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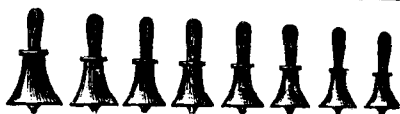
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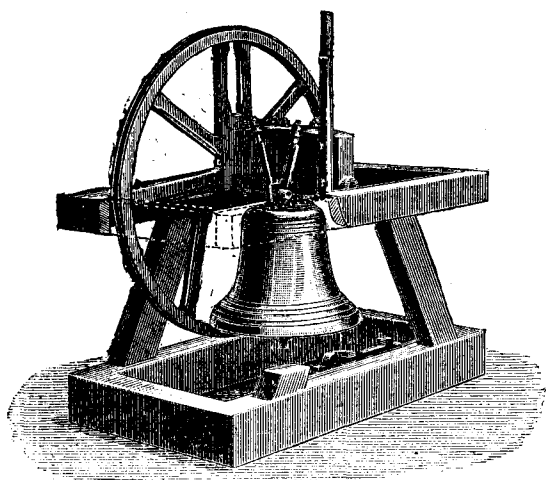
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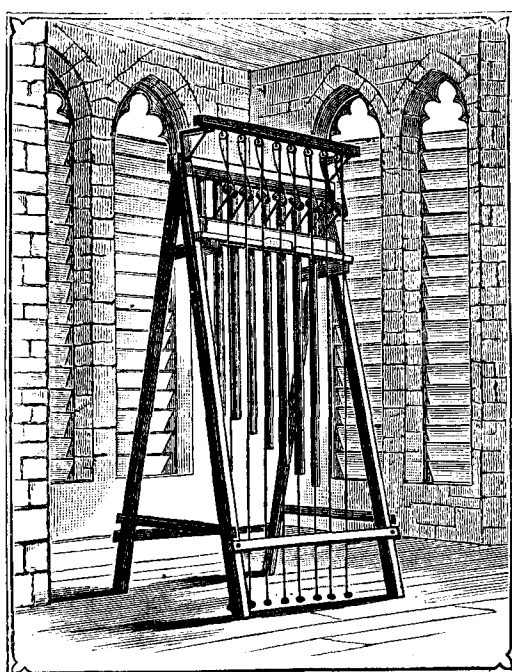
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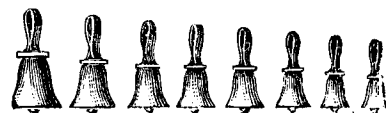
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ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—The Annual outing of this Society took place on Wednesday, June 24th, when advantage was taken of the excursion of teachers and friends connected with the parish (St. Helen's) and Holy Trinity Church Sunday Schools to Kenilworth, Leamington, and Warwick. A comfortable saloon for the ringers was attached to the special train, which left Ashby-de-la-Zouch at 9.30 a.m. They were accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Denton, and Mr. Churchwarden Matthews. The route taken was by London and North Western Railway, *via* Nuneaton and Coventry, and after leaving Nuneaton the far-famed three spires of Coventry came in view, and a short stay was made at the station. Here an old member of the Society (Mr. J. Hopkin) was waiting on the platform to give the party a welcome into Warwickshire. Kenilworth was duly reached, and the train was left, a visit being paid to the historic ruins made famous by Sir Walter Scott's enchanting novel. Afterwards a move was made for the church to have a pull on the ring of six. Several 6-scores having been rung, the calls of hunger caused a stampede to be made for the Abbey Hotel, where a good dinner was quickly served, and as rapidly disappeared. Here Mr. Hardy, the genial steeple-keeper of St. Mary's, Warwick, met the party, having been sent over specially by the Rev. C. Irvine, Vicar of St. Mary's, with the disappointing news of a death having taken place close to that church, which made ringing there impossible: arrangements had however been made for a pull at St. Nicholas', to compensate in some degree for the disappointment at being unable to ring the peal of ten at St. Mary's. After dinner a lovely drive through a portion of Lord Leigh's estate by Stoneleigh Abbey and the picturesque scenery of Guy's cliffed the party to Warwick, where the famous castle other places of interest were rapidly visited, and various touches rung on the eight bells of St. Nicholas by different scratch bands. A "lead" was then made for Emscote church, situate midway between Warwick and Leamington, in which tower hangs a pretty peal of eight, tenor about 17½ cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. Mr. Penfold, the steeple-keeper, introduced the company to the belfry, which was found to be rather small, and "so hot." The bells were soon raised and swinging along in good style to the tune of Grandsire Triples, and in 45 minutes a quarter-peal, arranged and conducted by W. Canner, was successfully brought round, the band standing thus: W. Liggins, 1; H. Canner, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. Hopkic, 4; W. Owen, 5; J. H. Dunmore, 6; W. Canner, 7; J. Curtis, 8. A move was then made to Leamington, where the evening was spent in listening to the bands, and strolling about the gardens and promenades. A cordial letter had been received from the Rev. H. C. Courtney, inviting the Society to visit Hatton and try his peal of six, but to the regret of all it was found impossible to arrange a call there. Besides the ringers mentioned as taking part in the quarter-peal Messrs. Howe (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer), Thornley, Beadsmore, Cutter and Henfield accompanied the party, which all told numbered 153—ringers, teachers and friends. The return train left Leamington at 9.35, reaching Ashby-de-la-Zouch at 12.0, and all were thoroughly satisfied with the outing for 1891. Through the medium of this paper the Society wish to tender their hearty thanks to the Rev. A. C. Irvine, St. Mary's, Warwick, Rev. Thornton Rivington, St. Nicholas, Warwick, Rev. A. J. Binnie, Kenilworth, and Rev. Dr. Dickens, Emscote, for their kindness in placing the bells at their disposal of the Society; and also to the Rev. H. C. Courtney, Hatton Vicarage, for the kind invitation to visit his belfry.

A TRIPLE EVENT AT TANFIELD, DURHAM.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Tanfield people celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the pretty peal of six bells in St. Margaret's church, and the ringers thought it a good opportunity to present their talented instructors, Messrs. Harrison and Henderson, of Jarrow, with a token of their appreciation of the time and labour expended by these gentlemen in teaching them. Several ringers were invited from Newcastle, Whitley, and Consett, and those from the former places brought with them a peal-board recording a 5040 rung in seven methods in this tower on April 11th, 1891. This was fixed in the ringing room early in the afternoon, and veiled ready for the opening

ceremony in the evening. All the visitors, except the Consett men, arrived by four o'clock, and sat down to tea with the local ringers, which was provided at the "Peacock" inn, and was served up in Host Johnson's usual first-class style. Tea being over, the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., complimented Messrs. Harrison and Henderson on the progress made by the Tanfield ringers in so short a time, and remarked what a favourite Mr. Harrison had become amongst the people in the district, particularly with the feminine portion. He had also a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present two small tokens of friendship and esteem, and which came spontaneously from the ringers and a few friends, to the two gentlemen referred to. With these words the rev. gentleman handed over two beautiful gold scarf pins in the shape of a bell, and engraved with the initials of the recipients.

Mr. Harrison, in rising to thank his fellow-ringers, said he thought that he had been treated with more kindness in Tanfield than he could ever repay, with all his labours, and he did not see why they should have recourse to a presentation after all they had done before. The Vicar, he said, had referred to his being a favourite among the ladies of the village, but he thought that his colleague, Mr. Henderson, had more claim to that than he, a fact which was proved at each successive visit to Tanfield.

Mr. Henderson having also briefly responded, and a vote of thanks passed to the excellent landlord, Mr. Johnson, a move was made to the tower, where the Vicar kindly unveiled the tablet. He thanked the six members of the Durham and Newcastle Association who rang in the peal for presenting it to the Church, and hoped it would be a source of emulation to his own ringers, whom he hoped would soon be able to ring a 5000 of equal merit. The tablet is a neat board, painted black, with yellow lettering, the panel being of a Gothic shape, and looked quite artistic when set up in a prominent position.

Mr. R. S. Story, President of the Association, said he was sorry one member of the peal band (Mr. Gofton) was absent. He thought he could express the unanimous thanks of all concerned for the hearty manner in which the Vicar had performed the duties assigned to him during the day, and hoped that he would be spared to see many such anniversaries. The peal band with T. Brewis (local) in Gofton's place, then rang a date touch of 1891 changes, recorded elsewhere: and a 720 of Bob Minor, which came round false, followed, G. Merchiston (Tanfield) ringing the treble in this, his longest length. Then the Messrs. Story took their departure for home, whilst the rest stayed to spend the week end. Later on Mr. Harrison gave an exhibition of the perfection which his men have reached in tune ringing, at Mr. Fred Lowe's residence, on their new set of thirty-seven bells, several tunes being gone through in capital style. On the Sunday another 720 was rung through and lost through a change-course, but the same 720, Oxford Bob Minor, was brought round true in the evening by F. Lowe (first in the method), 1; W. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Brewis, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Thus ended a most pleasant week end for all concerned, Tanfield hospitality having become proverbial amongst ringers of this district.

RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. James' ringers, Hull, having decided to visit the towers around the neighbourhood of Hull, paid the first visit on Saturday, June 27, the place chosen being Barrow-on-Humber, with its fine peal of six, tenor 20 cwt. Mr. Highfield, of Holy Trinity, and Mr. Southwick accompanied the party. 120 of Grandsire Doubles having been rung a start was made for 720 Bob Minor, but had to be abandoned, and called round with a capital struck 360 through one of the members who has been on the sick list for the last five weeks not being able to finish it. M. Hunter, 1; J. Highfield, 2; J. Pollard, 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. Campey, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6. After ringing a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells another 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and the bells ceased. After thanking Mr. Allison, the steeplekeeper for having the bells in readiness, the company adjourned to the Red Lion and partook of slight refreshment. A move was then made for New Holland, which was reached after a pleasant walk of two miles across fields, a pleasant ride across the Humber brought the outing to a close at 9.15 p.m., every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The annual excursion of this society took place on Saturday, June 20th, and lasted until the 24th. The destination was Portsmouth, the headquarters being made at the Home Restaurant, Landport. Last year the society visited the same spot, and returned home with such pleasing reminiscences that a second journey was agreed to. At 2.30 the train carrying the Albanian contingent steamed out of London Bridge station, amid the ringing, or, more correctly speaking, clanging of bells. The journey was uneventful, quite a contrast to that of last year, with the exception of a few boyish antics, in which "Our Boy" figured very prominently. Portsmouth was reached after a few hours' travelling, when all settled down to tea in real earnest—this part of the programme terminating successfully. The remaining hours of the evening were spent in boating and listening to the beautiful strains of music from the string band of the Enniskillen Fusiliers on the Clarence Pier. Bed-time came and thither all repaired, but not all to sleep. No. 4 dormitory had on this particular evening been converted into a fruiterer's shop, and like the boy with the cake, its occupants could not sleep while such delicacies were about. Unfortunately for No. 2 dormitory, everything was demolished when they made an attack on the stores, and after severe fighting the attacking force retired with one wounded, and minus the fruit. The bugle proper sounded at 6 a.m., and the dolphin section at once made for the sea, in which they sported themselves with great delight. After breakfast the beautiful Church at Kingston was visited, and the local ringers with great courtesy giving up their bells to us, some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. It was a pleasure here to meet old faces, and to know that some of the band had rung their first peal since our last visit. Some of the visitors journeyed to St. Agatha's to service, and others stayed at Kingston Church, where Canon Jacob delivered an admirable address. In the afternoon, nine of the party engaged a small yacht and went for a beautiful sail, but the wind was so very "puffy" that extreme care had to be exercised in manipulating the small craft. Fortunately we carried plenty of "ballast," and thanks are due to one member for condescending to come with us, thus averting a catastrophe. In the evening a second visit was made to the pier, where the Royal Hampshire regiment discoursed sweet music. Thus ended the second day. Monday morning was an early rising morning, for the handbells having been got out of "pawn," presumably put there for safety, or some other reason, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung upon them in No. 3 dormitory at about half-past three. A long touch it was impossible to ring, for the trio had not left the arms of Morpheus. After a few more escapades, and a short interval, a dip in the briny was taken. At this juncture one of the band returned to town, and resumed business. At 9.30 the rest met on the pier, *en route* for Shanklin, but did not proceed on the journey until 11.30. The interval was filled in by boating, in which one section proved themselves "good" seamen, but doubts were expressed whether they would ever have reached the shore unless "Our Boy" had put his shoulder to the wheel. Shanklin was reached at feeding-time, and luncheon was partaken of at the refreshment rooms outside the station, where the juvenile portion were completely electrified. After much delay they were induced to leave, and all met once again on Shanklin beach. Then paddling was in vogue, and a ramble taken towards Ventnor, but rain intervened, which altered the plans a little. After some delay the return to Shanklin was commenced, but a second halt had to be made, and shelter sought. Very agreeable company was found here. After tea a good game of cricket was played on the sands, walking-sticks being converted into bats and stumps, which was heartily enjoyed both by the players and onlookers. Unfortunately, gate-money could not be taken. Rain gently falling forced the party to the station, where train was taken to Ryde, then by boat to Portsmouth. Rain continued all the evening, so the handbells were brought once again into use, to fill in time. Whilst on the Island, the Chine was visited, which was immensely appreciated. Thus ended day No. 3. Tuesday, the last day, was wet, so all began sighing for home, with the exception of one, who had become so contaminated with the soldiers, or the sight of their tunics, that he was continually singing, "Let me like a soldier fall," which presumably meant he wanted to enlist, but the ribbons not coming in contact with him, he was saved. A start homeward was made

at 1.30, but a break was made at Chichester and a walk over the Cathedral was greatly appreciated, the place abounding in curios, which were ably explained by the genial and courteous vergers. Of course the belfry was visited, which is kept as a belfry should be, and an ascent was made to the bell-loft and the top of the tower. Unfortunately a pull could not be obtained upon the bells, so a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Bob Triples upon the heavy set of handbells had to suffice. The time at Chichester hung very heavily, and all were glad when the hour of departure came, and we once again steamed out of beautiful Sussex. Home was reached in the early hours of Wednesday morning, the individual before mentioned still singing "Let me like a soldier fall." Thus ended another outing of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, enjoyed by all and regretted by none. Thanks are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Battle, for managing the purse strings in such an admirable manner. It should be mentioned that the St. Peter's Society kindly gave their services at the cathedral on the Sunday, and rang at both morning and evening services, which the cathedral band fully appreciated. G. W. C.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20th, the above Association held their quarterly meeting at Chesterfield. The attendance was small, owing probably to several of the village feasts being held on the same day, and the Staveley company were engaged ringing at home. Several short touches were rung in the afternoon by mixed bands from Eckington, Chesterfield, Killamarsh, Wingfield, and Norton. The bells are in good ringing order, and any brother-strings desirous of having a pull at the crooked spire, will not be disappointed with their go.

The meeting was held at 5.30 in the Church mission-room, presided over by the Rev. R. E. Adderley. The minutes having been confirmed, it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Dronfield.

The Rev. H. E. Ferry proposed, Mr. T. Lunn seconded, and it was carried—"That this meeting regrets the appearance of an anonymous letter in the *Derbyshire Courier* respecting the annual dinner at North Wingfield, and hopes that in future should any unpleasantness arise the matter will be brought before the next meeting instead of writing to the public press."

Mr. Goodwin proposed, and Mr. A. Knights seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chesterfield for presiding, and for the use of the bells and mission-room.

The rev. gentleman, in reply, expressed regret for not having paid that attention to the ringers which he ought to have done. He was pleased to see that a great change had taken place of late among the ringers of Chesterfield, and other towers in the district. He promised to take a more active part among the ringers in future.

Mr. A. Knights, in reply, said that he was pleased to hear the Vicar make such a promise. He explained to the meeting how well the new rule was working among the Chesterfield company. Although several members had left them rather than give up their old practice of making that part of God's house a drinking and smoke room, new hands had taken their place, and he hoped that in the near future Chesterfield would have a full band of ten good ringers.

Mr. G. Toplis, who claimed to be one of the old band of ringers, fully endorsed Mr. Knight's sentiments.

Several touches of Major and Triples were rung after the meeting. The Chesterfield band also gave the members a good selection of tunes on the handbells, which brought the day's proceedings to a close.

The church of St. George, Botolph lane, has been closed by order of the Bishop of London, in consequence of the unsafe condition of the fabric, and the lack of any funds wherewith to repair it. The Bishop has, in accordance with the provisions of the Act dealing with the union of City parishes, appointed a commission to deal with the parish. Meanwhile Canon Malcolm MacColl, the rector, intends to devote the spare time thus forced upon him to work in one of the poorest of the East-end parishes.—*Fall-Mall Gazette*.

