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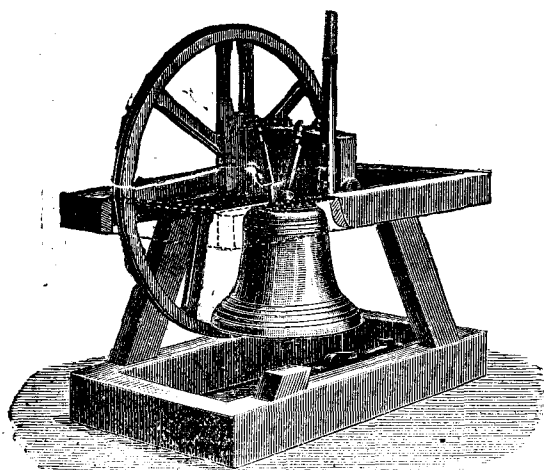


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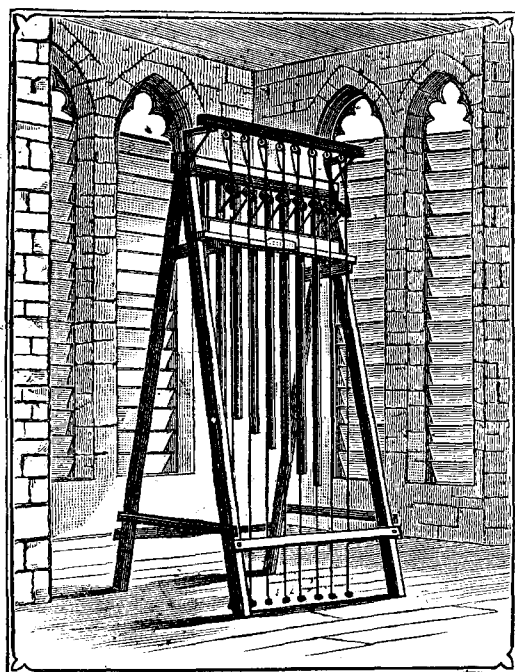
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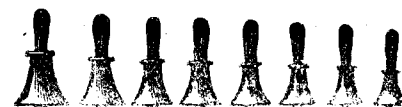
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MR. JOHN JAGGAR, OF BURTON-ON-TRENT.

[Vide Portrait.]

MR. JOHN JAGGAR, who comes of a ringing family (his father having been for many years a ringer, though not to any extent a change-ringer), was born in the city of Oxford on January 3rd, 1861, and, like his friend and schoolfellow, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, in whose company his earliest attempts at bell-pulling were made, early gave proof of that love for bells and bell-ringing which has always distinguished him. In the year 1873 he, with the rest of the family, settled down at Burton-on-Trent, and four years later joined the band of junior ringers which the late Mr. Fish had organised at St. Paul's, where he continued to practice until the reorganization of the St. Paul's senior company in 1879, when he was one of the first to join the new band. The first peal of the new society—one of Kent Treble Bob Major—was rung on November 6th in the same year, and this was quickly followed by peals of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New Cumberland Surprise, and London Surprise Major. In all these performances MR. JAGGAR took an active part, not only as a ringer, but to some extent as conductor and composer, a notable composition being the 5024 of New Cumberland Surprise rung at St. Paul's in 1886, which was the first peal ever rung in the Rev. H. E. Bulwer's musical method. He took part in the silent peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Paul's on November 20th, 1886, which still remains the only silent peal in the method rung on church bells, and has also given considerable attention to handbell ringing, four peals of Grandsire Triples standing to his credit in the records of the Midland Counties' Association, several long lengths of Stedman Triples having also been rung by him. He also ranks high as an Instructor, the Ashby-de-la-Zouch parish church society being among his most successful pupils. Taken altogether, as Instructor, Composer, Conductor, and Performer, he has every claim to be considered an excellent example of an "all-round" ringer.

MR. JAGGAR has for some time ceased to actively participate in the doings of the St. Paul's society, but he still remains an honorary member of the company, and is at all times a welcome visitor. He is also a member of the Midland Counties' Association (of which for years he was Local Hon. Sec. and member of Committee), the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, etc. Following is a tabulated list of performances in which he has taken part:

	Rung	Conducted	Composed
Grandsire Triples	23	8	
" " on handbells	4	2	
Stedman Triples	24	5	
" Caters	3		
Bob Major	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	14		
" " Royal	1		
Double Oxford Bob Major	1		
Duffield Royal	1		
New Cumberland Surprise	1		1
Double Norwich Court Bob	20	3	3
Cambridge Surprise Major	5		
Superlative Surprise Major	20		
London Surprise Major	1		
	119	19	4

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 16th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Pye, 7; J. Dale, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at Baldock on Saturday, October 15th, which was attended by members from Bennington, Hatfield, St. Albans, and Knebworth, besides a goodly muster of the local ringers. During the afternoon and evening the bells, which are in capital going order, were rung in touches in various methods. At half-past five an adjournment was made to the George and Dragon hotel, where a substantial tea was provided, the President, Leonard Proctor, Esq., occupying the chair. At the conclusion of the repast,

The President opened the business meeting by calling on the Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. P. Debenham, to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly confirmed. The provisional election of Mr. B. C. Pratchett as a member on August 7th, was confirmed. Mr. G. Steabben of St. Albans was elected a ringing member, and the Rev. N. S. Hodson, of Hatfield, an honorary member. Some discussion took place as to where the next meeting should be held, several of those present desiring that Hatfield should be selected, but it having been announced that the Rector for some reason refused to allow the tower of his church to be open for ringing on a Saturday, the project had to be abandoned, and on the motion of Mr. Spicer, Hitchin was the place fixed upon.

Mr. Debenham proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rector of Baldock for the use of the tower that day, and also to the local ringers for the kindly welcome they had given to the members, which was carried unanimously, Mr. Robert Jackson, the Master of the Baldock ringers, acknowledging the compliment. Votes of thanks having been passed to the President and Secretary for their services, and acknowledged, a move was made to the belfry, where ringing was resumed.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the year took place at Derby, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1892, and representatives attended from Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Lichfield, Long Eaton, Melbourne, and Nottingham.

The President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) took the chair at the meeting; and one patron (the Rev. E. Aden Beresford, curate of Lenton, Notts.), two honorary members (including the Rev. H. Arnold Gem, Vicar of All Saints, Nottingham), and six ringing members were unanimously elected. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on the proposition of Mr. Wilkins (Nottingham), seconded by Mr. Warren (Melbourne), were duly passed and signed.

The Chairman next delivered his address on the peals rung since the last meeting, and heartily congratulated the Leicester branch on their success in ringing peals on handbells, and expressed a hope that as they had already rung peals in two methods, the time was not far distant when a peal of Stedman Triples would be accomplished. He also congratulated the members of the Nuneaton branch on their success in ringing peals on church bells, and trusted that in a short time he should hear of them scoring a peal of Stedman Triples, or a peal in some advanced Major method. The President also informed the meeting that forty-seven peals had been rung by the Association during 1892, which placed them second to the Kent County Association, a position he trusted they would be able to hold for the remainder of the year.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was then discussed, and Mr. Jaggar (Burton) proposed, and Mr. Thompson (Derby) seconded, that if the necessary arrangements could be made, the meeting should be held at Birmingham. This was carried, but in the event of anything occurring to prevent the meeting as desired taking place, Burton-on-Trent was selected in preference to Loughborough.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

A society has been formed here, and since the opening the members have managed to ring the eight bells round. They are under the tuition of Mr. A. Bowell, of the firm of H. Bowell and Son, bellhangers, of Ipswich, who have lately rebung the bells, and augmented them to eight, and it is hoped that before long the young locals will do something upon them.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT WESTERHAM, KENT.

