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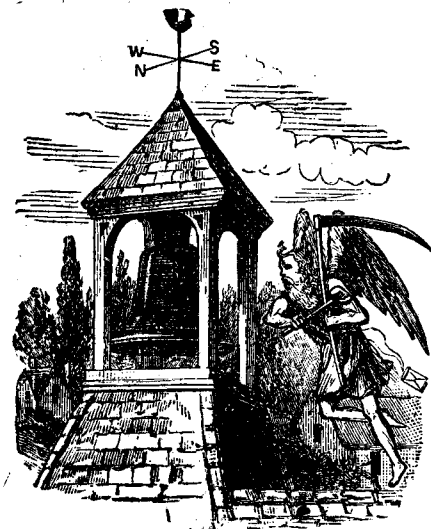
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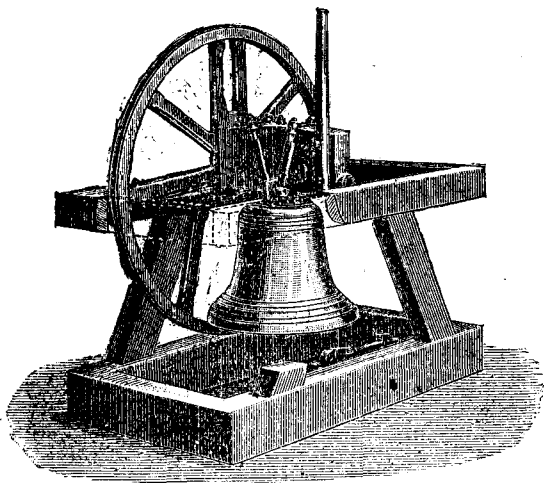
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THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

XII.

THE PRINCIPLES OF TWIN-BOB COMPOSITION.—Continued.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Before analysing the mode of composing and proving an entire peal it is necessary to elucidate a further point. I do not propose at present to enter into any arguments with a view of demonstrating the impossibility of obtaining a peal by means of bobs only; let us take for granted that none can be produced without the use of at least two singles. It is then clear that the whole of the sixty P blocks cannot be absorbed into one "block," by which term is signified here not an individual P or B block, but any number of courses so connected by bobs as to form a circle ending where it began. A touch is such a block, but rounds is not of necessity found in every block. The plan to be followed in Stedman, as in all other Triple methods, is to absorb the whole of the P blocks into two or more large blocks, which large blocks are then connected by singles. The process of singling blocks together is one of extreme delicacy, which I do not intend yet to describe; suffice it to say that when the 60 P blocks have been absorbed into two large blocks, these can invariably, so far as my experience goes, be singled together so as to form a peal.

We will proceed, then, with the consideration of how to form the two blocks which produce a peal.

Still adhering to the five-part plan it is evident that, if we can form two shunting parts which between them absorb portions equivalent to one block from each of the twelve lines of table F (article No. X.), each of these parts being four times repeated, two five-part blocks result. These two blocks are only under exceptional circumstances of equal length; it is far easier to obtain them unequal. When we attempt to compose, we shall find that there is a strong tendency for rounds to come as the part-end. Such a part, being non-shunting, is of course useless, as it fails to introduce the other four parts. Now, by inspecting the figured notation of Thurstans' quarter-peal given in article No. XI., it will be seen that there is nothing in the figures to indicate whether the part-end will shunt or not. The last course-end is 1, which may be rounds or any one of the other four course-ends in line 1 of table F; the only way to discover whether it is rounds or not being to prick the course-ends of the part in full. But now comes a curious fact, namely, that if a shunting part-end is obtained, no matter how many courses there may be in the part, the remainder of the twelve courses, which will form the part for the other block, will also shunt. If the first part obtained is non-shunting the complementary part will also be non-shunting. Therefore it is useless to work out the part complementary to a non-shunting part in the hope of obtaining a shunt.

A simple way is to take a one-course shunting part, such as that produced by bobbing SH from 251634 in the peal below; then the remaining eleven courses may be arranged in any manner that will absorb the remaining eleven lines of table F. By thus starting with a known shunting part, the possibility of a correct complementary part is assured.

We may now consider the production and proof of an entire five-part composition, and for this purpose I will select my No. 1 peal as being an easy example to analyse. Attention may perhaps have been attracted to the unwieldy number of "q" sets that were written down in obtaining the proof of Thurstans' quarter-peal (article No. XI). A great saving of time and labour will be effected if it be definitely decided to treat the whole of similar positions in a similar manner. Thus, let it be resolved that all the S and Q positions shall be bobbed, in which case it follows that all the . and H positions must be plained. Then if all the exceptions to this treatment are written down, we shall have the requisite information in a convenient form. In the following peal there are only three "q" sets that do not conform to the treatment decided on. These are given below. The calling and course-ends are also inserted for clearness, although, as has already been pointed out, they are not needed by the experienced composer. The L column is also needless as no L position is bobbed, and this column is consequently only a duplicate of the H column.

S	H	L	Q	S	H	L	Q	2	3	1	4	5	6
7	7	7	2	x			x	5	4	1	3	2	6
8	8	8	8	x				2	4	6	3	5	1
2	3	3	4	x	x		x	4	3	2	5	6	1
11	9	9	6	x	x		x	3	5	4	6	2	1
5	6	6	9	x	x		x	5	6	3	2	4	1
10	10	10	10	x				4	6	1	2	5	3
9	11	11	11	x	x			6	5	3	2	1	4
4	4	4	3	x			x	1	2	3	5	6	4
12	12	12	12	x				6	2	4	5	1	3
3	2	2	7	x	x		x	2	5	6	1	4	3
1	1	1	1	x				4	5	3	1	2	6
6 5 5 5				x	x			2	5	1	6	3	4
								5	3	4	6	1	2

B	H	P	Q
2, 3		8, 1	
9, 11		5, 10	
5, 6		12, 11	

There are here two blocks, the first consisting of eleven courses the last of one course. Each of these, as will be seen from the course-ends, is a shunting block, and will therefore repeat four times. In each of the columns S, H, L, Q appear all the figures from 1 to 12 inclusive, therefore the whole of the P blocks of table F are absorbed. Again every S is bobbed and every L is plained; also every H is plained and every Q is bobbed, except such Hs and Qs as are noted under the headings BH and PQ. Therefore all "q" set requirements are complied with, and the two blocks merely require to be singled together to form a peal.

No difficulty will be found in interpreting the peal as above presented if reference is made to the full description of the proof of Thurstans' quarter-peal contained in article No. XI. In comparing the two productions, the regularity of the treatment in the peal of the S and L positions contrasts strongly with the mode adopted in the quarter-peal, and, although the best productions are not on this regular plan, there is a reason in addition to those already given which will incline the less enterprising composers to adhere to it. This reason I will state.

There is among ringers a strong and well-grounded objection to six consecutive bobs. The twin-bob construction possesses the great virtue of not requiring more than four bobs together. To introduce six bobs is to take a distinctly retrogressive step towards the old multibob peals, and should therefore be as widely discouraged as possible. The sole case in which a six-bob set should be deemed permissible is where it is otherwise impossible to illustrate a particular class of composition. In other words, peals containing such sets should be for the student and not for the conductor. Now if, in composing, either the S or L position is plained throughout, it is clear that six consecutive bobs can never occur, and hence the advantage of this treatment. On the other hand, by proceeding thus, a considerable number of four-bob sets are entailed, and to get the best compositions, consequently, the S and L positions must be variably treated at the risk of a six-bob set turning up to mar the peal.

Further, the desirability of having the press of bobs in the S, H, and L positions as far as possible reduced makes it advisable to take as a basis the bobbing of Qs and consequent plaining of Hs rather than the opposite, although it will not be found possible to insert more bobbed Qs than bobbed Hs into a five-part composition formed in two blocks, because of the necessity for the introduction of at least six of the latter calls. To attempt to explain the peculiar connective powers of H bobs would be to trench upon the area of Mr. Bulwer's discoveries; I will therefore only say that if no Hs are bobbed a composition will fall into a number of small blocks which can then only be connected into a peal by the use of a number of singles.

I trust that the foregoing example of the pricking and proof of a five-part peal, in conjunction with what has previously been advanced, will sufficiently demonstrate the principles of twin-

bob composition, and shew how far more simply and expeditiously a 5040 of Stedman can be produced and proved than a peal in any other Triple method.

