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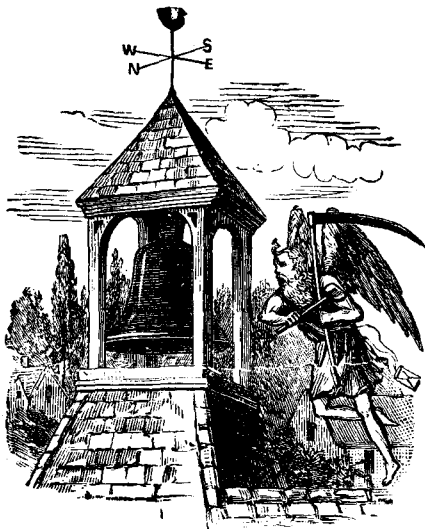
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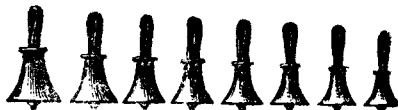
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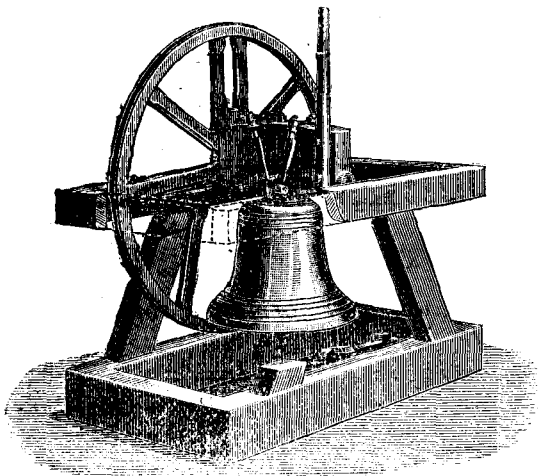
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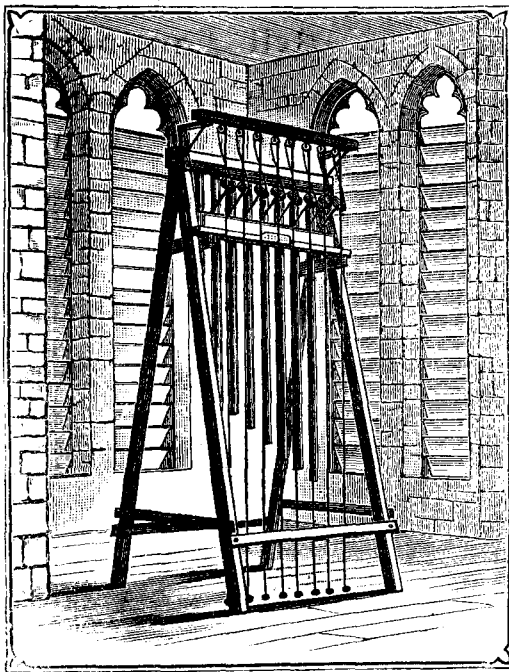
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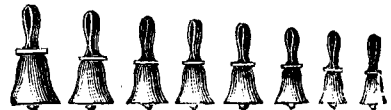
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(From our own Correspondent.)

For many months back, ringing concerns in the ancient city of Ripon have been of a somewhat lively character. The first practical result of this animation was demonstrated in the re-hanging of the ring of eight in the south-west tower of the Minster, when the bells were removed from their old bearings and placed in a new steel frame by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford. This frame also had extra pits for two new trebles, which it was hoped might at some not distant date be added, and thus make the excellent ring even more worthy of the fine old edifice—the "Mother Church" of the diocese of Ripon. Hardly had the old eight bells got settled in their new frame, when the order for two new trebles was placed with Messrs. Shaw. About the same time this firm also received the commission to rehang the pretty ring of eight at St. John's, Sharow, which work was duly executed. It was intended to have had the new ring of ten at the Minster first rung for Easter morning service, but through unavoidable circumstances this was prevented, and it was not until some weeks after that their sound first went forth from the tower. The next important item in the programme was the June meeting of the Yorkshire Association, an invitation for which had been given and most cordially accepted at the Bradford meeting in February. Naturally, the brunt of the work locally fell upon Mr. Thomas Clark, the highly esteemed chief of the city ringers, and it could hardly have fallen into better hands, certainly not into those of any one more zealous, untiring, and anxious for the success of the gathering. It is therefore most gratifying that we are able to report the culmination of his labours as being highly-satisfactory, pleasant to the visitors, and creditable to himself.

Saturday morning, June 6th, broke dull and heavy over the city of Ripon; for some time Jupiter and Solus had a struggle for mastery, but eventually the bright orb won, and then came the prospect of a lovely day, which was afterwards realised. Early trains brought visitors from various parts of the county, bent on a day's combination of business and pleasure. Soon the Minster bells were going, and shortly after the bells of Sharow were sounding over the fields and meadows. Later trains brought larger contingents, till afternoon, when a heavily-laden special train arrived from Bradford and soon caused the thoroughfares to present a thronged appearance. The earlier comers had, previous to this, after indulging in a ring, paid a visit to the famous grounds of Studley Royal, the seat of the Marquis of Ripon, in which the extensive ruins of Fountains Abbey are situate, special privileges for the enjoyment of which had been generously afforded by the Marquis.

For the day's proceedings, the Victoria Assembly Hall had been engaged by the Ripon branch. At four o'clock the official committee met, and amongst other business admitted twelve new members. At five o'clock the members and friends assembled in the theatre of the building, and there with the Mayor of the city and other dignitaries partook of a most excellent meat tea which had been provided by the Ripon branch, the tables occupying the whole floor of the theatre being well and comfortably filled.

As this pleasant function drew to a close, the president, accompanied by some of the officers, the Mayor of Ripon, and Mr. Thomas Clark, ascended the stage, and took their seats preparatory to commencing the business meeting.

Mr. Snowdon, in opening the proceedings, expressed the pleasure which he felt, and which he was sure they all would have felt, at the numerous gathering of members and friends in the ancient city of Ripon, as well as the generous hospitality and kindly greeting which they had met with from the citizens, a sentiment which was warmly greeted. He then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed unanimously and signed.

The next business was the selection of the town for the holding of the Annual Meeting, whereupon

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Sec.) read letters which he had received from Mr. Thomas Hattersley on behalf of the Sheffield members, inviting the Association to hold the October meeting at Sheffield, and testifying to the interest taken in it by the Ven.

Archdeacon Blakeney. He therefore moved that the annual meeting be held at Sheffield.

Mr. J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford) seconded.

Mr. Thomas Lockwood then rose, and while giving expression to the great respect in which the Sheffield brethren were held by the Leeds branch, was sorry to have to appear somewhat in opposition to the motion, which had come upon him and the Leeds members that day as a great surprise. Some time before he had mentioned the question of the next annual meeting to their old friend Mr. C. H. Hattersley, asking him if there was any intention on the part of the Sheffield members to move in the matter of the annual meeting, and was assured by him that they had no such intention this year. Had it been otherwise, the Leeds members were prepared to support unanimously the holding of the annual meeting at Sheffield, round which town were gathered so many pleasant recollections. But seeing that no action was likely to be taken by Sheffield, they at Leeds had held meetings, considered the matter well over, and approached the parish church authorities, by whom their proposal had been met in the most cordial manner possible. He had therefore no alternative but to propose Leeds as the place for holding the annual meeting.

Mr. D. York (Holbeck) seconded the amendment, which was supported by Mr. Snowdon and others, and on the voting being taken was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Thomas Lockwood then replied, thanking the meeting for the vote, and assuring the members that no effort would be wanting on their part to make the annual meeting in Leeds a thorough success.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. T. Lockwood and W. Abbshaw were unanimously appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. W. H. Howard (York) proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon, the Rev. H. D. C. Nunn, M.A., vicar of Sharow, and the wardens of both churches for the use of their bells during the day.

Mr. B. T. Copley seconded, and the motion was carried with loud cheers.

A motion, of which notice had been previously given, signed by the President and Hon. Sec., then came up for discussion. It was to the effect that—

"Should a member financially qualified for non-resident membership, leave the county, owing *only* the subscription for the year then current, it shall be lawful for the committee, after considering an application and statement of the facts, signed by such member, to re-instate his name and permit his subscriptions towards life-membership to be resumed from the point at which they ceased, provided always that his application be within two years from the date of his return to the county."

This was carried unanimously.