On Thursday, October 13th, the bells of the beautiful church of St. Mary, Westerham, were re-opened by members of the Kent County Association. The work done includes a new oak frame with cast-iron struts, new fittings, the turning of one or two of the treble bells, and the re-casting of the tenor, which now weighs 23 cwt. (note D), the old tenor (18 cwt.) having been considered too light for the rest of the peal. These repairs and improvements have been most efficiently carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, at the expense of Mrs. Griffiths, Squerryes Lodge, Westerham. The secretary of the Kent County Association, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, had been invited to bring a band of experts to "open" the bells, the local ringers, although belonging to the Association, not being as yet quite up to the form required on such occasions. Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., was to have taken a rope, but the ringing tour in Devonshire required his presence in another and distant part of the country. His brother, Mr. E. D. Taylor, was present at the proceedings in the evening, but arrived too late to take part in the peal. Fortunately this did not affect the ringing, as seven members had been engaged, viz.: Messrs. F. G. Newman (London), A. Palmer and T. Mannering (Maidstone), E. and W. E. Pope (Staplehurst), Fairbrass and Goodbourn (Canterbury), who, with the secretary, were all on the spot at the proper time, 1.30 p.m. The reason for the postponement of the opening service till the afternoon is worth mentioning, though it will be hardly credited by those ignorant of the remarkable arrangements of the South Eastern Railway Co. that persons travelling from East Kent cannot get to Westerham till nearly 1 p.m., and not even to Sevenoaks, a tolerably important place on the main line, till 12.30 p.m.

The proceedings began with a short service (fully choral) in the church at 1.30 p.m., which in spite of the uncertain weather was well attended, the church being nearly full. The Vicar (Rev. H. C. Bartlett) read the prayers at the west end, standing near the font just in front of the tower arch. During the service the ringers rang a plain course of Stedman Triples, after which the hymn, "In Sinai's dreary waste" was sung, and the service ended with the Blessing. There was no sermon or address. A short touch of Stedman was rung after the service in the presence of a large number of the congregation, who seemed much interested in the performance. After this the church was cleared, and the ringers prepared to attack Thurston's One-part peal of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of Mr. F. G. Newman. This was successfully accomplished at the end of three hours and eleven minutes. On the door being opened hearty cheers and congratulations from the Vicar, the local ringers and others, were accorded to the band, who donned their coats with the air of satisfaction usually displayed at the close of a decently-struck peal. An account has already appeared in the peal column.

Before starting for the peal the ringers were photographed in front of the south porch by an enterprising local photographer, who had already taken a photo. of the new tenor on its arrival from the foundry before it was swung into position.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at dinner in the public hall. The Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Bartlett, presided. There were also present Col. Warde, the Revs. T. W. Knipe, C. G. Acworth, and L. Coulter (curate), Mr. Drake (organist), and the choir and bell ringers of the parish church.

After dinner the usual loyal toasts having been given and duly honoured, the Chairman proposed the health of Mrs. Griffiths. He expressed the deep regret felt by all that Mrs. Griffiths was unable, through indisposition, to be present at the service for the dedication of the bells that day, and hoped that she would long be spared to listen with enjoyment to the tuneful bells, for which Westerham is indebted to her kindness and generosity. Their bells were now as perfect as they could be made, and the belfry furnished with new, strong framework and flooring. This work had all been carried out at the cost of Mrs. Griffiths, and of her alone, and he took this opportunity of publicly thanking her for her handsome gift to the parish. The toast was received with the greatest cordiality, and especially honoured with three cheers.

Colonel Warde returned thanks to the company for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast and drunk the health of his sister, Mrs. Griffiths. He said he would have

pleasure in acquainting her with the great appreciation of her gift, manifested by them. Mrs. Griffiths was very pleased to be able to make this gift, and would no doubt feel abundantly rewarded when the local ringers followed in the steps of their visitors, and treated the inhabitants of Westerham to the same delightful sounds as those to which they had listened that day.

Col. Warde then said that, before sitting down, he had a toast to propose, namely that of The Visitors, who had come from different parts of the county, and of whose skilful manipulation of the bells they had had a pleasant experience that day. In the absence of Mr. Helmore, who with some other of the ringers had left early in order to catch a train, the toast was coupled with the name of Mr. Newman.

Mr. Newman, having replied in appropriate terms, other toasts followed, such as the bell founders (Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough), and the Westerham bell ringers.

The health of the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Knipe, brought the evening's pleasant proceedings to a close.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A quarterly meeting of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society was held at Rothwell, near Kettering, on Saturday, October 22nd. The request for the use of the bells of the parish church of Holy Trinity was readily acceded to, and they were at liberty for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Although Rothwell is at the extreme end of the Society's district, there was a good attendance of ringers, many of them coming very long distances to attend the meeting. Representatives from Kettering, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Workton, Earls Barton, Wellingborough, Desborough and Rothwell were present during the afternoon and evening. Several 6-scores of Grandsire and a half peal of Minor were got through very creditably, but real good ringing was out of the question. Rothwell bells are a very nice peal of six, the tenor being a grand-toned bell, weighing 22 cwt. It was cast by Taylor in the year 1857, and was rung for the first time on the 5th of November in that year. It is to be hoped that when the restoration of this spacious and interesting old church is taken in hand that the bells will be re-hung and that the ringing room and clock loft may be cleansed and cleared of all rubbish and other matters and customs now deemed out of place and unfitting in a well-ordered belfry. There were quarter and tune chimes here, but they are now silent and out of gear. Rothwell Church is understood to be one of the largest in the district. It dates from the Norman period, about A.D. 1250 to A.D. 1400. The spire fell in the year 1660, and has never been rebuilt. The transepts were removed thirteen years later. It is estimated that over £20,000 will be required to restore this interesting old structure. The Rev. W. G. Parker, curate of Rothwell, and the schoolmaster, Mr. Whiteman, took great interest in the Association meeting, and spent some time in the ringing-room. Mr. Willis, the parish clerk's and sexton, kindly showed the ringers the various points of interest in the church, and allowed them to inspect the famous collection of bones in the crypt below. Mr. Carpenter York, one of the senior local ringers and steeple keeper, made the visitors welcome and did his best to make things go off pleasantly. Campanology seems to be at a low ebb at Rothwell just now, though peal boards in the belfry testify to the skill and endurance of its ringers in the past. The business meeting took place in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., the hon. sec., Mr. E. J. Dennes, presiding. The names of the Rev. C. H. Beasley, Curate of Wellingborough, and the Rev. E. C. Channer, Vicar of Desborough, were added to the list of honorary members, to be proposed at the next annual meeting, also the names of the Desborough Ringers as ringing members.