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BY SCRUTATOR.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.—TWELFTH REPORT.—This report, owing to unavoidable as well as regrettable circumstances, covers two years of the Norwich Association's work, consequently it is of a more bulky nature than usual, comprising as it does eighty pages, of which fifty are taken up by records of peal performances; the whole book being one combined testimony to the energy and ability displayed by the Hon. Secretary, in his recent arduous work of re-organising the Association and placing it on a good workable footing. Christopher Wren's epitaph in the Crypt of St. Paul's reads: "If you wish to see his monument, look around;" So in this case I could with equal force say that did I wish to point out the great work done for the good of the Exercise in the Diocese of Norwich, I need only produce this report. In the Committee's official Statement read at Norwich last September, after referring to the lamented death of the late Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Nathaniel Bolingbroke, and paying a graceful tribute to his worth and work for the Association, it says that when the meeting was held at Ipswich in February, 1890, "the organisation was for the moment out of gear, and the position, with reference to the welfare of the Association, was undoubtedly critical; the Committee, therefore, acknowledge with the greatest thankfulness the assistance rendered at this time by their good friend Captain A. P. Moore, who acted temporarily as Secretary, and made the necessary arrangements for holding the general meeting in February." At this meeting, the re-organisation of the Association by the creation of Districts, and the appointment of District Secretaries, was resolved upon. Since then, "this organisation has been carried out by the Committee, with the assistance of the Hon. Secretary, twelve districts have already been formed, and local Secretaries appointed to each, who are doing most excellent work, and the strength and efficiency of the Association has already been largely increased by their willing efforts." Continuing—"All who are interested in the welfare of the Association will be glad to learn that it has recovered from the confusion into which it was temporarily thrown by the long illness of the late Secretary. New members to the number of 142 have been elected since the commencement of the present year, and several old members who had dropped out for a time have rejoined. . . . The large addition to the list of honorary members, principally from the parochial clergy, shows that the Association possesses the goodwill of the Diocese generally, and will be supported in proportion as its work and objects are pressed upon the attention of the public. The Committee especially rejoice that our Bishop has consented to allow his name to appear as Patron of the Association. The Honorary Secretary, since his appointment, has personally visited all the districts and met the companies attached to the principal towers in union with the Association, being everywhere cordially received." Finally, "as the results of less than a full year's work the position of the Association is a matter for much congratulation, and a source of distinct and great encouragement. If all the members will heartily continue in pressing forward, and promoting the work and objects of the Association, the day ought not to be far distant which shall see it one of the very strongest and most efficient among the ringing societies of the Kingdom." Had I been present at the meeting when these words were read, I should most assuredly have responded with a right hearty "hear, hear!" I hope they will be realised—and that soon—as amply as the arduous work of Committee and Hon. Secretary deserve them to be. I now turn to the financial statement for the two years (1889-90). Here, on page 28, the practical results of the recent work of organisation (or, as I should perhaps better put it, re-organisation), are most manifest. In the former year, 1889, when the late Hon. Secretary was only too palpably passing away, and whose spirit went forth to Him who gave it, on the 16th of November, there can be no surprise that the Association was in sore straits; and that thus its work was to a great extent left undone. During this year the total income received was 10s. from life members, £4 10s. od. from honorary members, and £7 18s. od. from performing members, out of which total of £12 18s. od. was paid an adverse balance of £1 10s. 6d. due

to the treasurer, £3 15s. od. for entering peals, and other small items, leaving £6 19s. 6d. in hand. The following year, which witnessed such a revival of activity, also brought in no less than £19 19s. od. in the way of subscriptions for previous years. In addition to that, life members' subscriptions rose to £8 11s. od., honorary members to £24 10s. od. and performing members' to £21 18s. od., the total income amounting to £83 16s. 9d. Out of this the meetings cost £23 1s. 9d., of which the annual meeting at Norwich is responsible for £14 13s. od. Old standing accounts amounting to £19 6s. od. were also liquidated. The Secretary's travelling expenses (£8 5s. 2d.) incidental ditto, £2 4s. 6d., expenses of delegates to Central Council £1 17s. 6d., and those of district Secretaries, £1 14s. 5d., accounts for another £14 1s. 7d., while other disbursements, with £9 19s. 3d. remaining in hand, brings up the total on the credit side to £83 16s. 9d. The Association has thus started upon its present year of operations with a fair balance in hand; but what is infinitely more satisfactory, upon a most excellent footing in the way of thorough organisation. The members have thus good reason to be gratified at the manner in which their Association has emerged from its crisis, and proud of their officers, who have so nobly and well brought it out of the Slough of Despond into a position of safety. It might be superfluous to remark that the main of this is due to their esteemed Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, but I cannot resist the observation nevertheless, in the confident anticipation that his loyal efforts for their good will have its result in the full realisation of the Committee's aspirations that "the day ought not to be far distant which shall see the Association one of the very strongest and most efficient among the Ringing Societies of the Kingdom."

THE QUIVER (Cassell & Co.) maintains its fame this month. The general get-up of this serial is truly marvellous. We consider it among the best of the monthlies.

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Obituary.

MAURICE E. FRYER.

We have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Wednesday, June 24th, 1891, in his 23rd year. He was a member of the St. Michael's Society, Melbourne, and joined the Midland Counties' Association in the year 1889. The deceased was interred at Melbourne Cemetery on Saturday, June 27th, his brother-ringers ringing a half-muffled peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, while the procession was at the cemetery (particulars of which will be found in the usual place). By his untimely death the company have lost a valuable member, and his genial face will be greatly missed at the quarterly meetings of his Society. Deceased was only able to take part in three peals, viz: 1 Grandsire Triples, and 2 of Oxford Bob Triples, owing to the nature of his disease, which was consumption. The peal that was rung on the day of his funeral, the deceased rang the second in two unsuccessful attempts last December. During his short career as a ringer, he had studied Campanology to a great extent, and has left as a mark of his ability a new method for eight bells, which he composed and called "Melbourne Major," which was published in No. 450 of "THE BELL NEWS."

JOHN TATTERSALL.

The Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association has again suffered a great loss in the death of John Tattersall, of Ramsbottom. He joined the association in 1882, and up to the time of his death was active in extending its influence through this district. He had taken part in some four or five peals of Grandsire Triples, the first being at Newchurch, on December 17th, 1887, and his last a few months ago at Bacup. His death occurred on the 19th ult., and his remains were interred on the 22nd, at Shuttleworth parish church. Over his grave some of his brother-strings rang a few courses on handbells, and also at different intervals during the day muffled touches sounded their mournful tones from the church to which he loved to go.

THE FIRE AT MESSRS. TAYLOR AND CO'S, LOUGHBOROUGH.

In our last issue a brief announcement was given of a serious conflagration which had taken place on the morning of the previous Tuesday, at the bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough. The following particulars, taken chiefly from the current number of the *Leicester Post*, have been forwarded to us for publication :—

"About two o'clock on Tuesday morning a serious fire was discovered at Messrs. Taylor and Sons' bell foundry, Freehold-street, Loughborough. The works, which stand on area of about 40 square yards, consist of an enclosed yard flanked on one side with fitting shops, and on the other with tuning shops, the joiners' works and offices. Ten yards to the east of the works is situated the residence of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and for the convenience of the household a washhouse had been built near the offices and under a portion of the store room. It was immediately over this washhouse and the business offices that P.C. Carter, while on his beat about two o'clock, saw flames issuing from the windows. He at once acquainted Mr. Taylor of the outbreak, and sent a messenger to the fire station. Soon after, Fireman Wesley and other members of the fire brigade arrived with the hose reel, and numbers of willing hands being near, the hose was attached to three hydrants. By this time the flames had got a firm hold of that portion of the premises adjoining Freehold-street, and eastward of the enclosed yard, so the efforts of the firemen were directed towards stopping the conflagration from spreading. But, unfortunately, the pressure from the 3-inch water main (which in that district is about the lowest in the town) was entirely insufficient to force the jet to the roof of the building, and scarcely carried it beyond 12ft. or 15ft. When Capt. Clements arrived with the steam engine at three o'clock, thinking that the water was being used for flushing the sewers, he sent a messenger with instructions to stop the flushing, and concentrate the pressure of water on the mains near Freehold-street. This caused much delay, the engine, which is supplied with a 5-inch pipe, being of little use until a stronger supply was obtained. However, the men worked bravely in the endeavour to conquer the flames, two hydrants in Chapman-street, and one in Cobden-street being utilised, in addition to the two which fed the engine. The premises having a frontage to Freehold-street, Cobden-street, and Chapman-street, jets from either thoroughfare were thrown into the works. A fair breeze blowing from the east carried the flames directly into the buildings; the yard, which is about 30 feet wide, and covered with a glass roof on iron supports, prevented the flames from spreading westward. Fortunately, too, the partition wall between the tuning shops was 14 inches thick, and being built up to the roof prevented the spreading of the fire on the north side. The flames were therefore located in an area of some 60ft. by 30ft., and the firemen succeeded in keeping them within this limit. To extinguish them was a matter of impossibility with the supply of water at command. The area above mentioned is now a complete wreck, nothing being left scarcely but the outer brick walls and iron girders. Masses of molten lead, burnt rubbish, and a quantity of hand bells strew the floor of the tuning shop; a dismantled lathe, a pulley shaft bent and displaced, and a bent iron girder show the severity of the fire. From one corner of the tuning shop, resting on three brick and one iron pillars, rises the tower, which was hung with eight bells that chimed the quarters. Of this, which was erected but three years ago, nothing is left save the walls, each of the four floors having been destroyed. The wash-house is also a wreck, while what is left in the offices from the fire has been damaged by the water. The strength of the walls alone prevented the entire destruction of the offices, the fire having entered through the doorway. By five o'clock the flames were well under control, and all further danger averted. As regards the origin of the fire, there was a small cask of lubricating oil over the wash-house which had been leaking, and the supposition is that the wash-house having been used on Monday the oil caught fire. A larger cask made of cast iron stood in the store room, immediately over the warehouse, and this, full of oil, provided further fuel for the fire. It was not, however, until the beam upon which the cask rested had been burnt that the oil was overturned, and then the lower rooms were burnt out of their

