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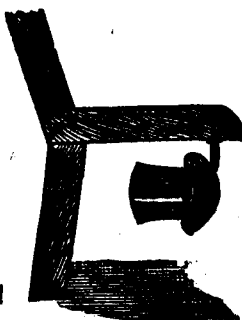
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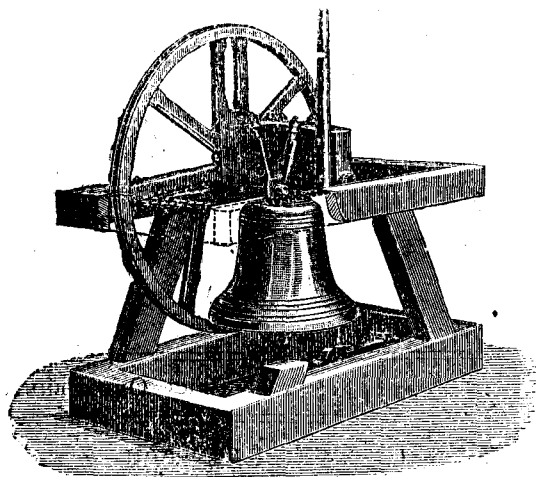
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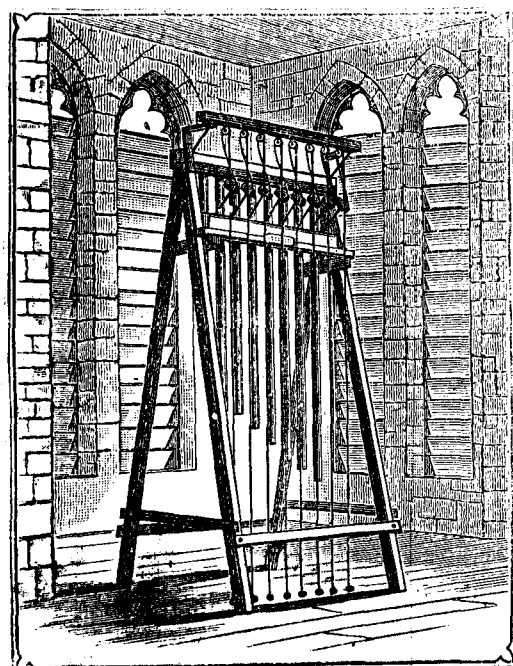
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 12th Annual Festival of this Guild was held at Wallingford, on Monday, July 18th. The members, to the number of 250, arrived in the town by special trains early in the day, and at eight o'clock a peal of Stedman Triples, comprising 5,040 changes, was rung on St. Mary's bells, particulars of which have already appeared in these columns.

At half-past eleven a special service was held in St. Mary's Church, a large congregation, consisting entirely of the members of the Guild, assembling. The Rector of St. Mary's read the service, and many of the clergy accompanying the ringers also went into the choir. The first lesson was read by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton), being taken from Numbers x; and the Rev. Sir J. L. Hoskyns, Bart. (Rural Dean) read the second lesson, viz., 1 Corinthians, xiv. The Psalms were the 47th, 98th, and 150th. The preacher was the Rev. J. T. Brown, Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham, who took as his text, Exodus xiv., part of verse 15—"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." He said:—

There would always be found in parishes men whose life was more or less an idle one, working when driven to do so, but not keeping to it for any time. But how very different it was with the artisan and young man of the present time. Habits of sobriety with them had quite as strong a hold upon them as with persons in a higher class, and they set themselves steadfastly against intemperance in all its forms. In such a point as this, a point of moral conduct, they all welcomed the exhortation to "go forward." And he was sure there was not one in that Church who would not hold out a hand to a brother in order to lead him forward in the same path of sobriety and temperance. Then there was the advance and value of education. Sometimes he had heard it said that the standard of education was higher than was needed in their elementary schools. He never heard a parent say that. They seemed to him to value more than ever the benefits of a substantial education for their children. And then in reverence shown to our Church service, both on Sunday, and at marriages and at funerals, there was a marked advance. No one now liked careless or slovenly ways in the performance of Divine worship. The wish of everyone of them—bell-ringers and others—was that everything should be done decently and in order. The days when there was great neglect with regard to parish churches—when the floors were rotten, and the roofs were not watertight, and when high pews concealed the worshippers, and belfries and bells were utterly disregarded—those days were all gone and past. No one now was contented unless every care was taken in the management and proper ordering of the churches. Now, he spoke to the bell-ringers as Churchmen. They belonged to the Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. They were members of the good old Church of England, and so he might remind them that they were pledged by their baptism to "go forward" as followers and soldiers of the Lord Jesus. He could recall to them their Confirmation—that was a step forward. The day that they received the Holy Communion—that was a step forward. With those advantages they don't remain as they were. "Go forward," remembering that God's grace was with them. And now he turned to the special object of their gathering that day. There had been a going-forward—remarkably so—in the view that was taken of bells and belfries. By the establishment of diocesan guilds in the country a very improved view was now entertained by all of bell-ringing. It was looked upon as a science, and young men took an interest in it and were willing to join the society in the various parishes, and order and propriety were maintained in the belfries, which we now recognised as part of the sacred building. The true purport to which bells were put seemed to him to be set forth in the inscription, in Latin, in the belfry at Sonning, in his neighbourhood. The English was, "I praise God, I call the living, I bewail the dead." Now the voice heard from each was one reminding the inhabitants of the mercies received from the Lord and of the blessed hope of eternal life which each Sunday brought before us. And especially did we love to hear the bells giving out their voices of praise at our great Church festivals. He was sure they always fell in with the thoughts of their fellow-parishioners at the seasons when they ushered in Christmas, and Easter and Whit-Sunday, with joyous peals. It was unnecessary that the clergy should remind them of the seasons, or beg them to ring. They bore them in mind. A call given by their leader or deputy-leader was sufficient, and they put themselves to inconvenience to give honour to the Lord by ringing the bells on those great days of thanksgiving. But it was not only on those festival days that the voices of the bells were heard telling them of God's great mercies to them, but at other days and times. There was the sound of the bells on our ordinary Sundays, which fell on the air in a most plaintive manner, calling us not to set our affections on things below, but reminding us that there was a life beyond with which we were concerned. The parishioners loved to be

called to Church by their own bells, and indeed they loved also to hear the bells of neighbouring churches. He dare say it had occurred to each of them on a Sunday afternoon to hear the bells of a Church at a distance; and there was something so arresting, so touching in the sound, so uplifting to the heart. And even when the habit of Church-going was laid aside, as it must be with so many, yet their hearts must be hard indeed if the sound of the Sunday bells did not reach them. In truth, he believed no one would wish the bells on a Sunday to be silent. It was a sound which all loved to hear. Even though the object of the bells was not recognised, still the parishioners loved their bells. He was sure it was the case in that parish, and their sound, as he could well believe from what he heard that morning, was heard across the river for many a mile. And then think how the sound of the Sunday bells rejoiced the hearts of many whose circumstances and duty obliged them to remain at home. Their sound was heard by the sick, by the busy mother of the young family, and by the servant whose turn it was to keep the house, and they joined, in spirit, all worshippers in prayer and praise. And then there was one way in which the bells had a voice to every parishioner, whether Churchman or Nonconformist. Even the greatest reformer would wish them retained, however many other things, in his opinion, might be altered for the better. To go back to the inscription on the Sonning belfry, "I bewail the dead." And so the sound of the passing bell was heard giving notice that God had called another soul to himself. He was sure there was not such selfishness amongst any parishioners as would lead them to be careless about the death of a neighbour, and when the bell was heard people asked through the parish for whom the bell was going, and when the bell again reminded parishioners that the body was about to be committed to the earth the same-kind sympathy filled the hearts of all of them who did not usually worship with them. He felt certain that no one could listen to the half or muffled peal which was often rung down in their belfries without being deeply impressed with the solemnity of the sound, and with, at the same time, the comfort that went with it, the joyful sound of the resurrection of life. And so the voice of our Church bells were heard from year to year. In our old parishes they had rung on during changes of government and under different reigns. Some of the bells of that (St. Mary's) Tower, which were made and re-cast at the Queen's jubilee, rang during the reigns of Edward VI. and onward; and the victories, of which we had read in history, of our Army and Navy, had been celebrated by joyous peals of bells, which now summoned the parishioners in these days of peace to prayer and praise. Was it any wonder that such an interest was felt in the Church bells, which were so connected with the past? Why, the curfew bell, which was rung from that Tower every night at nine, carried the recollection back to the arrival of King William the Conqueror on a visit to his faithful thane at the castle after the battle of Hastings. And was it any wonder that they should look upon Church bells and love them when they took such a part in the joys and sorrows of all the parishioners? And was it any wonder, therefore, that they should regard the bells as a most important part of the furniture of the Churches, seeing not only how much they had to do with their parochial and individual life, but knowing how much they were associated with all holy ordinances which were given to us, to strengthen us in our life, and to awaken in us all holy desires, and to cherish in us the hope of eternal life? Let him say to his friends the bell-ringers "go forward." Don't be contented with the point to which they had reached; improve and advance in the science of change ringing. He knew this was very difficult. Some towers could not obtain an instructor, or, if he came it was only occasionally; but very often one of the younger members of the side understood the method better than the rest. Never mind whether he was young or old, take advice from him—make progress. It was worth the time and labour to require a very skilful use of the bells. It required self-denial, he knew, to spend winter evenings in the belfries, but they must make way. They would not be contented without going forward and reaching to greater achievements, might he say, to as much as the five thousand and forty changes which greeted their ears on their arrival at Wallingford that day? And yet let him say to them, it was not for their own glory they were ringing—