Mr. Dennes intimated that he had requests to join the Association from ringers at Yardley, Hastings, and Irchester. General gratification was expressed at the information imparted by the Higham Ferrers delegate (Mr. Martin) to the effect that the re-hanging and increase to eight of the bells in that old corporate town was to be taken in hand at once by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. There was a unanimous expression of opinion that, this being the case, the annual meeting should take place at Higham Ferrers instead of Raunds. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Islip or Finedon, on Saturday, February 11th, 1893. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the

Rev. R. Morton, the aged Vicar of Rothwell, and the churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom.

Below are the inscriptions on Rothwell bells, given on the authority of "North's Church Bells of Northamptonshire":—

1. Cantate Domino canticum novum Henricus Bagley me fecit 1682.
Edward Hill Esq. 1682.
2. Henry Bagley made mee 1682.
3. William Stephens and Thomas Driver Chvrchwardens Matthew Bagle made me 1682.
4. J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1860. Previously dated 1682.
5. Ihs Nazarene rex iudeorum fili Dei miserere mei gloria patri filio et spiritui sancto T. Eayre Kettering 1726.
6. J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1857.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.—The sixth quarterly meeting was held at Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, October 22nd, the meeting being held in the belfry, the school not being available on account of a concert taking place. Later on, the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Guest, being away on his holidays, Mr. Robt. Cookson, of Kirkham, presided, and in his address said he was glad to be present on that occasion. He thought since this branch was formed the ringers had got to know each other better, and therefore created a fellowship which hitherto had not existed in this district. He also thought that the ringing generally was far superior to what it was formerly. Mr. Heaton, of Kirkham, proposed that a vote of sympathy be forwarded to the Rev. W. G. Jerry, St. Ann's-on-the-Sea, he having lost Mrs. Jerry through death a short time ago. Mr. Worthington (Blackpool) seconded. The Rev. J. G. Smart, Vicar of St. John's, Lytham, having been elected a life member, the next item was to fix the next place of meeting, Blackpool being chosen for January 21st, 1893. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and belfry, and to Mr. Cookson for presiding. During the afternoon several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor were rung. Poulton, and its neighbour Singleton, do not know what change-ringing is, but a few are desirous of learning.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Tuesday, October 18th, a pretty little wedding was solemnised at the parish church, Blewbury, Berkshire, the happy couple being Mr. Alfred Cummins, one of the local band of ringers, and Miss A. Walters. The wedding party started from the vicarage, the bride wearing a grey dress trimmed with cream silk, and white tulle bonnet. The bridesmaids, four in number, wore dresses of terra cotta and blue trimmed with cream silk, and hats trimmed with white roses. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Blewbury, the hymn, "Thine for ever" being sung at the commencement of the service. As the party proceeded from the church the bells were rung merrily in rounds and call-changes by the local company. It is hoped that before long something will be done in the way of repairs to the bells, as change-ringing is impossible on them in their present condition, and the local ringers are very anxious to learn change-ringing; amongst the local ringers may be mentioned the names of H. Busby, N. Busby, T. Alder, A. Grace, J. Green and J. Hewitt. Mr. C. H. Martin acted as best man.

RE-OPENING OF ST. MATTHEW'S BELLS, WALSALL.

On Saturday, October 8th, these bells were re-opened after being rehung by the Messrs. Barwell, bellfounders, of Birmingham, and the work done by that firm reflects great credit upon them, the go of the bells leaving nothing to be desired.

After ringing several touches in different methods, the local company, with friends from Handsworth, Tipton, Darlaston, and West Bromwich, sat down to supper at The Vine inn. Upon the removal of the cloth, Mr. Godden, of Handsworth, was voted to the chair. Toasts of "The Queen," "Success to the Walsall company," "The Visitors," votes of thanks to the Churchwardens, and songs and recitations by various members of the company, and tunes on the handbells, contributed to make up a very pleasant evening, which was enjoyed by all.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

In the ancient and somewhat dilapidated tower of the Church of St. Andrew, Yardley Hastings, hang six very interesting old bells, cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in the year 1723, the Rev. Humphry Betty being Rector, and Samuel Whitmey and Robert Jeffrey churchwardens. In addition to the inscriptions given below, each bell bears the arms of George, fourth Earl of Northampton. The fourth bell having become cracked, was re-cast in 1885, by Taylor, of Loughborough, the old inscription being with much good taste reproduced. It was re-hung by Mr. Hornsby, of Yardley. The diameter of the tenor bell is 42 inches, it weighs probably about 14 cwt.

1. Fear God honovr the King Henry Penn Fovnder 1723.
2. Obey them that haue rule ouer you in the Lord 1723.
3. Beware of False Prophets who come to you in sheeps clothing 1723.
4. Praise God in the beavty of holiness Hvmphry Betty A. M. Rector 1723. Recast, G. H. Rigby, M.A., Rector, 1885.
5. Bee not wise in yovr owne conceits Samvel Whitmey Robert Jeffrey Churchwardens 1723.
6. The righteovs hath hope in his death The Right Honble George Earl of Northampton Baron Compton of Compton 1723.

Obituary.

JOSEPH SLATER.

On Monday morning, October 19th, the above-named ringer died at the residence of Mr. Fredk. Wells, New Cut, Glemsford. He was for many years a member of the Glemsford company. Deceased was in his seventy-fifth year, and was suffering from heart disease. He died very suddenly, being only ten minutes from the time of his reaching Mr. Wells' residence, till he was dead. His last words were "Lord have mercy upon me." He was interred in Glemsford churchyard on Saturday, October 22nd, and was carried to the grave by Messrs. Garwood, Honeybell, Bradman, and Gowers, four well-known ringers, and the usual muffled touches were rung, which consisted of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, which was rung by the following members and friends: C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), R. Wells, F. Wells, J. Bradman (Glemsford), G. Maxim (Cavendish), and A. Papworth, A. J. Clarke, R. Brett, and G. Smith (Stanstead). Besides taking part in ringing various methods on six bells to upwards of twenty, deceased took part in a 5040 of Bob Major rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins., in November 1851, at Long Melford: and a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, in September 1870, at Glemsford.

Correspondence.

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

A TIMELY WARNING.

SIR,—In order to prevent peal No. 588 in the Yorkshire Association Report just issued, 1891-2, being rung again, kindly allow me to point out that it is false. The composition to which my name is attached, is mine so far only as it applies to *Yorkshire Court*. The mistake has occurred by using it to *Bob Major*.
C. JACKSON.

75, English Street, Hull, October 26th, 1892.

CHANGE-RINGING AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—In the interesting report last week of a ringing tour in Devonshire, we read of Grandsire Caters being rung on the Exeter Cathedral bells "for the first time" during this tour. I fancy, if my memory serves me right, that there is something wrong here. What tale could some of the "Ancients" in London tell, who visited Exeter Cathedral many years ago, with, I believe, the late Henry Haley?
A. J. P.

[Other correspondence will appear next week.]

Birth.

On Wednesday, October 26th, at 29, Berwick Road, Walthamstow, Essex, Mrs. FREDERICK RUMENS, of a daughter.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT BLACKBURN.

