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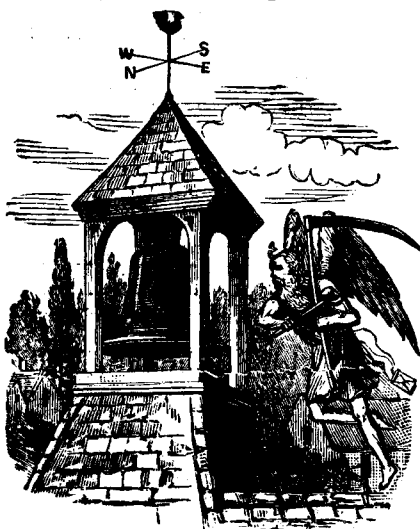
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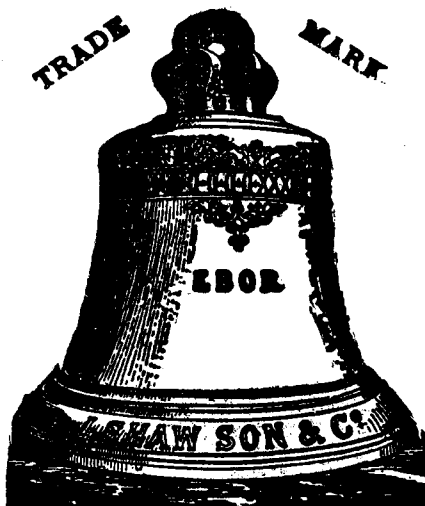
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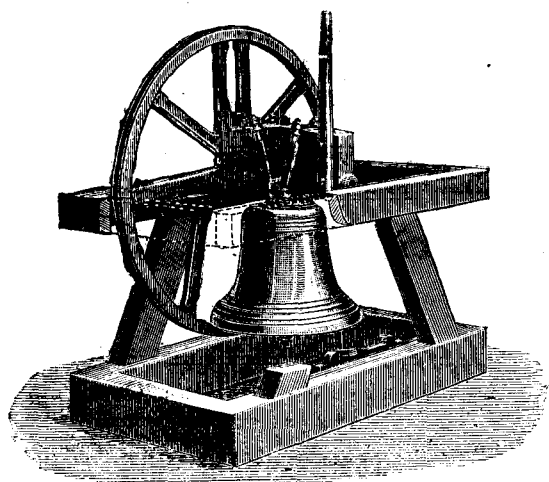
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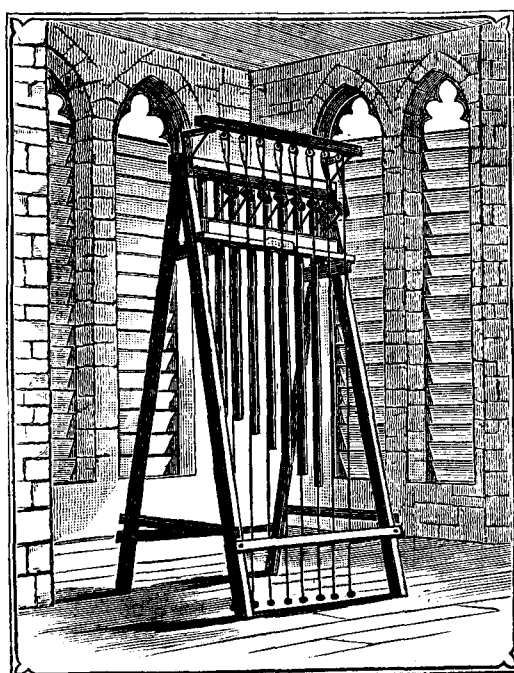
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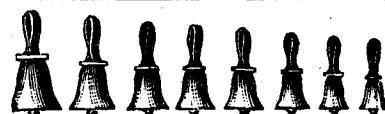
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MUSICAL HAND BELLS

CHURCH BELLS TO ANY WEIGHT.

ON VARIOUS MODES OF COMPOSING PEALS OF
STEDMAN CATERS.

BY A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

In the composition of peals of Stedman Caters the custom has obtained, every since the discovery of the simplification in proof afforded by fixing the 2nds place bell, of selecting the treble for this duty, keeping the three back bells in what is known as the "Tittum" position, thus bringing up the termination 9 7 8 at the course-ends. That this disposition of the heavy end, initiated by Annable in his treatment of Grandsire Caters, produces music superior to that obtainable with any other arrangement of these bells admits of no question. At the same time it is difficult to understand why, along with this correctness of musical apprehension, the very incorrect plan of locating the treble in 2nds place should have become so general. In Stedman Caters it is notorious that the musically weak part occurs when the heavy bells come singly behind in the middle of the course. It is for this reason that connoisseurs have been in the habit of preferring the music of Grandsire on nine bells to that of Stedman, and, with the treble as the 2nds place bell in the latter method, their *dictum* is just.

The question then arises: Is Stedman capable of being treated in such a manner as to remove the objection urged against it? The answer is in the affirmative. Hubbard was the first to shew how this could be effected, and no simpler or indeed better plan has been subsequently hit upon. The purpose, however, of this paper is to shew that there are other plans, at all events deserving of attention, by which an increase may be obtained in the amount of music produced by the method. These will be set forth in detail after dealing with Hubbard's improvement, which consists in substituting the 6th for the treble as a 2nds place bell. An examination of the following skeleton course, in which the positions at each six-end of the 2nds place and three back bells are given, will shew where lies the advantage of fixing the 6th.

	-	6	-	-	-	-	9	7	8
1.	6	-	-	-	-	7	-	8	9
2.	6	-	-	7	-	8	-	9	-
3.	-	7	6	8	-	9	-	-	-
4.	-	7	8	9	6	-	-	-	-
5.	7	9	-	-	8	-	6	-	-
6.	7	9	-	-	-	8	-	6	-
7.	9	-	7	-	-	-	6	8	-
8.	9	-	-	7	6	-	8	-	-
9.	-	-	9	6	-	8	7	-	-
10.	-	-	6	8	9	-	-	7	-
11.	-	8	-	-	6	-	9	7	-
12.	-	8	-	-	7	6	-	9	-
13.	8	-	-	7	-	-	-	9	6
14.	8	-	7	-	9	-	6	-	-
15.	-	-	8	9	7	6	-	-	-
16.	-	-	9	6	8	-	7	-	-
17.	-	6	-	-	9	-	8	-	7
18.	-	6	-	-	-	9	7	8	-

It will be noticed that, far from the 8th and 9th making no music when they respectively come behind in the middle of the course, the 6th will be with them, and that 6-8s and 9-6s are thus obtained in every course, while, on the other hand, the disagreeable discord of 1-9s is avoided. It has been contended that the loss of the 6th as a 5ths place bell, consequent on its fixture in 2nds place, is a serious drawback to the course-end. The reply to this is that the course-end is already rich in music, and that, as the 6th is *always* behind the 9th in the middle of the course, a definite gain is achieved, even without reckoning the acquisition of the 6-8s, which can never be had at back-stroke with the treble in 2nds place bell, and only a limited number of times at handstroke. Why this immense enrichment of the musical qualities of the method has been so little taken advantage of it is difficult to say. Where, however, the plan has been customarily followed, as, for instance, at Loughborough, the older mode is held in considerable contempt for its want of melody. Doubtless the continuous improvement that is taking place in the aural appreciativeness of ringers will end in making Hubbard's plan the rule. The only possible suggestion that

can be made as to why the treble should have been chosen, in preference to the more natural selection of the heaviest of the remaining bells, is that, having been accustomed to the treble as a fixed bell in plain methods, the early composers of Stedman Caters fancied there was a fitness in still keeping the work of this bell as regular as possible.