The distinction between five and ten-part compositions will be explained when we come to consider singles, the management of which calls will form the subject of the next paper. As a scale of course-ends may prove useful in working out the above and subsequent peals, a table comprising them all is appended. It will be noticed that three of the course-ends are producible by an alternative calling. These are marked respectively a, b, and c. Another point deserving of attention is that the calling S L Q produces rounds, like M B W in Treble Bob Major; consequently, except between singles, neither the sequence S L Q, L Q S, or Q S L can be used. This disability, coupled with the necessity of avoiding also the six-bob sequence S H L, causes variety in the calling to be less practicable than the amplitude of the following table would lead us to expect.

TABLE H.
SCALE OF COURSE-ENDS.

Calling S H L Q	produces from 1 2 3 4 5 6	No. of courses calling will run
x	5 2 6 4 1 3	2 (a)
x x	2 5 6 4 3 1	5
x x	1 4 6 2 5 3	2 (b)
x x x	5 4 3 2 1 6	2 (c)
x x x	3 4 6 5 2 1	3
x x x	2 4 1 5 3 6	5
x x x	1 2 3 4 5 6	1
x x x x	3 5 1 4 2 6	2
x	2 1 3 4 6 5	2
x x	6 4 3 1 2 5	5
x x	2 4 5 1 6 3	3
x x x	6 1 5 4 2 3	5
x	5 4 3 2 1 6	2 (c)
x x	5 2 6 4 1 3	2 (a)
x	1 4 6 2 5 3	2 (b)

ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

On Friday, August 1st, a meeting was held at the "King's Head" inn, Coventry, when the Working Men's Bell Tower Canvass Committee handed over to Mr. George Woodcock the result of their labours. The proceedings were of a most interesting character, great enthusiasm being manifested in the assurance that at no distant time the splendid bells of St Michael's may be again heard.

MR. WOODCOCK, upon receiving the papers, was loudly cheered. He afterwards congratulated the committee upon the result of their labours, and said the fact of 8,391 householders out of a possible eleven thousand being in favour of a campanile, must prove to all how unanimous the feeling was that they might again hear the bells, clocks, and chimes. He would undertake to convey the papers to the vicar and churchwardens of St. Michael's, together with the list of canvassers, and see that they were deposited in the parish church. Should another Mr. Andrews in years to come turn up, he would be able to find evidence of the means taken to bring about what the present Mr. Andrews had discovered from an old minute book was contemplated in 1793, namely the erection of a separate tower for the bells, to thereby put beyond jeopardy and further risk the tower and spire, which had been handed down five hundred years. He could assure the whole population of Coventry and neighbourhood that that alone had been his object and nothing more, notwithstanding anything said, written or printed to the contrary. He thought even the gentlemen who arranged the public meeting for considering what should be done with the bells, and who quoted the result in furtherance of their own views in favour of chiming, must now admit that it could not have represented the real feeling of the inhabitants of the city. Many who signed the requisition for chiming had since explained to him personally that they did so under a misconception, had

assured him of their desire to see a bell tower, and had promised subscriptions towards the cost. Some objected to a new tower through fear that it would interfere with the present architectural beauties of the existing steeples, and others because they did not believe that the poor old city could find £5,000—the sum which he stipulated should be provided by the town as an earnest of their desire to have the tower. He trusted, however, that the doubt would now be removed. He had never for one moment entertained a doubt upon that point. As a matter of figures, if the 8,400 people who had signed would undertake to contribute one penny a week for two years, the amount required to make up the £5,000 would be more than covered. If others shared this faith in the liberality of the citizens, no time should be lost in commencing the work. Indeed, acting on his own responsibility and faith, he had already communicated with three of the highest architectural authorities of the day, with a view to ascertaining whether they would advise the committee as to the best site, and act as assessors upon the designs which he suggested should be obtained from five of the leading church architects. He had received favourable answers from the three gentlemen—Mr. Ewan Christian, Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, and Mr. Norman Shaw—he had asked. He suggested the formation of a general committee to carry out the project, such general committee to appoint a small sub-committee consisting of the Vicar as freeholder, two gentlemen representing the subscribers opposed to the scheme, and two of those in favor of it. This committee would confer with the experts as to site, and prepare a specification from which designs could be invited. The committee would also take steps to collect what funds were necessary. He did not ask for too much money, and he felt sure all would help. As to the collection of funds from the public, he said their half would not increase; his possibly might. The money would be forthcoming, and the result would be the erection of one of the handsomest campaniles not only in England but throughout the continent. He announced, amidst cheers, his intention of presenting a three-and-a-half ton bell, upon which the clock should strike the hours, and added that although circumstances would soon necessitate his continued absence from Coventry he should, even if he was in Russia, come to hear the bells for the first time. He concluded by thanking the committee for their exertions, expressing the hope that the citizens would contribute liberally to the fund. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Woodcock for meeting the committee, and a similar compliment to the chairman for presiding, after which the proceedings terminated.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Saturday, August 2nd, the members of this Society held their annual outing, North Devon being chosen. Leaving Queen Street Station at 11.45 a.m., Umberleigh was reached, and a pleasant walk of two miles brought them to Chittlehampton tower, one of the finest in Devon, where hangs a nice-going peal of eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1739. The bells were soon set going to Grandsire Triples, and after several hours of pleasant ringing the bells were lowered in peal, and a move was made for Barnstaple. Here the "Bell" hotel was selected for headquarters, and after justice had been done to a substantial supper, the party retired to rest for the night. Pilton, near Barnstaple, saw the party at 8.0 a.m. on Sunday. Here was found a very fine peal of eight, tenor 25 cwt. in D, cast by Rudhall in 1712. Very little ringing was done here owing to the bad state of ropes and bell-gear, the belfry being little less than a dungeon, it being necessary to resort to farthing dips stuck upon sticks to see at all. On complaining of the bad state of affairs they were informed that two local wheelwrights have been instructed with the rehanging of this fine peal, so that intended visitors will know what to expect at a future visit. On leaving the belfry they were surprised to meet Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, and invited him to partake of some ringing with them at Branton, five miles from Barnstaple, in the afternoon. A few 6-scores were also rung at the old church, Barnstaple, a fine ring of six, tenor 22 cwt., cast by Bryant, of Hertford, in 1803. After dinner a brake and pair was in readiness and a most enjoyable drive by the river side

brought them to Braunton. Here hangs a very pretty peal of eight, tenor 18 cwt., cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1713, recently rehung by Stokes, of Woodbury, and they go like fiddles. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung and highly appreciated by the natives. A return was then made to Barnstaple for the night's rest. Next morning a start was made for Bideford, ten miles by rail, and the tower visited, which contains a peal of eight, tenor 16 cwt., cast by Rudhall in 1722. Here an attempt was made for a peal, but owing to the false striking of the bells, especially the 6th, which was found cracked soon after the bells were rehung, the attempt was given up after 1 hr. ringing. These bells were rehung and the two trebles founded by one, Abbott, of Bideford, in 1876. After dinner a return was made to Barnstaple, and a journey of two miles up the river Taw brought them to Tavistock. In the tower of the parish church hangs a splendid peal of six bells, tenor 19 cwt., cast by Evans in 1753, and recently rehung by Stokes, and go well. A few 6-scores having been rung, a pleasant walk home brought the party to Barnstaple, which was left by the last train for Exeter, and so ended one of the most enjoyable outings the Society has ever held, the weather being all that could be desired. They wish to return their best thanks to Rectors, steeplekeepers and North Devon ringers for the courtesy shown them during their holiday.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

Thursday, August 14th, 1890, will not quickly be forgotten by the members of the local band of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in this town. On that day a wedding of exceptional interest took place at the parish church, the contracting parties being Lieut. Ewan Cornwallis Cameron, of the Royal Horse Artillery, and Miss Kathleen May, youngest daughter of the late Thomas May, Esq., of Brook House, Basingstoke. The ringers met in the belfry at 9.30 a.m. to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, and at 9.35 a start was made. All went well, not a single trip of any consequence occurring throughout, and at 12.25 the welcome words "that's all" told that the first peal on the bells ever rung by a local band had been successfully accomplished. Mr. F. Bennett, of Guildford, who held the keys of the tower while the peal was in progress, and who heard the greater part of it, then came into the belfry, followed by Mr. Frank (sidesman) and Mr. H. Loe (churchwarden), both hon. members of the Guild, who congratulated the ringers on their success. The whole party then proceeded to the vicarage grounds, where they were photographed by Mr. B. H. Gidney, of Basingstoke. After the wedding ceremony, which took place at 2 p.m., and with the assistance of Mr. F. Bennett (a former member of the local band) a start was made for another peal, and soon the bells were rolling merrily along to the tune of Bob Triples. Success again crowned their efforts, and by 5.50 the second peal had been safely brought round. In the evening, by the kindness of Lieut. Col. May (uncle of the bride, and an hon. member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), the ringers with a few friends, numbering in all about twenty-five, were served with a capital dinner in a room tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, at the rear of the "Rose" inn, Mr. H. Loe and Mr. F. White occupying the chair and vice-chair respectively. In addition to the usual toasts, those of "the Bride and Bridegroom," and "the Donor of the feast, Col. May" (who has for many years been a staunch friend and a liberal supporter of the ringers) were submitted and received with enthusiasm. The company broke up shortly before midnight, having spent a very pleasant evening, their success in the earlier part of the day having added not a little to their evening's enjoyment.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Monday, August 11th, the above Society had its usual outing, the destination being Cleethorpes. Leaving Melbourne at 6.30 a.m. a pleasant ride of about four hours' duration, interspersed with touches on the handbells, and amusing anecdotes, landed the party at Grimsby Docks, where they were met by the genial clerk of St. Andrew's, who conducted them to the church