The annual meeting in connection with this association was held at Blackburn on Saturday, October 15th. In the early part of the afternoon various methods were rung at the parish church and Holy Trinity church in that town. There were about 240 members present from all parts of the county. At half-past three in the afternoon a special service was held in the parish church, the preacher being the Rev. Bishop Cramer-Roberts, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. Prayers were read by the Rev. F. O. Sutton, Curate of the parish church, Blackburn; and the Rev. A. D. Powell, Vicar of St. Peter's, Blackburn. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, of Manchester, the president of the association, read the lesson; and amongst the other clergy present was the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, Curate at the parish church, Wigton, and an active member of the association. Subsequently the members had tea together in the parish schools, after which the business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who was supported by Mr. Eachus (Manchester), vice-president, and Mr. Joel Redford (Bolton), one of the hon. secretaries of the association. The president founded the subject of his annual address to the members on two Lancashire bells. One was a very small bell and the other a very big one. The first, so far as he knew, was the oldest bell in the county, and the other was the most modern of bells. But it was the inscriptions on the bells more than anything else that he wished to draw their particular attention to. The small bell was at Cloughton, and so far as he was aware it was the oldest dated bell in the kingdom. There might be older bells in use, but this was the oldest bearing a date. The parish of Cloughton had not more than sixty souls all told, and the church was like a barn, and about half the size of the room in which they were assembled. To reach the bell they had to get a ladder and climb on to the roof. The date upon it was 1226, so that for almost six hundred years this bell had been doing its duty, speaking as the voice of the Church in that place. It had no doubt tolled at the death of many generations of the hamlet, and it taught them as ringers that their occupation was not only an honourable one, but a very old one in this country. The other bell was the largest in Lancashire, and was hung in the Manchester Town Hall. He often wondered if the people knew what it taught as it rang out over the city. The words that were written upon it were, "Ring out the false, ring in the true," and he could not imagine a grander line. It was a grand thought, and one from which they could take a lesson in life. The twenty bells which hung below this one at the Manchester Town Hall had inscribed upon them some lines from Tennyson, which the rev. gentleman read to the meeting.

Mr. H. H. Nutter (Ramsbottom) said that that meeting afforded the members an opportunity of showing their appreciation of one of their number who had done a great deal to make the association the success it was. They had got subscriptions from members in all parts of the county for this object, and he had great pleasure in asking their president to make a presentation to Mr. Joel Redford, of Bolton, who had acted as their secretary for eleven years.

The Chairman said he could not do better than read the address which accompanied the handsome timepiece about to be presented to Mr. Redford. The address set forth that the completion of eleven years' service as secretary to the association afforded the members an opportunity of expressing their sense of the value of Mr. Redford's work. It also acknowledged that much of the success which had attended the operations of the association was due to the energy of Mr. Redford, and the members asked his acceptance of that address and timepiece in recognition of such services and as a mark of their esteem. The address, which was neatly framed, had attached the names of the president, vice-president, the treasurer, seven members of the committee, and the ringing secretary. The Chairman, having paid Mr. Redford a high compliment for what he had done for the association, handed over the address and timepiece amid loud and continued applause.

Mr. Redford, who was received with enthusiasm on rising to respond, said he could scarcely find words to adequately express his feelings at the moment, but he heartily thanked the members for their handsome present. He was afraid he was not entitled to all the compliments which had been paid him. The success

of the association was not due to him alone but to the local branch secretaries and the other officers of the association; and whilst on his feet he wished to thank those gentlemen for the assistance they had always willingly given to help forward the association. There was no doubt they had as an association achieved a great success, and he, along with the other members, felt proud they had in their president a "ringing parson."

As Bishop Cramer-Roberts had to leave at this stage, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for the excellent arrangements he had made for the annual meeting.

Mr. Redford followed with the annual report of the committee, which stated that the association now included 59 life members, 26 honorary members, 592 ringing members, making a total of 698. A new branch had been formed during the year for Preston and the Fylde district, and the finances were in a satisfactory condition.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and then the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. The Rev. H. J. Elsee was re-elected president, on the motion of Mr. Eachus (Manchester), seconded by Mr. W. Harmur (Bolton); and Mr. H. W. Jackson and Mr. Joel Redford were reappointed as treasurer and secretary respectively. Three committee men retired by rotation, and an election resulted in the appointment of Mr. Horrocks for Blackburn, Mr. R. S. Mann for Liverpool, and Mr. Shepherd for Rossendale. For the new Preston and Fylde branch Mr. Mather was elected to the committee.

After the transaction of some other business appertaining to the annual meeting, a vote was taken as to the next place for the annual meeting. The result of the voting was that Rochdale secured the honour. The customary votes concluded the proceedings.

The timepiece presented to Mr. Redford was supplied by Monk Bros., Deansgate and Bolton, and on the base of it there is a plate bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Joel Redford, by the members of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, in appreciation of his services as secretary during the past eleven years.—October, 1892."

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Thursday evening, October 6th, the ringers of St. Mary's Church met to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. George Hobbs, one of their members, when a 720 of Duke of York Treble Bob was rung by the following:—C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. After which the ringers adjourned to the house of Mr. Hobbs, where they were entertained to supper, and the evening was spent in a convivial manner. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs was proposed by Mr. Twigg, (leader), and was heartily responded to, the party wishing them every happiness, and hoping they would live to see their golden wedding. Songs were sung during the evening by various members of the band, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

PURSTON, NEAR PONTEFRACT.

This important mining village, which since the opening out of Lord Masham's extensive collieries, has given it a still greater importance, has hitherto been without a public clock until the present week, when Mr. John Waller, of the Junction hotel, Purston, a member of the Board of Guardians, has had fixed on his new premises at the junction of the Purston, Ackworth and Pontefract highways, a new illuminated clock, showing the time on two large dials, which will be a great boon to the inhabitants, also to the immense traffic continually passing between those places, the necessary work having been executed by Messrs. Wm. Potts & Sons, clock manufacturers, of Guildford Street and Cookridge Street, Leeds, the makers of the Pontefract, Ackworth and Knottingley parish church clocks, Wakefield Town Hall, etc.

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Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice, November, 1892. Greenwich: St. Alfege, Tuesday, 1st, 7.30 to 9.0 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lee: St. Margaret, Wednesday 9th, 7.45 to 9.0 p.m. Lewisham: St. Mary, Monday, 28th, 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. GEO. J. BAYLEY, Hon. Sec.
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 25th annual dinner will take place on Saturday, November 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be had of any of the following members of the dinner committee: Messrs. W. D. Smith, Pettit, Mash, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, H. S. Ellis, Dawe, Winny, Mc Laughlin, Horrex, Gibbs, Garrard, and Cockerill. Further particulars will appear in due course. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James' church, Birch-in-Rusholme, to-day, Saturday, October 29th, when the ceremony of unveiling a new peal tablet will take place. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of members from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Newcastle, on Monday, Oct. 31st. Committee meeting at All Saints' vestry, at 12 noon. Service at All Saints at 1 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown Hotel," Clayton Street, at 2 p.m. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. The bells of St. John's and All Saints will be at the disposal of ringers throughout the day, those of the Cathedral from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., St. Stephen's from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., and St. George's from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The ringing at the Cathedral will be under the conductorship of Mr. F. Lees. L. NEWTON, Earl's House, Durham. Hon. Sec.
N.B.—The opening of a peal of six at Embleton will take place to-day, Saturday, October 29th.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, October 29th. A business meeting will be held at "The Oak," at 3.30. Ringing from 5 p.m. after service. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 5 o'clock. PERCY HOWARD, Hon. Sec.
23, Essex Street, Strand.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Garston Church. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 p.m. CHAS. R. STANLEY, Branch Sec.
26, Roscoe Street, Liverpool.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, November 12th. Belfry open at 2.30. Meeting at 5.30. J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, the 12th November. Service at 3.0 p.m. Further particulars later. RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Rochdale parish church, on Saturday, November 5th. JOHN MILLETT, Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Association. Bristol.—Next meeting for practice, at St. James' church, on Tuesday evening, November 1st, at 7.30 p.m. C. H. GORDON, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday next, November 5th, at St. John's, Hanley, 10 bells. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to E. Kelsall, 48, Picton Street, Hanley, not later than Wednesday, November 2nd. 97, High Street, W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec. Bucknall.