valuable contents. The premises, we regret to state, were not fully insured, though the firm had taken out a policy from the London and Lancashire Company through their local agent. Since the valuation was made some three years ago the firm have kept adding to the stock. An estimate of the damage is therefore somewhat crude, but the amount is fixed at about £3500.

"Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., states that he was awake just before two o'clock, and as soon as he had recovered from the first shock caused by what he saw, he went into the offices and secured a few of the books, which he took into the house. When he returned the fire was passing from the wash-house through the office door, and he was unable to re-enter the place that way. Nothing could be done to check the flames, as the water was not on at sufficient pressure until the steam engine came. Then they began to play upon it, but there was not sufficient water to keep that going. Had there been sufficient, he believes the fire could have been stopped. The 14in. wall prevented the flames from spreading beyond the small bell-tuning shop, and the excellent roof over the offices saved them from being gutted, though the furniture was destroyed by water. The room on the first floor, over the tuning shop, offices, and wash-house was in one compartment, and filled with stores, patterns, etc. Something like 400 small handbells would be stored ready for delivery, and valuable patterns, which it would be difficult to replace, in addition to a large quantity of bell-fittings and other materials. Here it was, in Mr. Taylor's opinion, that the fire originated, and its greatest force felt. Everything was cleared out, and the flames coming downward the lower rooms suffered similarly. The brigade got round the fire, and endeavoured to prevent it from spreading, many of the people who were spectators coming forward to assist. The fire burnt through the four floors of the clock tower, which stands 80ft. high, melting the lead roof, and leaving nothing but the bare walls. The large tuning shop and the joiners' shop, both of which are to the east of the yard, were saved, though a portion of the iron roof to the yard is damaged.

"Mr. G. Clements, captain of the local fire brigade, states that he was roused at ten minutes to three. He ordered the steamer out, and when he arrived on the scene the roof was partly in. He first played on one side of the fire and then on the other, as the water from the mains would not reach the top of the buildings. If they had not had the steamer he considered the whole block would have gone. Half-an-hour after the engine got to work the flames were subdued, but a good flow of water was not obtained until four o'clock. Evidence of the fierceness of the conflagration is apparent on the side of Mr. Taylor's residence, which is a distance of ten yards from the seat of the fire."

We are glad to find, from an announcement on another page, that the fire will not in any way prevent the execution of orders, or the progress of the general business of the firm.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at Lytham, on Saturday, June 27. The bells of the parish church and those of St. John's were rung at intervals during the afternoon. The meeting took place shortly after 5 p.m. in the parish schools, Mr. J. Walker, of Blackburn, presiding. The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, also the lines on which the various branches were conducted. Messrs. J. Shepherd, F. Birtwistle, J. Redford, Mawdsley, and H. W. Jackson advocated the formation of a branch. It was ultimately decided to establish a branch, on the proposition of Mr. Birtwistle, Rochdale, seconded by Mr. Mawdsley, Preston, to be designated the "Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association." Mr. John Fell, 21, Clifton-street Lytham, being appointed local secretary. Blackpool, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, Lytham, Poulton, Singleton, and Kirkham, comprise the district, which it is hoped will prove successful. The new branch commences with seven members, all of Lytham. Votes of thanks to the Church authorities concluded the meeting.

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.

LITTLEPORT, ISLE OF ELY.

Visitors to the fen district will have noticed between Ely and Lynn the tall tower of St. George, Littleport. For centuries it has held its own as a landmark; almost voiceless hitherto. The late Vicar, Canon Hopkins, a Cambridge wrangler, of large heart and warm sympathies, and for years a practical-sense debater in Convocation, was called to his rest a year or more ago, and the worthy parishioners, whose respect for him was unbounded, determined to give practical expression to their affection in three ways:—

- 1.—The erection of an organ.
- 2.—The addition of a stained glass window in the chancel.
- 3.—A new ring of eight bells.

Friends and former pupils rallied round them, and it is our pleasing duty to announce that on the Festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the peal was solemnly dedicated to the service of ALMIGHTY GOD by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Ely, assisted by the Rev. S. E. Perry, the Vicar.

The pleasant task of opening the bells was performed by the ringers of St. Mary, Ely, and other members of the Ely Diocesan Association, assisted by friends from Cambridge, Hilgay, Soham, Wilburton, Newmarket, and Market Downham. The absence through illness, of Mr. Ellis, many years Master of the Ely company, and of Mr. Pitstow, through an engagement, was regretted.

The peal is from the Cripplegate foundry of Messrs. Warner and Sons, and does that firm great credit. The tenor is in the key of E, and weighs 18½ cwt. The tone, tune, and go of the bells leave nothing to be desired, and they were listened to, by the inhabitants of this prosperous and thriving village, with great delight. The ringers were most hospitably entertained by the Committee, to whom they tender their warm thanks; and a most enjoyable day was spent.

The old bells (four), two of which were cracked, were among the products of Draper and Osborn. They have now been incorporated. More music from their manes! for they were, in local ringing parlance, "mucky, yawling things," and are happily restored to a new, and more harmonious life. The shade and spirit of the worthy saint of the fen-land—Guthlac—is clearly an influence in this region, and nothing now remains but to strike, while the iron is hot; start, instruct, and establish, a band of novices in the grand old Art of ringing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting in connection with the above Society was held on Saturday, June 20th, at Lichfield, when there were members from the following places:—Burton-on-Trent, Darlaston, Handsworth, Harborne, Lichfield, Perry Barr, Tamworth, Tipton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Cannock, and Dudley, and friends from various other places. The bells at the Cathedral were kept going during the afternoon, but the bells at the other churches were silent owing to illness in one case and out of repair at the other. A committee meeting was held in the belfry at the Cathedral, when there were 12 ringing members and one honorary member elected. It was also decided to hold the next meeting at Wombourn at the end of September. A short service was held at five o'clock in the Lady Chapel and an excellent address given by the Rev. D. Jones. Tea was served at the coffee house, when full justice was done to the good things provided, after which the general meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Keble taking the Chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Ven. the Archdeacon Scott. A letter was read from the treasurer requesting some one else to be elected in his place, as he would not be able to attend to the office in future. The Rev. J. R. Keble was elected treasurer, and the Rev. D. Jones, of Lichfield, and Mr. S. Reeves, secretaries. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. C. H. Joberns for his great kindness in engrossing the peals rung by the society in the peal-book, and also for his past services as hon. treasurer. As the time had expired and the trains become due a general rush had to be made to the railway station, thus bringing the meeting to a close.