Whene'er the sweet Church bell
Peals over hill and dell
May Jesus Christ be praised:
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Immediately after the service, the members of the Guild proceeded to the Corn Exchange, where a generous luncheon was served by Mr. Hedley, of The "Feathers." Three tables, the entire length of the building, had been prepared for the occasion, and by the time that the company had assembled, the seating accommodation appeared to be fully taken. The Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. A. W. N. Deacon, presided) and he was

supported by the Mayor of Wallingford (Councillor Morty), Aldermen Wells and S. Payne (Churchwardens of St. Peter's and St. Mary's), the Rev. W. C. Sayer-Milward, formerly of Wallingford, the Rev. J. B. Burne (Chairman of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Guild), the Rev. A. H. Drummond (Chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), the Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mr. A. H. Cocks (Treasurer of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), Mr. J. Hussey (Secretary and Treasurer of the Newbury Branch), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Secretary and Treasurer of the Reading Branch), the Rev. J. F. Llewellyn (late Secretary and Treasurer of Sonning Deanery Branch), and the Rev. E. Broome (the present Secretary and Treasurer of the Sonning Deanery Branch). The honorary members present were the Rev. Sir John L. Hoskyns, Bart. (Aston Tyrrold), the Rev. J. M. Price (Caddington, Aylesbury), the Rev. J. W. Winch (Brize Norton), the Rev. C. E. Plumb (Witney), the Rev. I. L. Challis (Stone), the Rev. L. R. Horwood (Aldermaston), the Rev. J. T. Brown (St. Paul's, Wokingham), the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Dunsden), the Rev. Evan Hughes (St. Leonard's, Wallingford), and the Rev. W. H. Young (North Moreton). The following members of the Committee were present:—The Revs. T. E. E. Chataway (Bladon), A. H. Drummond (Boyne Hill), R. P. Newhouse (Maidenhead), Messrs. A. H. Cocks (Great Marlow), E. Elburn (Aldersham), J. Evans (Hughenden), C. Hounslow (Oxford), W. Lawrence (Whitchurch), W. Napper (East Hagbourne), and J. W. Washbrook (Oxford), in addition to Messrs. J. Bower (Goring), J. W. Wilkins (Maidenhead), W. E. Yates (Great Marlow), D. Geater (Newbury), R. Smith (Maidenhead), and R. Haworth (London). The places represented were Abingdon (St. Helen's), Aldermaston, Amersham, Appleton, Beenham, Bladon, Boyne Hill, Brize Norton, Caversham, Cuddington, East Ilsley, Englefield, Finchampstead, Goring, Great Marlow, Hagbourne, Harwell, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Hurst, Long Crendon, Middleton, Milton, Newbury, Oxford (St. Peter's), Pangbourne, Peasemore, Reading (St. Mary's and St. Giles'), Sonning, Stone, Thatcham, Tilehurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, Wantage, Whitchurch, Winkfield, Withey, Wokingham (St. Paul's), and Woodcote. The company, which numbered some 250 persons, having been photographed, the luncheon proceeded. At the conclusion of the repast,

The Chairman submitted "Long life, happiness, and all God's blessings to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," not forgetting also their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal family. Bell-ringers, he said, would not be happy, if any other class of the community were, if, after a dinner of this kind, they did not receive this toast with heartiness and loyalty. In all our towns, and many of our villages, the year never went round without our remembering on our bells, as we remembered 55 years ago, the fact of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. Few of them would ever forget that day when, with muffled peals, they tried to remind themselves of that solemn service which was going on at Windsor, and sent forth their prayers and their heartfelt sympathy with the Royal Family in the time of their affliction.

The Chairman, again rising, said he had another toast to commend to their kind consideration. He was quite sure that all of them that day who were visitors to Wallingford would not be happy unless he, as their spokesman, were to offer their good wishes to the worshipful Mayor of that town who had been so kind as to come to their dinner. He must not anticipate what he might say to them presently, but he might say on his behalf that directly he asked him he promised to attend. It was a very happy circumstance in the town that they were on such pleasant and brotherly terms with the corporation of Wallingford. Their very old Church, with its old traditions, some of which the preacher adverted to in his sermon, had always preserved, he was glad to say, its municipal character. There still remained the old Corporation seats, and he was glad to say that during the year the Mayor and Corporation had shown by their attendance there their respect, not only for the common Father of us all, but for the old traditions and interests which were attached to such an ancient borough. They came regularly to Church at certain times in the year, and they showed their interest in the Church, as citizens of Wallingford, in the Jubilee year, by subscribing £300 towards the bells. They had heard

that day of the connection of their Church (St. Mary's) with the past. They might say, roughly speaking, that the curfew was rung within a fortnight of the Conquest, and would ring again at nine o'clock that night. It reminded them that a special privilege was given to Wallingford people for putting out their lights an hour later than any other place in England. Without further words, but commending to their attention the toast of the Mayor, and telling them that he was a most worthy successor of many who had preceded him, he asked them to drink with great heartiness—"The Mayor and Corporation of Wallingford," coupling therewith their best thanks to the Mayor for attending there that day.

The Mayor, who was received with loud cheers, said, speaking in the name of the inhabitants of Wallingford, they were very pleased indeed to see them all there that day. He had enjoyed himself very much in their company. That morning, wishing to know something more about bells, he asked a gentleman the origin of bell-ringing. He then learned—of course he could not vouch for the accuracy of the statement, nor hold himself responsible for the words—that the origin of bell-ringing was to frighten away a certain person who should be nameless. He, no doubt, had a great deal of influence over a great many of them, but after hearing the bells that morning he thought they could give him the go-by for some time to come. At any rate he hoped it would have that effect. Bell-ringing had different effects on different temperaments. Some people thought it was the best and most useful music in the world. Others thought it so much noise, so much waste of energy. He believed that the latter class was in a minority. Nowadays minorities could not expect to rule the roost. He heartily welcomed them all to Wallingford, and he hoped it would not be the last time that they would see them there.

Mr. S. Payne proposed "The Clergy." They were very pleased to see so many of them there that day. He was sure gentlemen in their vocation as bell-ringers must all be brought more or less in contact with the clergy, and he had no doubt their opinions would coincide with his, that whatever might be the case at the beginning of the present century, the clergy now were foremost in every good work, whether it tended for the welfare of the community at large, or for the good of the Church. He had great pleasure in asking them to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Brown, who preached such a peculiarly appropriate sermon that morning.