The next mode to be noticed is one discovered by the late Mr. Henry Johnson in which a peal was rung a few years ago at Birmingham. The following skeleton course will shew the working of the fixed bells on this plan:

	Quick Six	-	-	-	9	7	8	
1.	-	-	-	-	9	-	7	8 Bob
2.	-	-	-	9	-	7	8	-
3.	-	9	-	7	-	-	8	Bob
4.	-	9	7	-	-	8	-	-
5.	9	-	-	8	7	-	-	-
6.	9	-	8	-	-	7	-	-
7.	-	-	9	-	8	-	-	7
8.	-	-	-	9	-	8	-	7 Bob
9.	Slow Six	-	-	-	9	7	8	-
1.	-	-	-	-	7	-	8	9
2.	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9 Bob
3.	-	-	7	-	8	-	9	-
4.	-	-	-	8	7	-	9	Bob
5.	-	-	8	-	-	9	7	-
6.	-	-	9	8	-	-	-	7
7.	-	-	9	-	-	8	-	7 Bob
8.	-	-	-	9	-	-	7	8
9.	Quick Six	-	-	-	9	7	8	Bob

It will be seen that here there are course-ends at every ninth six, these coming alternately at slow and quick sixes, the slow six courses being differently called to the quick six ones. Thus 9 7 8s are obtained every time the heavy bells come behind. Having rung some touches on this plan I can testify to the fine effect produced. The counterbalancing disadvantages are as follows:—The 9th only comes out behind once in the course; 7, 8, 9 are never in the proper position, in coming down, for producing the Tittum music, viz., in 4-5, 6-7, and 8-9 respectively; and very few composers would be competent to produce peals on this plan. In spite, however, of these drawbacks the result strikes the ear with uncommon richness, and Stedman ringers, whose abilities incline them to prefer more calls to enliven the bobless stretches of the method as usually rung, will find here a pleasing variation from what they have been accustomed to. The following peals given me by Mr. Johnson some years ago, will serve as a sufficient illustration of the arrangement.

5016 STEDMAN CATERS (H. JOHNSON).

231456789	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	14	16	19
132465978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
423165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
543162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
134562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
214563	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
541263	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
351264	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
215364	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
425361	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
352461	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
523416	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	s	-	-
432516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
142536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
524136	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
354126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
145326	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
215346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
351246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
431256	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
213456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The whole of the above three times repeated, omitting the bob at 1 in the first course, and substituting a bob for the single in the 2nd and 4th parts, produces 231456978. Round in two courses by a bob at 1 in each. This peal has the 6th 40 times (the extent) each way in 5-6.

5016 STEDMAN CATERS (H. JOHNSON).

2	3	1	4	5	6	7	8	9	13	14	19
1	4	3	2	6	5	9	7	8	-	-	-
2	3	4	1	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	2	4	1	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	1	2	6	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	2	1	3	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	6	1	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	1	6	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	3	6	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	6	3	2	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	2	1	4	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	1	2	3	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	4	2	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	3	4	6	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	4	3	1	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	6	3	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	1	6	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	6	1	4	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	3	1	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	1	3	5	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	4	3	5	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	3	4	2	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	5	4	2	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	4	5	1	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	2	5	1	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	5	2	3	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	3	4	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	4	3	2	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
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3	5	2	4	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	2	5	3	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	4	5	3	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	5	4	1	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	1	2	3	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
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(To be continued.)

PRESENTATION.

A very pleasing incident took place in the old school, West Kirby, on Thursday, the 10th inst., when the ringers of the parish church presented Mr. F. R. T. Bolton with a very handsome cane walking stick. It has a massive ivory handle and a gold band bearing the following inscription:

"Presented to F. R. T. Bolton, Esq. by the Bell Ringers of West Kirby, July 9th, 1891."

Mr. Henry Smith, captain of the belfry, after an interesting speech giving an account of his connexion with the belfry during the last thirty-five years, presented the stick on behalf of the ringers.

Mr. Bolton expressed his best thanks for such a handsome and unexpected gift, and said that some of his happiest hours were spent among the ringers.

Mr. Bolton has for about fifteen months held the office of branch secretary to the Chester Diocesan Guild.

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This Guild held its annual pic-nic at Solihull on Saturday, the 18th instant. Although situate within the easy distance of eight miles from Birmingham, and with good railway accommodation, this pretty village, with its historical church, dedicated to St. Alphege, and noble tower and spire, is comparatively little known to change-ringers. What should be a grand ring of eight bells has hitherto, within the memory of the present generation, been seldom heard owing to their bad going order.

Shortly before 2.0 p.m. there were assembled at Snow Hill station a goodly number of Birmingham members and friends, with others from the outlying towns and suburbs of West Bromwich, Tipton, Sutton Coldfield, Aston, Harborne, Perry Barr, and Handsworth. Necessary railway arrangements having been previously made by one of the members, the company were soon comfortably travelling to their destination, which was reached about 2.30, when they were joined by the vicar of Hatton (Rev. H. C. Courtney), and other members who had journeyed by different routes. Previous to dinner being served short strolls were taken in the neighbourhood, many of the members finding their way to the church, where the Rector (Rev. Canon Evans) was in attendance to welcome them.

After being afforded an opportunity of listening to the sweet tones of the magnificent organ, the Rector, with most thoughtful kindness, pointed out the most interesting features of the church, illustrating its history by allusions to the several illustrious dead who had left their mark on the pages of the history of our nation. This was felt by most of his listeners to be the most charming experience of this pleasant outing. Apologising for his inability to be present with the members at their dinner, the Rector accompanied the party to the "Royal Oak" hotel, and in bidding them adieu wished them an enjoyable dinner.

Precisely at 3.30 an admirable dinner was served by host Glover, to which a company of about 50 did ample justice. At its close the usual loyal toast of "Queen, Church, and State" was given by the Chairman (Rev. H. Courtney), followed by the vice-chairman (Mr. John Day) with "Success to the St. Martin's Guild;" and "Our Visitors," coupled with the name of a very old friend—Mr. F. Smith—by Mr. H. Johnson. Mr. Smith having suitably replied, expressing the great pleasure it gave him to meet again so many of his old friends whom he had known for so many years, the company separated for a short time.

A visit to the tower was then made, and a touch of Grandsire Triples brought round with some difficulty, most of the ringers expressing the wish that the bells might go more comfortably when next they visited the tower.

Here the acquaintance was made of several of the members of a recently-formed amateur band of ringers, to whom we would commend the cultivation of the science according to the highest application of the term amateur, and appeal in the words of the wise preacher, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," assuring them that such application will lead to the truest enjoyment of our science.

A re-union was afterwards effected at the "Royal Oak," where two of the older members were found laden with flowers, which they generously distributed among their less fortunate fellows. After an interval devoted to social chat, quoits, and a course or two on the handbells, a start was again made for home.

Not the least enjoyable feature of these gatherings is the reunion of members, some of whom have no opportunity—perhaps for a whole year—of being again together.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 11th, the members of the St. Mary's society, Woolwich, had their annual outing. Leaving Woolwich at 7 o'clock, they journeyed to Reading, which was reached at 9.50. After taking some slight refreshments, Mr. Newell, who had made all arrangements, conducted the band to St. Giles' church, where the fine peal of eight were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, after which some Stedman was rung. After another short touch of Grandsire Triples Mr. Newell led

them on to St. Mary's, where everything was in readiness. There some Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and being joined by some of the Reading ringers, another touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. The next thing was dinner, and that having been got through to the satisfaction of all, a move was once more made to call on Mr. Newell, who, not being able to accompany them, directed them to St. Peter's church, Caversham, where the Rev. G. F. Coleridge was awaiting them. The fine peal of eight were soon set going to the tune of Oxford Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being also rung. Then some Kent Treble Bob, being assisted in the latter by some of the St. Peter's band and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. After leaving St. Peter's church, a short stroll brought them to the river bank, where some boats were hired, and about an hour and a half were spent on the water; then returning to Reading and once more calling on Mr. Newell, who had been waiting to take them on to St. Laurence, where a short touch of Grandsire Triples was indulged in. About half an hour later found the whole party at Reading station, which was left by the 8.30 train, arriving at Woolwich just at midnight, after having spent one of the best outings they ever had. They wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars of the different churches for the use of the bells; and also to thank Mr. Newell for having everything arranged for them.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this association was held at the picturesque village of Everton, on Saturday last, and was well attended by members from Shireoaks, Worksop, Blyth, Bawtry, Retford and Everton. The weather being beautifully fine the visiting parties made use of the opportunity of driving over in conveyances, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed themselves with the day's outing. Several touches in the Treble Bob methods were rung, and peals attempted, but came to grief on account of having to make up companies of different ringers who have had very little practice. One 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung by James Bee, J. Briggs, W. Skelton, N. G. Hunt, H. Haigh, and R. Potter. James Bee hails from Bawtry, and the rest are from Retford. At 5.30 upwards of thirty adjourned to the "Blacksmith's Arms," to partake of a good meat tea, provided by host and hostess Empson, and after some very long courses were got through, stand was called and the following business was transacted.