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A VISIT TO THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, June 21st, Messrs. Smith, Watts, and Watkins, accompanied by two friends, left Chepstow at 5.30 a.m. for a trip to the town of Thornbury. Crossing the Severn from Beachley to Littleton, a walk of four miles brought the visitors to Thornbury, which was reached at 8.0 a.m. After partaking of a good breakfast the church was visited, which proved to be a very interesting structure. The tower, which is also a noble building, is said to be 140 ft. high, from which a good view of the surrounding country was enjoyed. On the arrival of Mr. Eddington, the captain of the local company, the bells were raised in peal and a 336 and and 168 of Grandsire was rung for service. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Watts, 3; G. Watkins, 4; T. Allsopp, 5; C. Smith, 6; F. Howell (conductor), 7; A. Phelps, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in E. There being a parade of Friendly Societies in the afternoon, several 6-scores of Grandsire were rung with 4-6-8 behind, and a touch of Minor was essayed but the tenor proved too much metal. Time now being up for the return journey, a move was made in that direction, when farewell greetings were exchanged, the visitors reaching Chepstow at 8.0 p.m.

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."

MR. SCRUTATOR AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE REPORT.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a space in your valuable paper for a few words in answer to the above gentleman's remarks concerning the ringers and ringing at Worcester? I am only speaking of the Worcester Branch Society, of the other company I can say nothing. Firstly, he says there has not been a peal rung on tower bells for two years, in this city; quite right, but why? I will try and shew it is not entirely our fault. One very important reason is we cannot have the bells to make an attempt, and when we do the tenor bell goes so bad that we are obliged to have two men to ring it; and another thing, when we do attempt to ring, someone who has got the finger-ache or a cough, runs directly to the clergy or churchwardens and complain, and they, without making enquiries, order the bells to be stopped. The members are getting so disheartened that they will not sacrifice other engagements to attend a ringing meet, and as for acknowledgment and support by the clergy, they scarcely ever enter a tower, unless it is to stop us ringing, so I fail to see where the facilities for ringing comes in, so far as our company is concerned. I should like to remind Mr. Scrutator, that if we have not rung peals in Worcester, we have gone about the County to ring them. If he will look through the 1889 Report he will find two at Hanbury, one of Grandsire and one of Union Triples; the latter being the first in the method by the Association; also a Minor peal at Croome d'Abitot, saying nothing about the numerous attempts. He will also find one in the 1889 Report, at Malvern, by members of our company. Secondly, he says we have the greatest facilities for ringing; quite right, as to plenty of bells, but what good are they to us if we cannot use them? Our company have only one peal of eight, and one of six, for use; at the eight-bell tower we are only allowed one practice fortnightly, and we do not get half those, as there is a mother's meeting, a tea-fight, or someone says they are ill, or service in the adjoining parish church; for all of which we have to stop, so where are the facilities for progress? He refers us to some of our neighbouring towers as examples; I should like to take one of them Kidderminster (at which I have many ringing friends), they are certainly doing well, but what are their opportunities? A peal of bells in capital order, a weekly practice without interruption, they ring twice every Sunday, and a reasonable use of Saturday afternoons. So they get at least six practices where we get one. The only bright spot in our future is the prospect of getting two trebles added to St. John's peal of six, in the autumn, which I earnestly hope will happen. We have also been unfortunate in losing three of our best men, which is a great loss, when nearly all the members are young ones. In conclusion with regard to Mr. Scrutator's last (and not least) wish, I may add we shall endeavour to add a few this year yet.

Boxwood Street, St. John's, Worcester.

WM. PAGE, Secretary.

CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—On June 2nd, J. Luckey rang the fifth in the 720 Cambridge Surprise, and on June 12th it should be College Exercise, and not College Pleasure as stated, and in last week's issue in the 720 Canterbury Pleasure it should be W. Watts, conductor, and not W. Hammond.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

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No apology is needed when reference is made to such an event as the opening of a new peal of bells, or the re-suscitation of an old one. In fact such occasions are meet times for congratulation, second in importance, perhaps, to none, and they ought therefore never to pass by without something beyond a brief notice. When it is considered how many church steeples there are which require the practical interference of the bell-founder, in more ways than one, the number of splendid bells hanging in jeopardy by reason of the insecure and dangerous condition of their bearings, and the great hindrance to the promotion of ringing caused thereby, the news of a peal being rejuvenated, so to speak, ought to bring to all ringers worthy of the name, feelings of the most sincere gratification and delight.

These observations are suggested by the perusal of an account of bell-restoration which has just taken place in the Diocese of Ely, a report of which will be found in

another column. The parishioners of Littleport—a village in the Isle of Ely—were desirous of perpetuating the beloved memory of their departed Vicar, and they wisely chose three distinct modes of effecting their object. It is pleasing to note that one of these was to dignify their prominent tower with the possession of those instruments for the reception of which it was erected, viz.: a peal of bells, which are, we are told, of good tone and tune, while the "go" leaves nothing to be desired.

Many a time has it been said, by those competent to speak, that a bell is a most appropriate thing to erect to the memory of departed worth. If one bell is so, how much more is a peal of eight? The good folk of Littleport have set an example worthy of imitation, one in fact, we should like to see more extensively followed. It remains to be seen if the spirit of the parishioners, exemplified so plainly in the matter of a memorial to their late Vicar, will be sustained when the question arises how and in what manner their new bells are to be rung. If proper and efficient steps are taken, Littleport may soon become an important head centre of change-ringing, and be one means of removing from the Diocese of Ely that reproach which seems to adhere to it still when bells and bell-ringers are under consideration.

NOTICE.

MR. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD will be happy to see members of the Midland Counties' and other ringing Associations at a Garden Party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, July 25th, from two to six o'clock. Tea at 4.30. The peal of ten at the parish church will be at the disposal of visitors from two to nine o'clock. The presence of any of the clergy will be especially welcome.

The Metropolis.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB Treble.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. 6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

T. Card hails from Speldhurst, Kent.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES A. BUTTON* .. Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
JESSE PUPLETT† 2.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 6.
THOMAS C GROVE 3.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor.

The Provinces.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S COMPOSITION.

EDWARD WALKER Treble.	JAMES W. MARSHALL .. 5.
ALBERT E. PARSONS 2.	RICHARD BIRD 6.
THOMAS H. SMITH 3.	HARRY A. WOODALL .. 7.
CALEB BEASLEY 4.	ALFRED WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY A. WOODALL.

First peal by Messrs. E. and A. Walker, T. H. Smith, and J. W. Marshall.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON Treble.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 5.
HARRY WAKLEY 2.	PETO MEADOWS 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. W. SAYER Treble.	HARRY MILLS 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
JAMES HALL 3.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	WILLIAM GOULD Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH PATTISON Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	WILLIAM STORY 6.
FRANCIS LRES 3.	JOEL HERN 7.
ROBERT S. STORY 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

BOUGHTON, NEAR FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

AUSTEN SMITH* Treble.	HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 2.	FREDERICK T. HARRIS .. 6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. 7.
RICHARD CASTLE* 4.	*WILLIAM FOREMAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (R.E.) and Conducted by WILLIAM W. BOULDEN.

*First peal. This peal is now rung for the first time. All are members of the local company.

HOME CURE FOR DEAFNESS.—A book by a noted Aural Surgeon, describing a System of Curing Deafness and Noises in the Head, by which a self-cure is effected at home. The Rev. D. H. W. Harlock, of the Parsonage, Milton-under-Wychwood, writes: "Try the System by all means: it is first rate, and has been of the utmost service to me." Post free 4d. De Vere and Co., Publishers, 22, Warwick Lane, London, E.C.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. *Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	FRED WELLS 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	ROBERT BRETT 6.
ARTHUR PAPWORTH 3.	NELSON HAWKINS 7.
ALBERT J. CLARKE 4.	ROBERT GOWERS Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON and Conducted by C. SILLITOE.

The peal, in three parts, has the 6th at home at six course-ends. Messrs. Papworth, Clarke, Brett, and Gowers hail from Stanstead, Suffolk; Slater and Wells from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; Hawkins from Belchamp.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK SIMMONDS .. Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
ARTHUR W. PIKE* 2.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 6.
JOSEPH HANDS 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. PIKE.

*First peal as conductor. This is also the first peal of Grandsire on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the marriage of a niece of Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, the father of ringers in the neighbourhood.

CAPEL, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours Thirty-Eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB
METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, College Pleasure,
College Exercise, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN AKEHURST Treble.	ALFRED DOUGLAS MILLS .. 4.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	*JAMES PARKER 5.
FREDERICK RICE 3.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by E. JORDAN.