The Rev. J. T. Brown said his name had been coupled with a double toast. He had first to answer for the clergy who were present, including the Rural Dean, at the dinner, and also for the archbishops, bishops, and clergy generally. Speaking for the former, all he could say was he hoped they would take them just as they found them, and as far as they were able to do their duty he hoped they would give them the credit they deserved, or perhaps did not deserve. With regard to himself, he supposed no one was more profoundly ignorant of bells than he was. He therefore took it to be a very great compliment on the part of the secretary and committee of the Guild, to have asked him to preach upon that occasion. It had been a source of very great pleasure to him to come there, and to visit the Church of his old friend, Mr. Deacon, whom he had known for many years, and to be welcomed there by him. He thanked those who were in Church that morning for the great attention with which they listened to him. Might he say with regard to the clergy, that they who were so ignorant of bell-ringing, were very much indebted to the ringers for what they did for them on Sundays and at other times. He really did not know what they should do if they had not had the most hearty assistance of the bell-ringers. They never grumbled because they were asked to do this or that, but readily and willingly went up into the tower even before they asked them. Might he just say one word—he could not help it—because it recalled the past? It was a little bit of history, of which he was rather proud. The origin of the Guild was in a room opposite his house at St. Paul's, Wokingham—and the one who gave the first start to the Guild was their present Secretary—who, in 1879, read a paper on the subject, after which a committee was formed to establish a society. From that time on it went, faster and faster, until they had now that great Guild, the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

The Chairman then proposed "The Guild," coupling with it the name of their most excellent and venerable master, Mr.

Robinson, and their most excellent secretary, Mr. Hart-Davis. He, personally, had heard of the Guild for a great many years, and it had always had his sympathy and his great respect, for it was by their kindness and energy that it came by its birth, and was nurtured to maturity, and it was with great pleasure—quite unsolicited on his part—that he received them into Wallingford. He need not say for his brother clergy in the town, one of whom was with him in Church, and was present that afternoon; and another, his predecessor, Mr. Sayer-Milward, that they were glad to welcome them, and to have heard their skill upon those dear old bells that they were so truly proud of in Wallingford, and so very fond of. If there were any flaws they must put it down to his ignorance, not from any want of good will or desire to be inhospitable. He was sure they all heartily wished, as the Mayor said, they would again come to Wallingford. He could not sit down without reminding them that there was no one who was so especially fitted to be a leader as their present leader. He was sure it put to shame some of the younger men to think that their Master, whom they valued so much, should have been up at half-past four that morning, undertaking a tremendous drive, and be in the belfry before eight o'clock, ringing till half-past eleven, and then taking part in the service. If that was not energy for the cause and interest in it, he did not know what was. Might the bells which he had made instrumental in giving so much pleasure, peace, and happiness to others, be to him also comfort and happiness in his moments of solitude, trial, and sorrow. With regard to the Secretary, all he could say was that it did not look, from the success of that meeting, as if they wanted another Secretary. The Chairman then gave the toast, which was enthusiastically received.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He gave a rapid sketch of the position of affairs in the different towers of the Diocese, and urged the members of the Guild, in the words of the preacher that morning, to "go forward." He remarked that he always liked a peal every Saturday afternoon to make him ready for Sunday morning, and he also made a sympathetic allusion to the late secretary.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who also responded, said the Guild owed a great deal to the Chairman, as most of the members probably knew. When he came to Wallingford, on Thursday, with Mr. Newell, whom he was sorry to say was unable, through indisposition, to be with them, they were received with great hospitality by the Chairman, and he very much lightened their labours. As to the Guild, he hoped other towers in the neighbourhood would become associated with it, following Hagbourne and Dorchester. He announced that the members were going to Dorchester, Hagbourne, Benson, Cholsey, North Moreton, Brightwell, and Ewelme, and expressed the hope that before another year had passed, the five last-mentioned places would join the Guild. He then proposed the health of the Chairman, and suggested to him that he should become an honorary member.

The Rev. A. H. Drummond also spoke in support of the toast.

The Chairman, in reply, said he should be glad to be an honorary member of the Guild. He had no doubt, too, that the Rural Dean, when he next summoned his clergy together, would mention the subject, and anything he proposed to do for the benefit of the Deanery he should be only too glad to do. He then announced that Mr. J. Kirby Hedges, the owner of the Castle grounds, had kindly thrown them open for the benefit of the members, and concluded by wishing them every happiness.

At the conclusion of the complimentary toasts the Master took the chair, when the minutes of the last general meeting at Woodstock, and of the three committee meetings, were read and passed. The only change in the list of officers for the ensuing year was the substitution of the name of the Rev. T. R. Terry, rector of East Ilsley, for that of the Rev. J. F. Llewelyn, among the twelve elected members of the committee, while Mr. David Geater, of 2, Waterloo Place, Newbury, was formally added to the number of qualified instructors. Long Crendon, near Thame, in Buckinghamshire, was chosen as the place for the Guild Festival, in 1893. The Secretary stated that 165 members had come in, of whom 114 were qualified as change-ringers, since July, 1891, and that the finances were in a satisfactory position, notwithstanding a large increase under the head of Central Council expenses. The purchase of 1,000 copies of the very valuable Report of the Central Council on the preservation and

repair of bells, &c., and their free dissemination to the churchwardens of towers with peals, and to the Rural Deans, accounted for the greater part of this additional cost. A motion by Mr. Hern, of Reading, who advocated more frequent General Meetings of the Guild, could not be put for want of formality, but its author may feel that he has now secured for it a careful consideration in the future.

During the afternoon the members proceeded in brakes to the following towers, where permission had been given for ringing:—Dorchester, Benson, Cholsey, and Ewelme. The members left Wallingford early in the evening, the enjoyment of the day being somewhat marred by the wet weather.

THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Association was held at Wells on Saturday last, when a large number of members were present from different parts of the diocese, representing the following towers:—St. Saviour's, St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, Christ Church, and the Abbey (Bath), St. Mary and St. James (Taunton), Twerton-on-Avon, Wraxall, Barrow, Gurney, Huntspill, and Highbridge. The Bath contingent, who drove down, broke the journey at Chewton Mendip, and rang several 6-scores on the peal of six there, a notable incident of this performance being that one of the company had rung on these bells fifty-seven years ago, but had not been there since. Dinner was provided at the Swan Hotel, Wells, and was provided over by the Master (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, M.A.), supported by the Dean (Dr. Jex Blake), the Rev. Mr. Hayward (St. Andrew's, Bath), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (Wrighton), and Mr. Rupert Lewis (hon. sec.). The Dean, who, owing to another engagement, was bound to leave before the meeting, in a few words welcomed the members most cordially to Wells. The meeting was subsequently held, the chair being taken by Preb. W. Stokes Shaw, M.A. The report, which was read by the master, stated that the quarterly meetings had been held with considerable success, the places visited being Frome, Dunster, Bath, and Bridgwater. The thanks of the Association were due to all the clergy who assisted at their meetings, especially to the Rev. Preb. Salmon for his kindly words and cheering encouragement at the last annual meeting. Eleven peals were rung during the year, speaking of steady advance in the work of the association. The report stated that three peals were opened by the association, viz., on 11th September a new peal of eight at Barrow Gurney; on 19th November a peal of five augmented to six and rehung at Temple Combe; and on 28th December a peal of five augmented to eight at Drayton, opened with a 5,040 Grandsire Triples. On 4th November, with the concurrence of the association, the peal of eight augmented to ten at Wells Cathedral, was reopened by a band of well-known ringers from various parts of the country and enrolled in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with a 5,021 Stedman Caters, various members of the home association taking part in the preliminary touches. The loss was regretted of one of the life members, the late Very Rev. E. H. Plumptre, D.D., Dean of Wells. The books did not show much increase in the number of members, but there was a great advance in the proficiency of the ringers. The list of membership showed 31 honorary members and 163 performing members, representing 22 towers in union. The report concluded by saying that much work remained to be done, and asking every member to help on and spread the work by all the means in his power, especially by the excellence of his ringing, the devotion of his calling, and most of all by the goodness of his life. The statement of accounts was also submitted, showing a balance in hand at the close of 1891 of £9 18s. 9d. Mr. F. G. Beesley moved that the reports and accounts be adopted, which was seconded by Mr. H. Wyburn, and carried *nem. con.* The Dean of Wells was elected a vice-president in the place of the late Dean, and the Rev. Prebendary Salmon, M.A., was added to the list. The Rev. C. W. H. Griffith was unanimously re-elected master, and Mr. Rupert Lewis hon. sec. and treasurer, and they spoke briefly in acknowledgment. The Rev. Hayward (curate of St. Andrew's, Bath) was elected an honorary member, as also thirteen performing members. Yeovil was selected as the place for the next district meeting. An adjournment was then made to the Cathedral for service,

ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND. STARTING OF THE NEW CLOCK AND BELLS.