It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be given to the worthy host and hostess for providing such an excellent repast. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the best thanks of the association be given to the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Ramsey, for kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the ringers. It was also proposed by H. Haigh, and seconded by R. Beeston, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Bawtry, on Saturday, October 10th, which was carried unanimously. The meeting then broke up, and the bells very shortly afterwards, with the Everton ringers at the ropes, were pealing out their silvery notes of Treble Bob through the louveres, whilst the visiting parties were making their way homewards.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, July 11th, about twenty of the members of this society met at Wolverhampton, and journeyed to Passingham, per brake, being met by other members there, for the purpose of holding their monthly ringing meeting. Several very good touches of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung. Between thirty and forty members sat down to tea at the "Pigot Arms" hotel, after which the business meeting was held. Some new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, August 8th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly throwing open his beautiful grounds and garden, terminated the meeting. Members were present from Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Perry Bar, Handsworth, Birmingham, Penn, Tettenhall, Wombourn, and Willenhall.

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

MR. LONGNEY'S REPLY.

SIR,—The reason I did not send "J." the callings of the forty-two 6-scores was: I decline to communicate with any one who is not endowed with a name, or if he declines or is ashamed to use it. I think it is known to all ringers (therefore I suppose "J." is not one) that there are thirty-two different 6-scores with extremes, and ten with plain leads, of Grandsire Doubles; and I will swear that every one of them were rung and called differently at Welland on May 5th; and if he still doubts it, I will repeat it to his satisfaction at any time. I would add that to call forty-two 6-scores differently is not so simple as supposed, at least I would much rather conduct a peal of Triples or Caters; and this opinion is shared in by one of our ablest conductors in the West of England. If "J." still wishes to get the callings of the forty-two 6-scores, if he will insert his name and address in "THE BELL NEWS," or forward it to me, I will send them to him; if he declines to do that he will not receive them from yours truly,
Croome, Worcester. LIONEL LONGNEY.

THE RINGING AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

SIR,—The letter of last week, signed "Inquirer," opens up the very wide question of pay-ringing throughout London. Many readers would be surprised to hear of the ancient arrangement in vogue among Londoners in this respect, and now that the question has been opened, I hope it will be threshed out to the end. The "clogging" of the trebles, was I suppose, done to save the eighth man's share of the pay, for it is rumoured that a spare man was in attendance, but was not allowed to ring. Us ringers have enough offences placed to our score, without any more being added. DISGUSTED.

Obituary.

SERGEANT THOMAS JACKSON.

We regret to record the death of Sergeant Thomas Jackson, of Hull, which took place on the 4th instant, at the age of 64. The deceased, who served in the Royal Artillery in the Crimea, settled down at Hull about twenty-five years ago as drill instructor to the Artillery Volunteers, and it was through his instrumentality that change-ringing in Hull was revived after having been discontinued in that town for many years. He was for some time quartered at Woolwich, where it was his privilege and pleasure to meet with the celebrated Banister family, and it was while here that he added greatly to his knowledge of change-ringing. He rang several peals, the first of which was at Holy Trinity, Hull, in 1873. He also took part in the first peal rung by the Yorkshire Association in 1875, and acted as referee in the only peal rung at Hull upon handbells, in 1877. The funeral took place on the 8th instant, at the Hedon Road Cemetery, several of his brethren attended, and rang a course at the grave. H. Eastwood, 1-2; W. Southwick, 3-4; C. Jackson, 5-6; J. W. Stickney, 7-8. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted with the bells half-muffled, which unfortunately came to grief after an hour's good ringing. T. Stockdale, 1; W. T. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; D. W. Brown, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Dixey, 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

A young man named Edward Gilbert, who was in the employ of a Sheffield steeple-jack, met with his death on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased and another man were at the top of St. Matthew's spire, the former being fastened by his belt to the vane. He was just about to do some painting, when the vane snapped and he fell into the street below, a distance of about 150 feet. He was terribly injured, and death was instantaneous.

On Wednesday week the Rev. E. Husband, vicar of St. Michael's, Folkestone, gave his 300th recital on the large four-manual organ in his church, the programme being selected entirely from his own compositions. It is stated in a paragraph which appeared in the daily papers that for eighteen years Mr. Husband, in addition to his clerical duties, has been his own organist, playing a daily cathedral service, including Sundays; and that he has conducted more than 4000 choir practices, played at more than 9,000 full services, and given 300 recitals, which have drawn large congregations, especially during the season. The key-board has been fixed close to the incumbent's stall, and the instrument itself is an unique one, containing several orchestral effects designed by Mr. Husband—such as drums, cymbals, and bells, worked by electric movements under the entire control of the player.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT FOLKESTONE.

On Monday, July 13th, the annual meeting of this Association was held at Folkestone, when bands of ringers from many of the towns and villages of Kent assembled to do honor to the occasion. The first intimation of their presence in the town was made known by the raising of the bells in the tower of the parish church soon after nine o'clock, and during the morning, various bands indulged in "touches" of the different methods in campanological science; while throughout the day the visitors thronged the parish church apparently interested in the interior embellishments of the sacred building. At 12.30 there was a special service at the church, when the Rev. H. G. Sprigg, one of the six preachers of Canterbury Cathedral, preached, founding his discourse on the words, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." The preacher said that the bells expressed the sympathy of the Church in every circumstance of their lives, and urged that the ringers should be in unison with the message of the bells. He could recall the memory of a village where, in the belfry, scenes of drunken revelry and blasphemy were not unknown at one time, but, thank God, that to a very great extent had passed away. He was thankful of the opportunity to address the association, whose object was to bring into sympathy the ringers and the voices of the bells.

At two o'clock dinner was served at a local café, and about 200 assembled to do justice to the excellent spread provided. The Vicar of Folkestone presided, and was supported by several clergymen from different parts of Kent, who accompanied their several bands of ringers, most of them being members of the association. After dinner the health of "The Queen" was drank, and then the principal business of the day was transacted. Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Secretary of the association, presented the report for the year, and said that, owing to some changes in his work, he would have to resign the position of Secretary, although he was not losing any interest in the Kent association, and would always continue to do his best to help them. With regard to their annual meeting, the question had been raised whether the present time was the best for holding it, as it was rather hard for some to attend just at the busiest time of the year with them. He knew of one five-bell tower that had withdrawn from the association on that account, and it would be for them to consider if any alteration of the time should be made. For the benefit of his successor he would urge upon Secretaries of bands to make themselves acquainted with the notices in the ringing papers, for he found that it sometimes took four or five weeks to get them to respond to matters of business that should be at once attended to. It was a question, too, whether more might not be done for young bands by providing paid instructors, as other associations had done. He desired to heartily express their thanks to Mr. Curteis, who, in his neighbourhood, had brought in some thirty members, and he hoped Mr. Curteis would be at Sevenoaks for a very long time to come.

The report stated that the annual meeting last year was held at Maidstone, when a testimonial had been presented to Mr. Hugessen, and a balance of the fund handed over to that gentleman for his bells. Three bands of ringers had left the association during the year, and four others had joined. They had at present 160 honorary members, and a total membership of 616. He found that many bands had not elected new members for a long time. It was very well, perhaps, to hang together without new members, but they ought to look ahead for future changes. The expenses for the year had been £78 13s. 9d., and the subscriptions £75 15s. 3d., leaving a deficit of £2 18s. 6d. He had made exertions to get in the honorary subscriptions, but there was a certain class that required to be written to four times, and he had not been able to make application more than once. It was rather a hopeless task to expect to get subscriptions from this class of honorary subscriber. The extraordinary number of peals rang by the association during the year had placed them suddenly at the top of the associations in this respect. In 1889 the number of peals rang was 13 only, but in 1890 no less than 61 peals had been rung by 135 members, under 27 conductors, in 19 towns. They were advancing also in

the various methods, and leaving "Grandsire" to the more elementary bands of ringers. He was sure that the association were quite capable of taking up the study of "Double Norwich." One band was practising it, and he hoped the association would soon ring their first peal in that intricate method, and that he should be one of the ringers when it was scored.

Mr. Finn proposed the toast of "The Archbishop and Clergy," and thanks to the Chairman for his kindness, and to the preacher for his excellent sermon.