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T.B.—About fifteen years ago.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1892

THE Lancashire Association, at their Annual Meeting held on the 15th instant, did a very gracious and commendable act in recognising the value of the labours of the principal Secretary of the Association, MR. JOEL REDFORD, by the presentation to him of an address, accompanied by a timepiece. We are not much in favor of the giving of testimonials, as they are termed, in the abstract, but if ever man deserved to be complimented in this manner, MR. REDFORD is that man. He has worked very hard to promote the interests of the Association throughout his eleven years of office, and especially during the schism which led to a secession of members two or three years ago. With a careless executive at the period alluded to the Association might have succumbed, but the heroic efforts made resulted in it being more firmly established than ever. Doubtless the members had this period in view when they determined to show their Secretary how they appreciated his efforts.

The Lancashire Association appears to be progressing. There is a large area under its jurisdiction, and events may not travel so fast in consequence. But good work is being done, new branches are being opened, the members' roll continues to enlarge, and we may hope in due time for a great revival in those places in Lancashire which appear to have become almost forgotten by change-ringers.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

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JOHN JAY, SEN. 4.	HENRY HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Huntley hails from Bushey, and this is his first peal of Stedman.

SOUTHAMPTON.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, October 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH KING* Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT* .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE* 2.	JOHN W. WHITING 6.
TOM COLE* 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
CHARLES TRIBE 4.	CHARLES BRIDLE* Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

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Conducted by WILLIAM H. SMITH.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED GRIST Treble.	GEORGE PRESTON 5.
FREDERICK KING 2.	TOM F. BEST 6.
JAMES G. BENNETT 3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW 7.
EDWARD T. GREEN 4.	HARRY PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by G. PRESTON.

F. King, T. Best, G. Preston, and H. Preston, hail from Christchurch, the rest are local men. First peal by Harry Preston.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS* Treble.	JOHN CARTER 5.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT* 2.	GEORGE CHESTER* 6.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT† 3.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong, and twenty-four times right, without the 2nd or 3rd being in 6ths place at a course end throughout; and is now rung for the first time.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

PHILIP J. ALLFREY* .. Treble.	JOHN JAY, SEN. 5.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
KEITH HART* 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
HARRY WESTON 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at a course-end.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 21, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs. in F.

JAMES WOOLGAR .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
THOMAS SEARLE* 2.	CHARLES SMART 6.
GEORGE BAKER* 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON 7.
JAMES GEORGE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This is a one-part composition with the 6th the extent at home at ten course-ends.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

W. KEARNEY (aged 14) .. Treble.	J. SANDERSON 5.
B. CATLOW 2.	J. HARGREAVES 6.
R. PROCTOR 3.	J. HOWORTH 7.
M. KEARNEY 4.	E. HACKING Tenor.

Conducted by J. SANDERSON.

This is the first peal by all the band.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

St. Matthias, London Scholars', City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Treble.	JNO. THACKRAY 4.
BERTIE COWLING 2.	M. BROADBENT 5.
JOSEPH THACKRAY* 3.	JAS. GUY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH THACKRAY.

This 5040 was arranged for the conductor, who was desirous of conducting a 5040 before reaching the age of twenty-one, which was successfully accomplished, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of his birthday in anticipation.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

CHARLES F. VICKERS* .. Treble.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 6.
WILLIAM PARDOE 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 7.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT, ESQ. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON 4.	JOHN SMITH 9.
GEORGE CHESTER* 5.	JAMES PARDOE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Caters. J. S. Pritchett hails from King's Norton; G. Chester from Lincoln; A. E. Parsons from Old Hill; W. Micklewright from Dudley; J. Smith from Netherton; the rest belong to the local band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

On Monday, October 24, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

T. HINDLE	Treble.	W. E. WILSON	5.
R. RICHMOND*	2.	J. WATSON	6.
W. SLATER	3.	J. WALKER, SEN.	7.
J. SMITH, SEN.	4.	M. ADAMS	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JOHN WALKER.

*First peal.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP	1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	5-6.
WALTER S. WISE	3-4.	CHARLES H. WATTS	7-8.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

First peal on handbells by C. H. Watts.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL	Treble.	GEORGE CONYARD	5.
EDWIN BARNETT	2.	HENRY GIBBS	6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3.	HARRY BARRETT*	7.
CHARLES WILKINS	4.	HENRY JAMES TUCKER	Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal of Major. Messrs. Bedwell and Barrett belong to Lewisham, and H. J. Tucker to Bishop's Stortford, for whom the peal was arranged.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HARRY NEIGHBOUR	Treble.	ALFRED W. GARRAWAY	5.
GEORGE H. WILKINS	2.	WALTER E. YATES	6.
FRANK BISSLEY	3.	JAMES W. WILKINS	7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR	4.	WILLIAM BROWN	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse's birthday. This is W. Brown's first peal.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes. H. Dawson, 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Edwards, 3; J. Newman, 4; A. Speller, 5; A. Richell, 6; G. Green (conductor), 7; F. Newman, 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham, and contains Queens, Tittums, and the twenty-four 6-7s.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 13th, at the parish church, a date touch, being one score of Bob Doubles, 792 Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Single Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 1 min. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; Dr. W. H. George, 5; J. Lee, 6. Longest touch by treble man.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; G. Lord, 4; W. Taylor, 5;