On Thursday, July 21st, a large turret clock and bells were formally started by Lady Mary Grosvenor (daughter of the Duke of Westminster) at the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, S.E. The occasion was the opening of the Armitage memorials, of which the clock and bells form a part, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen visited the college on the day mentioned to witness the ceremony. Some considerable time was spent in watching the blind pupils at their work and recreation, and in listening to the choir, a body of singers of no mean order. Subsequently the Duke of Westminster, who is president of the college, took the chair at a meeting held in the skating rink, and gave a brief address, at the close of which Lady Grosvenor pressed an electric button, and thereby started the clock, which immediately chimed out the quarters and then the hours, the tone of the bells being very much admired. Her ladyship was then presented by the children of Mr. Johnston (one of the manufacturers of the clock, etc.), with a small silvered and polished handbell, composed of the same metal as the larger ones, and bearing the following inscription engraved upon it:—

"Presented to the Lady Mary Grosvenor by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, as a memento of the clock and bells at the Royal Normal College, Norwood. Thursday, July 21st, 1892."

It may be interesting to not a few of our readers to have some of the principal features in connection with the work described. The order for the clock and bells was intrusted after due consideration to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known clock manufacturers and bell founders of Croydon, who have to all appearance thoroughly justified the confidence placed in them, and have succeeded in giving general satisfaction to all concerned.

The clock, which is constructed to chime the Westminster or Cambridge quarters, and to strike the hours, is in every respect of the very best workmanship and material. It is fitted with the double three-legged gravity escapement, this being undoubtedly the best for accurate timekeeping, and has a compensated pendulum which, by virtue of its compensation, is enabled to successfully resist all variations of the temperature, thus keeping the pendulum rod always the same length, upon which much of the timekeeping qualities of the clock depend. We may remark that the pendulum is over 5 ft. in length, and the cast iron bob at the foot weighs upwards of 120 lbs. Some idea of the power of the mechanism may be gathered from the fact that the frame of the clock (*i.e.* that portion containing the works) which is of solid cast iron, and weighs close upon 2½ cwt. measures 5 ft. 6 in. long, 3 ft. 3 in. deep, and 3 ft. 3 in. wide, and the main wheels for the going, striking, and quarter parts measure respectively as much as 12, 14, and 14 inches diameter, they are, like all the other wheels in and connected with the clock, of solid gun metal, turned and polished, with the teeth cut to mathematical precision by improved machinery. The dial upon which the time is indicated, is of cast iron glazed with opal glass, it measures 4 ft. 5 in. in diameter, and is fitted with a pair of hands of a suitable pattern, both dial and hands being painted in an artistic manner. An engraved and silvered dial has been fitted on to the movement of the clock, so that any person can from within the clockroom observe the time as shown on the large dial. This dial is also of considerable convenience when it is necessary to set the hands of the clock. A small silvered inscription plate has also been fixed in a conspicuous place bearing the following words engraved upon it:—

"This clock, with bells, was erected to the memory of Thomas Rhodes Armitage, Esq., M.D., the faithful friend and wise benefactor of the Blind, and inaugurated by Lady Mary Grosvenor, on Thursday, July 21st, 1892."

As before stated, the clock is constructed to chime the quarters and hours, the bell necessary for this purpose being also manufactured and supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They are composed of best bell metal, are well in tune, and are excellent castings. The following is a list of the notes, sizes (*i.e.* diameter across the mouth) and weights of the five bells, the hour and quarter bells (which as will be observed are taken out

of a peal of ten), being so indicated. We also append the weights of the hammers which strike upon the different bells:—

	No.	Notes.	Sizes.	Weights.			Hammers.
				cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
Quarter Bells.	1	G#	25 inches.	3	2	7	18 lbs.
	2	F#	27 "	4	3	21	18 "
	3	E	29 "	6	0	0	18 "
	4	B	35 "	8	2	21	22 "
Hour Bell	5	E	49½ "	20	2	26	56 "
Total weight				43	3	19	

The hour bell, in addition to the makers' name and the date, has the following inscription cast upon it:—

"In memory of Thomas Rhodes Armitage, M.D., faithful friend and wise benefactor of the Blind, whose loving service turned darkness into light."

The motive power of the clock is derived from cast iron weights, the aggregate total of which amounts to upwards of 30 cwt. They are for convenience in handling cast in sections each weighing 56 lbs., and are suspended by lines made of twisted steel wire.

The whole of the work of manufacturing, supplying, and fixing the clock, bells, etc., has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have now in hand amongst others large clocks and bells for Ditchingham parish church (to the order of Mr. Rider Haggard); Dover College; Hungarton parish church; Largs U.P. church, etc.; also clocks and bells for South Africa at Pietermaritzburg Town Hall, Vrigheid church, Transvaal, and Wellington church, Cape Town.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday last, a meeting of the above branch was held at Colne, when representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Colne, and Padiham. Ringing was commenced at 3.30, by a mixed band, when a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. But good ringing is almost an impossibility on these bells at the present time, as the go of them is anything but what it ought to be, and if some of the officials of the Church would just have a pull at them we feel confident that the time would not be far distant when Colne Parish Church bells would be re-hung, and probably augmented by the addition of other two bells, which would then make a capital ring of eight. Mr. Walker presided at the meeting which was subsequently held, when six new members were made. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, September 10th, when all necessary arrangements can be made for the annual meeting in October. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and ringers, terminated the business of the meeting.

J. H.

FYLDE DISTRICT BRANCH.—The fourth quarterly meeting of the above was held at Lytham, on Saturday, July 23rd. In the absence of the vicar (the Rev. G. Smart), the Rev. W. R. M. Holme (curate) presided. He welcomed the ringers in the name of the vicar, saying that their ringers (St. John's) pleased the officers of their church. He concluded his address by giving his experience when a boy by pulling off a bell, the consequence was that he broke the stay, so that it had silenced him, for he had not handled one since. The branch secretary gave the history of this branch since its formation, and he was highly gratified, as this the fourth quarterly meeting, they had, he said, about 27 performing, 2 life, and 2 honorary members; there are two towers in his district where call changes are practised; he would like to see them members, and hoped when the summer months were over to be able to find an instructor. Mr. Needham, one of the wardens of St. John's, also addressed the meeting, and in a brief little speech said he was very pleased to be with the ringers. Mr. Clitheroe then proposed a vote of sympathy to the Rev. G. Smart, who has recently lost two brothers. Mr. Robert Cookson seconded. The business concluded by a vote of thanks to the vicar and wardens for the use of bells and school. During the afternoon, several touches of Plain Bob, and Grandsire Doubles were rung. The next meeting to be held at Poulton-le-Fylde, on October 22nd.

Ringers' Outings.