The above was rung as a birthday peal for R. Jordan, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. *First 5040 on six bells, and hails from Crawley; Rice from Worth; the rest are of the local band.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	ROBERT HAWES 5.
OSWALD MOULE* 2.	EDWARD T. SHEARING .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by G. PATRICK and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

The above are all members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich. *First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER .. Treble.	HENRY JONES 5.
JAMES BATTS* 2.	CHARLES PAINTER 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	*WILLIAM PALMER 7.
ROBERT J. DAWES* 4.	†ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Jones and Painter hail from Ringmer; Dawes and Turner are local men; the rest hail from Brighton.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. HOLLINGWORTH .. Treble.	HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
JOHN VICKERS 2.	JOSEPH W. WARREN .. 6.
JOHN R. WOOD 3.	THOMAS HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFF .. 4.	JOHN HOUGH Tenor.

Composed by H. BURSTOW and Conducted by H. HOLLINGWORTH.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Maurice E. Fryer, member of the above society, who was interred on the above date at Melbourne Cemetery. This is the first peal in the method by all and the first by the Association.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt. in Db.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6.
JAMES JONES* 2.	*SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	*WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 8.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	*JOHN GOODMAN 9.
REUBEN HALL 5.	*JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, of Sheffield, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Worcestershire Association, and the second by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It is upward of twenty-five years since a peal of Caters was rung upon the bells.

Date Touches.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 28th, at the parish church, for early morning service on the occasion of the re-opening of the church, after complete restoration, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer), 2; F. R. White, 3; W. Benham, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; T. Martland, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, June 28th, for Divine service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. G. Toplis, 1; J. W. Roper, 2; H. Rippon, 3; S. Price, 4; D. Farthing, 5; J. Hunt, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, of Sandiacre.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Saturday, June 20th, a date touch was rung in four methods of Minor, viz: 91 Plain Bob; 360 Canterbury Pleasure; and one each of College Single and Oxford Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins., to celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the six bells, and the unveiling of a peal tablet recording a 5040 in seven methods, rung in April last. *T. Brewis, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Story, 4; W. Henderson, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. *Longest length, and a member of the Tanfield band. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST (Beds).—On Saturday, May 30th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. Johnson, 2; I. Hills, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. T. Spencer, 1; C. Johnson, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills (conductor), 5; S. Constant, 6. Tenor about 13 cwt.

RISELEY (Beds).—On Saturday, June 6th, seven members of the above Association paid a visit to this place and rang on the newly-rehung five bells at the parish church several 120's of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Stedman, and Bob Doubles. C. Allen, E. Coleman, and J. Dickins of Sharnbrook; and C. W. Clarke, S. Constant, I. Hills, and F. Sharp of Bedford. These bells have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the "go" of them is excellent. Tenor about 16 cwt. in F.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Tuesday, June 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. West, 1; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. Constant, 4; H. King, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). F. Frossell, 1; H. King, 2; S. Constant, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; C. West, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, June 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. West, 2; S. Constant, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. King, 5; F. Sharp, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. Constant, 1; W. G. Biggs, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. West, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). P. Howard, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; S. Constant, 3; F. Sharp, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Thursday, June 18th, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles by W. Gardner, W. Sargent, and J. Bailey of the local company; and I. Hills, C. W. Clarke, S. Constant, W. Shimmans, and C. Johnson of the Bedford company. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, June 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer, 1; C. Johnson, 2; W. Shimmans (first 720 in the method), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnson, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Shimmans (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. And on Tuesday, June 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). T. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnson, 3; S. Constant, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. S. J. Cullip, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; T. Spencer, 6. And on Sunday evening, June 28th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; W. G. Biggs, 2; F. Sharp, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; I. Hills, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, June 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, the local branch of the above Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers (conductor), 2; J. R. Wood, 3; H. Hollingworth, 4; G. C. Tunnidiff, 5; J. W. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. Hough, 8. Composed by the late H. Johnson.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 14th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. *S. Wallis, 1; A. Devereux, 2; E. Devereux (conductor), 3; †A. Wallis, 4; C. Smith, 5; A. Attwood, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. †First 720 with a bob bell. And on Sunday, June 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Devereux, 1; H. Payne, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; A. Wallis, 4; A. Devereux, 5; A. Attwood, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. A. Wallis, 1; A. Attwood, 2; H. Payne, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; C. Bown, 5; E. Devereux, 6.

TWYNING (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 28th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Bown, 1; E. Devereux, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; A. Wallis, 4; H. Payne, 5; A. Attwood, 6. First in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTON (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, June 14th, the Ducklington ringers visited Aston, and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Thomson, 1; W. Fisher, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; J. Fisher, 4; H. J. Fisher, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which three of the local ringers took part. This is believed to be the first 720 of Minor on the bells.

DUCKLINGTON (Oxon).—On Thursday evening, June 25th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of College Single. G. Thomson, 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; J. Fisher, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; H. Druce, 5; J. H. Fisher (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of College Single by all the band, and the first on the bells. And on Monday evening, June 29th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). A. Edwards (first 720 of Minor, age 14), 1; J. H. Fisher, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; W. Fisher, 4; J. Fisher, 5; N. Spindlow (first 720 as conductor, age 17), 6.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—At the parish church, on Sunday, June 28th, for evening service, 720 of Court Bob Minor. J. E. Wheeldon, 1; *R. W. Twigg, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. Hobbs, 4; C. Rushton, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL.—On Tuesday evening, June 16th, at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) and 216 Grandsire Minor, in 33½ mins. T. Johnson, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; J. Martin, 6. Also 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; R. Hurst, 3; J. Booth, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; J. Martin, 6. This is the first 720 in the method that J. Booth has rung. On Sunday morning, 28th June, for Divine service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Also after Divine service, on the occasion of the Queen's coronation day, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; W. Bramley, 3; T. Rushton, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And for Divine service in the evening, 720 College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles, 4th the observation), in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Messrs. Booth and Martin belong to the pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, June 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carroway, 5; W. Mulley, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 3; F. Sparks, 3; F. Carroway, 4; W. Webb, 5; W. Mulley, 6. Also several touches of Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Edwin Henry, second son of Henry Thomas Tubbs, J.P., of Nether Court, Finchley, and 29 and 30 Noble Street, E.C., to Bertha Louisa, fourth daughter of the late Edwin Robinson, of Holmwood, Sydenham-hill, which took place at Holy Trinity Church on that day. And on Sunday evening, June 28th, after Divine Service, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. *W. Webb, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; *T. Card (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method, and first by T. Card with a bob bell; also first in the method on the bells.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 28th, at St. Nicholas' church, for evening service, the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 1036 changes, in 35 mins. H. Finch, 1; J. Smart, 2; C. Hills, 3; G. Baker (conductor), 4; C. Blackman, 5; T. Lindfield, 6; J. Reilly, 7; C. Clear, 8. Messrs. Finch, Hills, Lindfield, and Clear, hail from Angmering; J. Smart from Steyning; and J. Reilly from Brighton; the others local.

CHALFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 28th, before evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. J. Boulton, sen., 1; J. Boulton, jun., 2; A. Window, 3; G. F. Cook, 4; A. F. Cook, 5; J. I. Hawkes, 6. Messrs. Boulton and Window hail from Minchinhampton, the rest belong to the local company.

CLITHEROE (Lancashire).—On Thursday June 25th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 29 mins. R. Rawsthorne (conductor), 1; W. Crook, 2; J. Lawson, 3; J. Lofthouse, 4; G. Myres, 5; W. Lofthouse, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

TWYKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, June 18th, at the Abbey, a 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Hampton, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; H. Roberts, 5; T. Devereux, 6; J. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

The *Manchester Guardian* learns that the roof over two bays at the west end of the chancel of Manchester Cathedral has now been thoroughly examined, the result being that the timbers in John Huntington's original ceiling are more decayed than was at first conjectured. At the same time it is hoped that they are sound enough to undergo the process of redressing, so that the original and picturesque-looking old ceiling may be retained as a fitting memento of the first Warden of Manchester (from 1422 until 1458), and founder of the chancel itself. In order to carry out this restoration it will be necessary to construct an entirely new chancel roof, which will form a complete support to the redressed timberwork in the original ceiling.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The anniversary of the bells was held on Saturday, June 20th. There was a very small attendance of ringers, which consisted of the brothers Hawkins of Belchamp, Essex; Messrs. Sillitoe, Cross, Harper, Howell, sen., and Brown, of Sudbury; and G. Day, of Eye, Suffolk. Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. by the local company bringing round a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Fisk, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. During the forenoon touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with G. Day, of Eye. In the afternoon to oblige Messrs. Sillitoe and Cross, of Sudbury, a visit was paid to Preston, a distance of two miles, and a 720 of Kent was rung in 23 mins. W. Cross, 1; T. King, 2; A. Symonds, 3; H. Smith, 4; C. Jarvis, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. The party then descended the tower, and after refreshing the inner man at the "Six Bells" inn, a start was made back for another pull on the grand ring of eight at Lavenham, and 1392 of Bob Major was brought round in 48 mins. W. Boby, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Cross, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Snell, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8; followed by a good touch of Grandsire Triples with H. Harper, 7; conducted by C. Sillitoe. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and songs, including one by Mr. Harper—"Old England's Merry Bells," which brought the evening to a close, each one starting for their respective homes.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—WARNHAM BRANCH.