The Vicar (Rev. M. Woodward) said he was happy to welcome them all to Folkestone, and that although they had hardly time to look round the church, they would always find its doors open, and at any visit he would always be glad to meet any of them to conduct them round the church. There was much to interest them had they time to examine the church. He was reminded of a story of a little boy who had visited the building, and afterwards asked his father to take him to church. The father said he did not know what to say about that, for he had not behaved himself very well the last time he had been taken to church. The boy said he was sure he would behave himself there, because there was so much to look at.

The Rev. H. G. Sprigg next addressed the meeting, and said he remembered when going to his vicarage for the first time the bells rang to welcome him and how pleased he felt. The churchwardens said the ringers would come round presently; they did come round, and explained their reason for doing so. He remembered how sorely disappointed he was when he said he hoped to see them all at church, they said "Oh no, we're all Dissenters."

The Rev. T. S. Curteis, rector of Sevenoaks, proposed the re-election of the Vice-Presidents and Treasurer of the association, and he thought the best way to retain their services was to add others to the number. He had the pleasure to add the names of the Lord Lieutenant of the county, Lord Stanhope, Lord Sackville, and the Right Rev. the Dean of Rochester. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded, and it was carried. The remaining business was the election of Hon. Secretary. Two nominations had been sent in—Mr. Curteis and Mr. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral. Each of these gentlemen addressed the members of the association, and a ballot was taken which resulted in 68 votes being given to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and 61 votes to the Rev. T. S. Curteis. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Folkestone churchwardens (who were unavoidably absent), and to the organist, Mr. Oake, who returned thanks.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the whole party adjourned to the West Cliff Gardens, where Mr. S. C. Weston photographed them in group.

A SAFE (?) CURE.

The following letter appears in this week's *Guardian*. We hope the writer will not be put to the expense of having the operation repeated in a short time:—

"CRACKED BELLS.

"SIR,—It may interest some of your readers to know that I have just made proof of a process for mending cracked bells without recasting, and that it is a great success.

"Our bell, weighing some eight or nine hundredweight (date 1705), was cracked some forty years or more ago, and was much sawed and hammered by way of improving the sound. The crack was seven inches long, and a large piece of the rim was knocked off. The crack is now filled and the rim restored, and the bell rings beautifully, quite, I should think, with its ancient tone.

"The cost was 10l., exclusive, of course, of dismounting and rehanging the bell, much less than recasting would cost, and retaining the original metal, which in our bell is particularly fine. The whole work took eight days. As our bell-chamber is very small, the work was done in the church and porch. The workman is Herr Ohlsson, a Swede.

"I will gladly answer any question about my bell, or show it to any one. Any letters to me must contain a stamped addressed envelope for reply.

CHARLES S. P. DARROCH.

"Medstead Rectory, Alresford, Hants, July 18, 1891."

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Magnus est veritas et prevalebit.

The first instalment of the list of County and Diocesan Associations inserted in last week's issue, appears to have greatly exercised the mind of a correspondent who writes to me a long letter on the subject. The main portion of his communication treats of the returns of the metropolitan societies which appear to him almost inexplicable, or, to say the least of it, very puzzling. The Society of College Youths, who are first on the list, are credited with nineteen London towers in union and 3699 members, with a record of 1442 peals for 255 years, or an average of less than six per year for the whole period. Next comes the Society of Cumberland Youths with its thirteen London towers, and number of members unknown. Following is the St. James' Society with two towers and 500 "active members." And lastly, the Waterloo Society with its *one* tower and 300 members. That makes four societies in the metropolis with thirty-five towers in union (of course, omitting the "provincial towers too numerous to ascertain"), three of these with a combined total of 4499 members, and the other—so admirably have the books and registers been kept, that the number of members is said to be unknown. That latter circumstance is, to the mind of my correspondent, very unfortunate, inasmuch as it prevents us from knowing the precise combined numerical strength of our great London Societies.

But allowing for this, and assuming for argument's sake that the gross total is roundly 5000 for the four societies, my friend wants to know (very inquisitively, of course) how many out of this number are simply "paper members," who live in the provinces, who probably have never visited any of the headquarters of their societies to which they nominally belong, who have never handled a bell rope in a metropolitan tower, and whose "active" connection with those societies began and ended with the payment of a small subscription on election. Then after disposing of the country (or, as he puts it, "paper" members, most of whom he thinks will be included in the provincial County Associations, he is curious to know what is the *actual* number of those "active" members ringing more or less regularly in the city who are returned in the totals of more than one of these four societies. Of course, we are all of us aware of the "line of demarcation" drawn with reference to the two oldest of them—that a man cannot according to the rule and custom of both College Youths and Cumberlands be at the same time member of the two. Their two lines are thus clearly defined in this respect. But then he enquires, where does the St. James' society get its 500 members from? And from whence are gathered the 300 "active members" of the Waterloo Society? How many of those who comprise these two societies are likewise members not only of each other, but also of the other two? He seems to have a notion that the two oldest societies being so severely separate from each other, the St. James' Society came into existence in 1824 in a sort of way to complete the triangle where these aforesaid two could join together; thus in effect "contract themselves out of the act of exclusiveness" and form a sort of common ground. That, in his opinion, might be all very well in the interests of sociability and so forth, but what, he asks, about the consequent duplication of assumed numerical strength which it necessarily involves, and the equal falseness of returns which is thereby created?

Through this dovetailing process (as a carpenter would des-

cribe it) these metropolitan societies return eleven representatives to the Central Council, about one-fifth of the whole number. My friend's contention is that an end should be put to this honeycombing sort of business—that (to quote a quaint old Saxon proverb) "each tub should stand upon its own bottom;" that the metropolitan societies, in common fairness and honesty, when counting their members for representative or statistical purposes, should either leave out altogether "paper" members and "duplicate" members, or else, like Mr. Attree with his analysis of peals add "number of members belonging to other Associations."

The foregoing is the gist of the communication in question, which I don't intend just now to do more than "bring into daylight." Perhaps some London brethren may be able to put matters straight and relieve my friend's evidently perturbed state of mind.

I should be glad, for their own credit's sake, if "Inquirer's" story of the doings at St. Lawrence Jewry, on the 10th inst. could be proved erroneous. But I am afraid, from what I too have learnt, that such a proof is impossible. I remember an occurrence of a somewhat similar sort—but that happened many years ago, and in a vulgar little country town—where the ringers on a festive occasion placed at the foot of the tower steps a box, on the wall at the back of it they wrote with chalk an inscription nearly similar to the one told about last week. In this case the Rector got wind of it, and at once commenced to "boil over;" he was young, athletic, and perhaps a little bit impulsive. Well, he marched off to the Church, took the box, and pitched it along with its contents into the churchyard. Then mounting the belfry steps, he informed the flabbergasted rope-pullers of what he had done, recommending them to hurry off before the coppers disappeared. This they did not require telling twice to do, I can assure you. They didn't even stay to put on their hats and coats, but rushed pell-mell down the steps. Smiling grimly, the Rector took down from the pegs all articles of clothing which he saw, and descending the steps again placed the lot outside the church door, carefully locking the same. I will leave you to imagine the scene which followed. There was no ringing for two or three Sundays; but the good sense of the people around went with the Rector, and eventually the men went back again. But there has been no cadging box at that belfry door since.

To revert to St. Lawrence Jewry. The process of soliciting "alms" as the correspondent terms it, is I must say, not worthy of the present day. I am not acquainted with the name of the Society who "claims" the church where the scene is laid, but I must say such instances of "cadging," for it is nothing else, reflects a disgrace upon all concerned. If the Society affected does not expel the members who have stooped to such business, then the Church authorities ought to decree that they never entered the tower again. We pride ourselves upon the social eminence to which ringers have attained; we feel an abhorrence towards those of our body who—very rarely, it is true—commit themselves in any way, and break through the boundaries of refinement and gentlemanly behaviour; we aspire to be regarded as worthy officers of the Church; in short, as gentlemen, but such incidents as these take the fire out of our ambition. This episode displays nothing but a wretched, paltry selfishness.

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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1891.