THE MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—This Society had their summer outing on Saturday, July 16. The ancient town of Shrewsbury, Salop, being their destination, the company, with a friend, numbering eleven, mustered at London Road Station at 6.50 a.m., the train leaving at 7 a.m. The gathering of the band, and the start was made under anything but favourable weather, there being a heavy downpour of rain, which, I am sorry to say, kept us company all day; consequently, there was more ringing done than would otherwise have been the order of the day. Arriving at Shrewsbury at 10.0 a.m., we were met by Mr. T. Price (the genial parish clerk of St. Mary's Church), who very kindly conducted us from place to place, all through the day, showing us all things of interest, so far as the weather would permit. The first place into a thoroughfare called "Shoplatch," to Messrs. Jones Brothers, Restaurateurs, where the inner man was well refreshed with a good substantial breakfast of ham and eggs. This over, the company wended their way to St. Mary's Church, where hangs a fine ring of ten, tenor 22 cwt. After raising the bells in peal "go" was called for Grandsire Caters, a well struck touch of 575 being pulled off, followed by another touch of 485. The bells were then lowered in peal, after which Mr. Price entertained the visitors by playing the tune, "Home, sweet Home," on the tower bells, by the chiming cords, which he had evidently had much practice on, from the manner in which he handled them. After looking through the Church, another trudge of twelve minutes through the rain brought us to St. Chad's Church, where there is a beautiful ring of 12, tenor 42 cwt. One of the local company here, waiting, keys in hand, we were soon up and at work. After raising the back four singly, and the front eight in peal, one of the local company and Mr. T. Price were called upon to take a rope to try the whole peal in rounds. We had not the pleasure in ringing them in Cinques or Maximus. A 593 Grandsire Caters, 2 courses of Bob Major, and 3 courses of Stedman triples, were pulled off on the back ten, and back eight respectively. After this the rain abating somewhat, we then left the tower on a visit to what is called the quarry, but has more the appearance of a beautiful park, running right down from St. Chad's to the shore of the river Severn, and studded with tall stately elms, forming one of the grandest avenues (I ever saw) of about two-thirds of a mile in length. On the journey round a slight break was made, the visitors taking a sail across the ferry, and partaking of a little refreshment. Journeying from there through the new market to the famous "Shoplatch" establishment, we once more spoiled our appetites by partaking of a good dinner, consisting of lamb, green peas, &c. After this our friend Mr. T. Price piloted us through the old market place to St. Alkmund's Church. Here a handy peal of eight hangs, which, when taken into hand, were not long in calling up a brother string into the tower, who hailed from Bristol, and throwing off his coat, taking one of the ropes, we then pulled off merrily a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major, followed by a 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. T. Price, from the 6th; two courses of Stedman Triples closing the day's work; the whole of the ringing being conducted by Mr. J. Eachus, with the exception of the touch of Grandsire Triples. After partaking of a little further refreshment, some of the company felt desirous of leaving for home so as to reach Manchester at a reasonable hour before midnight. Others of the company remained behind, and had the pleasure of looking through the beautiful old abbey along with our friend Mr. Price, the second party reaching Manchester about 1.0 a.m. on Sunday. I must say that each and all enjoyed the outing full well, considering the state of the weather. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. T. Price for the kindness and courtesy shown to us through that day; also our best thanks to the Vicar and Rectors of the various Churches for so kindly granting us permission to ring on the beautiful-toned bells of Shrewsbury town.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S (WESTMINSTER) SOCIETY.—It having been agreed upon to visit Tunbridge Wells and Speldhurst, fifteen members of the above society, with Mr. Mash (the worthy

steeplekeeper of St. Saviour's, Southwark), and Mr. Hawkins, of St. Stephen's School, left Charing Cross by special train, about 7.55 a.m., having two compartments reserved for them. Mr. Durling, of Chislehurst, was to join the party at Chislehurst, but on enquiring before starting, it was discovered that being a special train it would not stop there, however, knowing that Old Tom would be on the platform, his ticket was put in an envelope, with a penny to weight it ready to be thrown out, but going through the station at a very moderate speed, the ticket was handed to him, telling him to come on by next train, but owing to some delay the train was brought to a standstill about a hundred yards from the station. It was then discovered that our old friend was running down the line like a deer (although a man on the verge of sixty, and rather corpulent as well), however, just as he reached the hindmost carriage, the iron horse gave a whistle, and off it started, leaving him still three or four carriages in the rear of the one he wished to reach, but some jovial fellows in the last carriage opened their door and hauled him in, much to our delight. As soon as he gained his breath, his new-found companions refreshed him with something more invigorating than water, so he fared much better than if he had managed to reach his own party. Thus ended the first exciting episode of the day. Onward the train sped towards Tunbridge Wells, the time being passed in hand-bell ringing and viewing the splendid country. Our destination was reached by 9.40, and as we were not timed to turn up at St. Peter's till 10.30, a walk round the town was proposed down the High Street, on to the parade, which is now called "Ye Olde Pantiles" (not forgetting to have a drink of the "waters," and back again through the principal streets, to the Church of St. Peter, where Mr. Latter, senior, had his handy ring of eight all ready, and in good going order. Tenor 14½ cwt. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were successfully brought home, under the able conductorship of Messrs. H. R. Newton, C. F. Winny, and H. S. Ellis. The bells were kept going till twelve o'clock, when they were lowered, and a move was made for the Royal Oak inn for some light refreshment, previous to a three mile walk to Speldhurst, where dinner was ordered at 1.30. Several members engaged a carriage, not caring to test Shanks' pony too much so early in the day, but the majority thoroughly enjoyed the walk across the common (viewing the Toad Rock on the way), through hay-fields and charming woods. Speldhurst was reached at the appointed time, where our worthy Vicar joined us, he having journeyed down over night on a visit to some friends. Dinner was very shortly announced in the wonderful Old Oak Room, which is 500 years old, and which is worth anybody's while to visit when in the neighbourhood. The St. Stephen's ringers being no exception to ringing societies in general, ample justice was done to the splendid roast beef, and lamb and green peas, &c., provided by host Wells. Mr. H. R. Newton spoke about the sad accident which had befallen J. M. Hayes, and proposed that a "Vote of Condolence" with his wife and family be passed and forwarded to Mrs. Hayes, which was most heartily seconded by Mr. E. Duff, and forwarded to Mrs. Hayes. A quiet walk round the country was taken by some members in all directions. Coming back to the lawn, a course each of Grandsire and Stedman was rung on the handbells, several ladies and gentlemen having left the lawn tennis ground to hear it. Miss Leny then gave a beautiful basket of flowers to be divided amongst the members. Having thanked the Rector and Miss Leny for their kindness and said good-bye to all friends, a move was made for Tunbridge Wells once more, some having commissioned a omnibus to take them. This time the walking contingent were very much in the minority. The Wells were reached by half-past eight, and as there was yet an hour and a quarter before train time, an adjournment was made to the "Hand and Sceptre," where time very quickly passed in humorous conversation. Leaving Tunbridge Wells by what should have been the 9.55 train, which, however, was rather late (nothing new on the S.E.R.), away we sped, enlivening the whole way by songs and handbells till Chislehurst was reached, when our running-man (Mr. T. Durling) was allowed to leave the train in a more respectable manner than he entered it. Charing Cross was reached by midnight, when each separated for their respective homes, everyone agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable day, tendering, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," our hearty thanks to the respective vicars, &c.

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SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1892.

WE give this week a full report of the proceedings at the Annual Festival of the Oxford Guild, recently held at Wallingford. On the whole, this meeting appears as successful as former ones, and no lack of interest whatever in the Guild's work and objects evinces itself among Churchfolk of the Diocese. The Oxford executive has from the establishment of the Guild managed things rightly; the late revered Hon. Secretary was noted for his powers of organization, and the gentleman who succeeded him in the office appears to be not one whit behind in this respect. The spectacle of two hundred and fifty ringers assembling in a quiet country town, arriving from various parts of the diocese, if not unique, is novel, and shows the very effective measures adopted by the Hon. Secretary to promote success. The Guild has ever regarded the enlargement of its borders as a prominent feature, and the work of extension still goes on with spirit and energy. May it ever continue.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The bells of Ardleigh Church, near Colchester, now being rehung and increased to eight, in memory of the late Canon Perry, will be re-opened on Tuesday, August 9th, by members of the Essex Association. Divine Service at 3.15 p.m.

Ringing members of the association will be welcome during the afternoon. Tea will be provided after service. Ringers intending to avail themselves of this invitation are requested to inform me *not later than Friday, August 5th*. The trains leaving Colchester at 9.14, 11.13, 4.10, and 5.43, call at Ardleigh; return trains at 6.34, 8.24 (for Colchester, Marks Tey and Sudbury), and 9.14 (all stations to London). T. L. PAPILLON.

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RE-OPENING OF A PEAL OF BELLS AT TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, July 20th, the above village was *en fete*, the occasion being the opening of the church and peal of bells after undergoing thorough repairs, the bells being augmented from three to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the well-known Loughborough firm, two trebles and tenor being added, and the third being recast, the splice and the "go" of the bells being all that can be desired. The cost of the whole is £2,200, of which sum only about £400 is unrealised. The Killamarsh company was invited over to open the bells, and rang for the opening service 720 City Delight and 360 Violet. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. And in the afternoon 720 each of Killamarsh Treble Bob and Arnold's Victory. And for evening service 720 College Pleasure, standing as above, and 240 of Oxford, with J. Nicholson, 6; the rest as before.

GIGGLESWICK PARISH CHURCH, NEAR SETTLE, YORKSHIRE.

The masters and scholars, past and present, of the Grammar School, Giggleswick, have just presented a new St. Mary of Cambridge Quarter Chime Clock to the Parish Church in honour of the restoration, which has cost several thousands of pounds. The Head Master, the Rev. J. Style, M.A., set the clock going on Saturday evening last, at 8.55, there being a large number of clergy and gentry present, including the Rev. T. H. May, M.A., LL.D., Rector of Heswall, Cheshire, and others. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Son, clock manufacturers, Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, who erected the large clock at the Grammar School some years ago; also the Church clocks at the adjoining villages of Bentham, Ingleton, Clapham, and Kirkby Malham.