where hangs a fine peal of eight, tenor about 16½ cwt., by Messrs. Warner. Before testing the tower bells, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung upon the handbells belonging to the St. Andrew's Society, by the following: G. C. Tunncliffe, 1-2; Jos. Warren, 3-4; H. Hollingworth, 5-6; H. C. Woodward, 7-8; J. R. Wood, 9-10. Touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung on the tower bells, the go of which leaves nothing to be desired, although an improvement would be made by the addition of another floor to deaden the sound, which is rather unpleasant. M. E. Fryer, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; H. Hollingworth, 4; H. C. Woodward, 5; J. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; G. C. Tunncliffe, 8. Leaving the tower, the spicy breezes of the Fish Docks were inhaled, and the sales by auction of the finny denizens of the deep watched with very great interest.

A proposition that an adjournment should be made to the "Dolphin" at Cleethorpes for dinner was carried with acclamation, and acted up to forthwith. After dinner the members separated for various amusements in the shape of boating, promenading, and very pleasant and enjoyable visits to the various oyster saloons. A very serious accident occurred in connection with a boating trip; one of the band had his chapeau blown into the briny; thereupon resulted an exciting chase, a rescue being effected by a brother string after almost superhuman efforts, which all but resulted in the capsizing of (not the hat) the boat and the loss of a valuable stick (p. c. 2d.) The Royal Humane Society's medal has not yet been received by the gallant rescuer.

The return journey was commenced from Cleethorpes at 8.5 p.m., and the interim enlivened by songs, toasts, jests and sentiment: also a course of Grandsire Caters, the ringers as before with the exception of J. Vickers, who took the place of J. R. Wood. Melbourne was reached about 1 o'clock; the society dispersing with the unanimous opinion that it was the best outing they have had. The society desires through the medium of this valuable paper to tender its best thanks to the Rev. R. Meddings, for placing their bells at their disposal, also to those friends who kindly conducted them to and assisted them whilst in the belfry.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, August 16th, a meeting of the above branch was held at the parish church, Burnley, when representatives was present from Blackburn, Burnley, Church, Colne, and Padiham. Mr. J. Walker presided at the meeting which was subsequently held, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Blackburn parish church on Saturday, September 20th, when all members are earnestly requested to attend, as the election of officers for the branch for the next twelve months will take place.

Votes of thanks to the rector, wardens, and ringers concluded the business of the meeting. Touches of Triples and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A RINGER.—On Saturday, August 9th, Mr. James Foster, with his wife and son, left Irchester station with the intention of paying a visit to some friends in the North of England. On Wednesday, a telegram received at Knuston stated that Mr. Foster had died somewhat suddenly. The corpse was brought to Knuston on Wednesday afternoon. Deceased was taken ill shortly after leaving Knuston, and died on Tuesday. He was well-known and generally respected. Mr. Foster having been one of the Irchester ringers and also a member of the choir, a dumb peal was rung after the funeral on Thursday. It is many years since the plaintive music of muffled bells sounded out from Irchester spire. Wellingborough ringers kindly lent some of their muffles for the occasion.

Ye "fiendish-looking" ringers, 'tis most true,
That scribes whose very grammar is at fault,
Whose "balderdash" defiles—are of the crew
Of intellects deformed: the blind, the lame, the halt.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, PENZANCE.

The ancient borough and market-town of Lostwithiel, the "Uzella" of Ptolemy, and the adjacent parish church of Lanlivery were selected by the above branch of the Devonshire Guild for their recent annual excursion.

After fifty miles of rail, proceedings for the day commenced by raising and ringing some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the light peal of five bells to be found in Lostwithiel church. These are of Pennington's casting, dated 1764, with a tenor of 8 cwt., decidedly flat. An antiquarian survey of the church was then made, when a rough moor-stone font of octagonal shape attracted particular attention; supported on five pillars, its sides bore rude representations of the Crucifixion, with a female figure on each side; huntsman on an ass, with sword, horn and hawk, a dog seizing a rabbit, a bishop's head, ape's head, enchained with snakes, and arms of the Earls of Cornwall. It is said that in 1644, when the town was occupied by the Parliamentary forces under the Earl of Essex, that a horse was christened "Charles," by some soldiers, in this font, in contempt of Church and King. An alabaster carving in relief, of the martyrdom of St. Bartholomew, to whom the church is dedicated, and the pedestal of a poor box dated 1645 were also noticed.

The church dates from the 16th and 17th centuries, and is Gothic chiefly; the tower is earlier, being of the 13th century, and is beautiful in design, being called by the late G. E. Street, R.A., F.S.A., "the pre-eminent glory of Cornwall;" is in two stages, the lower square and heavily buttressed, the upper, being chamfered at the angles, is octagonal, from which rises an octagonal lantern of handsome open tracery work, surmounted by an octagonal spire.

About one mile from the town, upon the summit of a bold headland, are the magnificent ruins of Restormel Castle, whose origin, though involved in obscurity, was doubtless erected by Robert, Earl of Moreton, in the 13th century, and was once the residence of the Earls of Cornwall. The rampart, or outer wall, is nearly circular, and has a diameter of 126 ft. being surrounded by a moat 60 ft. wide and 30 ft. deep; the entrance was formerly by a drawbridge, now by a raised roadway, through a square ruined tower, leading to an open circular area, 64 by 65 feet. Around this area and within the outer walls are situated two regular suites of apartments, the upper ones being reached by two dark and narrow stone staircases; also a chapel of apparently more modern date; the whole of the ruin being enveloped in ivy presents a most picturesque appearance, the walls being enshrouded as completely as its antiquity does its history.

The terrace and winding walks through the plantations surrounding the castle were thoroughly enjoyed both for the scenery and enervating effect on the appetites for luncheon, which was partaken of on the return to Lostwithiel.

A two-mile walk, mostly up hill, and a Cornish one too, brought the party to Llanlivery, where there is an excellent peal of eight bells, recently augmented from five by the addition of three new bells, and turned out exceedingly well, in new frames and bearings, etc., by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, as recorded in a recent number of "THE BELL NEWS."

Here touches of Grandsire Triples to the extent of 750 and 1500 from Holt's ten-part peal were rung with much pleasure; the running of the bells with a tenor of 16 cwt., and of beautiful tone, being everything that could be desired. Some round-ringing was joined in by several of the local ringers, whose courtesy in receiving the 'scientifics' at both churches was much appreciated by the visitors.

This church of St. Brevita is a fine granite building in the Perpendicular style, and has been recently restored. The tower is one of the best in the county, and consists of three stages, buttressed on the square to the third stage. Here the coins, which become octangular, rest on corbels, composed of lions, angels, and human heads; these coins are surmounted by lofty octagonal and battlemented pinnacles, with crockets and finials.

In the churchyard is a ponderous granite coffin, said to have been removed from the north transept, and tradition adds that it originally protected the remains of one of the Cornish princes, brought hither probably from Restormel Castle.

Returning by way of Pelyn House, where was being held a bazaar and flower show in aid of the Church Restoration fund, tea was partaken of and the mansion inspected. Pelyn has for four centuries been the principal seat of the Vicar's (the Rev. Francis Kendall) family. It is supposed to have been at an early period the site of a religious house, but of which order it is uncertain; it was one of the manors presented by William the Conqueror to his half-brother Robert, Earl of Morton. About twenty-five years ago the greater portion of the interior was destroyed by fire, fortunately the valuable collection of family portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds, Hudson, and other artists, was preserved from destruction, and still adorn the walls.

The westernmost terminus of the G.W.R. was reached soon after eleven, many expressions of pleasure being elicited from the excursionists on the journey homewards of the success attending the day's outing.