A proposition from the Hull branch, of which notice had also been given according to rule, enacting—

"That all members of the General Committee attending Committee Meetings at headquarters, for making arrangements for holding the General Meetings, and residing more than fifteen miles away from such meeting place, shall have third class railway fares allowed out of the funds of the Association for distances over and above the said fifteen miles," was the next item on the agenda paper.

In the course of discussion upon this motion.

Mr. Thomas Clark asked a question with reference to the financial position of the Association, as to how it could reasonably bear the increased drain upon its income which this motion would entail.

The President in reply, stated that they were on the point of investing a second £100, and when that had been accomplished, he thought they might safely trust that each year would pay its own way. Hitherto they had been most economical, in order that they might place themselves upon a sound financial basis. They had been twitted many times on being a rich Association, but when they took their liabilities into account, it would be readily seen that they required at least the £200 invested to keep themselves in something like a solvent position. They in Yorkshire had no large annual subscribers like some kindred associations; and more than this, this system of life membership after the payment of 11s. 6d. subscriptions, placed a great liability upon their shoulders, inasmuch as all these life members, although ceasing to pay annual subscriptions, were

entitled to all the privileges of paying members so long as they lived. At the same time he (and he might also speak for the Committee) agreed in principle with the motion, as it was manifestly unfair to expect a man living at a considerable distance from headquarters not only to devote his time but also to be put to so great an expense in attending committee meetings. He thought they might at least give the proposal a fair trial. The motion was eventually all but unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Thomas Stockdale (Hull) proposed, and Mr. W. Elliott (Birstall) seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the Ripon branch for their generous hospitality and the arrangements which they had made for the success of the gathering and the comfort of their visitors, which was carried amid loud applause, and briefly responded to by Mr. Thomas Clark.

Replying to a hearty vote of thanks for his presence amongst them that day, the Worshipful the Mayor of Ripon expressed the pleasure which the visit of the Yorkshire Association had given not only himself but the citizens at large. The Church's ringers were, he always considered, a very important body in the land. Even if their work of summoning the people to church Sunday after Sunday was not an integral part of the service, at the very least it was an old national institution, the loss of which would be incalculable. The great distinctive mark of the Lord's day, to his mind, was the sound of the church bells as it floated in the air, calling citizens to the worship of their Lord and Master; and thus the work of ringers was a highly important one. He trusted all ringers would always remain fully alive to their duties and the importance of their work; that they would ever be valued as they deserved to be; and speaking for himself and his own city, while cordially welcoming them that day, assured them of a similar welcome at any other time when they should decide to pay a visit to the old city of Ripon.

The Mayor resumed his seat amid loud plaudits, and a vote of thanks to the President concluded the business of the meeting.

Immediately after—at 6.45—a special choral service was held in the choir of the Minster, at which a large congregation assembled. The full choir of the cathedral took part, and after the third collect rendered the anthem "Sing we merrily unto God our strength"—(Psalm lxxxi. *Exultate Deo.*) At the conclusion of this service, the Bradford branch ascended the tower and rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, on the completion of which, a few minutes before nine o'clock, the bells were lowered, and ringing finished for the day, in accordance with the custom of the city. A move was at once made to the market-place to witness the custom of "blowing the horn," which was performed by the city official in his quaint costume, amid the ringing of the bells of the Minster and other churches, after which all lights were supposed to be put out (which they weren't, by the way), and then a move was made for the station, where about ten o'clock the remainder of the visitors were congregated, and as the various trains departed, they took with them their load of suffering humanity who had for a brief space (only too brief, be it said) enjoyed themselves well in the city of Ripon. Thus ended a most successful and satisfactory meeting.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

ON Saturday, May 30, the local ringers met on the occasion of a visit of Mr. W. Green, of Colchester, and Mr. W. Easter, of Gillingham, Kent, for a ring on the handbells, at the Royal Hotel, and several tunes and a course of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, and a pleasant evening was soon gone. And on Sunday, May 3rd, having been joined by Mr. A. Peachey, of Ipswich, three courses of Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on the tower bells for morning service. W. Green, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; G. Knock, 7; W. Easter, 8. Also for evening service 392 Grandsire Triples, with A. Peachey, 1; W. Green, 5; C. Ramplin (conductor),; the rest as before. This is the first time the old company has met for two years.

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.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Sunday, May 31st, Messrs. Grabham, Tudball, Thrush, and Elliott, of the Dunster Guild, with two friends, left Dunster in a waggonette and pair, for a drive to Nither Stowey. Leaving Dunster at 9.30 in beautiful weather, Stowey was reached about twelve o'clock. The headquarters for the day was the "George" hotel, kept by Mr. D. Thorne, father of Messrs. W. W. and R. S. Thorne, who were also there to receive them. After partaking of refreshments, a move was made to the church under the conductorship of the amiable sexton, Mr. F. Sweet, who had got the bells ready for them. The church, etc., having been inspected, a move back to the "George" was the next order, where the party was augmented by two more friends from Dunster, and then the whole were very kindly entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Thorne in fine style. Dinner being over, the ringing members started again for the church to attempt a 720 of Grandsire Minor on the peal of six bells, but it was lost after ringing about half. Not having time to start again, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The above was rung for the afternoon service by R. S. Thorne, T. Elliott, W. W. Thorne, J. Grabham, J. Tudball, and W. W. Thorne. After leaving the church a waggonette was in readiness, kindly placed at their disposal by Mr. D. Thorne, to take them to Spaxton to try and ring there, but after seeing the sexton, churchwarden, and the rector's wife, they could not obtain permission, as the rector was taking his rest for his evening service. So the next order was Over Stowey, where there is a peal of five, and after a nice drive through some beautiful scenery, which was much enjoyed, they arrived to hear the local party ringing some call-changes. R. S. Thorne had to leave the party after ringing at Nither Stowey, but met them again just long enough to introduce them to the Rev. —. Bottom, who was very pleased to give them permission to ring, and took them to the church and introduced them to the local party, who lowered the bells and placed them at their disposal. After rising them in peal several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung, which is supposed to be the first on the bells. The following were the ringers: T. Elliott, J. Tudball, W. W. Thorne, W. W. Thrush, and J. Grabham. The bells being lowered in peal the band was taken charge of by Mr. Grandfield, the sexton, and his son, who are both ringers, and supplied with refreshments at his house, remarking they would always find a welcome there. After thanking him for his kindness, a move was made, and a nice walk across the fields. The trap having been sent home, the "George" again was reached, where Mrs. Thorne again showed them hospitality by having tea in readiness. After ringing some Doubles on the handbells, and passing a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thorne for their kindness, a move was made for home, which was reached just about eleven o'clock, and an enjoyable day's outing came to a close.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ON Friday evening, the 13th inst., at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, the bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of two old and highly-respected members of this society, the announcement of whose deaths have already been made in this paper, viz.—Messrs. Caleb William Coppage and William Hoverd. The usual whole pull and stand was performed, followed by touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters.

The writer rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, also his first peal of Stedman Triples, with Mr. Hoverd. H.D.

The proposed memorial to the late Lord Granville will take the form of a tower and a peal of bells, to complete the new parish church of Walmer, in which his Lordship took a great interest. The first stone of the building was laid by Lady Granville in 1887. From its great height the spire will form a landmark for the ships of all nations as they go up and down Channel. The memorial, which has been subscribed for by men of all parties, will cost about £4000.

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THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT ALDEBURGH.

The first annual meeting of the Saxmundham district was held at Aldeburgh on Saturday, June 6. There were twenty-eight members present from the following places: Rendham, Sweffling, Saxmundham, Benhall, Kelsale, Leiston, and Aldeburgh. The bells of the parish church were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening, various touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, and Double Court Bob Minor being successfully brought round. The business meeting was held at seven o'clock, presided over by Mr. Fenton Thompson, when the Hon. Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, read the annual report, which showed that seven peals had been rung in the district by members of the Association, viz.: three of Bob Major, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Triples at Leiston; one of Bob Major at Kelsale; and a 5040 in four methods at Aldeburgh. The number of members belonging to the district is sixty-two, fifty-four of which are full performing members. The eight honorary members are the Hon. Lionel Holland, 73, Eaton Square, London; Rev. B. W. Raven, M.A., rector of Leiston; Rev. W. Bromley, vicar of Sibton; Rev. H. Parr, vicar of Yoxford; Rev. H. Thompson, vicar of Aldeburgh; Rev. E. A. Thelwall, late curate of Leiston; F. Garrett, Esq., Aldringham House, and T. Percy Borrett, Esq., Leiston; all of whom have joined since the formation of the District, while eighteen have joined as performing members. Four quarterly meetings have been held during the year, at Kelsale, Leiston, Rendham, and Saxmundham, all of which were well attended. The towers in union with the district are Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Rendham, Sweffling, Kelsale, Peasenhall, and Sibton, all having regular weekly practice-nights, and good bands attached to them. A tablet has been placed in the tower of Aldeburgh church recording a performance that took place upon the bells on November 10th, 1890. One member had died on May 16th,—Mr. James Avis, of Benhall, at the age of sixty-nine years, and was interred at Benhall, when some muffled touches were rung on the bells. He had been a member of the Association from the date of its commencement in 1877.