H. Walls, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. H. Pollard, 8. Composed by J. Wilde, of Sandiacre. G. Lord hails from Accrington Pollard from Burnley; the rest are of the local company. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, October 18th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. T. Rose, 1; H. Bailey, 2; A. Brindley, 3; S. Churton, 4; H. Page (conductor), 5; T. Austin, 6; J. Austin, 7; H. Buckley, 8. The above was rung in honour of the Rev. J. H. Crump, the new rector of Stoke-upon-Trent, who was installed the same evening by the Bishop of the Diocese, the late rector, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, having taken the living of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, being 452 changes with eleven calls (nine bobs and two singles), and two 720's, one with ten bobs and fourteen singles, and one with twenty bobs and ten singles. W. Maclean, 1; R. Leonard, 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; C. Walker, 5; D. Shipp (conductor), 6. This is the longest length by all except the conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, October 25th, on the occasion of the monthly practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, two touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Treble Bob Maximus. J. Pettit, 1; F. E. Dawe, 2; W. Cooter, 3; F. L. Davies, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; W. Burkin, 8; J. Fayers, 9; E. Carter, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; F. G. Newman and E. Horrex, 12. Tenor 62 cwt.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 23rd, after Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Walter Tyrrell, recently churchwarden of St. Saviour's. J. H. Wilkins, 1; H. Reeves (composer and conductor), 2; R. J. Maynard, 3; T. Wood, 4; F. Rumens, 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; A. Estall, 7; T. Watson, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Festival, 288 Kent Treble Bob. J. Taylor (first attempt at Treble Bob), 1; J. Souter, 2; H. Howell, 3; W. Hazel, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; A. Howell, 6; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 7; R. H. Brundle, 8. For afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Howell, 1; W. Howell (conductor), 2; W. Green, 3; W. Hazel, 4; J. Souter, 5; L. G. Geernaert, 6; S. Slater, 7; A. Howell, 8. And a course of Stedman Triples. W. Hazel, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Green (first attempt at Stedman), 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; R. H. Brundle, 6; A. Howell, 7; J. Souter, 8. After service 576 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Howell, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke (first attempt at Treble Bob), 2; S. Slater, 3; W. Hazel, 4; J. Souter, 5; R. H. Brundle, 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. And two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, being the first in the method on the bells. W. Hazel, 1; A. Howell, 2; H. Howell, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; W. Howell, 6; R. H. Brundle, 7; S. Slater, 8. For evening service 1056 Bob Major. J. Taylor, 1; G. M. Rashbrooke, 2; W. Green, 3; W. Hazel, 4; J. Souter, 5; L. G. Geernaert, 6; W. J. Nevard, 7; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 8. Dinner and tea was kindly provided for the visitors by the rector. Slater hails from Glemsford; Howell from Sudbury; Brundle and Howell (2) from Ipswich; Nevard, Hazel, and Taylor from Great Bentley; Geernaert, Green, Rashbrooke, and Stannard from Colchester; Souter from Little Bentley, late of Stowmarket.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 6th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Wells Surprise (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. Also 720 Durham Surprise in 24½ mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, 720 Chichester Surprise in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. In this 720 the 4th was the observation. And on Thursday, October 13th, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 York Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 16th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival for Divine Service in the

morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins., 3rd the observation. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, 720 Durham Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And after Service 720 Worcester Surprise in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; D. Gridley, 4; C. Honeybell, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Wells, 1; R. Wells, 2; O. Garwood, 3; D. Gridley, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. J. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 240 Cambridge Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HADLOW (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1070 changes, it had to be abandoned, owing to the conductor making a wrong call. W. Stead, 1; T. Groombridge (conductor), 2; J. Bartlett, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; E. Mankelov, 5; W. Lambert, 6; F. J. Lambert, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Messrs. Stead, Stonestreet and Rabbitt hail from Tonbridge, Groombridge and Mankelov from Tunbridge Wells, Bartlett from Tenterden, and the brothers Lambert from Horsmonden. This was intended as a birthday peal for the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was his first attempt to conduct a peal, also longest length as such, also longest length by treble man. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the vicar, the Rev. — Monypenny, for so kindly granting the use of the bells, also the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness. A walk of four miles then brought us to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, where the Harvest Thanksgiving was being held that day, and a 504 Grandsire Triples, (18 singles and 6 bobs), after some first rate striking, was successfully brought home for evening service by J. Bartlett, 1; E. Mankelov, 2; W. Stead, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; F. J. Lambert, 5; W. Lambert, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, by G. H. Stonestreet, 1; E. Mankelov, 2; J. Bartlett, 3; W. Lambert, 4; W. Stead, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6; F. J. Lambert, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, October 8th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; E. Bush, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Andrews, 6. Also 360. W. Bush, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Witnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6. And 360 with J. Prebble, 1. All the above were conducted by A. Tanton.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, for Morning Service, eight 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Bush, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; J. Whitnall, 3; C. Prichards, 4; A. Castle, 5; E. Smith, 6. On Monday, October 10th, two 120's Grandsire Doubles. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. The Doubles, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, were rung on the back six. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with 7-8 covering. *W. Bush, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; J. Andrews, 4; *C. Prichards, 5; A. Tanton, 6; E. Smith, 7; J. Prebble, 8. *First 720. Conducted by A. Tanton.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 13th, for practice, 1260 Stedman Tribles (Thurstans). W. Haigh, 1; C. Waterman, 2; C. Wilshire, 3; W. Kings, 4; W. Easter, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6; W. Bate, 7; W. Baxter, 8.

ISLE OF THANET (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 28th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. S. Mockett, 1; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; S. Parker, 6. Tenor 15½ cwt. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter hails from Margate; the rest from Deal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Welsh, 3; P. Brooker, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; *W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Latter, 7; †G. Smithers, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. †First quarter-peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—Recently, at Holy Trinity Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. Kearney, 1; R. Proctor, 2; B. Catlow, 3; M. Kearney, 4; J. Sanderson (conductor), 5; J. Hargreaves, 6; J. Howarth, 7; E. Hacking, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Chester).—On Tuesday evening, October 11th, at Christ church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. Langford (Whitchurch), 1; R. Langford, 2; A. Wilson, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. First quarter-peal by A. Dudley, and first with a bob bell by J. Wright.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 44 mins. J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; W. R. Gibson, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; C. A. Button, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 16th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1360 changes in 49 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. E. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; F. J. Pitts, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; A. J. Griffith, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8. Composed by F. J. Pitts.

HIGHGATE (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, October 11th, at St. Ann's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). A. Jacob (conductor), 1; J. Page, 2; H. N. Davies, 3; A. Pittam, 4; B. Foskett, 5; T. Titchener, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 15th, in honour of the marriage of Dewey (Member of the Reigate Society, and the Surrey Association), on that day at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. P. Knight, 1; E. Moses, 2; R. Arnold, 3; E. Kenward, 4; W. Argent, 5; H. Boxall (conductor), 6; F. Sanders, 7; A. Moseley, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALEWOOD (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 19th, at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; J. Lowe, 2; J. Grace, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; T. Kay, 7; R. Briers, 8. On Saturday, September 24th, 560 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; C. Williams, 2; R. Williams, 3; W. Brade, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; G. Callan, 6; J. Grace, 7; R. Briers, 8. On Monday, September 26th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; J. Grace, 2; R. Williams, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; T. Kay, 7; R. Briers, 8. On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Grace, 1; J. Lowe, 2; R. Williams, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Ambrose, 5; A. Grace, 6; J. Grace, 7; R. Briers, 8. And two courses with W. Neilson, Esq. (churchwarden), 3. And for afternoon service a 504, with R. Taylor, 3. Messrs. Williams (2) hail from Liverpool; Kay from Woolton.