J. S.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6th, a deputation of the above waited on the Right Rev. Doctor Westcott, Lord Bishop of Durham, at his residence, Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, for the purpose of presenting His Lordship with an address of welcome to the Diocese of Durham. On arriving at the Castle the members forming the deputation were received by the Rev. C. H. Boutflower, the Bishop's Chaplain, and were conducted by him through the Chapel, situated at the east end of the Castle, which was beautified by the late Bishop Lightfoot. The rev. gentleman kindly explained things of interest, special attention being drawn towards the stained-glass windows, the subjects of which are most interesting. The party after being conducted to a room in the Castle, where they were received by the Bishop, Doctor Westcott, presented his Lordship with an address, which was as follows:—

"TO THE RIGHT REV. DR. WESTCOTT, LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM.

May it please your Lordship—We, the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of ringers in common with all other bodies of churchmen in the county of Durham, do heartily welcome your Lordship to the episcopal throne of Durham, recently rendered vacant by the death of the late Dr. Lightfoot, who was a patron of the Association. In consideration of the close friendship which existed between your Lordship and our loved and esteemed late Bishop, Dr. Lightfoot, we naturally feel the more inclined to tender you the warmest reception in our power. We humbly pray and trust that help and strength may be given your Lordship in the further continuance of the work to which it hath pleased the Almighty to call you. Signed on behalf of the members by R. S. Story, *President*; Francis Lees and Thomas Clark, *Vice-Presidents*; Lancelot Newton, *Hon. Secretary*."

His Lordship spoke a few words on Church work, and expressed his opinion that all should be Churchworkers in some form or another, and that to be a bellringer was being a good Churchworker.

The visitors were, through the kindness of his Lordship, entertained to tea in the Castle, for which they wish to tender their sincere thanks; and also to the Rev. C. H. Boutflower for the interest he took in their visit.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, August 9th, when there was a good attendance of members. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, with a 720 of Bob Minor, by J. Wright, 1; E. Lane, 2; J. Garrat, 3; G. Winter, 4; R. Bishop, 5; H. Briggs (conductor), 6. And 600 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by H. Horwood, 1; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 2; J. Swinfield, 3; A. Needham, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; J. F. Clarke, 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles by the younger members. An adjournment was afterwards made to the meeting-house, where Mr. Aldham presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and one new member was added to the list. After the close of the business, the handbells were brought out, and several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung. The party returned home with the conviction that they had enjoyed a very agreeable time.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

On Monday, August 4th, a few members of the Worcester (St. Helen's) society spent a very enjoyable day, making a visit to some of the towers in the south of this county. A start was made from Worcester at 7.25 a.m. by five members, arriving at Kempsey at 8.0 a.m., where two more members joined the company. A halt was here made for a short ring, and after a bit of running about owing to the steeple-keeper being away from home and taking the key with him, an entrance was effected by the vicar kindly hunting over the vestry for a spare key. The bells, which are a peal of six, tenor about 16 cwt. in F., going the back way, were at once raised. By that time it was discovered that something easy would be necessary, some of the bells going very bad, and a 720 Grandsire Minor was rung at the second attempt, the first coming to grief through the fourth bell casting her rope. T. Penny, 1; S. Cotton, 2; H. Knowles, 3; L. Longney, 4; B. Hill, 5; W. Page, 6. After falling the bells a move was made for Upton-on-Severn, in the vehicle which F. Owen had been tending, and calling at the residence of L. Longney, whose parent with his usual generosity kindly provided some refreshment. Arriving at the above pleasant little town at 11.30 a.m. and after seeing to the comfort of the old grey horse, the tower was at once made for, where they found Mr. Smith, the local, and another one of their band waiting for them, the former having good-naturedly oiled the bells and put everything ready. They here found a peal of six in fair good going order, and after raising the bells, to the tune of Bob Minor a 720 was brought round in 25 mins. F. Owen, 1; L. Longney, 2; S. Cotton, 3; H. Knowles, 4; W. Page, 5; R. Knowles, 6. Also 120 College Single and 120 Stedman Doubles. After lowering the bells they made for the "Anchor" inn, and did justice to a good spread. The handbells were then brought into use and some touches of Grandsire Triples and Major were indulged in to the delight of the natives. A very pleasant walk of 15 minutes brought them to Hanley parish church, where they found a good going peal of six, tenor about 16 cwt. in F., the only fault being the fifth too sharp. After reversing their position a 720 of College Single was attempted, but came to grief through the third rope breaking, which however was soon remedied. Another start was made but the same thing occurred again, three yards of extra rope flying about, but luckily without accident. F. Owen, 1; L. Longney, 2; W. Page, 3; S. Cotton, 4; H. Knowles, 5; R. Knowles, 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. The return to Upton was then made, and tea was partaken of. Welland being the next on the list, the vehicle was brought out and a very pleasant ride of four miles landed them safe, passing a wayside inn called the "Rope and Pickaxe." Again putting the horse in, an entrance to the church was essayed, but the keys were missing, which after a good deal of hunting were found in a saddle-room. Here they found a pretty peal of six, tenor about 10 cwt., with two bad faults, viz., the ropes falling in two parallel lines, and the room being miserably lighted with only one window, about 1 ft. by 3 ft. Here they rang 720 Oxford Bob in 26 mins. F. Owen, 1; R. Knowles, 2; S. Cotton, 3; ——— 4; W. Page, 5; L. Longney, 6. They then lowered the bells, and time being short adjourned to the Pheasant inn, but only to see the ostler, who however answered the purpose, and put the horse in harness again. Shortly after leaving a disaster was narrowly escaped, the coachman nearly taking off the only wheel from a razor grinder's apparatus. Hanley Swan being the next halting place, upon the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. R. Knowles, they adjourned to their house, and enjoyed a delicious tea. Afterwards the handbells were brought out and courses of Triples and Caters were rung. After thanking Mrs. Knowles for her excellent catering, a move was made for the tower, where there is a nice little peal of six, the "go" of which was perfect, also being a good circle and capially lighted. Darkness fast approaching a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure was brought round in 23 mins. F. Owen, 1; S. Cotton, 2; H. Knowles, 3; R. Knowles, 4; L. Longney, 5; W. Page, 6. This finished the programme; all the 720's being conducted by L. Longney. The company then made for home, which was reached at 10.50, all having thoroughly enjoyed the tour, the weather being grand, and the country looking beautiful, in many places harvest being in full swing.

ALL SAINTS', WEST BROMWICH.

On Saturday, August 2nd, the ringers connected with the above church accompanied by a few friends, had their outing to Aberystwith. An early start was made, and they arrived at their destination a little before 11. A move was at once made to Llanbadarn Fawr church, which was restored and beautified about five years ago. A part of the restoration was adding two new bells to a peal of six, and making them into a peal of eight. The bells were raised in peal, and when all were ready "go" was called for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 57 mins. As this is the first peal rung upon the bells since they were made into a peal of eight, it is probable that a tablet will be placed in the belfry recording the same. After falling the bells and partaking of tea the beach and promenade were visited until 7 o'clock, when two of the party had to return home. On Sunday morning a touch of 518 Grandsire Triples was rung for the English service. Monday was occupied in bathing, sailing, and seeing the places of interest in and around Aberystwith. In the evening they returned to Llanbadarn, where an open-air concert was given by the party. Tunes and touches of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, songs, and a duet in Welsh by two of the villagers were very much appreciated by a large number of the inhabitants who turned out to listen. The party returned home on Tuesday, greatly benefitted by their trip. The thanks of the ringers are due to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to all the other friends who did so much to make the visit such a pleasant and enjoyable one.

MONMOUTH.

An event, in which a great deal of local interest was taken, on Tuesday, August 12th, was the wedding of Mr. John B. Hyam (eldest son of Mr. T. R. Hyam, Cornwall House), and Miss Thomas (only daughter of Mr. J. Thomas, of the King's Head hotel). A crowd assembled at St. Mary's church to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Wentworth Watson. After the service had concluded, Mr. Webb, the organist, played the Wedding March, and as the bride and bridegroom emerged from the church and walked to their carriage they were greeted with a continuous shower of rice, which was also freely bestowed upon other members of the party. The wedding breakfast took place at the "King's Head" hotel, and during the afternoon the happy pair left Troy Station, amid a cannonade of fog signals, for Weymouth, en route for the Channel Islands. The bells of St. Mary's rang out merrily during the day, and an account of the ringing will be found in another column. Salutes were fired by the men at Mr. Hyam's steam saw mills, the employees of both families being entertained at dinner in the Borough Court in the evening. A very handsome and valuable lot of presents were received by the bride and bridegroom, including gifts from the servants at the Hotel and Mr. Hyam's workpeople.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

The lads and lassies associated with this Society turned up in round numbers on Thursday the 7th inst., at St. Margaret's Hall, Westminster, to enjoy a concert and entertainment of a high class, admirably arranged and conducted throughout, and under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. E. Sims, A.K.C. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be devoted towards a fund which is being raised to provide a competent Instructor to initiate the members in the intricacies of change-ringing, so that "Tombstone Surprise" shall be relegated to the past, and the music in future issuing from the belfry of St. Margaret's may be more in keeping with the historical and parliamentary character of the church.

