish church paid a visit to Whitwell Isle of Wight, for the purpose of having a pull at SS. Mary and Radigund parish church, which contains a sweet peal of six, tenor 7 cwt. in Bb, recently hung by Warner and Sons. The party arrived about 9.30 a.m., and after meeting the Vicar, the Rev. R. B. Oliver, the bells were raised and four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently) were brought round for morning service. S. V. Salisbury, 1; O. Coombes, 2; A. R. Ward, 3; W. Ward (conductor), 4; E. Hatcher, 5; A. Ward, 6. And for afternoon service a quarter-peal, being ten 6-scores and 3-score of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently) in 50 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Ward (conductor), 2; A. R. Ward, 3; O. Coombes, 4; E. Hatcher, 5; A. Ward, 6. For evening service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), the band standing as before. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, through the medium of this paper, for the great kindness shewn to them, and for the use of the bells.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, September 18th, for practice at the parish church, 560 Grandsire Triples. And on Sunday, September 22nd, for Divine Service, 434 and 503. Also on Wednesday, September 25th, as a farewell touch to the Rev. H. Jacob, who is leaving the town, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. F. Wilson, 1; J. Ballard, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; Rev. H. Jacob, 4; T. Curtis, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; G. Gasson, 7; W. Woods, 8. And on Sunday morning, September 29th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving and Dedication day, for Divine Service, 377 Grandsire Triples. Also for afternoon service 1036. F. Wilson, 1; S. Powell, 2; T. Curtis, 3; J. Ballard, 4; W. Bulpitt, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; G. Gasson, 7; W. Hatter, 8. And for evening service the first 658 of Holt's Original, standing as above, with the exception of J. R. Higgins, 2; and W. Woods, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 29th (St. Michael's Day), at the church of SS. Michael and All Angels, the Harvest Festival was held. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung by a mixed band, containing the twelve 4-6's and twelve 6-7's, composed by the Editor. A. Tarbun, 1; H. F. de Lisle, 2; *H. Allen, 3; F. Radley, 4; A. Richell, 5; E. Scotcher, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Bloomfield, 8. *First quarter-peal. Messrs. Allen and Richell hail from Great Baddow; Radley and Lincoln from Writtle; Tarbun from Widford; the rest are of the local company.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Monday, September 36th, the local company assisted by Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle, rang 336 of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Bob Minor. This is the longest touch by this company, who are making very good progress. An attempt was made for a 504, but was lost about half-way. The Bob Minor was also their first touch on tower bells. And some Grandsire Doubles were rung with the trebles leading.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs). R. C. Burrell, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper (composer and conductor), 6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, October 3rd, at the church of