THE statement of the retiring Honorary Secretary of the Kent County Association, at the annual meeting held the other day at Folkestone, contained one or two interesting features. The Rev. E. W. CARPENTER, who has been the Hon. Secretary of this Association since the retirement of the Rev. R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, has, unfortunately, in turn to resign, and at this meeting, for the benefit of his successor—who we are glad to say is the Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE—he urged upon the various secretaries of local societies to make themselves acquainted with the notices inscribed from time to time in the ringing papers, for he had found that it sometimes took four or five weeks to get them to respond to matters of business that should at once be attended to. This is a somewhat alarming discovery, and will go a long way to throw doubt upon the efficacy of the plan of carving the territory covered by an Association into districts.

Here is another instance, about which so much has been said, and written, of ringers' apathy and indifference, a topic the discussion of which begets nausea. A secretary is generally supposed to be a kind of mainspring of the body to which he is attached, but this feeling is rudely dispelled upon hearing that instances occur in the Kent County Association where it takes a matter of four or five

weeks to get such officers to respond to matters of business that they should at once attend to. How is possible for ringing with its concomitants to thrive under such circumstances, as it ought to, when such neglect (we are tempted to use a very much stronger term) is the rule? How can it be expected that an English clergyman will devote a great part of his time to carry on the business of a large County Ringers' Association, when those whose duty it is to respond to his representations, and who have been elected for the express purpose of performing such duty, take four or five weeks to consider about it? The work of an Association Secretary does not protrude itself to public gaze, it is done, the major part of it at any rate, beneath the surface, so to speak, and only those actually concerned know the labour—and we are sorry to add, trials of temper—which the office involves. Yet we don't often hear of the resignation of a clerical secretary, unless very strong reasons exist, which is the case with the late Secretary of the Association in question. MR. CARPENTER has been called to another sphere of duty, more onerous in all probability than the one he filled when he accepted the office of Secretary. Like others of the clergy whom we rejoice to know are the actual mainspring of their Associations, MR. CARPENTER kept at his post until there was no alternative but to resign in consequence of new obligations; though we are inclined to think that the occasions when his assistants in its management could not be moved to action "for four or five weeks" was enough to cause an ordinary person to decline any further responsibility.

The Kent County Association has been particularly fortunate in its secretaries, and the successor of the Rev. E. W. CARPENTER is no exception to the rule. The Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE is an accomplished ringer, and therefore will throw himself into the duties of the office with complete ardour. Let us hope that the local secretaries will in future see to the business of the Association with less dilatoriness than formerly. They are elected for the express purpose of strengthening the Secretary's hands, and lightening his labours. They are not to merely pose as ornaments, or to consider that the introduction of their name in the Annual Report is the beginning and end of their functions. Their province is work, not play; their duty, to do whatever is required of them by the Association Secretary. Any departure from such a course should be followed by their immediate removal, and the substitution by their local company of a worthier local secretary in their room. We feel that is necessary to be emphatic on this point, as the well-doing and rapid progress of our Associations are especially desirable.

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 to-day, 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.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1890, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	EDWARD ADAMS* 6.
CHARLES F. WINNY 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS 7.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH 8.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

GEORGE PAICE Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 5.	FREDERICK W. RICE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
EDWIN JORDAN 5.	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, which sound very grand, the peal being well struck throughout; it is also the first peal on them since they have been re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Co. of Croydon.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	FREDERICK W. RICE* 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 6.
HARRY WESTON 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN 4.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. This peal has the 4th twelve, the 5th fourteen, and the 6th eighteen courses in 6ths place. Rung for morning service

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

HARRY WESTON Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN* 2.	ROBERT JORDAN* 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	WILLIAM GROVES* 7.
EDWIN JORDAN 4.	FREDK. W. RICE* Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman; also first peal of Stedman on the bells.

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.

Miscellaneous.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, July 19th, for Divine Service at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. F. Davis, 1; *H. N. Davis, 2; W. Baron, sen. (conductor), 3; W. Baron, jun., 4; J. Davis, 5; W. Jones, 6; F. J. Pitts, 7; A. Davis, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON.—On Sunday, July 19th, at St. James' church, 720 Duke of York in 24½ mins. J. Foulds, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; W. Hargreaves (Shireoaks, conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler, 6. Also 720 Violet and 504 Kent was rung by the same company for evening service.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, July 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 420 Stedman Triples in 18 mins. W. Hexter, 1; R. Hickton, 2; G. Bradley, 3; J. Ward, sen., 4; T. A. Cope, 5; W. Gilson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; J. Ward, jun., 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. The above touch contains the nine 7-5-6's with 6-7 at home at each course-end.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. A. Poulson, 1; H. Argyle, 2; H. Horwood, 3; W. Hinkley, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; F. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 210 Grandsire Triples. A. Poulson (first touch in the method), 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle, 3; G. Winter, 4; F. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Hinkley, 6; H. Horwood, 7; A. Measures, 8. And for evening service 120 Bob Doubles. A. Poulson, 1; H. W. Horwood, 2; H. Argyle, 3; T. W. Chapman, 4; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 5; A. Measures, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles with A. Poulson, 4; this being his first 120 with a bob bell. *Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. H. Horwood, a course of Stedman Triples. G. Winter, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; J. F. Clarke, 3; H. W. Horwood, 4; H. Argyle, 5; W. Hinkley, 6; H. Horwood, 7-8. Also 96 Treble Bob Major. H. W. Horwood (first touch in the method), 1; J. F. Clarke, 2; W. Hinkley, 3; H. Horwood (first touch with a bob bell), 4; H. Argyle, 5; G. Winter, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. G. Winter, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. F. Clark, 7-8; H. Horwood, 9-10.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Monday, July 20th, for practice at the parish church, 881 Grandsire Caters. J. Smith, jun., 1; J. Smith, sen., 2; T. Watson, 3; M. Kearney, 4; T. Hindle, 5; S. Wood (conductor), 6; R. Proctor, 7; J. Watson, 8; J. Walker, 9; M. Adams, 10. Longest touch by all except the conductor. Also 648 in the same method. J. Smith, sen., 1; S. Wood, 2; J. Smith, jun., 3; W. Slater, 4; A. Thompson, 5; T. Watson, 6; J. Haworth, 7; J. Watson, 8; J. Walker (conductor), 9; M. Adams, 10.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, July 19th, at St. Paul's church, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor, as a mark of respect to the late Hon. Algernon Egerton, uncle and trustee to the Earl of Ellesmere's estate. The hon. gentleman was well known, and was much respected by all who knew him. He was laid to his final rest on Saturday, July 18th. J. Worthington, 1; Jno. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6. Time 29 mins. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, July 18th, three of the Stansted company halted at this place on their way home from the district meeting at Coggeshall, and with three of the Baintree company rang 720 Kent Treble Bob at St. Michael's church. T. Watson, 1; W. Cavill (Stansted), 2; F. Rudkin, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; J. Luckey (Stansted), 5; I. Cavill (Stansted, conductor), 6.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 9th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Imperial Reversed (nine bobs), in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also 720 London Treble Bob in 24 mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; I. Hammond (first 720 in the method), 5; J. Luckey (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for after-

noon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise 2nd being the observation. W. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—Recently at St. Peter's church, 1259 Oxford Bob Triples in 46 mins. J. Muggeridge, 1; J. Maynard, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins, 4; T. Card (conductor), 5; W. Latter, 6; G. Card, 7; J. Baker, 8.

CHERITON (Kent).—On Monday, July 13th, at St. Martin's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Hyder, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. in Bb. E. Hyder hails from Aldington; the rest from Deal.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—*Handbell Ringing*.—Recently by the Worcester branch of the above Association, 720 Grandsire Minor in 18 mins. H. Young, 1; F. Owen, 2; G. Hinton, 3-4; W. Page (conductor), 5-6.

THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Sunday, July 5th, being Feast Sunday, was rung for evening service a 720 Court Single (eighteen bobs, two singles). F. Kirk, 1; J. Wilmot, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; R. Pendered, 4; G. Kirk, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And on Monday, July 6th, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Driver, 1; F. Kirk, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; — Ette (Wellingborough), 4 (first 360 in any minor method); J. Wilmot, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also another 360 in the same method. — Ette, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; J. Driver, 4; H. Sharman, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, July 8th, being the annual Sunday School treat, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 5; J. Wilmot, 3; R. Pendered, 4; H. Sharman (first 720 on a bob bell), 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And several 360s in other Minor methods were rung during the day. Also on Saturday, July 11th, a 360 Double Court Bob was rung (nine bobs). J. Driver, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And a 360 Yorkshire Court (twenty-one bobs). H. Sharman, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; R. Pendered, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; H. Stubbs, 6. And on Wednesday, July 15th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. H. Bletsoe, of Thrapston, to Miss E. Nicholls, eldest daughter of the late T. Nicholls, of Raunds, was rung 1440 changes in 53 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor. G. Kirk, 1; R. Pendered, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; J. Wilmot, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 720 Court Single. F. Kirk, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; J. Wilmot, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5; F. Gilbert, 6. Also on Saturday, July 18th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Stubbs, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; S. Constant, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also a 360 Bob Minor. A. Coles, 1; S. Constant, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; J. Wilmot, 5; H. Stubbs, 6. Messrs. Clarke and Constant hail from Bedford, W. H. Hall from Rushden, and Ette from Wellingborough.