Several good songs were well rendered by the ladies and gentlemen present, and Mr. Arthur Leopold mystified the audience with his sleight of hand tricks, and proved he was a conjurer of no mean ability. Very sorry were the spectators when he concluded his entertainment, for like "Oliver Twist," they "wanted more."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1890.

THE account of the Cumberland's visit to Huntingdon and neighbourhood has, we are informed, been read with great interest. A correspondent points out that a like visit to St. Neot's, where there is a peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) would enlighten the darkness to some little extent of the band of ringers there who "work the changes" on a plan of their own. In this plan we are told the treble is always first, and the tenor last, and the ringers of the other six bells have each on the floor at their feet, a large square of cardboard, on which appears in big figures, the bells in the order in which they are to follow them. This is not a new mode of unscientific ringing, by no means. A visit by a good company to St. Neots, might perhaps induce the local band to give up this cardboard business, and take to change-ringing proper. Should our friends of the Royal Cumberlands again visit this part of the country, perhaps they will arrange, if possible, a visit to the town of St. Neots.

It is gratifying to hear that the result of our remarks about Huntingdon was the almost immediate visit of a number of scientific ringers to that town. We hope that such alacrity may be imitated very largely by others. There are a number of spots requiring the attention of those who are anxious to promote the extension of ringing and the formation of Societies. Whoever embarks in such a work and perseveres in it is a benefactor to the Exercise.

The Metropolis.

PUTNEY, SURREY.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY.. .. 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS*.. .. 3.	HARRY KENTEN 7.
JAMES NICHOLLS, JUN. .. 4.	J. HARVEY BEAMS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

*First peal with a bob bell. J. H. Beams hails from Seaford.

The Provinces.**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 14, 1890, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26 cwt.**

WILLIAM WAKLEY Treble.	FRED. W. WALLIS 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	JOHN WALKER 6.
RICHARD LOGIE 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Mr. Wallis hails from Rhyl, North Wales, and this is his first peal.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, August 14, 1890, in Two Hours Forty-Nine and a ½ Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.**

STEPHEN POWELL Treble.	JOHN BALLARD 5.
THOMAS CURTIS 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM BULPITT 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
FREDERICK WILSON 4.	*WALTER WOODS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and F. Bennett. F. Bennett hails from Guildford.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, August 14, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

FREDERICK WILSON† Treble.	†JOHN BALLARD 5.
THOMAS CURTIS 2.	*JOSEPH HIGGINS 6.
WILLIAM BULPITT† 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
STEPHEN POWELL† 4.	*ARTHUR KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. †First peal on tower bells. First peal on these bells by a local band. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Lieut. Ewan Cornwallis Cameron, of the Royal Horse Artillery, and Miss Kathleen May, youngest daughter of the late Thomas May, Esq., of Brook House, Basingstoke. The ringer of the 4th is only 14 years old.

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JAMES JUCKS Treble.	WILLIAM MORGAN 5.
WALTER JUCKS 2.	ROBERT T. DUNN 6.
ALBERT WALE 3.	ALFRED D. BRADBURN 7.
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Composed by G. A. BANSO and Conducted by ALFRED D. BRADBURN.

George Chester hails from Lincoln; it also being his first peal in the County of Salop.

AYLESFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, August 16, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	*GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 2.	*ARTHUR C. WEST 6.
THOMAS MANNERING 3.	*WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
ALFRED PALMER 4.	*WILLIAM HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal in the method.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 16, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

GEORGE BALCHIN Treble.	PHILIP ALLFREY 5.
CHARLES BLACKMAN 2.	ARTHUR A. FULLER 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	GEORGE BAKER 7.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 4.	GEORGE F. BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Williams, Allfrey and Fuller hail from Brighton, the rest are local.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.*On Saturday, August 16, 1890, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5320 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.**

JOB JOYNES Treble.	WILLIAM MUNDY 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM KENT 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 4.	HENRY JOHNSON 9.
HENRY BASTABLE 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This peal contains the 6th the extent home both in and out of the titum position, and is reduced to this number from a 6000 given in Snowdon, page 109. First time rung. I. G. Shade hails from West Greenwich.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 16, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

HARRY RICHELL* Treble.	HARRY ALLEN 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.* .. 2.	ALFRED RICHELL 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3.	ALFRED TARBUN 7.
GEORGE GREEN 4.	*HARRY DAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. W. Rowland hails from Chelmsford; Edwards and Tarbun from Widford; the rest are local men.

LEEDS, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Sunday, August 17, 1890, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.****Tenor 20 cwt. in E.**

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. POPE 6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF (R.E.) .. 7.
ALCHIN MOORCRAFT 3.	ARTHUR C. WEST 8.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4.	EDGAR POPE 9.
ALFRED PALMER 5.	GEORGE J. MOORCRAFT .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Kent County Association, and the first peal in the method by Messrs. A. Moorcraft, G. Moorcraft, W. E. Pope, E. Pope, G. Lindoff, and A. C. West.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)***On Tuesday, August 19, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

T. BRADLEY Treble.	J. SHEPHERD 5.
J. T. STANDRING 2.	W. HAWORTH 6.
JAS. PICKUP 3.	J. T. STOTT 7.
ABRAHAM WHITE 4.	*WILLIAM SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

*First peal. The above was rung in honour of the birthday of J. T. Standring, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. BRAZIER*	Treble.	REV. T. L. PAPILLON ..	5.
W. J. PIPER	2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN ..	6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS ..	3.	HIRZEL F. DE LISLE Esq.	7.
W. ROWLAND, JUN. ..	4.	RICHARD C. BURRELL ..	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Messrs. Lincoln and Edwards. Rowland and Burrell hail from Chelmsford; Piper and Edwards from Widdford, De Lisle from Galleywood.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. SMITH-FLOWER ..	Treble.	GEORGE TEMPLE ..	5.
HARRY WOTTON ..	2.	JOHN WOTTON ..	6.
WILLIAM DAVIS ..	3.	H. W. BROWN ..	7.
REV. C. W. H. GRIFFITH	4.	FRED. SKUSE ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WOTTON.

First peal by the Association.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Monday, July 28th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Aspdon. T. Bradley, 1; T. Harrison, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; J. Shepherd (composer), 6; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 7; J. Kershaw, 8.

NEWCHURCH.—On Wednesday, July 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; J. T. Stott, 6; J. Wright, 7; J. Diver, 8.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Monday, August 4th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 8 mins. *G. E. Swain, 1; A. R. Aldham, 2; G. Winter, 3; J. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. Swinfield, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7; *W. H. Horwood, jun., 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. *Longest touch.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARDELEY.—On Sunday, August 10th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. T. Webb, 1; G. T. Spicer, 2; A. Squires, 3; J. Craft, 4; A. Thurgood, 5; J. Hare (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method. T. Webb, 1; J. Hare, 2; A. Squires, 3; A. Thurgood, 4; J. Craft, 5; G. T. Spicer, 6. And 360 in the same method, and several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, conducted by T. Webb and A. Squires. J. Hare and A. Squires hail from Hitchin, the rest from Baldock. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. N. Kimpton for having them in readiness.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Monday, August 11th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. N. Spindlow, 1; W. Fisher, 2; H. Druce, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; J. Fisher, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor by all, and also the first on the bells.

PANGBOURNE.—On Monday evening, August 11th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Nicholls, 1; T. Pocock, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; C. Pocock, 4; E. Bushnell, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, July 31st, at the church of St. Giles, 720 Bob Minor with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. T. Swain, an old ringer of this town. A.

Whatmore, 1; H. Dibley, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. Pike, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. P. Goddard (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hands, Pike, and Essex hail from Caversham; Goddard from Salisbury. And on Sunday, August 10th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. F. Tarrant, 1; R. T. Hibbert, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; A. P. Goddard (conductor), 6. T. Hibbert hails from East Ilsley; Blackburn from Salisbury.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, July 24th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Russell, 1; C. Martin, 2; W. Tubb, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 31st, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor were rung as a farewell peal to Mr. J. Rickets, who is leaving the vicinity for Burton-on-Trent. On Thursday, August 6th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 22 mins. W. Webb, 1; F. Sparks, 2; C. Martin, 3; C. Pratchett, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And on Monday, August 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 23 mins. W. Webb, 1; F. Carroway, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Sparks, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Martin, 6.

HADLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 27th, at the parish church, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. and Mrs. Milne (parents of F. A. Milne, Esq., Hon. Sec. of the above Association). Meeting short through an unavoidable cause, some call-changes were rung for morning service, by the following: W. J. Dell, 1; C. Roberts, 2; W. Godfrey, 3; G. Godfrey, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; G. Abbott, 6. And three 6-scores Grandsire Doubles, for afternoon service with the bells half-muffled, by request. G. Godfrey, 1; G. Abbott, 2; C. Roberts, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; W. J. Dell (conductor), 5; T. Tull, 6. On Tuesday, the evening of the funeral, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by the last-named six, with the bells half-muffled.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 27th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty singles, composed by T. Card.) H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 3rd, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and twenty-eight singles). W. Webb, 1; G. Woodiss (conductor), 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Leach, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, August 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Carroway, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. J. Leach hails from Child's Hill; G. Woodiss from Shepperton, Surrey.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, Aug. 10, before Divine vice at the parish church, the local company rang 720 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and forty-two singles). T. D. Thompson, 1; J. Bonsall, 2; J. Hall, 3; G. S. Carrington, 4; W. T. Burton, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. Composed by J. J. Parker of Farnham Royal.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS.—On Saturday, August 9th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Brook's peal of Stedman Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 4000 changes. H. Gardner, 1; W. Sevier, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; S. E. Romans (conductor), 6; H. Mitchell, 7; E. E. Bewick, 8.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.—On Monday, August 11th, at St. Peter's church, six members of the local society, assisted by Messrs. James and Romans of Gloucester, rang for practice 588 Bob Triples. T. Simmonds, 1; S. E. Romans, 2; E. B. James (conductor), 3; W. H. Prosser, 4; J. Playsted, 5; C. H. Prosser, 6; F. Blanton, 7; J. Clarke, 8. The above is the longest touch by all except Messrs. James and Romans.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 11th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 Bob Triples in 38 mins. J. Smith, 1; W. Crickmer, 2; J. Brady, 3; E. Gooding, 4; W. Ruffles, 5; G. Rowe, 6; W. Grimes (conductor), 7; W. Miller, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ECCLESTON.—On Sunday evening, August 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. E. Mealing, 1; J. Jackson, 2; C. Price (conductor), 3; J. Tomlinson, 4; A. J. Griffith, 5; J. Moulton, 6. Also on handbells 224 Treble Bob Major. J. Tomlinson, 1-2; J. Moulton, 3-4; C. Price, 5-6; A. J. Griffiths, 7-8. And two courses of Grandsire Caters in the tittums, also 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Griffiths, 1-2; J. Moulton (conductor), 3-4; C. Price, 5-6; J. Tomlinson, 7-8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Friday, August 8th, for practice at the parish church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. Rev. G. D. Scott (first 6-score), 1; T. Hudson, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Rev. G. D. Scott, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 3; T. Hudson, jun., 4; J. Willshire (London), 5; J. Field, 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. T. Hudson, sen. (conductor), 1; J. Cook, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. On Saturday, August 16th, Mr. D. Shipp, of Staindrop, visited this place, when there was rung at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. R. C. Hudson (conductor), 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; E. Duff (London), 4; D. Shipp, 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. Also five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. R. C. Hudson, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; T. Hudson, jun., 3; J. Willshire (London), 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. Field, 6. And a 720 Bob Minor. T. Hudson, sen., 1; J. Cook, 2; D. Shipp (conductor), 3; H. G. Dawson, 4; J. Field, 5; J. Willshire, 6.

WINLATON.—On Thursday, August 7th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Lockey, 1; J. Pattison, 2; J. Blake, 3; W. C. Bennet, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; G. Atkinson (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Monday, July 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 742 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 28 mins. A. Edwards (conductor), 1; W. Rowlands, jun., 2; H. Richell, 3; J. Newman, 4; H. Allen, 5; C. H. Howard, 6; G. Green, 7; A. Richell, 8. Edwards hails from Widford; Rowland from Chelmsford; Howard from Braintree; the rest are local men.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, August 8th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. W. Houghton, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, jun., 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; W. J. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; A. Edwards, 7; C. Porter, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 45 mins. J. Dains, 1; A. Edwards, 2; W. Rowland, jun., 3; A. Shuttleworth, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; W. Lincoln (composer and conductor), 7; E. W. Houghton, 8. W. Rowland, jun. hails from Chelmsford, and this is his first quarter-peal in the method.

THE HORNSEY GUILD, MIDDLESEX.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday morning, August 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. W. Dixon, 1; G. Griffin, 2; A. Howell, 3; W. Short, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Also for practice, on Monday, August 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. in 27 mins. W. Dixon, 1; G. Griffin, 2; W. Short, 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Barber (composer and conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single. W. Dixon, 1; W. Short (conductor), 2; A. Howell, 3; J. Barber, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Griffin, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Monday, August 5th, a mixed band of this Association met at the parish church and attempted a peal of Treble Bob Major, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 3808 changes, in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. D. Jordan, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Parker, 3; F. Rice, 4; R. Jordan, 5; W. Collison, 6; J. Gasson, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. Tenor 13½ cwt. First touch in the method by J. Parker, and first on a bob bell by J. Akehurst. In the afternoon the same band, with the exception of W. Collison, journeyed to East Grinstead, where another attempt was made for a peal, but this also came to grief after ringing 1024 changes, in 39 mins. D. Jordan, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Parker, 3; E. Streeter, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice, 6; J. Gasson, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. This is believed to be the first touch of Treble Bob Major ever rung on the bells. Afterwards several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. A 560 by E. Streeter, 1; F. Wickens (conductor), 2; J. Newnham, 3; J. Wren, 4; J. Parker, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. Rice, 7; D. Jordan, 8. And a 560 by J. Akehurst, 1; F. Wickens, 2; R. Billings, 3; J. Wren, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson, 6; R. Jordan, 7; F. Rice, 8. And 336 by J. Akehurst, 1; R. Billings, 2; J. Wren, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Parker (conductor), 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. Rice, 7; J. Gasson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. D. and N. Jordan and J. Akehurst hail from Capel; F. Wickens from Charlwood; F. Rice from Worth; J. Gasson and E. Streeter from Balcombe; J. Wren and R. Billings from East Grinstead; J. Newnham, W. Collison, and J. Parker from Crawley. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. J. B. Lennard and the Rev. D. Y. Blackiston for the use of the bells; also Mr. A. Huggett, steeplekeeper of East Grinstead, for having everything in readiness for them.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Saturday, August 16th, at St. Nicholas church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. Jas. Taylor, 1; J. Rollerson, 2; E.

Nuttall, 3; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6. Messrs. Rollerson, Nuttall, and J. Smith hail from Rawtenstall; Jas. Taylor from Newchurch; J. B. Taylor from Waterfoot; W. Smith from Bacup.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, August 11th, for practice at the parish church, 504 Bob Triples (four bobs and two singles). E. Smith, 1; J. Andrews, 2; J. Whitnal, 3; W. Bush, 4; E. Bush, 5; F. Bush, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; T. Bourne (churchwarden), 8. Messrs. Andrews and Tanton hail from Lyminge; the rest are local men.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Friday, August 8th, at Holy Trinity church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, but owing to a change-course in the second part, the conductor called stand after ringing 1680 changes, in 58 mins. This was the second attempt, the other one being on Monday, August 4th, when the bells came round after ringing 1200 changes. J. Jukes, 1; N. Boden, 2; A. Wale, 3; W. Jukes, 4; W. Morgan, 5; R. T. Dunn, 6; A. D. Bradburn (conductor), 7; W. Price, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, August 4th, at St. Saviour's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2000 changes it came to grief owing to the 5th and 6th changing course. W. Ticehurst, 1; E. Willoughby (conductor), 2; W. Siggs, 3; E. Baker, 4; J. Billings, 5; J. Hatter, 6; T. Willoughby, 7; J. Parkes, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Messrs. Ticehurst, Billings, Hatter, Baker, and Parkes belong to St. Saviour's; E. and T. Willoughby to St. Mary's; W. Siggs to All Saints.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, August 17th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) in 45 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; *E. Adams, 3; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 4; C. E. Kelley, 5; F. W. Kelley, 6; H. R. Newton, 7; Jas. Nicholls, jun., 8; H. Kenten, 9; W. Samson, 10. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb. *First quarter-peal.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, August 10th, for Divine Service, 826 Grandsire Triples. H. Shepherd, 1; W. G. Rumney, 2; J. Kentish, 3; W. E. Powers, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; J. Shepherd, 6; A. Shepherd, 7; G. Smith, 8.