In concluding the report the Secretary urged the importance of individual effort being made to obtain an increase of honorary as well as performing members, and he thanked all his brother-ringers for the assistance they have on all occasions rendered him, without which, this, the first year of the District's existence, could not have been carried to its present successful issue.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Peasenhall on Saturday, September 5th, and to visit the neighbouring towers of Sibton and Yoxford. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. Thompson for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, brought to a close another successful meeting.

A VISIT TO RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW'S, SUFFOLK.

ON Sunday, June 7th, five of the Ipswich company and myself paid a short visit to the above place and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Motts, 1; H. Howell, 2; J. W. Lines, 3; A. Howell, 4; W. Motts, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also with Mr. Cooper, of Eastbourne, 360 of Kent. J. Motts (conductor), 1; H. Howell, 2; J. W. Lines, 3; A. Howell, 4; —. Cooper, 5; W. Motts, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. J. Motts (conductor), 1; H. Howell, 2; J. W. Lines, 3; W. Motts, 4; —. Cooper, 5; A. Howell, 6. These are a pretty little ring of six, tenor 9 cwt., and were augmented from five to six by the addition of a new tenor, and have all been thoroughly rehung in a new English oak frame and new fittings by Messrs. Henry Howell and Son, Church Bell Hangers, of Ipswich, a short time ago, who have made an excellent job of it, and it is hoped that before long they will be employed to augment them to eight by adding two good trebles, as they would make a pretty and handy little ring of eight. We beg through the medium of this paper to thank the rev. gentleman for his kindness in granting us the use of the bells.

SAMUEL SLATER.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, PORTSEA, HANTS.

The Annual Meeting of the above Guild was held on the 12th inst. at the Vicarage, under the presidency of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Jacob). The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey having read the balance-sheet for the past year, the Vicar remarked on the progress of the band during that time, which he thought very satisfactory, and reflected the greatest credit on the ringers themselves, as well as on their painstaking instructor (Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham). Other business having been transacted, Mr. Harper presented to the Vicar a framed photograph of the members of the Guild. He (the Vicar) said it gave him great pleasure to accept such a present at their hands, and he should always keep it wherever he was as a token of the good feeling existing between them as Church-workers.

The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey also presented three photos of the church to the Guild, to be hung up in the ringing-chamber, which were suitably acknowledged by the members; and, with best wishes for the success of the Guild during the ensuing year, the meeting terminated.

ANOTHER PRIZE-RINGING IN THE WEST.

We have been favoured with a copy of a large, well-printed bill, ornamented by a huge red border, announcing a prize-ringing in the West of England. Perhaps a perusal of its contents will afford our readers some amusement. Here it is:—

"ROCHE.—PRIZE-RINGING.—A Ringing Contest, on a Peal of Six Bells, will take place at Roche, on Thursday, June 11th, 1891 (the Bells have recently been re-hung), when the following Prizes will be offered:—First Prize, £4; Second, £3; Third, £2; Fourth, £1; Fifth, 12s.; Sixth, 6s. Rules.—1. Each set to pay Six Shillings before entering the Tower. 2. The key of ringing to be 30 rounds per minute. 3. Practice will be allowed up to May 31st (Sunday excepted). 4. All sets residing within six miles of Roche to be at the Tower ready to practise by 9 o'clock on the morning of the Ringing, or to forfeit five minutes of the time allowed for practice. 5. Nine men coming from one parish will be allowed to form two sets by changing bells. If eleven men come from one parish, the same man may ring treble to both sets. 6. Any set deficient of a man can have one from the parish (Treble and Tenor excepted). 7. No man will be allowed to ring twice, except under Rule 5. 8. The decision of the Judges to be final. 9. The committee reserve the right to make any alterations they think necessary. 10. Unless twelve sets enter, one prize will be withheld.—R. ROBERTS, Secretary."

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, June 7th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. F. S. Sanders, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; I. Emery, 4; G. Durling, 5; H. Harman, 6; H. Fruin, 7; W. James, 8. Composed by Herbert Harman and conducted by H. Fruin. This was rung as a farewell touch to H. P. Harman, the leader of the Bromley band, who is leaving Bromley for Ryde, Isle of Wight. His brother-strings wish him good-bye with regret, all being sorry to lose so promising a ringer, and none more so than the writer of these lines,

H. G. F.]

THE CULLOMPTON CHURCH BELLS.

[From *The Exeter Daily Gazette*.]

After a period of almost complete silence, extending over fourteen months, the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Cullompton, once more rang out in joyous peals on Sunday afternoon. The octave is one of fine tone, and the tower may justly lay claim to architectural pretension. The bells were cast in 1746 by Bilbie, of Cullompton, and practically nothing has been done to them since that year. The treble weighs rather over 6 cwt., and the tenor (cast in D) about 23 cwt. In April, 1890, the old fittings of the tower were found to be incapable of bearing the strain of much ringing, and an effort to remedy this state of things was commenced by Mr. Jago, who has really been the means of again bringing the bells into their proper use. The matter was undertaken by a self-constituted committee, consisting of the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary J. G. Davis), the churchwardens (Mr. Frank Sellwood, C.C., and Mr. C. B. Ewen), and the ex-churchwarden (Mr. John Rew), with Mr. Jago as hon. secretary. The second and seventh bells have been recast by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, London, the former at the expense of Messrs. Hill, of Bond Street, who are natives of Cullompton. In addition the frame has been repaired, the first, third, fourth, fifth, and tenor bells have been quarter-turned, and the whole of the peal rehung with new fittings by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury. The total cost of this work amounted to £130, which has been raised. Now steps are being taken to replace the present worn-out chiming apparatus by a new one, and to repair the clock and pinnacles of the tower. For this second undertaking a sum of about £83 will be required, and it is pleasing to note that £50 are already in hand. Saturday's proceedings opened with a short special service in the parish church at 3.45 p.m., conducted by the Vicar and his Curate, the Rev. W. Weir. The congregation was fairly large, and the hymns sung were "The Old Hundredth," "To the name of our salvation," and "Hark, hark, my soul!" (Hymnal Companion). An appropriate address was delivered by the Vicar upon the words, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," taken from 1 Corinthians chap. 10., v. 31.

An offertory, amounting to £6 12s. 7½d., was afterwards taken in aid of the clock, &c., fund. Service over, the bells were reopened by the following members of the Devonshire Guild, connected with bands at Exeter:—Messrs. F. Shepherd, A. Shepherd, B. Mundy, F. Davey, H. Swift, C. Carter, T. Mudge, T. Lake, W. Drake, W. Rew, A. C. Bird, J. Newnham, T. Caryl, and A. W. Searle. The decision of the ringers upon the working of the bells reflected great credit upon the labours of Mr. Stokes, but it was found that the height at which they were hung, requiring 60ft. of rope, militated against good scientific performances. Shortly after five o'clock the visiting ringers, together with the senior and junior bands at Cullompton and a few friends, partook of a substantial tea in the School-room, through the kind generosity of the Rev. Prebendary Davis, who presided. The Rev. W. Weir, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Jago also assisted at the table. At the close of the repast, the Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Stokes, to Mr. Luscombe (Exeter), who was unable to be present, and also to the Exeter ringers. He hoped the Cullompton band would find that not only did the bells work easier, but that their tone was very much improved. Mr. B. Mundy (a member of the Devonshire Guild Committee) acknowledged the vote on behalf of the Guild, cordially welcoming the Cullompton ringers to Exeter at any time. By the addition of two new bells the St. Sidwell's peal was, he said, being made one of the finest "tens" in the kingdom, and he invited any person present to take a part in the re-opening ceremony and subsequent proceedings that day fortnight. He also invited the local team to join the Devonshire Guild, remarking that they would never regret having learnt scientific ringing. The visitors rang a short touch, and some tunes upon handbells, which were much appreciated, and another adjournment was then made to the belfry. Mr. Jago has worked extremely hard in the matter, and to his zeal and energy the successful issue may be attributed.