St. Mary the Virgin, six of the local company rang for practice, 720 of Double Bob Minor, in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 6th, for morning service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. Composed by Rev. C. W. Bassano. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. I. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, October 4th, at the residence of Mr. G. Gray, on handbells retained in hand, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts (first 720 on handbells), 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray (first 720 on handbells), 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. This is W. Watts's 200th 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARBOURFIELD.—On Saturday, September 21st, the Caversham ringers paid a visit to this parish church and rung 720 Oxford Treble Bob and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; G. Essex, 3; T. Newman, 4; E. Pottinger, 4; E. Menday (conductor), 6. Tenor about 12 cwt.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, September 22nd, the bells of St. Peter's church were rung half-muffled before and after evening service, as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Oxford. The following methods were rung: 360 Grandsire Minor, 60 Violet Treble Bob, 60 Double Bob, and 120 Yorkshire Court. The following ringers took part: T. Newman, J. Hands, G. Essex, E. Pottinger, H. Smith, H. Simmonds, E. Menday and A. W. Pike (conductor), T. Newman. On Sunday, September 29th, being Harvest Festival, a 360 of Violet Treble Bob, 360 Duke of York, and 120 Stedman Doubles was rung at 7 a.m. Also at 10 a.m. a 360 of Single Court, 360 Double Bob. At 5.50 p.m. 360 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Oxford Bob. After evening service 360 College Single and Plain Bob. The following ringers took part: T. Newman, H. Smith, E. Menday, G. Essex, J. Hands, H. Simmonds, and A. W. Pike. Conducted by T. Newman. Tenor 17 cwt.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 11th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. W. Whiffin, 1; H. Markham, 2; W. Smith, 3; F. Harvey, 4; A. W. Tubb, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6; R. James, 7; W. Battersby, 8. And on Sunday, September 29th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Collins, 1; H. Markham, 2; W. Smith, 3; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Wheeler, 6.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, September 22nd, at All Saints' church, with the bells half-muffled, out of respect to the late Bishop of Oxford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing upwards of 1000 changes in 40 mins., it came to grief through the 5th rope breaking. The ringers were: O. Fasey, H. Rogers, F. Dentry, F. Bissley, W. Ayres, E. Rogers, J. W. Wilkins, and J. Woolford. Also after service on Tuesday, September 24th, for the Harvest Festival, two 120's each in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Place Doubles. Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; O. Fasey, 3; F. Dentry, 4; W. Ayres, 5; J. Todd, 6. Conducted respectively by F. Dentry, W. Ayres, and J. W. Wilkins. And on Sunday evening, September 29th, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled, 966 Grandsire Triples. H. Gilding, 1; O. Fasey, 2; J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor), 3; F. Dentry, 4; R. Smith, 5; A. Hoskins, 6; W. Ayres, 7; J. Todd, 8.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 5th, in connection with the meetings at Slough and Farnham Royal, Bucks, a touch of 448 Grandsire Triples was rung at Slough. R. Flaxman, 1; S. Quinton, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Hoskins, 4; G. Stanbrook, 5; E. Willis, 6; W. J. Wilkins, 7; J. Richardson, 8. Also a short touch, conducted by W. J. Wilkins.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, October 5th, a capital struck course of Stedman Triples was rung upon a fine-toned peal of handbells, 25 size. On the tower bells a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 24 mins. R. Flaxman, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; S. Quinton, 3; J. Richardson, 4; *A. Hoskins, 5; *W. J. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also a 720 Oxford Bob. *A. Hoskins, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; *W. J. Wilkins, 3; *E. Willis, 4; *G. Stanbrook, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. *First 720's in the methods.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 29th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 27 mins. E. J. Norman, 1; W. T. Burton, 2; J. Hall, 3; J. Bonsall, 4; H. W. Wilde, 5; R. T. Parkins (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

BRITH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 6th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 38 mins. G. Cullum, 1; F. Hunter, 2; E. E. Richards (composer and conductor), 3; F. Cullum, 4; E. Barnett, 5; J. Garard, 6; R. Gee, 7; D. Barnes, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Sunday evening, October 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Tucker, 1; C. Cramp-ton, 2; C. Pratchett, 3; C. Martin (conductor), 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also after Divine Service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin (conductor), 1; W. Childs, 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Sparks, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Carroway, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 26½ mins. F. Carroway, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Jones, 1; W. Childs, 2; F. Sparks, 3; T. Card, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; C. Martin, 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, October 7th, at the house of Mr. H. Martin, on handbells retained in hand, 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. Martin, 1-2-3-4; J. Martin, 5-6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, and several courses of Bob Doubles, with C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. Martin, 3-4; J. Martin, 5-6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, September 26th, at the parish church, a course of Treble Bob Major. P. Taffs, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Preston, 4; H. Batt (late of Midhurst, Sussex), 5; W. Cooke, 6; W. Evans, 7; W. Haigh, 8. And on Sunday evening, September 29th, for Divine Service, 1008 Bob Triples. W. Hosmer, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Preston, 4; W. Cooke, 5; W. Evans, 6; W. Haigh, 7; A. Harris, 8. This is the first touch of Bob Triples ever rung by the above company. Also on Thursday, October 3rd, 1008 Bob Major. F. Taffs, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; J. Baker, 3; W. Preston, 4; A. Hore, 5; W. Cooke, 6; W. Evans, 7; W. Haigh, 8. Longest touch in the method by the company.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, September 17th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Sharp, 6. Also a course of Double Oxford Bob Minor. And on Tuesday, September 24th, 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). *H. Sharp, 1; *F. Smith, 2; *F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Hall, 6. *First 720 in the method. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. I. Hills, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp (first in the method), 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Sharp, 6. And on Sunday, September 29th, being the Harvest Festival, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. N. Frossell, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; F. Keech, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; A. J. Barcock (conductor), 6. Also 120 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke (conductor, Stedman), 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; I. Hills, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; A. J. Barcock (conductor, Grandsire), 5. And 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Sharp, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, October 3rd, for practice, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). F. Keech, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; F. Smith, 4; F. Keech, 5; H. J. Barcock (first attempt), 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor with F. Keech, 3rd. And at St. Paul's, on Thursday, September 19th, for practice, 704 of Bob Major. W. Allen, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Sharp, 4; F. Smith, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. Also on Sunday, September 22nd, 464 of Bob Major. H. Sharp, 1; F. Keech, 2; F. Sharp, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. Baldwin, 7; I. Hills, 8. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Sharp, 3; H. Sharp, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Also on Sunday, September 29th, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; F. Sharp, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. J. Barcock, 4; F. Smith, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. And 336 of Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; F. Sharp, 2; A. J. Barcock (first touch in the method), 3; H. Sharp, 4; F. Smith, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. Baldwin, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, October 6th, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Sharp, 1; I. Hills, 2; F. Sharp, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; F. Smith, 5; C.