MIDDLETON (Lancashire).—On Monday, October 17th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. T. Oldham (conductor), 1; D. Renshaw, 2; S. Holt, 3; E. Nuttall, 4; W. Schofield, 5; F. Arrowsmith, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Monday, September 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. J. Guttridge, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; F. Tindall, 4; T. Gostling (first quarter-peal), 5; G. Williams, 6; R. Flaxman (conductor), 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, October 10th, for practice at the parish church, 896 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. W. Gould, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; A. E. Lloyd, 3; C. Lowe, 4; W. Usher, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Monk, 7; T. Baston, 8. On Saturday, October 16th, 350 and 210 in the same method. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, October 9th, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples. M. Woodcock, 1-2; F. Smith, 3-4; J. Monk, 5-6; C. Lowe, 7-8. Also 216 and 108 of Minor and 120 of Doubles in the same method. M. Woodcock, 1-2; F. Smith, 3-4; C. Lowe, 5-6. J. Monk rung 5-6 in the Doubles. All the above ringing was conducted by F. Smith. The handbell ringing is the longest ever rung by local men.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, October 6th, at St. Thomas' church, for the Harvest Festival Services, 224 Bob Major. A. Orford, 1; H. Dakin, 2; H. Harris, 3; W. Fryer, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 8. After service 420 of Bob Triples, conducted by H. Harris. And on Sunday, the 9th, for morning service, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and for evening service 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor,

conducted by G. H. Pagett, and after service 360 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Pagett. On Saturday, October 15th, in 44 mins. 1260 of Bob Triples. W. Orford (first quarter peal) 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; A. Orford, 3; N. Holyoake, 4; W. F. Hartshorne, 5; J. Smith, 6; H. Harris (composer and conductor), 7; W. Dyke, 8. On Monday, October 17th, a 6-score of Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. W. Dyke (first 6-score away from the tenor), 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 3; A. Orford, 4; H. Harris, 5; W. A. Pugh, 6. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples by the same as stood in the quarter-peal, conducted by W. F. Hartshorne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. L. Holt, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Coskroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (first 720 in any method as conductor), 6.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 16th, at the parish church, for morning service, the local company rang four courses of Bob Major for the first time, and on Monday, October 17th, in 29 mins. their first 784 Bob Major. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; J. Shepherd (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; W. Taylor, 8.

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ISLIP (Northants).—On Saturday, October 8th, the Higham Ferrers and Rushden companies paid a visit to the above place and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Pettit, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Sharp, 4; J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Parker, 6. A 720 Bob Minor. J. B. Martin, 1; J. Sharp, 2; G. Burton, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Pettit, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. G. Burton, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Pettit, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; J. Sharp, 5; W. Parker (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single. G. Burton, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Pettit, 3; J. Sharp, 4; W. Parker, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Minor, with the Rev. W. M. Croome, vicar of the parish, ringing the 3rd. *First 720 of Treble Bob on the bells.

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KIDSGROVE (Cheshire).—Recently for practice at St. Thomas' church, a 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; G. Siddons, 2; J. Mason, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; C. Ollier (conductor), 6.

BURSLEM (Staffordshire).—Recently at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Mason, 1; G. Siddons, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Dean, 4; R. Vickers, 5; C. Ollier (conductor).

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all and rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Court Bob was rung, the ringers standing as above. On Monday evening, October 10th, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Rev. S. H. Owen, Rector of the parish, this being the first anniversary of his death, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Bailey, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; R. W. Twigg (first 720 as conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSALE (Norfolk).—On Sunday evening, at the parish church, a 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Watling, 1; W. Drew, 2; F. Watling, 3; F. Page, 4; E. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. Thompson, 7; G. Hardy, 8. Also three courses of Bob Major with H. Phillips, 4; and H. Button, 7; the rest as before. H. Button hails from Leiston, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 16½ cwt.

EVE (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 14th, at the parish church, a 2080 Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. and 24 mins. W. Gooderham, 1; G. Day, 2; A. Oakes, 3; E. Broome, 4; J. Bumpstead, 5; G. Ford, 6; F. Day (conductor), 7; C. Palmer, 8. Composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, September 8th, for practice at the parish church, 288 Treble Bob Major. J. Heathorn, 1; M. Brown, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples, containing the twelve 6-7s. C. Eades, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; G. Croucher, 5; W. Grove, 6; T. Miles, 7; J. Jones, 8. And 608 Bob Major. A. E. Bassett, 1; F. Bennett (conductor),

2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; J. Jones, 4; C. W. Miller, 5; T. Miles, 6; M. Brown, 7; W. Grove, 8. Messrs. Miles and Bassett hail from Epsom. On Sunday, September 18th, 336 Canterbury Pleasure Major. C. Eades, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Eades, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; G. Croucher, 6; C. W. Miller, 7; C. Searies, 8. In the evening 464 Bob Major. C. Eades, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. Croucher, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; J. J. Jones, 7; W. Grove (conductor), 8. B. Hawkins hails from Blackwater, and this is his first attempt at Major. On Sunday, October 2nd, 496 Canterbury Pleasure Major. C. Eades, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 7; W. Grove, 8. On Thursday, October 6th, 224 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Searies, 1; G. Croucher, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; W. Grove, 7; C. Adsett, 8.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Friday, October 14th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples after an attempt for a peal. F. Coghlan, 1; C. Simmons, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; G. Grafham, 7; G. Chappell, 8. J. George hails from Rugby, G. Chappell from Wickham, and C. Simmons from Portsea.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST Sussex.—On Friday, September 30th, at the parish church, 360 Woodbine, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Tribe (Southampton), 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob; for evening service, 720 Woodbine, by same band; in the Woodbine C. Soane rang in place of A. B. Bennett. On Thursday, October 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, and 360 Oxford Bob. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Streeter, jun., 1; *A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, sen., 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; *J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter, sen., (conductor), 6. *First attempt with a bob bell.

LOWER BEEDING (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 15th, by the Balcombe band, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Wedge, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; E. Streeter, sen., 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Wedge, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 240 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, at the parish church, a 1092 of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. H. Elliott, 1; F. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, October 4th, for practice, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal was made, but came to grief after ringing 4508 changes in 2 hrs. and 41 mins. H. Elliott, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings and F. Hodgskins, 8. On Wednesday, October 12th, for Harvest Festival Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. H. Elliott, 1; H. Franks, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis, 4; W. Franks, 5; J. Mathis (first 720 as conductor), 7; T. Hutchings and F. Hodgskins, 8. After service another 720 in 25½ mins. H. Elliott, 1; J. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; H. Franks, 6; T. Hutchings, 7; F. Hodgskins, 8. Before service the Rev. H. Tristram Valentine, vicar of St. Paul's, Walden, the preacher for the Festival Service, visited the ringing-chamber and had a pull, and spoke a few words about the art of change-ringing. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Thursday, September 29th, at the parish church on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, 720 Bob Minor. R. Botting, 1; W. H. Judd, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. On Saturday, October 1st, by request, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Street, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; J. Ansell, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Single Bob. W. H. Judd, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 College Single. R. Botting, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J.

Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6. After service 720 Grandsire Minor. W. H. Judd, 1; C. Webber, 2; G. Huggett, 3; W. H. Street, 4; J. Ansell, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service, 1519 Stedman Caters. J. Angus, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; J. W. Cundall, 6; J. F. Mallaby, 7; J. Broadley, 8; T. Pollitt (conductor), 9; B. F. Lamb, 10. Longest touch in the method by all.