CROOME (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 19th, the Kemerton society visited the above parish church, and for afternoon service attempted 720 Kent Treble Bob, but after ringing nearly half way the 5th cast rope and brought it to grief. After service it was successfully brought round by C. Bown, 1; C. Smith, 2; E. Devereux, 3; E. Wallis, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; A. Attwood, 6. On their return journey they passed through Twynning, and having obtained permission rang 720 Canterbury Pleasure at the parish church. C. Smith, 1; E. Devereux, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; E. Wallis, 4; C. Bown, 5; A. Attwood, 6.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Tuesday, July 21st, at the parish church, 168 Grandsire Triples. G. Toseland, 1; G. Lillyman, 2; T. Hensher, 3; J. Neal, 4; E. Underwood, 5; B. Panther, 7; G. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Spence, 8. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. B. Panther, 1; G. Lillyman, 2; E. Underwood, 3; J. Neal, 4; G. Lewis (conductor), 5; G. Toseland, 6. Also other smaller touches. The above touch of Triples is the longest by the present local band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 14th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. Avis, 1; F. Hayes (conductor), 2; J. Allen, 3; R. Munn, 4; J. Smith, 5; B. Spinner, 6.

FOR SALE.—A Splendid peal of 42 Handbells, Chromatic, from G 26 to C 1; by J. Warner and Sons, London; together with tables, box, music, and all fittings. Will sell at a sacrifice; reason ill-health. Apply—William Kenney, 5, Townley Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

THE COUNTY AND DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS OF ENGLAND.—(Continued from page 197).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Founded January 17th, 1881, Diocese of Oxford. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 7; 8-bell, 41; 6-bell, 150; 5-bell, 7. Towers in union with Association: 10-bell, 7; 8-bell, 17; 6-bell, 46; 5-bell, 7. Bells reported so much out of order as to be unringable: Aylesbury, Yarnton, Sutton Courtney, and Eynsham. Active members, 850; hon. members, 165. Total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 314; elected representatives on the Central Council: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Caversham, Reading; J. W. Washbrook, 3, Christchurch buildings, St. Thomas', Oxford; A. H. Cocks, Great Marlow, Bucks; Hon. Sec., Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Founded 1881, Diocese of Worcester. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 14; 6-bell, 2. Towers in union with the Association: 8-bell towers, 7. Active members, 65; hon. members, 21. Total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 61; elected representative on the Central Council, J. Carter, 172, New John Street West, Birmingham; Hon. Sec., G. Walker, 1, South Range, Mole Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Founded March 13th, 1882 Diocese of Ely. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 8; 6-bell, 13; 5-bell, 47. Towers in union with the Association: 8-bell, 3; 6-bell, 6; 5-bell, 3. Bells reported so much out of order as to be unringable: Dunstable (tower also unsafe) and Toddington. Active members, 65; hon. members, 41; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 23; elected representative on Central Council, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Woburn; Hon. Sec., Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Milton Bryant, Rectory, Woburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Founded April 10th, 1882, Dioceses of Lichfield, Southwell and Peterborough. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 20; 6-bell, 5; 5-bell, 2; towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 19; 6-bell, 4; 5-bell, 2. Active members, 313; hon. members, 50; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 389; elected representatives on Central Council: A. P. Heywood, Duffield Bank, near Derby; J. W. Taylor, jun., Bell Foundry, Loughborough; J. Griffin, Burton-on-Trent; Hon. Sec., J. Griffin, 5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Founded October 29th, 1884, Diocese of St. Albans. Peals of bells in Association District: 10-bell, 3; 8-bell, 19; 6-bell, 36; 5-bell, 28; towers in union with Association: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 8; 6-bell, 1; bells reported as so much out of order so to be unringable: St. Stephen's, St. Albans, and Watford; Active members, 100; hon. members, 10; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 108; elected representative on Central Council, L. Procter, Bennington, near Stevenage; Hon. Sec., E. P. Debenham, St. Albans.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Founded January 24th, 1885, Diocese of Chichester. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 33; 6-bell, 44; 5-bell, 32; towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 22; 6-bell, 20; 5-bell, 3. Active members, 520; hon. members, 145; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 331; elected representatives: G. F. Attree, Brighton; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Ringmer, Sussex; H. H. Chandler, Warnham, Sussex; C. Tyler, Henfield, Sussex; Hon. Sec., G. F. Attree, 8, Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Founded March 2nd, 1886, Diocese of Hereford. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 10; 6-bell, 76; 5-bell, 38. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 32; 5-bell, 4. Bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: Stokesay, Clun, Leominster, and Hereford. Active members, 274; hon. members, 65; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 2; elected representatives on Central Council, Mr. J. G. Wall, Wye villa, Ross, Hereford and Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Clun, Salop; Hon. Sec., Rev. G. M. Custance, Colwell Rectory, Great Malvern.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded April 22nd, 1889, Diocese of Carlisle. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 7; 6-bell, 7. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 5; 6-bell, 5. Peal of bells reported as so much out of condition as to be unringable: Carlisle cathedral. Active members, 90; hon. members, 18; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 1; no representatives to Central Council elected: Hon. Sec. L. W. Jennings, 8, St. Stephen's Street, Carlisle.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded September 7th, 1889, Dioceses of London and St. Albans. Towers in union: 8-bell, 2; 6-bell, 4. Active members, 63; hon. members, 5; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 13; elected representa-

tives on Central Council, G. B. Lucas, 10, Stirling Road, Tottenham; Hon. Sec., Mr. F. A. Milne, Hadley, Barnet.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded May 31st, 1890, Diocese of Bath and Wells. Peals of bells in Association district: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 24; 6-bell, 82; 5-bell, 150. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 9; 6-bell, 7; 5-bell, 2. Active members, 160; hon. members, 25; total peals rung from formation to Dec. 31st, 1890, 7; no representative elected on Central Council; Hon. Sec., R. Lewis, 12, Grosvenor, Bath.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—Founded 1890, Diocese of Liverpool. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 8. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 8. Active members, 116; hon. members, 8; elected representative on Central Council: Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Crossens Vicarage, Southport; Hon. Sec., W. Bentham, Black Moss Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Founded April 10th, 1882. Diocese of Worcester. Peals of bells in Association district: 12-bell, 1; 10-bell, 3; 8-bell, 14; 6-bell, 10. Towers in union with the Association: 10-bell, 2; 8-bell, 13; 6-bell, 6. Active members, 240; hon. members, 35; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 63; elected representative on Central Council, H. Reeves, Walthamstow, London; Hon. Sec., J. Spith, 37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Founded 1882. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 23; 6-bell (too numerous to mention); Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 15; 6-bell, 17; 5-bell, 7. Many peals of bells in district reported to be so much out of order as to be unringable. Active members, 340; hon. members, 72; total of peals rung since formation to December 31st, 1890, 69; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. A. D. Hill, Downton Vicarage, and T. Blackburn, Salisbury; Hon. Sec., J. R. Jerram, St. Anne's Terrace, Salisbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Founded 1882. Diocese of Ely. Particulars not obtainable; elected representative on Central Council, Rev. J. R. Vincent, Theological College, Ely; Hon. Sec., Rev. K. H. Smith, Cambridge Road, Ely.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Founded June 30th, 1883. Diocese of Lichfield. Peals of bells in Association district: 12-bell, 1; 10-bell, 5; 8-bell, 22; 6-bell, 20; towers in union with Association: 12-bell, 1; 10-bell, 4; 8-bell, 13; 6-bell, 2; bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: Bilston, Bradley, Coseley. Active members, 150; hon. members, 20; total of peals rung from formation to December 1890, 195; elected representatives on Central Council, Rev. J. R. Keble, Perry Barr Vicarage, Birmingham, and S. Reeves, West Bromwich; Hon. Sec., S. Reeves, 10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Founded July 1883. Dioceses of Manchester and Chester. Towers in union with Association: 12-bell, 1; 8-bell, 9; 6-bell, 5; active members, 172; hon. members, 6; total of peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 133; elected representative on Central Council, J. Holden, 48 Stamford Road, Mossley, near Manchester; Hon. Sec., J. Radcliffe, Intact Farm, Upper Mill, near Oldham.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—Founded 1883. Diocese of Lichfield. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 8; 6-bell, 22; 5-bell, 10. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 6; 6-bell, 11; 5-bell, 2; bells reported as so much out of order as to be unringable: Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley and Longton. Active members, 124; hon. members, 20; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 4; Hon. Secs., Rev. R. B. Tonge, Werrington Road, Bucknall; W. Twigg, 53, High Street, Bucknall.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Founded July 1884. Diocese of Lincoln. Peals of bells in Association district: 8-bell, 12; 6-bell, 28; 5-bell, 26. Towers in union with Association: 8-bell, 9; 6-bell, 5; 5-bell, 2; several 6-bell and 5-bell towers in the neighbourhood reported in a very neglected state. Active members, 159; hon. members, 41; total peals rung from formation to December 31st, 1890, 8; elected representative on Central Council, F. F. Linley, 29 Trinity Street, Gainsborough; and N. E. Snow, Sleaford; Hon. Sec., J. W. Watson, 15 Knight Street, Lincoln.