The members of this branch held a meeting in the vestry of the parish church on Monday, June 15th, the Rev. R. Bowcott in the chair, for the purpose of selecting a place for their annual outing, Tunbridge Wells being ultimately agreed upon. Afterwards, the Rev. R. Bowcott said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask their late Captain to accept a small present from the members of his band, as a token of their esteem and respect, and also to show their appreciation of the keen interest he had manifested in promoting the art of change-ringing at Warnham during the five years of his captaincy. The present consisted of a silver watch-chain. Mr. Short, who was taken by surprise, thanked all the members for their great kindness, and hoped he should be spared to be amongst them on many more occasions.

ST. NICHOLAS, GLOUCESTER.

In a recent issue an account appeared of a fire which had occurred in the spire of this church, through its being struck by lightning. On Thursday week a thanksgiving service for the preservation of the church was held. The Vicar preached from 1 Cor. iii. 15,—"Saved; yet so as by fire." At the conclusion of the sermon the *Te Deum* was sung. A meeting followed in the vestry. The Vicar expressed to the firemen how fully the parishioners, and indeed the whole of the citizens, appreciated the brave and noble manner in which they did their duty. Captain St. Clair Ford had sent him a guinea, which he wished distributed amongst the three men specially referred to—H. Kitchen, W. Pike, and F. J. Baldaro. He had also received from other friends in Cheltenham sums with which to swell the collection made that evening.

The following peal has been sent too late for insertion in its proper place:—
BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 5.
FREDERICK NORRIS 2.	SAMUEL HAYES 6.
YORK GREEN 3.	JOHN M. HAYES 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. HAYES.

This is the first peal on the bells since the completion of the new belfry.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—SUMMER TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

An Additional Night Express Train will leave London (St. Pancras) at 7.15 p.m., Nottingham at 9.55, Sheffield at 10.54, Manchester (Victoria) at 10.55, and Liverpool (Exchange) at 10.50 p.m. for Carlisle, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Perth, Inverness, and the North of Scotland. The 9.15 p.m. Express from London will be divided; the Edinburgh and Aberdeen train leaving St. Pancras at 9.15, and running *via* Nottingham; and the Glasgow train leaving St. Pancras at 9.20 p.m. and running *via* Leicester. An Additional Day Express will leave Glasgow (St. Enoch) at 12.30 p.m., and Carlisle at 3.3 for Manchester, Liverpool and London, reaching St. Pancras at 10.10. A Dining Saloon Car will be run by this train from Leeds to London, which first-class passengers from Glasgow may join at Leeds. Table d'hôte 3s. 6d. each person. The 9.20 p.m. Express Edinburgh (Waverley) to London will leave at 9.45, and be run from Carlisle to St. Pancras *via* Nottingham, independently of the 9.20 p.m. from Glasgow, which will be continued as now. The Night Expresses leaving Glasgow at 9.20 and Edinburgh at 9.45 p.m., will be extended to Bristol, Bath, Bournemouth, Exeter, and Plymouth. NOTE.—The Express Train leaving St. Pancras at 9.20 p.m., to which through Carriages for Greenock are attached, arrives there in time for passengers to join the Columba, Iona, and Lord of the Isles steamers for the Highlands. The 12.0 Midnight Express London (St. Pancras) to Manchester will convey passengers for the North, who will be taken forward from Derby at 3.27 a.m. to Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, and Carlisle, and commencing on July 13th for Stranraer, Belfast, and North of Ireland. A Through Fast Train will leave London (St. Pancras) for Matlock and Buxton at 12.30 p.m.

IMPROVED SUNDAY SERVICE BETWEEN YORKSHIRE AND LONDON.—On Sundays an Express Train will leave Bradford at 4.25, Leeds at 4.55, and Sheffield at 5.52 for London, reaching St. Pancras at 9.45 p.m. 3.15 p.m. Express from St. Pancras on Sundays will convey passengers for Yorkshire, who will be taken forward from Trent by Fast Train reaching Sheffield at 7.3, Leeds at 8.0, and Bradford at 8.30 p.m. Direct communication by railway throughout has been established between the Midland Railway system and Manchester (Victoria), Bolton, Blackburn, Accrington, Burnley, and Rochdale. Through carriages between St. Pancras, and Bolton, and Blackburn.

NORTH OF IRELAND *via* ANNAN, STRANRAER, AND LARNE.—Direct communication will be re-established on Weekdays from the Midland Railway system to Belfast and the North of Ireland, *via* Annan, Stranraer, and Larne, passengers leaving London (St. Pancras) at 7.15 p.m. (Saturdays excepted). On Sundays also on and from July 5 passengers leave St. Pancras at 7.15 instead of 9.15 p.m. for Stranraer and North of Ireland. Sleeping saloon car and composite carriage between St. Pancras and Stranraer. Commencing July 13, the new fast steamer, Princess Victoria, will sail twice daily until further notice, between Stranraer Harbour and Larne. The additional service will leave Stranraer at 1.30 p.m., in connection with the 12.0 Midnight Express from London (St. Pancras), reaching Larne in time for the train due to arrive at Belfast at 4.0, and Londonderry at 8.45 p.m. The new service in the contrary direction will be in connection with train leaving Belfast (York-road) at 9.10 a.m. Additional trains will be run between Appleby and Penrith, and the communication between London, Leeds, and the South and West, and Penrith, Keswick, Cockermouth, &c., improved. A revised and improved service of trains will be established between London (St. Pancras) the Midland Counties and Yorkshire, with Grange, Ulverston, Barrow-in-Furness and the English Lake District *via* Carnforth. Drawing-room saloon cars by day express trains between St. Pancras and Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Luncheon and dining saloon cars between London and Nottingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford and Manchester. Sleeping saloon cars by night express trains between St. Pancras and Manchester, Liverpool, Stranraer, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Perth. Tourist tickets, available for two calendar months, will be issued during the season to Scotland, Ireland, English Lake District, Isle of Man, North and South Wales, and principal places of seaside resort on the south, east, and west coasts. For full particulars see Company's time tables and bills.

THE CHURCH HOUSE.—The Bishop of Carlisle, in his letter to the *Times*, says:—"After spending a considerable sum, about £60,000, upon the site, the houses occupying the same, and initial operations, we have not sufficient money in hand to entirely pay even for the erection of the great hall (perhaps a fourth of the entire building). The estimated cost of the hall is about £35,000; the funds in hand amount to about £24,000. I do not doubt concerning the necessary amount being forthcoming by the time it is actually required; but with regard to the remaining part of the building, which we hope to commence as soon as the great hall is completed, not a farthing is at present subscribed or promised."

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.

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday, July 13th. Special Service at 12.30; Dinner at 2 o'clock. Secretaries of bands who have not received circulars from the Hon. Sec., are requested to communicate with him at once. Those who have not yet made their returns will kindly send them here. Members wishing for dinner tickets and reduced railway fares, should communicate with the Secretary without delay. E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.
6, Churchfields Place, Margate.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Church-room, Stoke-on-Trent, to-day, Saturday, July 4th, at 4 p.m. Service in the parish church at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

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

North Lincolnshire Association.—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Caistor, to-day, Saturday, July 4th. Tea will be provided in the Assembly-room, by the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke) free of cost to members of the Association, and the business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. Caistor (six bells) is situated about three miles from Moortown Station (M. S. and L. line, between Market-Rasen and Grimsby); conveyances meet all trains and convey passengers to Caistor at 6d. each.

JOHN W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.
15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for July are as follows:—Greenwich parish church, Tuesday 6th; practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. (Business meeting in the vestry afterwards.) St. Margaret's, Lee, Wednesday 15th. 7.15 to 9 p.m.; St. Mary, Woolwich, Thursday 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lewisham, Monday 27th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Subscriptions for the current year being now due, I shall be glad to receive same; also any subscriptions to the "Bright Memorial" Fund.

F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

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

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

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stony Stanton, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 3.15 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.
Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. James's church, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open 4 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.
Rusholme.