MINETY, WILTS.

The pretty little peal of five from the Gloucester Foundry, Rudhall's, were opened, after being rehung with new English oak frame, and all new fittings, by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, Salisbury, on Friday, July 15th. The opening took place in the afternoon, when six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, each called differently, by Messrs. Pates, Humfrey and Alcock (of Cheltenham), assisted by Messrs. Goddard and Blackburn, of Salisbury. The work gave great satisfaction. The Vicar provided a capital meal, after which the visitors were allowed to ramble about his gardens, and help themselves at the strawberry beds.

Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf are also engaged rehanging the bells at Hereford Cathedral, and substantially repairing the frame work.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 1st, by kind permission of the Rev. F. Allen, of St. Edward's, Romford, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13,440 changes, will be attempted by eight members of this Society, 9.0 a.m. is the time appointed for meeting.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDK. G. NEWMAN Treble.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 8.
FRANCIS L. DAVIES 4.	FREDK. J. FRENCH 9.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN. This composition has the 6th in 2nd place throughout.

The Provinces.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s, OF BOB MINOR (each called differently).

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HASTINGS Treble.	CHARLES H. BELTON 4.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Conducted by A. R. ALDHAM.

This is Messrs. Hastings and Belton's first 5040, and great credit is due to them for their good striking. They were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

KEITH HART Treble.	*CHARLES TYLER 6.
GEORGE A. KING 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3.	*JOHN W. WHITING 8.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 9.
HERBERT RANN 5.	HARRY WESTON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

*First peal on ten bells. In this peal the 5th and 6th are each twenty-four courses behind the 9th. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham, Hants.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

G. T. MILLER Treble.	H. JENKINS 5.
H. W. NEEDHAM 2.	D. W. BROWN 6.
J. DIXEY 3.	F. DRABBLE 7.
W. T. VERITY 4.	C. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect and to the memory of the late Mr. J. Pollard.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. SHARDLOW Treble.	J. THOMPSON 5.
A. E. THOMPSON 2.	T. W. CHAPMAN 6.
H. C. WOODWARD 3.	C. DRAPER 7.
H. HORWOOD 4.	S. MASKREY Tenor.

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. Messrs. Chapman and Horwood belong to Nuneaton; the rest to Derby.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN SIMM Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINSON 2.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. 6.
THOMAS BREWIS* 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	WILLIAM HOLMES Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG and Conducted by F. J. HARRISON.

*First peal, and hails from Tanfield, Durham. This was Mr. Brewis' first attempt for a peal of any description.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

H. BOWERS Treble.	L. G. GEERNAERT 4.
WILBY HAZELL 2.	W. J. NEVARD 5.
JOHN SMITH 3.	R. W. STANNARD Tenor.

Conducted by R. W. STANNARD.

First 5040 by Messrs. Bowers, Smith, and Geernaert. J. Smith was elected a member of the above Association before starting. Messrs. Geernaert, Smith, and Stannard hail from Colchester; the rest are of the local company. This is the first 5040 rang by any Colchester ringers for nearly twenty years.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD* Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
CHARLES H. MARTIN 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal in the method. The above is the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rang for Divine Service in the morning.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
EDWARD F. COLE 2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
THOMAS CARD 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and was rang for Divine Service in the evening.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

NATHAN J. PITSTOW Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 5.
ALBERT J. CLARKE 2.	CHARLES SILLITOE 6.
WILLIAM HOWELL, SEN. .. 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	RICHARD THEOBALD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Sillitoe, who attained his twenty-seventh year on that day. Messrs. Slater and Garwood hail from Glemsford; Howell and Sillitoe from Sudbury; Theobald, Smith, and Clarke from Stanstead; Pitstow from Saffron Walden.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 2.	JOHN SHEPHERD 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	THOMAS WALLER 7.
JOHN KENTISH 4.	GEORGE SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Right Rev. Dr. Cloughton, formerly Bishop of St. Albans.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 23rd, at St. Margaret's church, 1008 Bob Major. *A Button, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; F. Cooper, 3; W. Taylor, 4; J. Button, 3; A. J. Lincoln, 6; F. Argent, 7; H. J. Button (conductor), 8. It was intended to start for a peal of Treble Bob, but meeting one short the above touch was rung. *Longest touch.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Chiming.—On Sunday evening, July 24th, at St. Edward's church, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six. A. J. Perkins, 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

BISHOPS STORTFORD.—On Saturday, July 23rd, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor of London visiting the town, 1441 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Rickett, 1; C. Prior, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; H. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; P. Springham, 7; J. Sampford, 8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, July 20th, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. J. Nicholson, 1; J. Atkinson, 2; W. Worthington, 3; T. Bettison, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. Time 26 mins. Tenor 11½ cwt. Messrs. Allen and Atkin hail from Norton; Worthington from Staveley; Bettison from Killamash; Marsden from Eckington; the rest are locals.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Monday, June 27th, on the occasion of the Sunday School children's annual treat, 1056 Bob Major, and a short touch of Stedman Triples. H. Paulson, 1; J. F. Clarke, 2; H. W. Horwood, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Hickley, 5; H. Argyle, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman, 8. The Bob Major was conducted by T. W. Chapman, and the Stedman Triples by J. F. Clarke.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. First 360 by J. Gibson. And 240 Bob Minor. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs in 24 mins. J. Spencer, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Townson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, July 20th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. W. Partington, 1; G. W. Wild (conductor), 2; S. G. Davies, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; *Rev. A. G. Deedes, 5; F. L. Davies, 6; A. E. Church, 7; E. A. Young, 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM.—On Sunday evening, July 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. On Sunday, July 24th, 360 Bob Minor by T. Greetham, H. Lucas, C. Gardener, G. Mileham, J. Richardson, and J. Hatto. Conducted by J. Richardson and J. Hatto. This is the first 720 on the bells for fifteen months, also the first by H. Lucas. Tenor 10 cwt.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, July 8th, at the House of Welcome, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; W. Short (conductor), 5-6. On the same date at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor standing as above. On Monday, July 18th, at the House of Welcome, two 720s of Doubles in three different methods, viz. two 120s of Plain Bob, two 120s of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Pagett, 1-2; W. Short (conductor), 3-4; W. Barber, 5-6.

ENVILLE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, July 23rd, after an attempt for a peal, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Salter, 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. Salter, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. Short (conductor), 8.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 24th, 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). A. Short, 1; W. Broughton, 2; T. Barber, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; C. Broughton, 6.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—**Handbell Ringing.**—On Monday, July 25th, on handbells, retained in hand, the first half of Reeves' variation of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 55 mins. W. Wakeman, 1-2; T. Salter, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; W. Short, 7-8.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, July 19th, 720 Duke of York. W. Smith, 1; R. E. Grove, 2; T. Salter, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday, July 18th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Gridley, 1; R. Mingay, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, July 24th, on the occasion of a Flower Service, 240 Plain and 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater (Glensford), 1; R. Mingay, 2; W. Gridley, 3; J. Lee, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. J. Lee hails from London.

LINDLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, July 23rd, at St. Stephen's church, 1920 Kent Treble Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Sykes, 1; J. North, 2; G. W. Schofield, 3; J. A. Royston, 4; J. Turner, 5; C. Cranen, 6; J. Schofield (conductor), 7; W. Large, 8. Composed by A. Sykes. Rung as a compliment to A. Sykes on the occasion of his birthday.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Thursday, July 31st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Town, 1; W. J. Battson, 2; H. Edwards, 3; T. Chandler, 4; W. Smith (first in the method as conductor), 5; G. Wickens, 6. And 360 in the same method. J. Town, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. J. Battson, 3; H. Edwards, 4; T. Chandler, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. This was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to a late member of the congregation. On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Edwards, sen., 1; W. J. Battson, 2; H. Edwards, jun., 3; J. Marshall, 4; G. Wickens, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Huges, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; G. Smaet, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; T. Searle, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Huges, 8. And 840 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Smart, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8.