Pass, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; W. Baldwin, 8. And after service, 336 of Bob Major. W. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Sharp, 3; H. Sharp, 4; F. Keech, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. Baldwin, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Sharp, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. Pass, 6; F. Smith, 7; F. Keech, 8.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Sunday, September 28th, at St. Peter's church, 720 of each of the following methods—720 of Double Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 of Double Court (sixteen bobs and two singles), 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 of Single Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), and 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Page (Sharnbrook), 1; F. Smith (Bedford), 2; A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers), 3; A. E. Chapman (Rushden), 4; C. W. Clarke (Bedford), 5; I. Hills (Bedford), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. John Dickins, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BIDSTON.—On Sunday evening, August 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. Povall, 1; S. Strong, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; J. J. Sutton, 4; G. Kendrick, 5; J. Griffiths, 6. On Sunday evening, September 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; J. J. Sutton, 4; S. Strong, 5; W. Wilcox, 6. On Sunday, September 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. *T. Povall (conductor), 1; G. Royden, 2; S. Strong, 3; J. J. Sutton, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; G. Kendrick, 6. *First 720 as conductor. On Wednesday, October 2nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; S. Wood, 5; S. Strong, 6. S. Wood hails from Wallasey. On Sunday, October 6th, for service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Strong, 6.

BOLLINGTON, NEAR MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, October 1st, for practice at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. J. Wright (conductor), 1; T. Bollington, 2; J. C. Perkin, 3; F. Wright, 4; J. Bunting, 5; F. Furness, 6; P. Long, 7; J. Truman, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. Also 360 Grandsire Minor on the back six. J. Wright (conductor), 1; T. Bollington, 2; J. C. Perkin, 3; F. Furness, 4; F. Wright, 5; P. Long, 6. And on Sunday morning, October 6th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Wright (conductor), 1; T. Bollington, 2; J. C. Perkin, 3; F. Wright, 4; J. Bunting, 5; F. Furness, 6; P. Long, 7; J. Truman, 8. Also in the afternoon 350 in the same method, standing as above, with the exception of S. Dean, 6; and T. Furness, 8.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, October 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. *W. Butler, 1; *F. Knowles, 2; *W. Hopkinson, 3; T. Millington, 4; T. Allibone, 5; *J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Tuesday, September 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. *C. Rushton, 1; *J. E. Wheeldon, 2; *J. Warren, 3; J. Eyre, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *First 720. This is the first 720 on the bells by all local men. Also on Sunday evening, September 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles), in 27 mins., standing as before.