N.B.—Probably the most important event connected with church bell ringing that has taken place since the establishment of the first of our Associations occurred during the year 1890: I refer to the formation of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, on the 8th of April, 1890. I am indebted to the various Hon. Secretaries for particulars of their respective Associations, whereby I have been able to arrange the foregoing synopsis of the County and Diocesan Associations of England. The following Associations are omitted owing to the Hon. Secretaries' names and addresses not being forthcoming: Hertford College Youths, Chester Diocesan Guild, Eastern Counties' Guild, Lichfield and Salop Association, and East Lincolnshire Association.

Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

ST. NICOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH.

For just half a century the parish church of S. Nicolas, Great Yarmouth, has been under restoration. Exclusive of several costly gifts the amount expended on the fabric alone during this period must be close upon 40,000*l.*, raised almost entirely by local contributions. Another epoch of restoration was ended on Tuesday week, when special services were held to dedicate to their sacred use the north and south chancel aisles, which have been under repair for the last year and a half. The day opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.45, when the Bishop of Wakefield was the celebrant; matins at eleven, when the preacher was the Dean of Norwich; and at three o'clock in the afternoon the children of the schools assembled at a flower service. After an address by the Bishop of Wakefield, they filed up and presented their flowers, which were arranged by the clergy inside the altar rails, and subsequently sent to the hospital and to the sick of the parish. At eight o'clock in the evening there was full choral evensong, opening with a procession of the united choirs of the town and clergy from the neighbourhood. The preacher was the Bishop of Wakefield. The piece of restoration, which a large and representative committee, under the chairmanship of the vicar, the Rev. William Donne, has just negotiated, has been costly, and to a superficial observer seems hardly an equivalent for the money spent (about 6,300*l.*) But though not showy, the work is, it is hoped, done for centuries. The roofs, walls, windows, and turrets of the north and south chancel aisles have been thoroughly restored, and at the south-east corner a new turret has been added, which is a conspicuous improvement. The roof-timbers have been made thoroughly sound and good, and new timbers inserted where necessary. The roofs have been boarded internally with oak, divided into panels by moulded ribs, with carved bosses at the intersections. The upper portions of the cornices are traceried and panelled, the lower members being moulded and carved. They now present an appearance bold in design and rich in detail. The former meagre and unsightly east windows, which could have had no connection with the original building, have now been replaced by entirely new windows, no trace of the original work being extant. That in the north chancel aisle has been treated in the solid and massive style of the Early English period, and that in the south in the later richly decorated style. The designs have been prepared by Mr. J. L. Pearson, and the work has been ably carried out by Messrs. Cornish and Gaymer, of North Walsham. By the very process of restoration new needs have been created and old ones emphasised. But there is still a balance of 1,700*l.* to be paid.

ASTLEY BRIDGE CHURCH, BOLTON.

On Sunday, July 19th, a new clock was started by the donor Mrs. John Ashworth, in the tower of this church. It strikes the hours, chimes the Westminster quarters, and shews times on three dials. It will prove a great boon to the inhabitants, and will form a standard for the time-keeping of the neighbourhood. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work, and they have also just completed a large clock on the Victoria Pier, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Through a death in the neighbourhood of Ellesmere, Shropshire, the members of a family named Vaughan will (the *Pall Mall Gazette* says) become entitled to a share in a large fortune under somewhat romantic circumstances. Some years ago a clergyman, the Rev. Humphrey Dymock, who resided on his own estate of Penley Hall, near Ellesmere, died. In his will he left the whole of his property, consisting of real estate in various parts of England, to his widow, but under the stipulation that, should she marry again, the property would, as at her death, revert to his family. The widow, hearing that the family of a shoemaker in Ellesmere had been left orphans, drove over, and after seeing the children determined to adopt the youngest—a boy. About a month ago Mrs. Dymock died, and by her will the bulk of her fortune, considerably over 100,000*l.*, was left to the shoemaker's boy. Unfortunately he died on Saturday week, still a minor. The result, it is stated, will be that his surviving brothers and sisters will each become entitled unexpectedly to a considerable fortune.

Church News.

The Bishop of Newfoundland arrived in England on Thursday.

The Carlisle Diocesan Conference has been fixed for October 14th and 15th.

The Bishop of St. Albans will hold a general ordination on Sunday, September 20th, at the parish church, Rickmaesworth.

It is stated that Michaelmas Day has been appointed for the next consecration of Bishops which will take place at St. Paul's. The sees to be filled are Lichfield, Truro, and Zululand.

The Bishop of London has collated Canon Newbelt to the chancellorship, and Canon Browne to the treasurership of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The *Birmingham Daily Post* announced on Thursday that the Bishop of Worcester had nominated Canon Bowlby, rector of St. Philip's, Birmingham, as Suffragan-Bishop of Coventry.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson entertained at a garden party on Saturday last, the managers and teachers of the Vauxhall group of board schools (of which Miss Benson is a manager), the Church schools in the neighbourhood, and Springfield School.

The Bishop of Chester is laid up at the Palace, Chester, with a severe attack of influenza. On Wednesday night he was very ill, and on Friday he remained so prostrate that he has been compelled to cancel all his engagements. It was reported however that his lordship was progressing favourably.

The Dean of St. Davids was born on St. Swithin's-day, 1802, and consequently entered on his ninetieth year on Wednesday. Dean Allen, says the *Birmingham Daily Gazette*, still bestows daily care to the work of restoration which has for many years been going forward under his direction at the grand cathedral over which he rules.

The parish church of Allhallows-on-the-Wall, London-wall, was re-opened on Tuesday week by the Bishop of London. The new rector (the Rev. S. J. Stone, author of "The Church's one Foundation" and many other hymns) has marked his entrance upon his new charge by carrying out various improvements and alterations in the church.

The Archbishop-elect of York (Dr. Maclagan) will give away the prizes and preach the sermon at Denstone College dedication festival, on Wednesday next, when the completion of Denstone College by the opening of the new hall will be celebrated. Viscount Cranbrook will unveil Professor Herkomer's portrait of Sir Percival Heywood, which has been presented to the Provost and Fellows by a large number of friends, to remain a record of Sir Percival's munificence as chief founder of the college.

The election of the Very Rev. John Gott, D.D., Dean of Worcester, as Bishop of Truro, in succession to Bishop G. H. Wilkinson, took place on Thursday last. The Sub-Dean and Chapter assembled in the Chapter-room and proceeded to the choir, where evensong was held. After the Psalms had been chanted, they returned to the Chapter-room, the great bell tolling meanwhile. The election then took place in the presence of Mr. Burch, the acting Chapter clerk, and the witnesses, Mr. J. C. Daubuz, High Sheriff of Cornwall, and the Worshipful R. M. Paul, Chancellor of the diocese.