CRICK (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, October 9th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 120 each of Grandsire and Manchester. I. Harrison (conductor), 1; G. Holmes, 2; G. Brown, 3; H. Allwood, 4; G. Marsden, 5.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, at the parish church for Divine Service in the evening, a 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Mitchel, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; J. Basden, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; A. H. Taber (conductor), 5; H. Parsons, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. On Thursday, October 6th, for Harvest Festival, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called different, with 4-6-8 behind. J. Basden (conductor), 1; E. J. Walson, 2; L. W. Copsey, 3; H. Stemp, 4; E. Harris, 5; W. Nickles, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; A. Fryer, 8. L. W. Copsey hails from Romford, the rest are local men.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Elderfield (first 720), 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; R. Flaxman, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Wednesday, October 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor with J. Parker, 1.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 6th, by kind invitation of the vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, a 720 of Grandsire Minor for Harvest Festival, the first 720 on the bells since opening day, and first 720 of Minor by all the band. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis (first 720), 2; H. Franks, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—On Thursday, October 13th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. T. Lambert, 1; J. Beach, 2; W. Lambert, 3; G. Hodge, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6.

MONEWEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for the Harvest Festival service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. R. H. Hayward (conductor), 1; W. G. Archer, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; B. Moss, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. On Sunday, October 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. This is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob rang by the local society. It is hoped that two trebles will shortly be added to this handy little ring. Tenor 6 cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for

Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Jenkins, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; E. Horrex, 4; D. Jordan (conductor), 5; E. Carter, 6.

PETERSTONE-SUPER-ELY.—On Saturday, October 15th, the Penarth ringers visited the above place, and by kind permission of the rector were allowed the use of the bells, which is a pretty little ring of six, by Messrs. Taylor. After raising in peal, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Buffery, 3; W. Biss, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. J. Buffery hails from Birmingham. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were then rung, and the bells were lowered in peal. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the rector for the use of the bells.

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, October 11th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by T. Northey.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples. T. Searle, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Hughes, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Smart, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison, 7; J. Smart, 8. On Sunday, October 9th, 1260 Stedman Triples. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Collison, 3; G. Smart, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (first quarter as conductor), 7; J. Woolgar, 8. On Saturday, October 15th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after ringing 3766 changes in 2 hrs. and 8 mins. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Smart (conductor), 4; W. Collison, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; C. Smart, 7; J. Matthews, 8. On Sunday, October 16th, for Divine Service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Collison, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Hughes, 8.

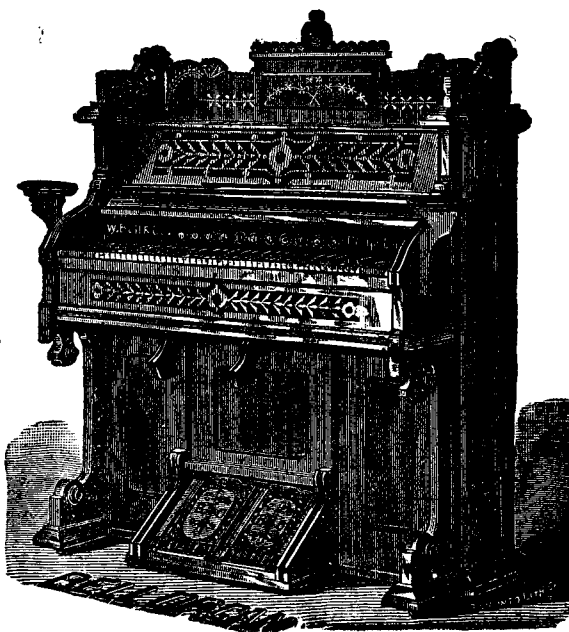
SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, for Divine Service at St. Nicolas' church, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and one 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Colman, A. Barber (conductor), E. Clayton, H. Palmer, C. R. Lilley, and T. Woods. Also after service a 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. Colman, 1; A. Barber (conductor), 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer, 4; T. Woods, 5. Messrs. Barber and Clayton hail from Frieston; the rest belong to Skirbeck.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, before Divine Service at the parish church, some short touches of Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Major, Grandsire and Bob Triples, and Bob Minor were rung by some of the local band assisted by Messrs. Jenkins, Akehurst, Jordan (2), Horrex, and Carter. Messrs. Horrex and Carter hail from London: the rest from Ockley, Surrey.

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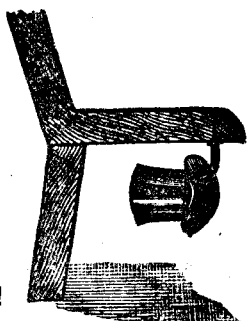
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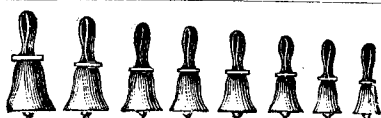


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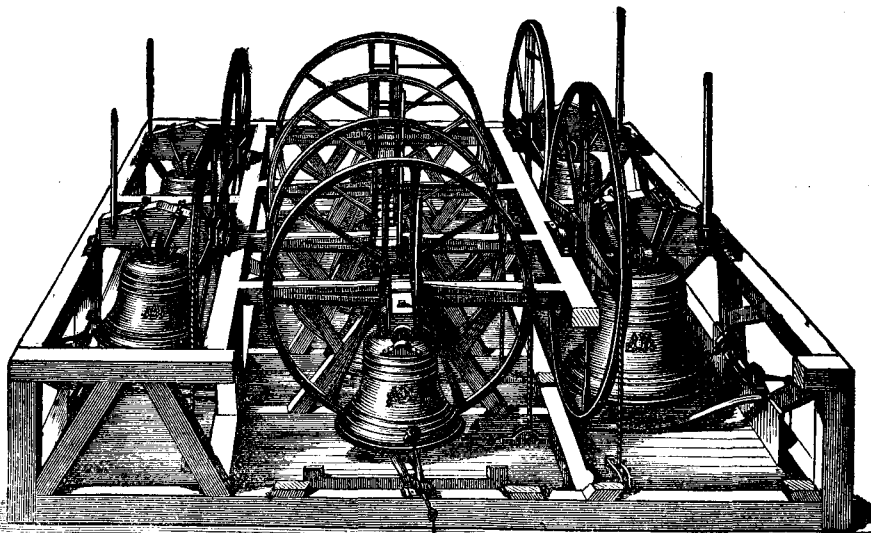
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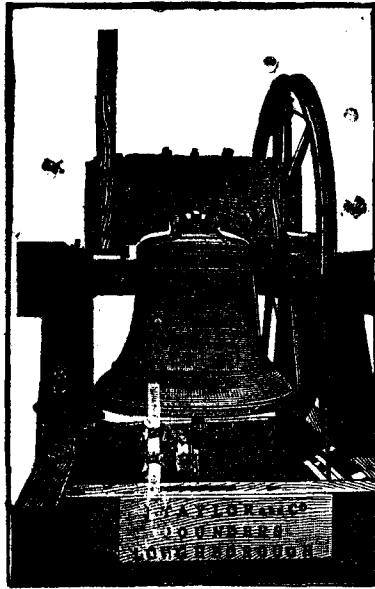
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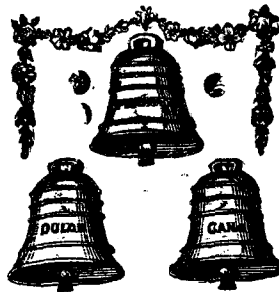
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