During the evening a short touch of Grandsire Triples, 546 changes, was rung by the following:—W. Drake, 1; H. Swift, 2; C. Carter, 3; A. W. Searle, 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; W. Rew, 8.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HULL.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

On Friday, June 12th, the members of the above company held a smoking concert at the Alexandra Hotel, Kingston-street, when upwards of thirty members and friends attended. The chair was taken by Captain C. Judge (churchwarden), and the vice-chair by Mr. James Dixey.

The concert was arranged for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Charles Jackson (steeplekeeper) an illuminated address on his accomplishment of one hundred peals.

The Chairman in making the presentation on behalf of the Holy Trinity company and friends, remarked that it gave him peculiar pleasure to do so, not only from his being churchwarden, but because he understood the company of ringers at Holy Trinity church originated in the Hull Rifle Volunteer Corps. He further remarked that he had always found Mr. Jackson a respectful and obliging man, who could always be relied upon to do a thing if he said he would do it.

The terms of the address are as follows:—

"TO MR. CHAS. JACKSON. DEAR SIR,—We the undersigned ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, and friends, beg to offer you our hearty congratulations on your completion of one hundred peals, and hope that you may long have health and strength to continue your labours in the science. James Dixey, J. W. Dale, D. W. Brown, James Highfield, T. Stockdale, W. T. Verity, R. Bruce Reed, *Hon. Sec.*"

Mr. Jackson in reply said that it had come as a very great surprise to him, and he was extremely obliged to them for the honour they had done him. He was very glad to find that whatever he had been able to do had given satisfaction, and he should be very glad to do his best in the future for the benefit of change-ringing.

The address was very much admired by all present, the chairman in particular paying a special compliment to the artist (Mr. Walsham Jarvis) on the blending of his colours. The lettering is in the old English style, with gothic and ornamental capitals, with scroll work all round in gold and colours. On the left centre is a capital likeness of Mr. Jackson (which is also done with the brush) and his initials on the opposite side with a church bell shewing stock and frame, and bearing the date "1891" at each corner, also the arms of the town and county of Kingston-on-Hull at the foot. It is enclosed in a handsome oak frame 17 in. by 23 in.

Mr. Brooke ably presided at the piano, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening, and some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. Vinson, Littlefield, Webster, Worsdale, Brown, Slingsby, Dale, and Stickney. The Chairman gave Lord Tennyson's "The Little Revenge," which was much admired, and several other recitations were given, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

GLOUCESTER.

On Monday afternoon, June 15th, a severe thunderstorm passed over the city of Gloucester, about 6.20, unfortunately striking the noble spire of St. Nicholas, situate in Westgate Street. The top of the spire has a crown representing King John, and under this the timber caught fire: but, after all, it was not so serious as first thought. The firemen (three of them) mounted the spire from the inside, which has timber in cross pieces all the way up, and is 195ft. in height from the square of the tower. Several thousand persons assembled to witness it and the men who were on the top of the crown tearing the lead from the wood-work, but nothing to any extent could be seen from the street. Fortunately it was got under in a short time, having been noticed at the first onset. An occurrence of this kind is very unusual in the West of England, and therefore it excited much interest. The tower contains seven bells, which are all safe.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from the Original). W. Tassell, 1; E. Price, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; E. Foreman, 4; G. Ransom, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; S. Snelling, 7; R. Stains, 8. Tassell and Stains from Borden; Foreman and Ransom from Boughton.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Salisbury was visited on Monday, May 31st, by a large number of the members of the above Guild, who this year made the city the scene of their annual meeting. About 100 members arrived in the morning and proceeded to St. Thomas' church, where an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill (who fills the office of Master to the Guild). The rev. gentleman based his remarks upon 1st Chronicles, xii., 32, and exhorted his hearers to stand firmly together in support of the Church. The Rev. H. C. Bush, Minor Canon of Sarum, intoned the prayers, Mr. J. R. Jerram, the general Secretary, read the first, and the Rev. T. J. Woodhall the second lesson, the Rev. H. G. Rogers (Vicar of St. Thomas'), pronouncing the Benediction. The collection, which was made at the conclusion of the service, realised £1 1s.

On leaving the church the members went across to the school-room, where, under the presidency of the Master, the annual business of the Guild was transacted.

The Chairman read a letter which he had received from the Earl Nelson, who explained that he was prevented attending the proceedings by the death of a niece. The members of the Guild, said the rev. gentleman, were he felt sure both sorry at the absence of Earl Nelson and the cause of it.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, those retiring being as a rule re-appointed. Some fresh blood was introduced upon the committee.

This portion of the agenda having been satisfactorily accomplished, the Chairman raised a question with regard to finance. He pointed out that the bigger the Guild became the more ringing members would it have, and in his opinion, they would not, in the future, be able to pay expenses as they had in the past. If they went on as they were he was very much afraid they would come to a smash. He considered that ringers should be able to raise the necessary funds in their own parishes. When the diocesan choirs attended their festival they found the money, and why should not the ringers? The matter was one which could not perhaps be settled there and then, but he had thought that if it were raised on that occasion members would be able to think it over during the coming year.

Mr. J. R. Jerram, the general Secretary, suggested that on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Guild a free dinner should be given to members, who should be asked to pay their own railway fares. Such an arrangement, he thought, would be fair to all, and might lead to their receiving better grants and repairs.

The Rev. M. Hankey (Maiden Newton) agreed with the chairman that the question under consideration was the one upon which they would come to shipwreck if they did not care. He mentioned that he had been put to an expense of £5 to come to Salisbury that day and bring his ringers, for the purpose of showing that there were some clergymen who could not afford to make the journey. A somewhat similar difficulty which had beset the Diocesan choirs had been met, although he admitted that the ringers' guild would possibly not be able to act in a like way. Under the present arrangements every choirman paid the same amount, no matter what the distance might be from which he came. He would remind them, too, that at choir festivals the offertory was a very large one, and provided a source to which they could not look. The choirs were able to get people to listen to their festivals, but he was afraid that sometimes when bells were rung people went out of the town. The question which had been raised constituted a great difficulty between Dorset and Wilts. He was afraid they would not be able to continue those large meetings; they were too expensive. He anticipated that they would have to have simultaneous gatherings. In Dorset he knew the grievance was a real one, and if they did not take care they would lose the contingent from that county.

The Chairman pointed out that in accordance with the rules of the Guild the matter was one which could not be settled then, but he suggested that the committee should take the matter into consideration with a view to formulating some scheme as a solution of the difficulty, which might be presented at the next annual meeting.

The business having been transacted, the members adjourned to the "Chough" hotel, where they were provided with an

admirable repast by Hostess Tizard. The Rev. J. D. Morrice presided.

The Master, in replying to the toast of "The Diocesan Guild," alluded to the work of the National Central Council, of which body he was one of the representatives.

The toast of "Church and Queen" was also honoured, and thanks were accorded the Revs. H. G. Rogers and J. D. Morrice, the former for the pains he had taken to make the annual meeting a success, and the latter for presiding at the dinner.

The members rang at St. Thomas', St. Edmund's, St. Martin's, and St. Paul's, Fisherton, after dinner. The only change-ringing done was some 6-scores of Doubles at St. Edmund's by the Longbridge Deverill company. Some fairly good round ringing, and some of a very inferior character, was indulged in by most of the company during the afternoon.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 6th, by kind permission of the rector (the Dean-elect of Bath and Wells), the Bromsgrove branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association paid a visit to the above place for the purpose of attempting a peal on the bells of St. Laurence's church. The peal, it may be said, was formerly a ring of six, but since the present rector (the Rev. Dr. Jex-Blake, but now Dean of Wells) has been there, the bells have been overhauled by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and two new trebles added, and the old peal of six rehung and tuned, which makes now a pretty good peal of eight, tenor about 15 cwt. The whole of the work is a credit to the firm, for all the bells go very well, but rather noisy in the belfry. Arriving there about four o'clock a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, when after ringing about 1800 changes a mishap occurred, and the conductor called "stand." W. Mason, 1; W. Rea (conductor), 2; J. Mason, 3; T. Albutt, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; G. Hayward, 6; G. Bourne, 7; G. Morris, 8. On the bells being set the butler from the rectory appeared in the belfry and wished to know if they could go down to tea at the rectory, which offer was not refused, and they went straight away. After partaking of the good things provided they returned to the tower and rang touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob till eight o'clock, when one of the old ringers appeared in the belfry and shouted out "Now chaps, set um up, it eight o'clock"; but they finished their touch and lowered them in peal, and he started on the old style—the eight o'clock curfew bell. They afterwards returned home, hoping to go again as soon as they can. Mr. W. J. Nevard hails from Great Bentley, Essex, and was on a visit to the vicar of Chaddesley Corbett, which place is about five miles from Bromsgrove; the brothers Mason hail from Stoke Prior.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, June 13th, at Ruislip. The attendance was small, no doubt owing to the remoteness and difficulty of access to the rendezvous; but those who were enterprising enough to face the journey had no reason to regret their determination. Some half-dozen of the Tottenham band rode over on their bicycles, and were joined at the "Old Bill Inn" in the village by a contingent from Hendon. After doing ample justice to an excellent tea provided by Host Woodman, an adjournment was made to the tower, when the bells were soon set going to the tune of Kent Treble Bob Major, after which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and then, to finish up with, a touch of Canterbury Pleasure Major. At 8.30 the bicyclists one more mounted their machines and commenced their long homeward journey, and the pedestrians started for Pinner Station not long afterwards, all thoroughly satisfied with their afternoon's excursion.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Monday, June 8th, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins. F. Dickens (conductor), 1; C. Dickens, 2; A. Woodcroft, 3; T. Matthews, 4; G. Roberts, 5; W. Allsepp, 6; J. Sanders, 7; G. Perks, 8. Tenor cwt. in Eb. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Preston, who for thirty-three years was head master of the Sutton Town Boys' School, seven of the above being his old scholars. J. Sanders hails from Erdington.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1891.