WALTER BELCHAMP (Essex).—On Wednesday, July 20th, three members of the Foxearth company, accompanied by Mr. J. Lee, paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. R. Inch, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. Gridley, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; N. Hawkins, 6. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob, being the first in the method by F. Hawkins. And several touches of Plain Bob, in which some of the local band took part. Messrs. Inch, Gridley, and Evans hail from Foxearth; Lee from London; the others are local men.

Obituary.

JOHN POLLARD.

It is with profound regret that we have to announce the death of this ringer, which took place at his residence in Hull, on Sunday, July 17th, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 35. J. Pollard was a native of Pontefract, having been born there in November, 1856. He entered the service of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, as a junior clerk in the Goods Department, in 1871, being at that time 14 years of age, and he remained in the office at Pontefract until 1886, when he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier at the company's goods station at Hull. This latter position he held

until April, 1891, when, on the removal of the Head Cashier to Liverpool, he was promoted to the post, which he held until the time of his decease. He commenced his career as a change-ringer at the parish church of St. Giles, Pontefract, in the year 1882, and joined the Yorkshire Association the following year. Altogether he has rung twenty-four peals, twenty-two of which are recorded by the Yorkshire Association. They comprise Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, the peal of Stedman rung at Holy Trinity, Hull, being the first in the East Riding of Yorkshire. On his removal to Hull, he at once became connected with the ringers at Holy Trinity church, where he continued until the early part of the year 1891, at which time he joined the company at St. James' church, but was obliged to resign at end of October in the same year, owing to failing health. On Wednesday, eight members of the Hull branch of the Yorkshire Association, together with four of his fellow clerks, met at his residence and escorted the body to the railway station, on its way to Pontefract for interment, and it was met on its arrival by a company of local ringers. The interment, which took place at Pontefract cemetery, was attended by a representative of the Hull branch, by local ringers, and also by Mr. Senior, of Liverpool, late head cashier at Hull, Mr. Haigh, Station Master at Methley, and by Mr. Megson, late agent L. & Y. R. at Pontefract, as well as by several of his fellow clerks from Hull. The local ringers rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the bells deeply muffled, with the exception of the tenor, which was open at back stroke, on the peal of six at All Saints' church, before service, the first part of which was held there, and in the evening a touch of Grandsire Triples (1008 changes), was rung with the bells half-muffled at the parish church of St. Giles, as well as a touch of 864 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. The same evening, at St. James' church, Hull, eight members of the Hull branch rang with the bells half-muffled, a peal of Treble Bob Major, particulars of which will be found in another place. The deceased was a man very highly respected by all who knew him, and by whom his untimely decease will be deeply regretted. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE NEWCASTLE EPISODE.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of last week, in which my name is mentioned, together with various false allegations, which your correspondent, Mr. T. Denton, has chosen to make without any foundation. With regard to my letter having been dictated, I may inform him I am quite capable of forming my own ideas, and also of expressing them, and that no person whatever knew the said letter was written until it appeared in print. I can, however, and that I have not yet met with any person, either bellringer or otherwise, that has disagreed with what I said. With regard to the second question, your correspondent is evidently ignorant of the existence of a train service, and that it would be possible for a person to be in Newcastle in the afternoon, and twenty miles away at night. As a matter of fact, I can inform him that I did not arrive at Newbiggin until 6 p.m. These matters, however, have no bearing whatever on the real purport of my letter, which was, "Were the Cathedral Bells opened in a fit and proper manner?" We do not want to know the many qualifications of the ringers taking part. If there were so many clever ringers, why on earth did they not ring a peal. It is sheer nonsense endeavouring to throw a veil over the affair by talking about dictated letters and seaside visits, when the fact still remains that a new peal of Cathedral Bells was opened by badly rung rounds and call changes. From what I know of ringing I should imagine a band that possessed so many merits would have been rather ashamed to own to it, instead of making matters worse by making false statements. I quite expected had I written under a *nom de plume* that my letter would be placed to the credit of some member of the Northumberland and Durham Association, hence my reason for using my own name. This, however, has only had the effect of causing personalities to take the place of argument, but, nevertheless, to judge by your correspondent's letter, has evidently hit the right nail on the head. G. T. MILLER.

Gateshead, July 28.

THE RINGERS' GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF DEVON. By C. PEARSON, M.A. Price One Shilling, or bound—cloth 1s. 6d. Postage Threepence.

HOW TO LEARN CHANGE-RINGING WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR.—By the same Author. Price Threepence; by post Fourpence, or six copies for 1s. 3d.—WILLIAM POLLARD AND CO., Printers, Exeter.

Church News.

The Bishop of Hull and Canon Randolph have been elected Proctors in Convocation for the Dean and Chapter of York.

The Bishop of Sierra Leone has arrived in England for his usual six months' furlough.

Canon Crane (Sub-Dean) has been re-elected Proctor in Convocation by the Dean and Chapter of Manchester.

The Church of England Waifs and Stays has received a legacy of £500 under the will of the late Mr. W. Smallwood.

Canon Medd, rector of North Cerney, Gloucestershire, has been elected a commissioner under the Pluralities Act Amendment Act for the Archdeaconry of Cirencester.

The last service at the Temple Church prior to the Long Vacation, will take place on Sunday week, after which the church will remain closed until Sunday, October 2nd.

The annual diocesan mission festival was held at Salisbury on Wednesday and Thursday, the proceedings commencing on Wednesday afternoon with a flower service for children at the Cathedral, the scholars present numbering altogether about 1,400. There were besides about 200 other children. The flowers from the children were received by a number of ladies standing inside the west doors, who during the service grouped them in bunches on trays. From the west end of the Cathedral a procession started, led by Succentor Lakin, who was followed by the Cathedral choir boys and others from the churches in the city, singing the processional hymn "Brightly gleams our banner." A short form of prayers appointed for the service was used, the opening portion being intoned by the Rev. H. C. Bush, after which the special Psalms were sung, the 8th and 67th. The Dean read the lessons and a few concluding collects. The Bishop of Trinidad delivered an address from Matthew xix, 13-15; "Then were brought unto Him little children, and He laid His hands on them." During the singing of the offertory hymns eight of the Cathedral choir boys collected the alms. Sixteen boys of the other choirs then carried the flowers on trays to the altar rails, a few of the choicest being laid in a silver tray, together with the alms, on the altar. After the recessional hymn, "O praise ye the Lord," the Bishop of Salisbury pronounced the Benediction.

A handsome oak screen, from a design from Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, has recently been erected at Tewkesbury Abbey. It is the result of long consideration on the part of those interested in the Abbey Church and well acquainted with its architectural requirements, and it has a very striking effect on the internal aspect of the building. The new screen stands under the western arch of the tower, and completes the enclosure of the choir. It consists of a central arch with four openings on each side; the cornice overhangs considerably towards the east and west, and is enriched with a cresting of intricate design

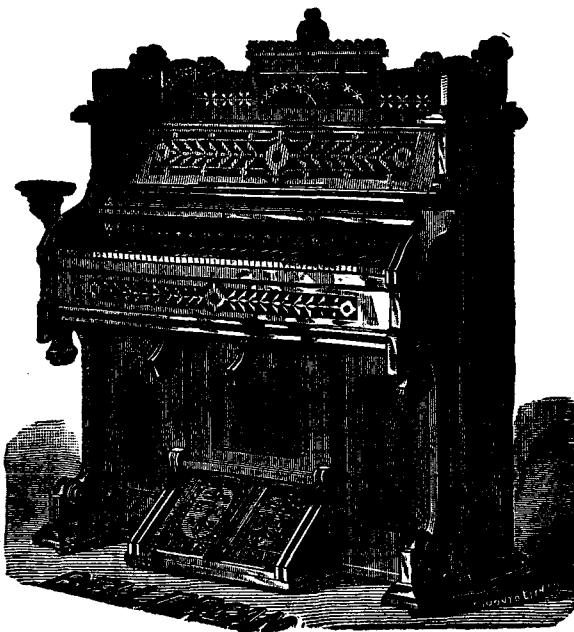
as well as with a belt of hanging tracery. The total height from the nave floor to the top of the cresting is about seventeen feet. Above this rises the cross about nine feet high, with figures of the Blessed Virgin and St. John on every side, which have been finely carved by Mr. Boulton, of Cheltenham. The cross is very rich in its treatment. Crockets spring from each side of the stem and arms, the centre is occupied by a quatrefoil panel containing the *Agnus Dei*, while the arms are terminated by boldly designed *paterae* richly carved and perforated. The two figures are of great beauty and much character. The side divisions of the screen terminate in graceful ogee-shaped arches very elaborately cusped and crocketed, with upright tracery in the spandrels. The arches are separated by pinnacles, which form the upper part of the chief supports of the screen. The central division has a double arch spanning it, the upper one is semicircular with foliated tracery, while the lower or hanging arch takes the form of an ogee trefoil, with angels at the points. It is richly cusped and decorated above with bold crockets. The lower stage of the screen is solid, each main division being sub-divided into three smaller panels with suitable tracery. The whole stands on a plinth of bold design. Every part has been carried out with details founded on a careful study of parallel works in the abbey and elsewhere. The ancient side-screen has naturally suggested the treatment to a considerable extent, but the abbey church is full of the finest work to be found anywhere, and the great aim and desire of the donors, as well as of the architect, has been to produce a screen as far as possible worthy of its position and its noble surroundings.