STOKE.—On Sunday evening, September 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26½ mins. H. Holdcroft, 1; *W. Tabernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; E. Glover, W. Baddeley (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 28th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but came to grief through the breaking of the 4th rope. H. Hopkins, 1; A. E. Church, 2; H. Swain, 3; J. Hannington, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; H. Dains, 6; W. Baron (conductor), 7; W. Ambrose, 8. Mr. J. Rogers subsequently arrived, and a touch of Treble Bob Major and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples were brought round. Both the church and belfry were tastefully decorated for the Harvest Festival. Mr. H. S. Thomas afterwards entertained the ringers, and wished them better success at the next attempt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, September 21st, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Barrett, 1; H. Dakin, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; *H. Harris (conductor), 5; A. Orford, 6; J. Crump, 7. On Monday, September 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. A. Pugh (first in the method), 1; H. Woodhall, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; C. Daniels, 4; H. Harris, 5; *A. Orford (conductor), 6; C. Barrett, 7. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; H. Woodhall, 2; H. Harris, 3; C. Daniels, 4; A. Orford, 5; *G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6. *First in the method as conductor. On Thursday, September 26th, for the Harvest Festival Service, 504 Bob Triples. A. Orford, 1; H. Hartshorne, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; C. Barrett, 5; H. Harris, 6; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. On Saturday, September 28th, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. A. Pugh, 1; T. Lees, 2; C. Barrett, 3; H. Harris, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 7; W. Short, 8. And 240 Grandsire Major. W. A. Pugh, 1; C. Barrett, 2; T. Lees, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; W. F. Hartshorne, 7; G. H. Pagett, 8. On Sunday, September 29th, for morning service, being a continuance of the Harvest Festival Services, 720 Bob Minor. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; H. Hartshorne, 6; A. Orford, 7. After evening service 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 covering. W. A. Pugh, 1; A. Orford, 2; C. Barrett, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 5; J. Crump, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; P. Beasley, 8. Messrs. Hartshorne hail from Harts Hill; Daniels and Woodhall from Cradley; Dakin from Wollaston; Lees, Smith and Short from Hagley; the rest belong to Stourbridge.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 22nd, for Divine Service at St. James' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Lewis, 1; *J. Parkes, 2; H. Dakin (conductor), 3; W. Fryer, 4; A. Orford, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. *First in the method. Messrs. Orford and Pagett belong to St. Thomas', Stourbridge; the rest to Wollaston.

WORCESTER.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, September 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 20 mins. E. Davis, 1; F. Owen, 2; S. Cotton, 3-4; H. B. Kingsford (conductor), 5-6. And on Friday, October 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 19 mins. †H. Preece, 1; *E. Davis, 2; S. Cotton (conductor), 3-4; W. Page, 5-6. Also on Saturday, October 5th, 720 in the same method. F. Owen, 1; E. Davis, 2; S. Cotton, 3-4; L. Longney (Croome, conductor), 5-6. And on Sunday, October 6th, at St. John's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Hobbs, 1; E. Davis, 2; W. Bradford, 3; S. Cotton (conductor), 4; B. Hill, 5; W. Page, 6. Also on Monday, October 7th, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Minor in 19 mins. †R. Horton, 1; E. Davis, 2; S. Cotton, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6. And several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, and short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor. †First 720. *First 720 with a bob bell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 6th, being the Harvest Festival at the parish church, the local company rang for morning service 500 Grandsire Triples. Also for afternoon service a 500 in the same method. For evening service it was intended to ring the first half of Holt's 10-part peal, but time not allowing the last four parts were rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. T. Hutton, 1; J. Morris (conductor), 2; F. Rudman, 3; A. Barrett, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; W. Fielding, 7; W. Turner, 8.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 29th, at All Saints' church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bedingfield, 1; H. Baldry, 2; W. Flory, 3; R. H. Hayward, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6. The addition here of two bells to complete the octave would be greatly appreciated by the ringers, and as the vicar, the Rev. W. H. Barlee, takes a great interest in the bells, it is hoped that it will soon be accomplished.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, October 1st, at St. Nicholas' church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). I. Richmond (first 720), 1; H. Thomas, 2; W. Lansdown, 3; A. E. Turner, 4; G. Colston, 5; H. Pring (first 720 as conductor), 6. Composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

COLCHESTER.—On Tuesday evening, October 8th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor, in 29½ mins. J. Nunn, 1; H. Nunn (conductor), 2; G. Dent, 3; E. Nunn, 4; J. Smith, 5; A. Aviss, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt.

BROCKDISH (Norfolk).—On Thursday evening, September 26th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Woodbine (nine bobs), in 27 mins. F. Barkway, 1; R. Peake, 2; E. Calver, 3; C. Gillman, 4; H. Hines, 5; W. Gillman, 6. Also on Sunday morning, September 29th, for

Divine Service, 216 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (six bobs). F. Barkway, 1; R. Peake, 2; E. Calver, 3; C. Gillman, 4; F. Strange, 5; W. Gillman, 6. And for evening service 720 College Exercise (nine bobs), in 26½ mins. F. Barkway, 1; R. Peake, 2; E. Calver, 3; C. Gillman, 4; H. Hines, 5; W. Gillman, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. All the above were conducted by R. Peake.