IF the letter of a correspondent can be taken as a criterion, the ringers of Worksop, Nottinghamshire, do not know when they are well off. The principal ringer of this town has, according to our correspondent, "used all the power he possesses to induce the rest to become members of the district Association, but his efforts have proved fruitless." At the Whit-Monday meeting of the Association, the excellent sermon preached by the Hon. Secretary was listened to by a congregation of seventeen, no less than nine of that number coming from one town. And yet our correspondent says that the funds of the North Notts. Association have a good balance on the right side; it is supported by all the leading clergy in the diocese; the Dukes of Newcastle and Portland are attached to it as patrons; it has a sound committee; and last, but by no means least, a hard-working and efficient secretary. If these favourable conditions are not enough to create a little interest among the ringers of the neighbourhood, we have no hope that anything we say will avail in the least. Such indifference as this, we hope, is not common. Too much apathy, we know, exists among ringers generally; but those of North Notts. can take high honours in this respect. Such amazing stolidity and supineness we declare to be the height of folly. We are apt to talk of the

indifference of the clergy towards ringers and ringing; but in this case the position is reversed.

It is sometimes said, and by no means with bated breath, that ringing is in the hands of the wrong class to enable it to reach that high position its merits deserve. Though we cannot endorse such an assertion, yet such unconcern as that shewn by a section of the ringers of North Notts., could be made a strong point of by those who hold to the statement. At Worksop, we are told, the bells are in excellent order; the ringing-chamber is conducive to the comfort of its occupants; and the Vicar is anxious that his ringers should become skilful, clever, and make themselves a name. If they refrain from accepting his invitation; if, in the words of our correspondent, they refuse to "rally round him," then we have no hesitation in saying that they, and all others like them in the county, are the people who ought not to be allowed to have any share in ringing concerns. They, in fact, are not people of the class whose proceedings will "enable the art to reach that high position its merits deserve."

The Metropolis.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

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Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. RANDALL, GRIMSTON ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. R. BARRETT Treble.	S. STOTT 5.
G. HOYLE 2.	J. PRIESTLEY 6.
E. B. SHAW 3.	F. BIRTWISTLE 7.
REV. H. J. ELSEE* 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by B. FRANCIS and Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

*First peal of Major. See note on other page.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD PELLING Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	FREDERICK STILL, JUN. .. 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	GEORGE A. CARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. MARTIN, and Conducted by THOS. CARD.

This composition has 5-6 only in sixths place at a course-end.

FILIXTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. RYDER Treble.	GEORGE LONGDEN 5.
WILLIAM BRAMNER* 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
WALTER BROWN* 3.	JOHN EACHUS 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	JAMES PARKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

*First peal of Triples. It was intended to ring a peal of Bob Major, but one of the band not putting in an appearance, the above was substituted. The ringers wish to thank, through "THE BELL NEWS," the clergy and wardens, for use of bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS Treble.	JAMES HERBERT* 5.
WILLIAM NASH 2.	FREDERICK NORRIS 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ALFRED WRIGHT 7.
EDWARD LUCAS 4.	JONATHAN HUMPHRIES* .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

*First peal. J. HERBERT has been under the instructor at Brentwood tower, and is the second of the newly-formed band who has rung a peal. J. HUMPHRIES hails from Ingrave, and has acted as tenor-man lately at the Brentwood practices.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED H. COCKS, Esq. .. Treble.	WALTER E. YATES† 5.
LEWIS E. COLLINS* 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. 7.
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 4.	REV. VERE AWDRY* Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER ERNEST YATES.

*First 5040. †First as conductor. J. W. WASHBROOK hails from Oxford; the Rev. VERE AWDRY is Vicar of Broad Hinton, Wilts., and formerly (1883-4) foreman of Great Marlow belfry; the rest are local men.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FARMER Treble.	THOMAS GIBBS 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JOSEPH W. TIMMS 6.
JOHN GROVENOR* 3.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
JOHN R. FRISBY 4.	JAMES SUCH* Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Vicar, the Rev. E. ROBERTS, who was buried on the above date, and who had been connected with the above church for upwards of forty years. *First peal. Messrs. Reeves, Horton and Frisby belong to West Bromwich, Timms to Tamworth, and the rest to the local band.

Date Touches.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ERSM (Surrey).—On Monday, June 1st, at the parish church of St. Martin, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins. W. Wood, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; T. Everett, 8. Composed by James George, of Rugby. The above was rung for a wedding.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, May 31st, at the parish church for Divine Service at four o'clock, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. H. Smith, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; G. Essex, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. This touch which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," is the composition of J. George, of Rugby.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 10th, at St. Saviour's church, on the occasion of the annual sermons, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 13 mins. —, 1; J. Heathcote, 2; E. Hewitt, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; H. Lord, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, Her Majesty's birthday, the members of St. Lawrence's Society rang John Carter's date touch of 1891 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 17 mins. T. Hibbert, 1; C. Foxell, 2; W. Holloway, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; J. E. Hern, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; A. Shipway, 10.

TODMORDEN (Yorks).—On Wednesday, June 10th, for service at the Unitarian church, the Todmorden Society rang John Carter's date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour and 7 mins. J. Mitton, 1; Benjamin Midgley, 2; W. Sutcliffe, 3; Young Greenwood, 4; J. W. Greenwood (conductor), 5; W. Midgley, 6; J. Sutcliffe, 7; E. Stansfield, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—The bells of St. Clement Danes were rung half-muffled on Monday, June 8th, as a token of respect to the memory of the late C. W. Coppage, steeplekeeper of St. John's, Waterloo Road, an old and respected member of this Society. The usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; W. Chew, 4; E. J. Comb, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; H. R. Newton, 8; A. E. Church, 9; C. F. Winny, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Chiming*.—On Sunday evening, May 30th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. B. Keeble, 1-2; W. Nash, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; L. Copsey, 7-8. On Sunday evening, June 7th, for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; F. Clayton, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; M. Myhill, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, May 24th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 College Pleasure in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 360 Superlative Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Monday, May 25th, for a confirmation service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on May 27th, for an induction service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles two bobs). G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, June 2nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles three bobs), composed by T. Milington, Clay Cross, Derbyshire. J. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs, 4th the observation bell). I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; —, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Victoria Treble Bob (nine bobs, 6th the obser-

vation). I. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; T. J. Watts, 6. And on Sunday, June 7th, for afternoon service, 720 Superlative Surprise (nine bobs 5th the observation bell), in 23½ mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Friday, June 12th, for practice, 720 College Pleasure in 24 mins. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (forty bobs two singles) in 23 mins. Composed by Mr. J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Bucks. I. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, June 10th, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, 800 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Wakeman, 1; H. Williams, 2; T. J. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Bennett, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