MONMOUTH.—On Tuesday, August 12th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. B. Hyam, eldest son of Alderman Hyam, who has been parishioners' warden at St. Mary's church for eight years, the local company, being an inside man short, rang 360 Bob Minor on the front six, with 7-8 covering. W. Jones, 1; J. Ward, 2; W. Walters, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. M. Preece, 5; T. H. Jones (conductor), 6; H. Brown, 7; H. Price, 8. Afterwards the first part of the last half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Jones, 1; J. Ward, 2; W. Walters, 3; W. Honeyfield, 4; J. Brown, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; T. H. Jones (conductor), 7; H. Brown, 8. Afterwards an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing four parts out of the six through the 3rd man missing the treble in 1-2. W. Jones, 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Brown, 3; W. Honeyfield, 4; W. Walters, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; T. H. Jones (conductor), 7; H. Brown, 8.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, August 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1114 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Horwood, 1; H. Argyle, 2; H. Briggs, 3; G. Winter, 4; J. Noble, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. Messrs. Aldham hails from Barwell; Briggs and Noble from Stoney Stanton. This is the first touch of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells, and the first by all except the conductor.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Tuesday, August 5th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late William Scholefield, a late member. Also on Sunday, August 10th, a half-muffled touch of thirty-one treble leads of Kent Treble Bob, representing the age of deceased. A. Spurr, G. Crawshaw, D. Stephenson, W. Byram, M. Garforth, W. Illingworth, J. A. Idle, W. Dixon.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, July 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Dawe, 1; S. Macey, 2; H. D. Adams, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; R. Gollop, 5; W. S. Wise (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; G. Doel, 8.

ST. GEORGES (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, August 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor. — Howell, 1; W. Lansdown, 2; H. Thomas, 3; A. E. Thomas, 4; S. Phillips (conductor), 5; F. Howell, 6. And on Thursday, August 14th, for practice, 720 Double Court Minor. C. Tompkins, 1; A. E. Turner, 2; H. Thomas, 3; A. E. Thomas, 4; W. Lansdown, 5; S. Phillips (conductor), 6. First 720 of Double Court by the whole band. F. Howell hails from Thornbury.

ST. ALBANS (HERTS).—On Sunday evening, August 17th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, the last 742 of Holt's Original. E. Chap-

man, 1; T. Long, 2; S. E. Mitchell, 3; E. R. Mitchell, 4; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 5; H. Brewer, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8.

TAUNTON.—On Thursday, August 14th, at St. James's church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Maddock, 1; R. Crossman, 2; A. Doble, 3; T. Radford, 4; F. Price (conductor), 5; F. Sadd, 6. Also some 6-scores on the handbells. A. Doble, 1; T. Radford, 2; F. Price (conductor), 3-4; J. Maddock, 5-6. F. Price hails from Bristol.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Monday, August 4th, at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Ades, 1; T. Ashdown, 2; J. Beal, 3; H. Rann, 4; A. Reed (conductor), 5; H. Ades, 6. This is the first touch rung on the bells for over two months, owing to a grievance between the rector and the ringers, the former saying that if they rung for Divine Services on Sundays they must also attend them or leave the bells alone. The ringers declined to be always bound to go to church, so therefore the bells were left undisturbed. Permission was however granted this time by one of the churchwardens, the rector being away from home. It is to be hoped that it may now be carried on in a satisfactory manner to both parties, as the band have just made a start, having only in March last rung their first peal of Grandsire Triples.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE RECENT PEALS AT HUNTINGDON.

SIR.—If "Young Cumberland" will give me his name and address through the columns of this valuable paper, I shall have great pleasure, when next taking the trouble to obtain the necessary fund for some brother Cumberlands to visit here, in consulting him as to whom I am to invite and what class he would like them to travel. I am extremely sorry that he should have felt so aggrieved, and to make amends (for what he considers my bad behaviour) I will endeavour to obtain permission for him and others, whom he may desire to bring to attempt a peal on some bells not far from here, the tenor of which is badly cracked.

F. V. H. SINKINS.

Huntingdon.

SIR.—If your Correspondent who signs himself "Young Cumberland," in your last issue of "BELL NEWS," will renew his query, at one of our meetings at head-quarters, I think he will receive a satisfactory answer.

H. DAINS.

147, Barnsbury Road.

[This correspondence must now close.—ED.]

THE "JACK-IN-OFFICE" AGAIN.

SIR.—I wish to say a few words concerning a peal that was to be attempted at St. Mary's, Taunton. Since the Bath and Wells Association has been formed a member wished to attempt an association peal at the above church. After having permission from the Vicar, through the Steeplekeeper, he got together a band and engaged a conductor, but when he went to see the steeplekeeper the day beforehand he positively refused to let them ring. The Bath and Wells Association has been formed to encourage change-ringing. Is this the right way to encourage it or not?

T. R.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIR.—In your issue of August 9th there is a letter signed "Yorke Sherman," which I must take exception to. I deny that the reading of my letter will lead any one to any such conclusion as that Yorkshire ringers are selfish or disreputable characters, and it is only by a great stretch of the imagination that any person could say so. I maintain that all I have said is strictly true, and can be verified. I fancy I see some of my old friends titter with laughter when they read that more ringing is done in Yorkshire now than fifteen years ago, and methods then unknown among us are now rung regularly. The late W. Goodall, of Liversedge, had upwards of 100 peals to his credit, besides his record of prize-ringing achievements, before the Yorkshire Association came into existence; and ringers fifteen years ago could and did ring any known method both on six and eight bells; men who are still living can testify to what I say. I have myself helped a company to ring seven broken-lead peals on six bells, three of which had never been rung before, more than fifteen years ago. The number of adjectives used in Y. Sherman's letter is something astounding. Some of my friends will be induced to read my letters over again to try and find the charges brought against me. He says—"Mr. Stead pleads guilty," etc. I did nothing of the kind. I said I was speaking of Yorkshire only, and as to my knowledge of Yorkshire ringers, my name will be sufficient for that.

THOMAS STEAD.

Obituary.

JUSTIN ANDREW.

It is our sad duty to record the death under painful circumstances of the above-named member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, which took place on Saturday, August 9th, at Manchester Royal Infirmary. The deceased, who was employed by the Manchester Corporation, was assisting in demolishing some old buildings when he fell from the scaffolding, and was so severely injured that on his removal to the infirmary, he died as above stated. He was a very useful member of the above society, being constant in his attendance, although he lived six miles away from the tower. He was 39 years of age and had been connected with the parish church ringers about nineteen years, and he had rung some thirty peals, principally covering (although he could also take his place inside). His last peal was one of Grandsire Cinques, which was the first in the new tower and on the bells. His last touch was on the Sunday evening previous to his death, when for evening service he covered a touch of 593 Grandsire Cinques. The interment took place on the 13th of August, and in the evening his fellow ringers met, and with the bells deeply muffled, rang the same touch which he had last taken part in, conducted by Mr. Samuel Wood. His loss will be keenly felt by his fellow ringers, and they wish to give their sympathies his bereaved family in their great affliction.

FORREST STONE.

The ringers of the St. Wollos' Church Guild, Newport, (Mon.), have sustained a great loss in the death of the above ringer, which took place under melancholy circumstances, at the early age of 23, at Minehead, Somerset, on Sunday, the 10th inst. Deceased was attached to the 2nd Batt. of the South Wales Borderers, and he seems to have contracted a severe attack of acute pneumonia early in the week, which in spite of the attention of the medical staff attached to the camp, and the careful nursing at the Dunster Cottage Hospital, proved fatal in less than a week of his being laid up. He had for a considerable time captained the band of ringers at Newport, and his patient and courteous bearing had done much to encourage the men to overcome the preliminary difficulties of change-ringing, which was rendered the more difficult by the unsatisfactory condition of the bells, six in number. However, they had succeeded in mastering the various methods in Doubles, and had attained considerable proficiency in Minor ringing, one or two 720's having been recorded, and this result was in a great measure due to the perseverance and wholesome discipline instilled by the painstaking example of Mr. Stone. Much sympathy is expressed with the family of the deceased in their bereavement, and the St. Wollos Guild participate deeply in this. On the day of the funeral on Thursday, the 14th inst., they rang with the bells deeply muffled in the evening, and the Caeleon band also muffled their bells at their usual practice as a mark of sincere respect.

EDWARD WRIGHT.