DODDERHILL (Worcestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, September 29th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary-de-Wyche, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. E. Bush, 1; G. Lucas, 2; J. Thompson, 3; O. Stanworth, 4; W. Lewis, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. O. Stanworth, 1; G. Lucas, 2; W. Lewis, 3; J. Thompson, 4; J. Mason (conductor), 5; E. Bush, 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, September 28th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Stanbrook (conductor), 1; J. J. Parker, 2; S. Quinton, 3; C. Clarke, 4; J. Bovington, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

LATTON (Wilts).—On Saturday, October 5th, at the parish church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Trueman, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; G. Iles, 3; J. H. Shepherd, 4; O. W. Layng (conductor), 5. Tenor 12 cwt. All the above hail from Swindon.

MAISEY-HAMPTON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, October 5th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 6-scores each called differently, in 24 mins. J. Trueman, 1; J. H. Shepherd, 2; G. Iles, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; O. W. Layng (conductor), 5; G. Stait, 6. And several 6-scores in which Messrs. Iles and Ricketts conducted. Tenor 14 cwt.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, October 3rd, at St. Edmund's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 40 mins. J. George, 1; E. Haxley, 2; T. Healey, 3; A. Stewart, 4; J. S. White (conductor), 5; J. Mackay, 6; G. Eads, 7; C. E. W. Cherry, 8.

SHIRE OAKS (Notts).—On Sunday evening, September 29th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; W. Hargreaves, 2; E. Russon, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; J. F. Mallaby, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also 720 Duke of York. E. Russon, 1; W. Hargreaves, 2; R. Knowles, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; J. F. Mallaby, 6. And 360 of Kent. E. Russon, 1; M. T. Wright, Esq., 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; J. F. Mallaby, 6. Messrs. Fowler and Smith hail from Anston; Mallaby from Masham; the rest are of the local company. And on Monday evening, September 30th, some 12-scores of Oxford, Kent, and Primrose were rung for practice by the same ringers with R. Smith (Anston), on the treble.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, September 30th, the ringers of the parish church commenced their weekly winter practice, and rang 1386 Grandsire Triples in 55 mins., being the greatest length yet accomplished by the local ringers. H. T. Holderness, 1; W. Bean, 2; J. Holmes, 3; T. H. Holdich (conductor), 4; J. Dawn, 5; C. Gould, 6; J. E. Picker, 7; W. Jackson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 29th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 27 mins. R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. D. Bullock, 3; T. Bushell, 4; H. Bullock, 5; T. Bullock (conductor), 6. Also in the evening 720 Plain Bob Minor (six bobs and thirty singles), in 26 mins. R. Pocklington, 1; T. Bushell, 2; J. D. Bullock, 3; T. Bullock, 4; H. Bullock, 5; J. Holmes (conductor), 6.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 6th, for the Harvest Festival at All Saints' church, 216 and 72 changes of Plain Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; A. Chaplin, 4; F. Saunders, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 29th, it being St. Michael's day, at St. Michael's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Clissett, 1; G. Lucas, 2; J. Thompson, 3; O. Stanworth, 4; W. Lewis, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6. First 720 by all in the method. Also 360 Grandsire Minor in 13 mins. E. Bush, 1; W. Lewis, 2; O. Stanworth, 3; J. Thompson, 4; G. Lucas, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Clissett, 1; G. Lucas, 2; J. Thompson, 3; O. Stanworth, 4; W. Lewis, 5; J. Mason (conductor), 6.

TEWKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, October 3rd, at the Abbey for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; John Wathen, 8.

WRAYSLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, September 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. And another for evening service in 27 mins. E. Watmore (conductor), 1; R. Shanks, 2; H. Shanks, 3; J. Mills, 4; R. Parker, 5; G. Watmore, 6.

Correspondence.

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

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

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—As our friend Hattersley tells us his friends are of the same opinion as himself upon the subject under discussion, I can only give way. In so doing I may point out that while I have always understood any quality that a peal possesses would also show itself in a variation of that peal. But this, I presume, is the first result of the principle of substituting bobs at H for Wrongs, which may not ultimately prevail. An insinuating reference has been twice made to Treble Bob in this discussion; but the moral is lost on me, as I don't know of a parallel case. Our friend is pleased also to again make me claim this peal as an original one, while in my very first letter upon this subject I said: "the changes in this class of peal were identical with one another." In another place I said I did not care a pin for the composition. As our friend has advisers in the matter under discussion, I give a problem below that requires solution, and I should like it dealt with upon the merits of originality.