FOR SALE.—Safety Bicycle; new, diamond frame; balls to all working parts; enamelled and plated. Price £9.—R. Cartwright, Wombourne, Wolverhampton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Arrangements are being made for the annual dinner to be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 18th. Full particulars will be announced in our next. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at East Bridgeford, on Saturday, July 11th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock. ALBERT LAMBERT.
6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton.

Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above, at Coggeshall, on Saturday, July 18th. The towers of Coggeshall and Great Tey (eight bells each), will be open for ringing. A brake will leave Coggeshall for Great Tey, at 3 p.m. A meat tea at 2 o'clock. Business meeting will be held at the "White Hart" inn, Coggeshall, at 5.45 p.m. Members intending to be present, should inform the Ass. Sec. not later than Sunday, 19th July.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Ass. Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

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.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.—(Proved).

By FRANK BENNETT, Guildford.

5168.

23456	W	B	M	H	23465	W	M	H
45362	-	-	-	-	45236	-	S	-
34562	-	-	-	-	24536	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-	25436	-	S	-
24365	-	-	-	-	42536	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-	54236	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-	52436	-	S	-
52364	-	-	-	-	43526	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	54326	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-	-	35426	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-	42356	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-	43256	-	S	-
43562	S	-	-	-	24356	-	-	-
54362	-	-	-	-	35246	-	-	-
35462	-	-	-	-	23546	-	-	-
24563	-	-	-	-	25346	-	S	-
52463	-	-	-	-	32546	-	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-	53246	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-	52346	-	S	-
53264	-	-	-	-	34526	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-	53426	-	-	-
34265	-	-	-	-	45326	-	-	-
23465	-	-	-	-	32456	-	-	-
					34256	-	S	-
					23456	-	-	-

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By PETER BRICKELL, Northenden.

5120.

23456	W	B	M	H
45362	-	I	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
34652	-	-	S	-
65342	-	-	-	-
36542	-	-	-	-
53642	-	-	-	-
64532	-	-	-	-
56432	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	S	-

Four times repeated; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 consecutively in 6ths place at course-ends.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By SERGT. B. ROSE, 5th Dragoon Guards.

5021.

23456

42356

34256

24653

62453

46253

65243

54263

25463

56423

45623

7th in and out at three.
9th in three.

8, 9.
9th in three.
9th in three.
8th in three.
8th in three.
9th in three.
8th in three.
9th in three.

The last eight courses three times repeated, produce—

63542

56342

64352

45362

35264

56234

63254

23456

35426

43526

32546

24536

52436

45236

53246

25346

54326

34625

64523

42563

9th in three.
8th in three.
8th in three.
8, 9.
8th in three.
8th in three.
8th in three.
8, 9.
9th in three.
9th in three.
9th in three.
8th in three.
8th in three.
8th in three.
8th in three.
8, 9.
8, 9.
8th in three.

Round as usual.

720 OF BOB MINOR.

By T. MILLINGTON, Clay Cross.

*- 23564
36245
S 63452
35624
52346
S 25463
56234
63542
34625
S 43256

Twice repeated; substituting a single for the bob marked thus (*) produces 32456, the whole repeated completes the 720.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. J. SUTTON.—Thanks; yours as well as others.

BOB MAJOR.—The Hon. Sec. of your association is the proper person to communicate with.

YOUTHFUL.—8448 changes was for many years thought to be the extent.

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

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

THE RECENT 5040 ON HANDBELLS AT ST. ALBANS.—In the report of this performance we omitted to say that the Brothers Mitchell were also members of the following Societies: The St. Alban's Cathedral Society; The Ancient Society of College Youths, and The Herts, Essex, and Sussex Associations.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held at Armley, on Saturday, June 27th, and was well attended by members from the following places: Bramley, Birstall, Leeds, Headingley (St. Chad's and Michael's), Holbeck, Burley, and the local ringers, who paid every attention for the comfort of visitors, and made up bands for ringing, which commenced with a half-peal of Violet. From 3.30 up to 9.30 the bells were kept going in various methods, including Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Duke of York and Violet. At the meeting house, "The Barley Corn" inn, the general meeting for business was commenced. A motion was carried to admit members residing at any distance from head quarters; also the ringing meeting to be held out of the limited distance, six miles, as before, the place to be chosen by ballot at general meetings. The usual votes of thanks to the vicar, wardens, steeple-keeper, and ringers, for the use of the bells, and arrangements made. The President, Mr. J. Whitaker, briefly responded. The evening passed too quickly with courses of Caters, Triples, and a few lively tunes by the Leeds' band on handbells, much to the delight of all present. St. Michael's at Headingley was the place decided for the July meeting, when this society for the first time will operate upon the new peal recently erected by Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

THE PEAL AT HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND. This performance (the first of Major on the bells), after several unfortunate attempts, extending over some three or four years, was at last brought to a successful issue on Thursday, 28th ult., as recorded in the proper page. The composition is a musical one in two parts, and is given in Snowdon's *Treatise*, part II., page 43. Messrs. R. Story and Gofton belong to Whitley; Pattison to Winlaton; Lees, W. Story, and Routledge to Newcastle; Hern to North Shields; and the conductor to Jarrow. Several other ringers, numbering about 10, including the Rev. C. Buston (late hon. sec. of

the Winchester Guild), journeyed with the peal band as far as Corbridge, and had a pull on the bells there. They then drove in a brake (which had been kindly provided by Mr. R. S. Story, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association) up to the pretty little village of Newton Hall, where Minor and Doubles were indulged in on the light peal of six. From thence they drove back to Hexham, and arrived "just in time to be too late" to hear the finish of the peal of Treble Bob. Those who took part in this pleasant outing wish to tender their most sincere thanks to Canon Barker, the Vicar, and to the churchwardens of Hexham Abbey, likewise to Revs. Theophilus Bennett, of Newton Hall, and F. Richardson, of Corbridge, for so kindly granting the use of their respective peals for the occasion. The finest weather favoured the party during the whole day, which added materially to the enjoyment.



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REVENUE OF THE YEAR.
Premiums £142,622
Interest, &c. 52,256
£194,878

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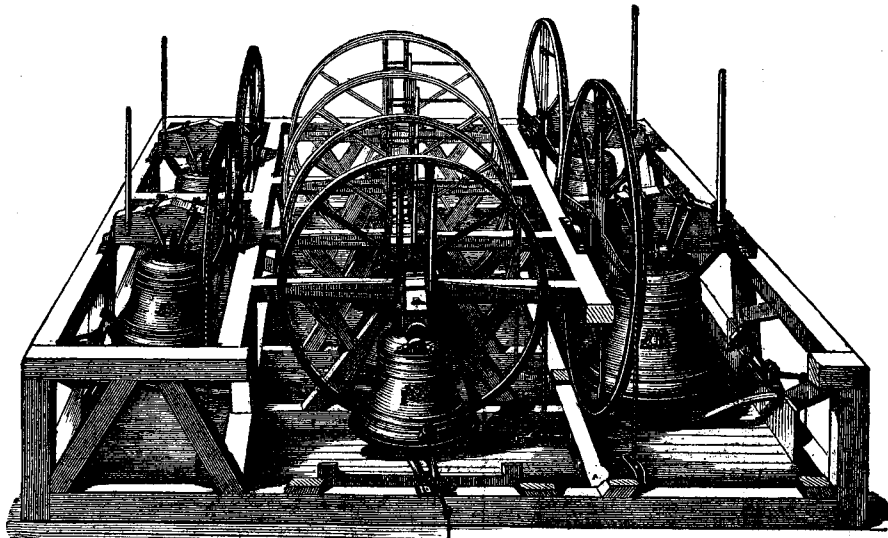
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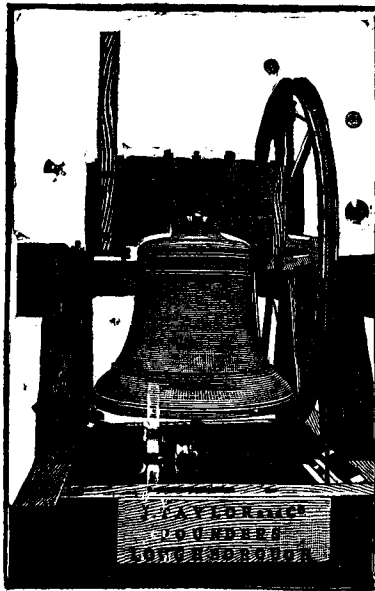
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