WATERFOOT (near Rossendale).—On Monday June 8th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. H. Halstead, 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. Whitaker, 5; W. Whitaker, 6. Conducted by R. H. Halstead. Rung as a last mark of respect to Wm. Maxwell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Wednesday, June 3rd, the members of St. John's Guild, Newcastle, visited the ancient city of Durham, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, at St. Cuthbert's church, in 29 mins. G. Campbell, 1; J. H. Clapperton, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 29 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; H. Lindsey, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; J. Swinburn, 4; F. Lees (conductor), 5; C. L. Routledge, 6. Messrs. Sheraton and Swinburn hail from Chester. Mr. Newton, of Durham, was also present part of the evening, and took the tenor in about 640 of Bob Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, June 7th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Baxter, 1; F. A. Teasdale, 2; J. K. Whitfield, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 9th, for practice, 720 in the same method. J. Bolton, 1; W. Bell, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. K. Whitfield, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Bell, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; J. Baxter, 4; J. K. Whitfield, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, May 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Campbell, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; C. Routledge, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), standing as above, conducted by C. L. Routledge. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, on Thursday, May 28th, being the first by Messrs. Lindsey and Clapperton. On Sunday, May 31st, for evening service, 840 Plain Bob Triples. J. Simm, 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; W. Eggleston (Carlisle), 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; R. Welsh, 8. And for evening service on Sunday, June 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Simm, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; J. Clapperton, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; F. Lees, 6. On Tuesday, June 9th, at St. George's church, Jesmond, on the middle six of the eight, 720 Bob Minor, in 33 mins. H. Pearson, 1; *E. Hesketh, 2; G. Campbell, 3; H. Ferguson, 4; *T. Hesketh, 5; *H. M. Weddell, 6; F. Lees (conductor), 7; *E. A. Simpson, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. *Members of St. George's Society; their first 720. On Thursday June 11th, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; G. Campbell, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; F. Lees, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; R. Welsh (first 720), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). G. Campbell, 1; J. Clapperton, 2; H. Lindsey, 3; F. Lees, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; W. Holmes (late of Mirfield, Yorks.), 6. On Sunday, June 14th, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). H. Ferguson, 1; F. Lees, 2; J. Clapperton, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 5; R. Welsh, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; F. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May, 20th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 21st, 720 College Exercise. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob.

C. Hills, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Blackman (Arundel), 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Linfield (conductor), 5; F. Finch, 6. On Sunday, May 24th, 720 College Pleasure. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Finch, 1; W. H. Abbot (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Hills, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Monday, June 1st, the local company rang with the bells half-muffled 720 each of Violet and Oxford, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Jane Wells, of Eckington, in 56 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; A. Baddiley, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Wednesday, May 27th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 24 mins. E. Potter, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. E. Potter hails from Dover. And on Thursday, June 11th, a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. T. F. Woodruff, who died on Sunday, June 7th, aged 63 years. Deceased had been churchwarden some years, and his name was put on the tenor when the bells were re-cast in 1887. The usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Castle, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT (Notts).—On Saturday, June 13th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. F. D. Thompson, 1; G. Oldham, 2; S. Burton, 3; J. Hall, 4; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 5; J. Hickman, 6. This was rung on the occasion of a monthly meeting of the above association. G. Oldham hails from Beeston, and this is his first 720; Messrs. Burton and Hickman hail from Nottingham; the others from Sandiacre.

ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, June 14th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. G. B. Lucas, 1; E. F. Strange, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. R. Gibson, 8.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, June 14th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. H. Davis, 1; W. Baron, sen. (conductor), 2; W. Baron, jun., 3; S. Baker, 4; F. Pitts, 5; H. A. Hopkins, 6; A. Swetman, 7; A. Davis, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, May 6th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles). F. Blake, 1; E. Burdoh, 2; A. Ashdown, 3; A. Bartlett, 4; T. Burdoh, 5; T. Attwell (conductor), 6. And on May 9th, by the same band, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score being called differently, rung in honour of the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also for practice on the 20th, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles and two of Grandsire, each called differently. A. Ashdown's first 720 Minor with a bob bell, and first touch of Bob Doubles.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 11th, for practice at St. Nicolas church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Croucher, 1; M. Brown, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; W. Grove, 7; C. Searies, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, June 7th, for Divine Service at the church of the Holy Trinity, the last 742 of Holt's Original. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; C. Blackman, 4; E. Ede, 5; G. Balchin, 6; H. Haggett, 7; A. Mills, 8.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, June 3rd, at St. Michael and all Angels' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Leavey, 1; F. Wilson, 2; J. Ballard, 3; E. Humfrey, 4; H. Humfrey, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; A. Knight, 8. Messrs. E. and H. Humfrey hail from Abingdon.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Monday, June 8th, at St. Peter's church, the first half of Taylor's bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. O. Lancashire, 1; A. Ballard, 2; S. Cotton, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Smith, 5; J. Pole, 6; S. Pole, 7; W. Miller, 8.

BRIGHTON.—On Tuesday, June 16th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. J. R. Reilly, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; P. Allfrey, 3; Rev. J. Hindson, 4; J. Jay, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; G. F. Attree (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also on the same date at St. Nicholas church, another 504 in the same method. W. Palmer, 1; G. King, 2; Rev. J. Hindson, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; F. Morris, 6; J. R. Reilly (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. The Rev. J. H. Hindson hails from Wraybury, near Windsor.

CANTERBURY (Kent).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, June 9th, at the residence of Mr. Goodbourn, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 36½ mins. G. Goodbourn (aged 13), 1-2; R. Goodbourn, sen., 3-4; R. Goodbourn, jun. (conductor, aged 18), 5-6; F. A. Summers (aged 15), 7-8.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, June 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Rawsthorne, 2; W. Crook, 3; J. Lofthouse, 4; G. Myres, 5; W. Lofthouse, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, June 8th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Collins, 1; W. O. Gammon, 2; F. Larby (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; W. Sadler (conductor), 4; G. Burt, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; G. Blake, 8.

STEPNEY.—On Sunday, May 31st, at the church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, with the bells deeply muffled, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the late John Beezley, who was for upwards of thirty years a ringer at this church. G. Tanner, 1; W. Tanner, 2; W. Jones, 3; G. Hartnup, 4; E. Clark, 5; G. Barrell, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; E. Hall, 8; H. Springall, 9; J. Barrett, 10. And on Sunday, June 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., taken from Holt's Original. G. Hartnup, 1; E. Hall, 2; C. Relton, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; J. Barrett, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday afternoon, June 15th, at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, being the occasion of the annual demonstration and sermon in aid of the Belgrave Hospital for Children, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by Messrs. S. J. Reed, W. Lally, H. Langdon, W. E. Garrard, E. Duff, H. J. Ellis, J. N. Oxborrow, J. M. Hayes, and R. T. Woodley. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Ellison), and before evening service, a muffled peal was rung as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. William Hovord, of Pimlico, for many years a ringer at this church. C. F. Winny, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; H. Langdon, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; Ezra Carter, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Afterwards a short touch of Stedman Triples.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday evening, June 2nd, at SS. Peter and Paul's church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. B. Spinner, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; H. D. Davis, 4; J. Smith (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Harper (Swanscombe, conductor), 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, June 4th, at St. Edmund's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Smith, 1; T. Ealy, 2; J. Mackay, 3; F. Harris, 4; E. Haxley, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 8th, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal, and a 420. W. Dewy, 1; T. Ealy, 2; J. White, 3; F. Harris, 4; J. Mackay, 5; A. Stewart (conductor), 6; H. Smith, 7; E. Haxley, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Rung on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough laying the corner stone of the new aisle to be added to this church.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, June 7th, for morning service at the parish church, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; C. Simmonds, 6; J. Taylor, 7; R. Harman, 8. For evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. E. Nye (conductor), 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; T. Goulds, 7. On Sunday evening, June 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; T. Goulds, 8.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—Recently, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27½ mins. F. Barlow, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. And for afternoon service a 720 in the same method by F. Barlow, 1; W. Warburton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Warburton hails from Whitfield; Gratrix from Manchester; the rest belong to the local company. Both 720s were conducted by F. Barlow. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SALISBURY.—On Tuesday, June 9th, at St. Edmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. S. Macey, 1; T. F. Stevens (Royal Cumberlands, London), 2; F. Rigden, 3; R. W. J. Gollop, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; H. D. Adam, 6; W. S. Wise (conductor), 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in C♯.

Correspondence.

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

THE PRIZE-RINGING AT LIVERSEDGE.