For this see "THE BELL NEWS," Sept. 21st, 1887.

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For this see "THE BELL NEWS," April 21st, 1888.

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In conclusion, I give another way to lengthen Thackrah's touch which is reduceable to 5152 changes as previously pointed out. By the side of this I give a 5088 that will appear to be a next-of-kin to this and Cox's peal alike.

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Twice repeated.

The following is a one-part of the Burton variation on Superlative, and has 4th and 6th exclusively in 6th place at course-ends.

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HENRY DAINS.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—It will interest Mr. Albert E. Parsons, and doubtless also other of your subscribers, to know that very shortly after the publication of Mr. Snowdon's treatise on the Grandsire method I corresponded with Mr. William Snowdon as to the publication of a treatise on Stedman, to be published as a volume of the late Mr. Snowdon's series, and to embody his valuable collection of notes and memoranda on the subject. This idea I have never relinquished, and indeed I have been hoping to reopen the subject with Mr. W. Snowdon almost immediately. But I am sure no one will regret the delay, for had the book been already published, it would have lacked the extremely interesting and valuable additions by which, through the talent and energy of Mr. Heywood and Mr. Bulwer, our knowledge has been enriched.

Ringmer, Lewes.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, rung at Fulham on Saturday, September 28th, was rung in three hours and forty-one minutes, and not "two hours and forty-one minutes" as reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of last Saturday.

G. WOODISS.

A SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

SIR,—Though a non-ringer, I hope you will grant me the privilege of saying a few words, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," concerning the conduct of the bell-ringers of this town. A few years ago it was the common practice of these persons, after ringing the church bells for evening service, to adjourn to a public-house opposite, and there entertain the company by handbell ringing nearly every Sunday. Owing to the churchyard being rather elevated people were able to stand against the wall and look into the very room where the men rang the bells, and then see the glasses of ale passed round. I have often seen youths who had been to church in the evening stand watching these proceedings which, to my mind, appeared to have the very reverse effect to a moral edification. Circumstances have arisen which have caused these same ringers to shift their quarters, about thirty yards, to another public-house, the entrance of which is close to the church gate, and almost every Sunday evening the very men who are engaged to call the people to church are also to be seen enticing others to go into the ale-house by ringing their handbells. This is not done covertly for the gratification of a few, for in a window overlooking the chief street of the town is a bill announcing that selections of sacred music will be given on Sunday evenings. Still, it does seem strange, and at variance with most people's opinions of reverence, that men will come straight from church and go to such a place as this, and for such a purpose. As the bells were bought by means of public subscriptions for the bell-ringers of the church, I think that the wardens should have some control over them, and insist on them being stored in the belfry, where, I believe, there is accommodation, and where they once were kept, instead of being always in the custody of the landlord of the house mentioned. I hope someone will take the matter up from a ringer's point of view.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE.

The children of Mr. George Morriss (formerly steeple-keeper of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields) would be very glad to know of his whereabouts. 102, Sandringham Buildings, Soho.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Festival of the above Guild will be held at Bridgnorth, to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Dinner at 1.0 in the Town Hall, High Street; service at St. Leonard's parish church at 2.15 p.m. (by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Oldham), when the sermon will be preached by the Rector of Colwall, on behalf of the Guild. Railway tickets for the double journey will be issued by the Great Western Railway Company at a fare and a quarter. Early application should be made by those bands travelling from one station. The towers of St. Leonard's (eight bells, 21 cwt.) and St. Mary's (six bells, tenor 12 cwt.) will be open to all ringers before one o'clock and after 3 p.m. Ringers from various parishes desirous of making up a band for change-ringing, will please communicate with the Instructor. All members of the Guild are particularly asked to endeavour to be present, the date of the festival having been twice altered to suit the majority of the towers in union.

G. M. CUSTANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

Colwall Rectory, Great Malvern.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, October 12th. Particulars by circulars.

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

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The next meeting of the Branch will be held at Sefton (six bells) on Saturday, October 19th. Bells open for ringing at 3 p.m.; meeting in Schoolroom at 6.30 p.m.

W. BENTHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Harwich, to-day, Saturday, October 12th. The tower of St. Nicholas' church (eight bells) will be open to members during the day.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The Secretary has to ask the attendance of members at the meeting at Cripplegate, on Tuesday next, October 15th, at 8.15 p.m., when an important question has to be decided.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

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This Guild will hold the first of a series of monthly social gatherings on Saturday, October 19th, at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, at 7.30 p.m. Any ringing friends who can attend will be heartily welcome.