On Sunday, August 4th, 1890, at St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, Pimlico, London, after evening service, the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a funeral peal, consisting of the usual "whole pull and stand," followed by a touch of Stedman Triples, with the bells half muffled, as a last mark of respect to the memory of the above-mentioned member of this society (who died from scarlatina (which eventually lodged in his throat), in the Stockwell Fever Hospital on 26th July, 1890, aged 28½ years, viz.:—F. E. Dawe (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; G. T. MacLaughlin, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; W. H. George, 6; H. R. Newton, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G. The deceased had been a constant worker at the above church since 1879 at which time he was taught to ring by his friend, Mr. F. E. Dawe, and in return, a short time afterwards, he taught Mr. G. T. MacLaughlin, another well-known ringer. At one time Mr. Wright took great interest in ringing, but had only accomplished one complete peal, for during the last few years his fine voice found him the most prominent position in the choir as bass soloist, and in musical circles he soon became well-known and appreciated. He has left behind him many who will mourn the loss of a true, straightforward, and kind-hearted friend, together with a young widow and only child. May he rest in peace.

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Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Whitefield, to-day, Saturday, August 23rd, 1890. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.
23, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the School-room, South Normanton, on Saturday, September 6th. Meeting 5.30.

JNO. JAS. COOK, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The next monthly Saturday afternoon gathering will be held at Great Barr, to-day Saturday, when the members will be pleased to meet any ringing friends.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
Finch Road, Handsworth.

Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (price 3d.) may be obtained from E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.
Bobbing Vicarage, Sittingbourne.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing from 3.0 p.m. Meeting house "Barley Corn" Inn. HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, Hon. Sec.
49, Green Mount Street, Beeston Hill.

Midland Counties' Association.—Members are hereby reminded that nominations for the election of representatives to the "Central Council," signed by two members must reach me on or before Saturday, August 30th, 1890. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.
5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crosby, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }

Lancashire Association.—The Association year will close on Saturday, August 30th. Members who have not paid their yearly subscription will kindly do so at once. Notice of any alteration or addition to the rules, must be sent not later than September 4th. Any changes of address for the ringing calendar please report early.

J. REDFORD, } Hon. S. s.
A. E. WREAKS, }

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—A Meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday, August 23rd, at Horton, and also on Saturday next, August 30th, at Wolstanton. Bells at 4 p.m.

REV. R. B. TONGE, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Meeting will be at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on August 30th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m.

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RINGERS' OUTING.

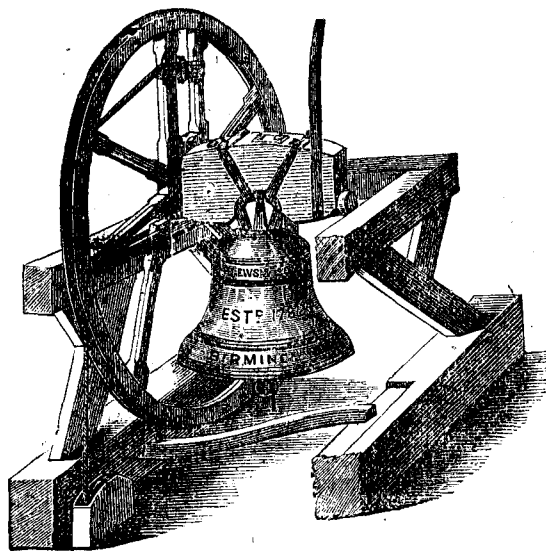
On Tuesday, July 29th, the St. Paul's society, Shipley, held their annual excursion, Southport being the place selected. Leaving Shipley by the 5.5 a.m., Southport was reached at 8.10 a.m. After breakfast a walk on the pier was very much enjoyed, and after a short stroll through the town, and a hunt up and down after the steeple-keeper of Christ Church, they found that they would not be allowed to have a pull on the bells until after six o'clock. Dinner being the next thing looked for and partaken of, a start was made for the Botanical Gardens, which was reached after a very nice ride through the town. A look through the gardens and hot houses brought them out by the lake, where a few of the party had some very good fun in watching the boating, one or two having a row on the lake, then returning by tram into Southport and having tea. At a few minutes to six the bells were heard to be tolling, which was taken as a signal that the tower was open for ringing, and upon arriving there they found Mr. Hill pulling up the bells ready for ringing. After adjusting the ropes a few courses of Kent Treble Bob was rung. T. Lilly, 1; R. Hill, 2; T. Kendall, 3; W. Fox, 4; J. Lilly, 5; G. A. O. Nettleton, 6; J. A. Ross, 7; J. S. Clark, 8. After a short chat with Mr. Hill it was time for them to be making their way to the station, and leaving Southport at 8 p.m. they arrived at Shipley at 11.35 p.m. well pleased with their day's outing. They wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Hill for his kind attention to them while they were there.

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On Bank Holiday, August 4th, the above society held their annual outing, the place selected being Hertford. Leaving Loughton at 8 a.m., they proceeded by brake to Waltham Cross station, where they were joined by J. Gobbett (West Ham), and G. Cornell (Wanstead). They then journeyed on, reaching Hertford about 11 a.m. At St. Andrew's they were met by Canon Wigram, who gave them a hearty welcome. After a false start a touch or two of Stedman Triples was rung, assisted by Messrs. Ellesmore (Hertford), and Stanbridge (Birmingham). They then adjourned to the Coldbath Hotel, where handbell ringing was indulged in for a time. Then a walk through the town to the Hertford Coffee Tavern, where an excellent dinner was in waiting. Dinner over a visit was paid to All Saints, where they were met by Mr. Knight. Touches of Stedman Triples and a touch of Grandsire and Stedman Caters was rung here; and a touch of Treble Eight was also attempted, but was not brought round. Leaving All Saints another move was made to the hotel for tea. Before leaving a touch of Bob Major was rung at St. Andrew's. A start was then made for home which was reached about 11 p.m., all having spent a very pleasant day. The above society wish to thank Canon Wigram for kindly making arrangements: also the steeplekeepers of the towers and all those gentlemen who contributed to the day's enjoyment.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.



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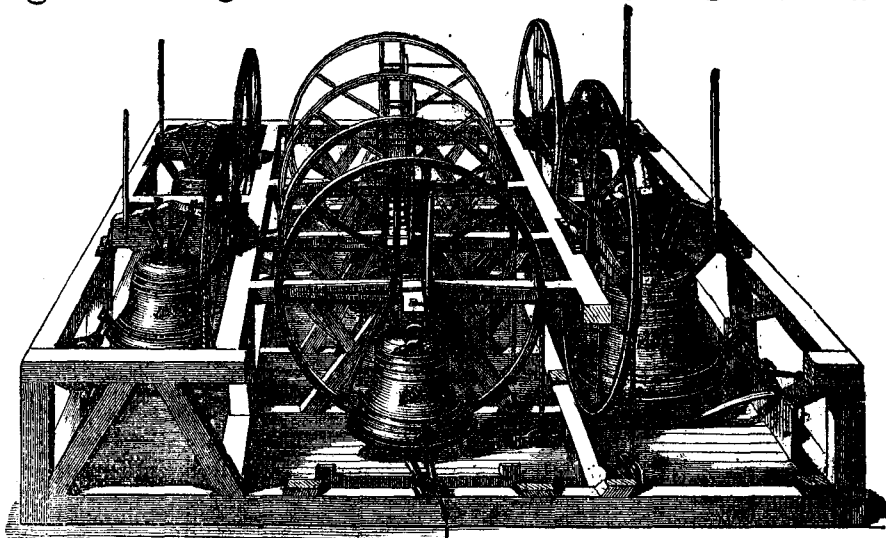
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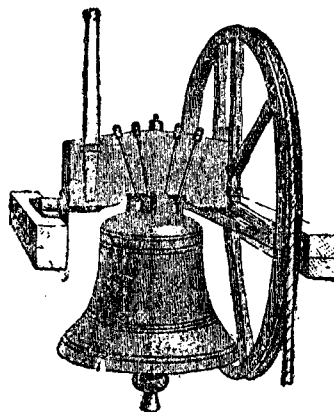
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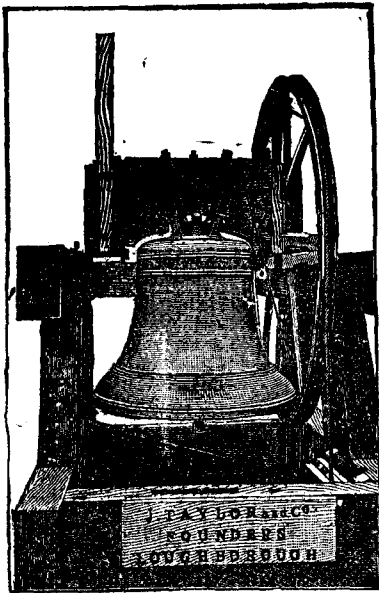
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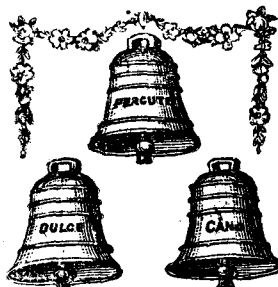
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