On Sunday the parish church, Hartburn, Northumberland, was reopened by the Bishop of Newcastle after extensive restoration. The church, which is a good type of the old churches of Northumberland, and bears marks of having been more than once in ruins, has for a long time stood sorely in need of repair. The work has been done by Messrs. R. Carse and Son, builders, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The roofs of the chancel and north aisle have been taken up and relaid, and the old fifteenth-century roof of the nave, which had become dangerous through decay, has been taken down and restored, all the leadwork and nearly all the woodwork, which is of oak throughout, being new, but every detail of the old roof in its best days has been most faithfully reproduced. The plaster has been removed from the walls, and in all instances in which stone-work was found to have been removed and brickwork or lath and plaster substituted new stone-work, strictly and minutely following the old design and the old mouldings in the other parts of the fabric, has been successfully reintroduced. During the restoration many beautiful gifts have been made to the church. A reredos of Caen stone and oak stalls, all richly carved, have been erected in the chancel, and seven Florentine lamps, with iron chains of exquisite design, have been placed therein by Mr. J. Blencowe Cookson, of Meldon Park, as memorials of his brother and sister, in whose memory also their father began the restoration of the fabric of the chancel, but did not live to see it completed.

THE "BELL" AMERICAN ORGANS.

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The Society of Trinity Youths.—The tower of St. Mary's, Lewisham, is closed till further notice. **GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.**

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Harrogate Parish Church, 8 bells, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Meeting house, "The Borough Vaults," Montpelier gardens. An half-day excursion train will leave Leeds, N.E. Station, at 1.50.; Holbeck, 1.55.; Headingley, 2.3.; Harrogate return 9.10. Return fare 1s. 3d.

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Hackney, Middlesex.—The meeting for practice at the church of St. John, will be each alternative Thursday, in future, commencing with Thursday, the 22nd inst.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Swindon meeting, to-day, Saturday, July 30th. Short service at Parish church, 2.15 p.m. Knife and fork tea at the "King's Arms," at 5.30 p.m., at 2s. per head. Half-price tickets to those who have sent notice.

REV. PITT EYKYN, General Hon. Secretary.

Midland Counties' Association.—The first quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Chesterfield, to-day, Saturday, July 30th, and the bells of the parish church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee meeting in the parish church room, Elder yard, at 5.30 p.m. Tea and subsequent general meeting in the same room at 6 p.m. All members who intend being present at the tea, must give notice to Mr. Arthur Knights, 31, Albert Street, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, July 17th, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—The fifth annual festival will be held at Chester, on Monday, August 1st. 10.15.—Service in the cathedral, preacher: The Rev. G. M. Custance, M.A., Rector of Colwall, Herefordshire. 12.0. General meeting in the refectory of the cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean). 1.30.—Dinner in St. John's schoolroom. Tickets 1s. each; to be obtained from the Branch Secs. Early application is requested. During the afternoon the following towers will be open:—Cathedral; St. Mary's-on-the-hill; St. Mary's without-the-walls; Eccleston. The Cheshire Lines' Committee will issue cheap tickets from Stockport, Bowdon and Norwich to Chester and back. See bills at the Stations. The London and North Western Railway Company will issue excursion tickets at a fare and a quarter for the double journey, to parties of not less than ten, from any of the following stations to Chester and back:—Alderley, Bebington, Birkenhead, Bromborough, Crewe, Daresbury, Frodsham, Goostrey, Heswall, Holmes Chapel, Macclesfield, Nantwich, Neston, Poynton, Prestbury, Runcorn, Tattenhall, Warrington, and West Kirby.

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Lancashire Association.—The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held to-day, Saturday, July 30th, at Southport. The belfry of Christ church will be open at 2 p.m. for ringing. Meeting in the Schools adjoining the church at 6 p.m.

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F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Matthew's church, Stretford, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

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Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual outing will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, August 6th. Dinner at 4 o'clock at the Great Western Arms, Rother Street. There will also be handbell ringing. All brother-strings will be welcome.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Keele, on Saturday next, August 16th. Members who intend being present, are requested to give notice to Mr. J. W. Brough, Thistleberry House, Newcastle-Under-Lyme, not later than Wednesday, August 3rd. There will also be a meeting at Stone, on Monday, August 8th. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Hodson, 13, Old Road, Stone, not later than Saturday, August 6th.

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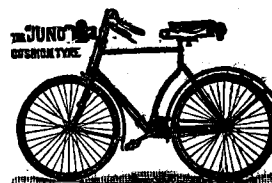
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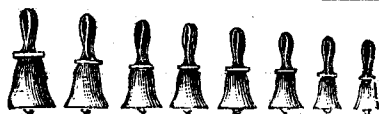
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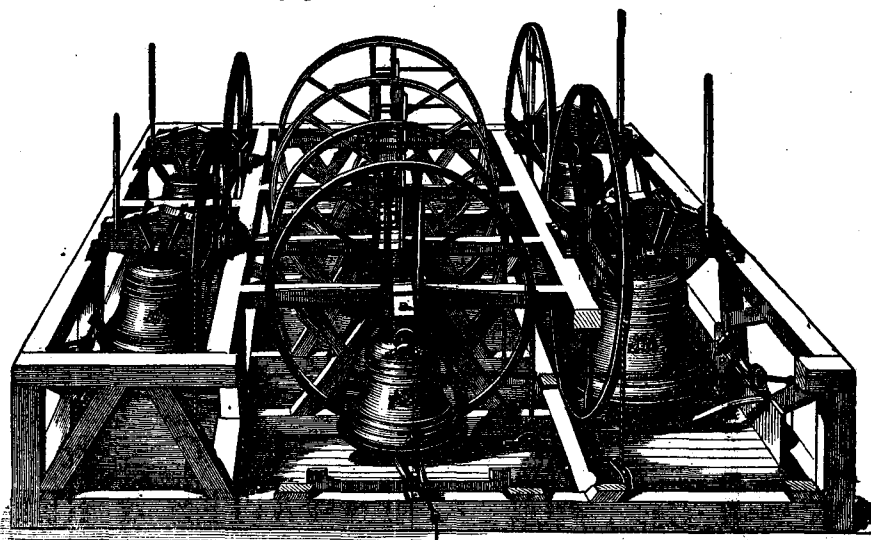
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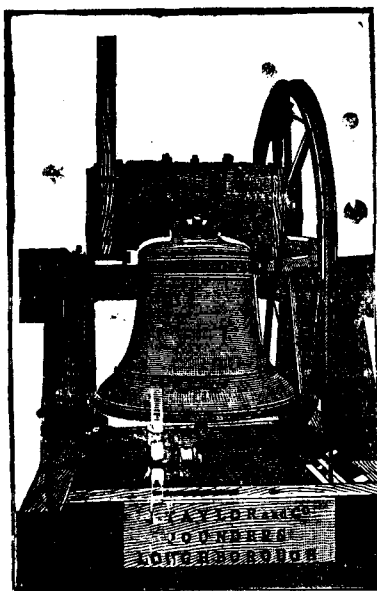
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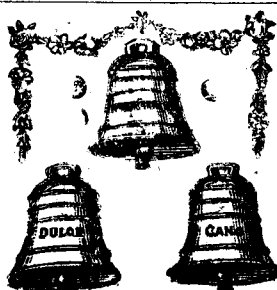
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