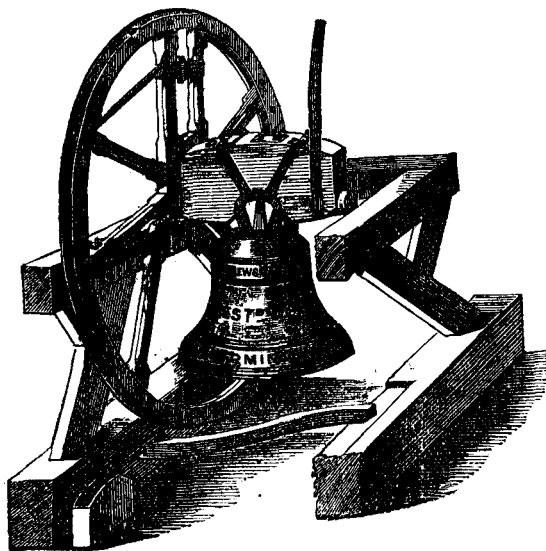
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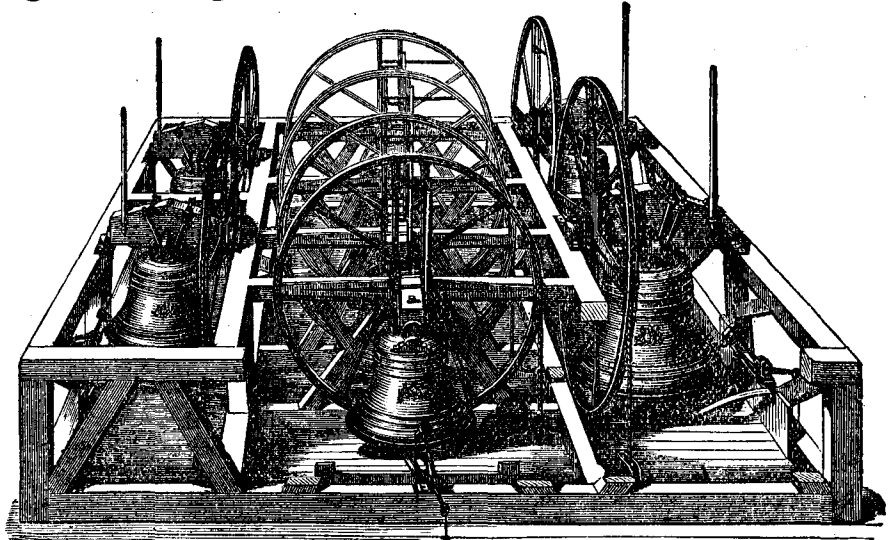
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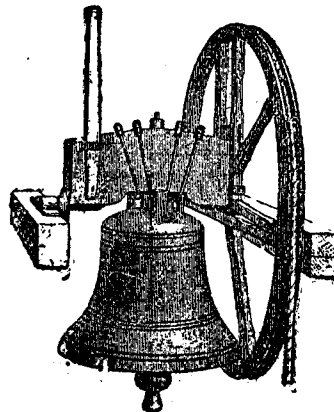
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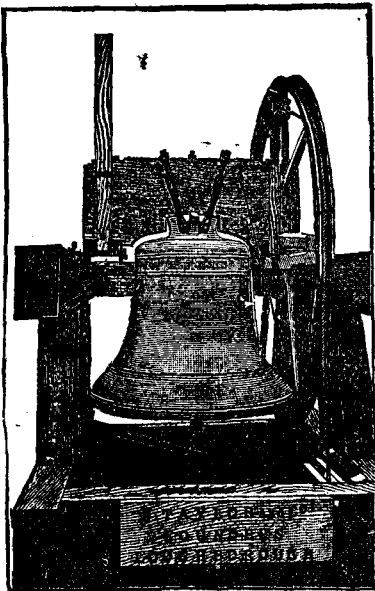
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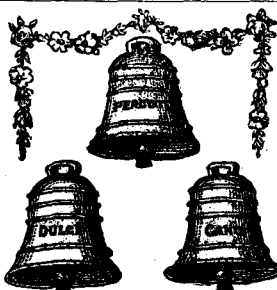
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