SIR,—I must congratulate you on your excellent choice of a correspondent. The first part of his article is an excellent *résumé* of the proceedings, and true as life, and in all of which I cordially agree; it testifies to the good management of prize contests, and as such I should think the Liversedge ringers will be proud of the part they have taken in it. For myself, I am extremely pleased that a person who is against Prize-Ringing on principle can testify in the manner he has done to the way in which it was carried out, and I think it more than justifies anything I have said and written in its favour. However, I shall take exception to some things in the latter part of the article. First, your correspondent says it is artificial. Now I deny that altogether. In support of that he says they had to ring a set piece, and practice upon that for weeks. Some fifteen years ago, when prize contests were more popular, companies who were in regular practice could ring any part of Treble Bob or any calling, just as well as any set piece. I will take for instance Hyde. This company would have rung any calling of 2,500 you wished just as well as they rung the set piece. The excellent ringing they did shows what a company can do when in good practice; and I will just say how pleased I was that they got a prize, and should have felt that they had won it if they had just been one cog nearer the top. Your correspondent says another feature is that companies leave their own church on Sunday and travel to other similar rings for practice. Whoever his informant was, it is a complete *canard*. I have been a Prize-ringer nearly thirty years, and I have never known of it, and I do not think any of the companies at this contest have done it. I am certain it is the exception, and not the rule, so that all you say upon it falls to the ground. With regard to the mode of judging, your correspondent does not seem to be aware that several methods have been tried at different periods, and this one has been found to be the most satisfactory. I, like your correspondent, think the ringing was not as good as it ought to have been, and, considering the poor ringing, with one or two exceptions, the decision of the judges cannot be found very faulty; and on this subject (the poor ringing), it is altogether the fault of the Yorkshire Association, who for the last fifteen years have never done anything to make good ringers, but have done everything they could to retard them. I hope there will be many more contests as pleasant as the one at Liversedge, and if your correspondent should pay us another visit, he will be able to hear the improvement Yorkshire ringers have made in the meantime.

Huddersfield.

THOMAS STEAD.

SIR,—In your issue of May 30 you have an article contributed by "Extra Peripatetic Correspondent," giving an account of his visit to Liversedge to hear the Prize-ringing at Whitsuntide. As a ringer myself for over thirty years who has done his share in winning prizes at many places during that period, and also a goodly share of travelling about and ringing peals on various numbers from six to twelve, and having been a judge at several contests, his communication naturally interested me very much. I read carefully over his article on June 6th, and, being at the contest myself (not to ring or compete, but as an independent and impartial listener), I should like, with your permission, to say a few words on the subject. I agree with him about the order and respectability prevailing at the contest, at which he would not have been at all surprised if he had been at as many contests as I have in this part of the country; but we will come now to his statements or arguments. As you are aware, Yorkshire covers a very large area, and supposing, there are as many ringers in the county as he states, still, the expenses are so great in railway fares, &c., that they virtually prohibit numbers of ringers entering for these contests. He then goes on with remarks about the set piece, when he knows (if he is a practical ringer) that it is the most level striking, and not the peal itself, that is judged, and, for the sake of equality and justice, each company has to ring the peal issued by the promoters. The nonsense in the next paragraph about ringers neglecting their own bells to travel about and ring on other peals, and the "indulgent officials," is scarcely worth noticing; but I should like to ask him if ringers (as such) are so well paid for their services that they should be tied down to any demands these same officials should make on their time, except in reason. In his next "par." he comes near the pith of the whole matter, and I will endeavour to explain for his edification the *modus operandi* of these affairs, taking the contest at Liversedge as an example. In this case, the promoters appointed three of the Liversedge company as judges, than whom they could not have appointed three

better qualified men in England; and that being the case, what earthly reason was there for the "grave objections" made by your correspondent? They sit in one room the whole of the contest, listening to the ringing and calling the faults as they are made, with a writer to put them down as they call, while your correspondent, like a great many others, would be walking about, talking and listening at intervals to the ringing, but taking no notes, or jotting down any of the faults as they are made. He acknowledges himself that so far as the first prize was concerned, it was satisfactory to everyone; and as there were only 107 faults difference betwixt Birstal and Bradford out of 2,500 changes for the second and third prizes, neither he or any other outsider could tell which was best. In the next place, it is usual to divide the peal, for the purpose of judging, into three parts, when each of the three judges takes his own part for each company in judging the peals; so that this does away with the nineteen hours' theory. He then comes back to the old story about the abuse of the bells and the church in these contests; but what about the meeting of guilds, associations, &c., of which we read so much, where different companies meet mostly to dine, &c., ringing being about the last thing taken notice of? When contests were more frequent, you could scarcely go into a town or village for miles around here but (if there was a peal of bells) you would find a first-class company of ringers, able and willing to compete against all comers on any peal. In conclusion, it is the honour each company strives for. Take away competition in anything, and what becomes of any attempt to excel? When all are kept to one dead level, the result, in ringing, is, clashing the bells about any way, if you can only get through your peal.

A YORKSHIRE RINGER.

HANDBELL RINGING.

SIR,—I wish to congratulate the Messrs. Mitchell, of St. Albans, Herts, on their handbell feat, which is an extraordinary performance—viz., 7 minor methods on six bells retained in hand—and especially on having an umpire (Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham), which I consider all peals rang upon handbells ought to have, as no peal is thought much of about this district unless an efficient man is acting as umpire.

ONE WHO HAS RANG A PEAL ON HANDBELLS.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—It is with pleasure I take up my pen to endorse the sentiments expressed by Mr. James, which appeared in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS"; but I beg leave to differ with him on one or two points. I daresay that gentleman would have found several ringers in readiness to raise the bells long before they were raised, but it was not until the arrival of the East and West Retford companies that anything was attempted, when the bells were raised, and a fairly well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. At two o'clock the service was held in the church, when the Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden, preached an excellent sermon, which was listened to with eager interest; but how many ringers should you think were present? Why, the large total of 17, representing about half-a-dozen societies, and no less than nine of that number hailed from Retford—all of whom sat down to tea provided at the expense of the Association, and the actual number present to refresh the inner man was 31—not 20, as stated by Mr. James. Mr. James says the bells are in good order; so is the ringing-chamber, with the ropes falling in a splendid circle, and he hopes the local company will rally round their vicar, and make better use of them; but I'm afraid that will never be, unless the ringers of that tower will join the Association. With a good peal of bells and our energetic secretary at the backs of the ringers, it is a disgrace to the defaulters when I say that not a single member of that tower belongs to the Association, with the exception of their leader, Mr. Barrowcliffe, who informs me he has used all the power he possesses to induce the others to become members, but his efforts have been fruitless. Now, a society like this (formed only a few years ago), which possesses a good balance of cash on the right side, supported by all the leading clergy in the diocese, with the Dukes of Newcastle and Portland attached to it as patrons, with a sound committee, and last, but not least, a good, hard-working secretary to carry on the business for its members, ought to be supported by every ringer in north Notts., in order to bring into existence what it was formed for, viz.—to cultivate the art of change-ringing; to promote good-feeling and friendship amongst ringers; and their true position to be recognized as Church-workers.

Retford.

HERBERT HAIGH.

INFORMATION REQUIRED.

Will any ringer kindly furnish me with the name of the firm that spliced the two trebles at Middleton parish church, which were opened May 23rd, 1891, as I am anxious to know by whom a similar two could be spliced to give the great amount of satisfaction they have at Middleton.

A.B.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Old East Derby Association.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield, to-day, Sat., June 20th. Peal of ten open for ringing during the day; meeting at 5 p.m.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
9, Pipworth Terrace, Eekington.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when important business will be considered. Every member is urged to attend.

W. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—The Anniversary of the Bells will be held to-day, Sat., June 20th. Market Lane.

A. SYMONDS, *Master.*

Midland Counties' Association.—The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Loughboro' to-day, Sat., June 20th, 1891. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members who inform the Local Hon. Sec., Geo. E. West, 16, Fennel Street, Loughborough, on or before Thursday, June 18th, of their intention of being present at 6 p.m. General meeting immediately after the tea.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield, to-day, Sat., June 20th. Ringers to assemble in the Belfries at 2 p.m. Tea free to all members who have paid their subscriptions. Notice of numbers to be sent not later than the 17th inst., to SAMUEL REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th; on the same day the two new bells recently added to the peal at St. Sidwell's Exeter, will be dedicated to the Service of Almighty God. The day's proceedings will be as follows: Dedication Service at St. Sidwell's Church, with Sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon of Barnstaple, 12 noon. Public Luncheon at the Bude Hotel (Tickets 2s. each), 1.30 p.m. Meeting of the G.D.R. at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4 p.m. Tea, free to members of the Guild, visitors and non-members, 9d. each, at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at the belfries of some of the Churches in the city and neighbourhood; but application should be made to the Secretary by those bands who wish to ring, not later than June 18th. The Cathedral Bells will be rung by members of the Guild on the following Monday, and so will not be rung on this day.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of this association will be held at Brighton, on Saturday, July 4th, 1891. Important business-matters will be brought forward for decision. All members are particularly requested to attend. Towers open for ringing throughout the day. Notices of motion and names of members for election should be sent to the Hon. Sec. at once. Luncheon tickets to be ordered through local secretaries prior to Wednesday, July 1st. Particulars in detail should be found in each belfry in union prior to Sunday next.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Thomas's, Moorside, to-day, Sat., June 20th, bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

The Herts Association.—Meeting at Bennington, Saturday, June 27th. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend. Members from London and intermediate stations are requested to travel by the 1.25 p.m. King's Cross G.N.R. to Knebworth, the nearest station, as a conveyance will be provided to meet that train. To enable arrangements to be made, I shall be glad to hear on Wednesday at the latest from those who intend to be present.