The foundation-stone of the new church of St. Mary the Virgin, East Grinstead, was laid on the 7th inst., by Archdeacon Sutton, in the absence of the Bishop of Chichester, who was detained at the hearing of the Lincoln appeal. The church, when built, will hold over 500 worshippers, and the cost is estimated at 5,000*l.* At present only half the building will be attempted, and it will include the chancel, two vestries, and the nave and south aisle as far back as the third bay, leaving the north aisle, the western part of the nave, and the porch to be added at some future date. The site has been presented by the owners of the Sackville estate. Towards the cost of the church 1,100*l.* has already been given, and a sufficient sum has been invested to secure an endowment of 60*l.* towards 100*l.* required.

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.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival of the above Guild will be held at Northwich, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. 11.0. Service in the parish church, Witton, preacher: the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks; Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. 12.0. Meeting in the Grammar School, chairman, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester. 1.30. Dinner in the National School, tickets 1s. each, to be obtained of the Branch Secretaries, before Wednesday, July 22nd, after this date 1s. 6d. each, to be obtained of the General Secretary only. After Dinner a Salt Mine will be open, free to members of the Guild. Those wishing to visit the Mine will arrange with Mr. N. Forster, on the day of meeting. During the afternoon the following belfries will be open:—Witton Parish Church (eight bells), Middlewich (six bells), Great Budworth (eight bells), Davenham (six bells), Chester Cathedral (eight bells), St. Mary's without the Walls, Chester (eight bells), St. Mary's on the Hill, Chester (eight bells), Bowdon Parish Church (six bells). The London and North Western Railway Company will issue return tickets at the Parliamentary fare and a quarter, for parties of not less than eight (members of the Guild), travelling from any station on the line to Hartford and back. The Cheshire Lines Committee will issue cheap tickets from certain stations to Northwich and back. For particulars apply at the stations.

H. A. HEYWOOD.

Duchington, Malpas, July, 1890.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next Meeting at St. Thomas, Lees, near Oldham, to-day, Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in School at 6 p.m. FRANK BIRTWISTLE, *Hon. Sec.*

Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 8th, at the "White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 6 p.m. 1, South Range, GEO. WALKER, *Hon. Sec.* Sparkbrook.

Surrey Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at Ewell, on Monday, July 27th. Tower open from 3 to 9 p.m. The Business Meeting will be held immediately after the tea, which will be served at 6 o'clock, in the Parochial room. All Members desirous of Tea must send their names to Mr. H. Beams, "Cave Coffee Tavern," Ewell, not later than Saturday the 25th. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Next Quarterly Meeting at Chipping Campden, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891. Short Service on arriving—at the Parish Church, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Forster, at 11.30. Dinner at the "Noel Arms," at 1 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to dine will please send a Shilling postal order as notice to the Hon. Local Sec. (as below) not later than Monday's post, July 27th, who will reserve their dinner tickets. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Forster, on the Vicarage Lawn. Trains—Bristol 8.5; Gloucester 9.13; Evesham 10.19; Honeybourne 10.46. Brakes will meet the party at the latter station. Address:—T. W. TAYLER, Esq., Northleach, Gloucester.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Farnworth, near Liverpool (6 bells), on Saturday, August 1st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

RICH. HILL, *Branch Sec.*

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The members of this Guild intend, as one of their Saturday half-holiday monthly gatherings, to visit Alvechurch, on August 1st, when an attempt will be made for a peal. The members will leave Birmingham by the ordinary half-day excursion to Barnt Green.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Horton, on Saturday next, August 1st.

R. B. TONGE, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Bucknall.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at St. John's Church, Tuebrook, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells open 3 p.m., Service 5 p.m., Meeting in Institute 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Surrey Association.—The 22nd Anniversary of the opening of the bells, will be held at Beddington, on Monday, August 3rd, by the kind permission of the rector. All ringing friends will be welcome. Tower open at 2 o'clock. JOHN FLOWMAN.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 1st. Ringing from 4 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The St. James' Society, London.—The Dinner which was to take place to-day is unavoidably postponed until further notice. The General Meeting for the election of Officers and transaction of other important business will be held at head quarters, after the usual practice at St. Clement's, on Monday, August 17th, 1891. The meetings at Lambeth have been falling off lately, it is hoped for a better attendance.

GEO. W. WILD, *Hon. Sec.*

8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, S.E.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE W. COPPAGE.

It has been decided to place, in the Tower of St. John, Waterloo Road, London, a Marble Tablet, to the memory of the late William Coppage, for many years steeplekeeper at this Church. Gentlemen who desire to assist in this movement will be kind enough to send their subscriptions to the Secretary of the Waterloo Society, Mr. G. W. WILD, 8, Francis Street, Waterloo Road. All will be acknowledged in this paper.

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By HENRY J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford.*

5120.

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Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR.

By J. HEATHORN, *Guildford.*

5040.

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4	5	7	2	6	3	-		
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Twice repeated.

This peal has the 4, 5, 6, the extent in 6ths place at the course-ends.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. T. Card, of Speldhurst, Kent, would like to know the address of a ringer at Portsmouth or Gosport.

ERIC.—No; it would be very unfair.

PUZZLED.—It is impossible to set you right in the space afforded here. Send a stamped addressed envelope, and we will endeavour to enlighten you.

DISSATISFIED (and others).—Your letters we must decline to publish. It is necessary the correspondence should not be widened. We may refer to the question in our own way later. Though a London City church is concerned, after all it is only a local affair.

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

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

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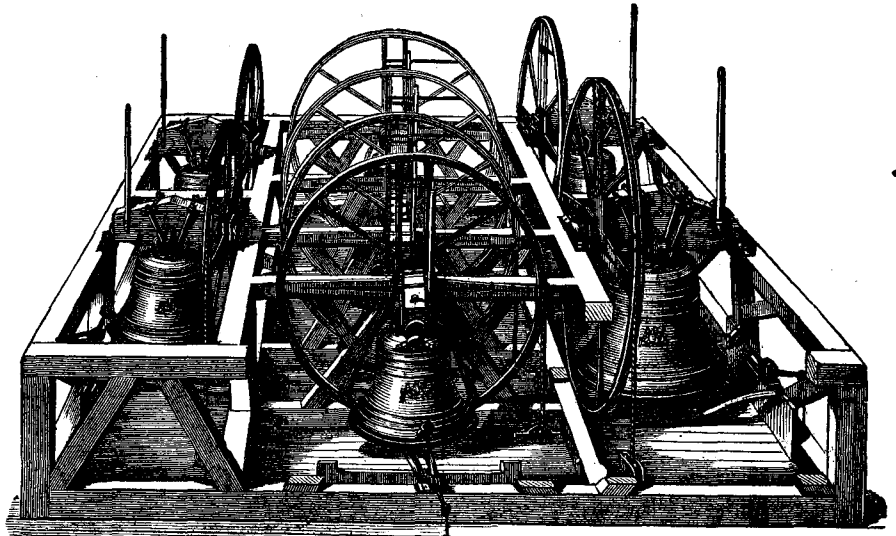
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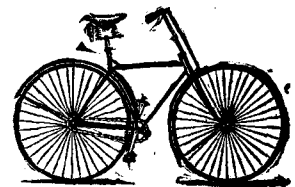
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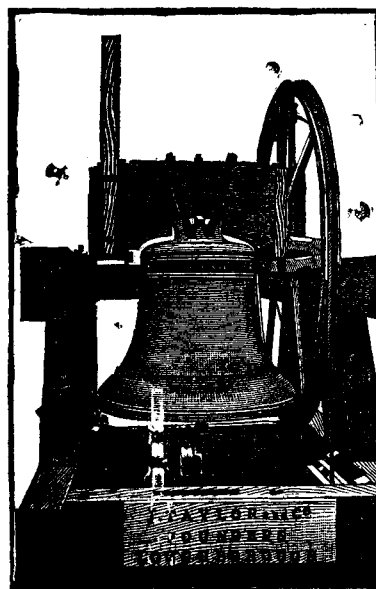
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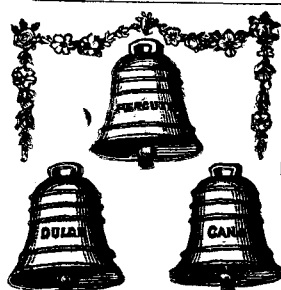
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