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

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday afternoon, June 27th.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Sefton, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Armley on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting-house—"The Barley-Corn" inn. Committee at 4 p.m.; General Meeting at 6 p.m. All members are particularly requested to attend.

R. BINNS, *Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—A special meeting will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, June 27th. The bells of the parish church (eight), and those of St. John's (six), will be available for ringing. Meeting at 5 p.m., in the parish schools. Ringers in the Fylde district are respectfully invited.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—J. Redford has removed to 26, Old Road, Tong, Bolton.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Littleport (Cambs.).—This fine tower has hitherto been voiceless almost; but on Wednesday, the 24th, a new ring of eight will be opened by the Ely Diocesan Association. Weight of tenor, 19 cwt. (Key E.), from the Cripplegate Foundry. 9.30 a.m.—Tower open to ringers. (Those intending to be present kindly write to Rev. K. H. Smith, Ely.) 3.30 p.m.—Evensong, and Address by the Archdeacon of Ely. 5 p.m.—Public Tea. 7 p.m.—Short Service, and Organ Recital by Randolph Hale, Esq.

K. H. SMITH, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.*

Irregular Calls.—Notice.—I wish to inform the Exercise generally through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," that at the next meeting of the Central Council which will take place at Birmingham on Easter Tuesday, 1892, attention will be drawn to compositions obtained by means of irregular calls, and that a resolution will be moved upon the subject. H. DAINS.

P.S.—Mr. A. S. Durrant, of the Ipswich company tells me he had the peal of Maximus I published in this journal on the 23rd ult. in the year 1888; I therefore have no claim to that composition.

147, Barnsbury Road, N.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering, on Saturday, July 4th. Belfry open at 2.30 p.m.

HUGH BRYAN, *Hon. Sec.*
Raunds Vicarage, Thrapstone.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

TWELVE-PART PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

3 5 6 2 4 s - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

6 3 5 2 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at 6 in the third course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

6336.

2 3 4 5 6 1 5 6

5 4 3 2 6 - -

3 4 6 2 5 - -

4 2 6 3 5 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 s

Eleven times repeated; single at the fourth lead in the second course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

6720.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 3 6 2 5 s - -

2 6 3 4 5 - -

6 3 2 4 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at 6 in the second course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

8064.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

3 5 6 2 4 s - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

6 2 3 5 4 - -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

6 3 5 2 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

Eleven times repeated; single for bob at 4 in the sixth and twelfth parts. This contains the extent with 4 5 6 in sixth place, 2nd and 3rd never there.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RANG AT MIDDLETON (Lancs.).—This peal is the first rang on the bells, and the ringers were complimented on the good striking in the peal, and they take this opportunity of thanking the rector for giving the band the privilege of the first peal, it being the band whom opened them, with the exception of the respected president of the association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee. Messrs. Barrett and Harrison hail from Heywood; Hoyle and Birtwistle from Rochdale; Stott, Shaw, and Priestley from Oldham; and the Rev. H. J. Elsee from Manchester.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—With the next number will appear the Portrait, with Memoir, of Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM GLADWELL.

On Saturday, June 6th, the above-named ringer, who was one of the oldest members of the St. Andrew's (Halstead) company, passed away. He had been a ringer for more than fifty years, and a long time steeplekeeper. In the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled. On Saturday, 13th, he was carried to his resting-place by eight of his fellow-ringers. Before the service the bells were chimed, and afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. Cant, 1; W. Spurgeon, 2; F. Davey, 3; T. Salmons, 4; F. Arnold, 5; W. Ward (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, the Rev. J. B. Andrews made feeling allusion to the many years' service of deceased, who was a bright example of a God-fearing man, and what a ringer ought to be.

CLOCK-MAKING OPERATIONS.

AYSGARTH, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, YORKS.—A fine quarter clock, with copper dial has been erected at the schools at Aysgarth, by Messrs. W. Potts and Son, Leeds. The same firm have also erected this week a new public illuminated clock for the Hull Ice Co., at their new stores, and have large clocks in hand for St. Luke's ch. Kingston-on-Thames, Sawston ch. Cambs., Lymn ch. Cheshire, Epworth ch. Lincolnshire, Wyke ch. Bradford, Whitwell ch. near York, Kirby Misperton ch. North Yorks., Public hall, Hoyland, near Barnsley, Sheffield, Ballantrae ch. Scotland, illuminated quarter-clock for Northumberland, and other important work. Last week the Mayor and Corporation of Albany, West Australia, sent to them a vote of thanks for the manner in which they had made their new town hall clock, which they stated was the best finished work ever received from England previously.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. C. Clear, of Angmering, writes:—"In our last week's number I see the Midhurst branch rang a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob; and published it as the first on the bells at Milland; I also see a few weeks back that a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rang by the Midhurst branch at Midhurst, and this is also said to be the first 720 on the bells. Allow me please to contradict it. In the year 1889 four of the Angmering branch with Mr. Tribe and Mr. Lee of the Milland branch rang a peal of 5040 changes on Milland bells in seven different methods, Woodbine Treble Bob being the first; conducted by Charles Hills. The band then journeyed back to Midhurst, and after a hasty tea met in the belfry for another 5040, but after ringing a 720 of Woodbine, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and got into Yorkshire Court, it came to grief."



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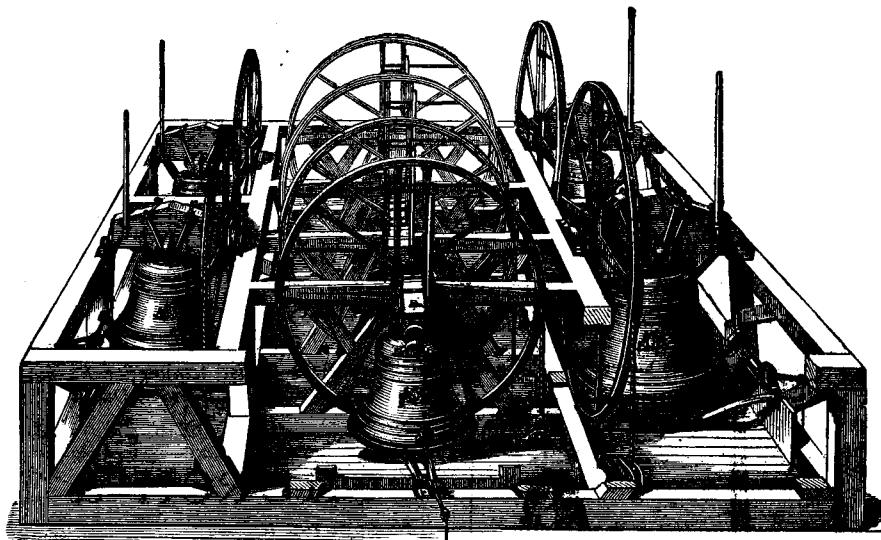
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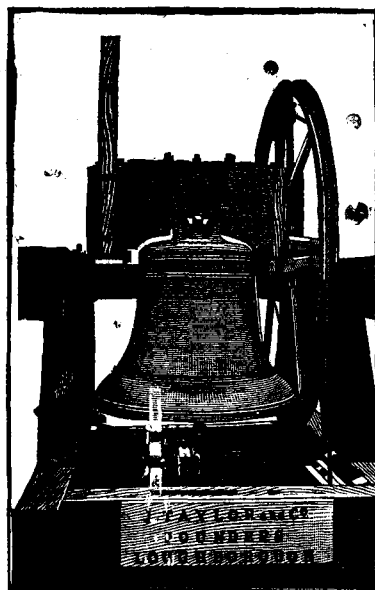
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