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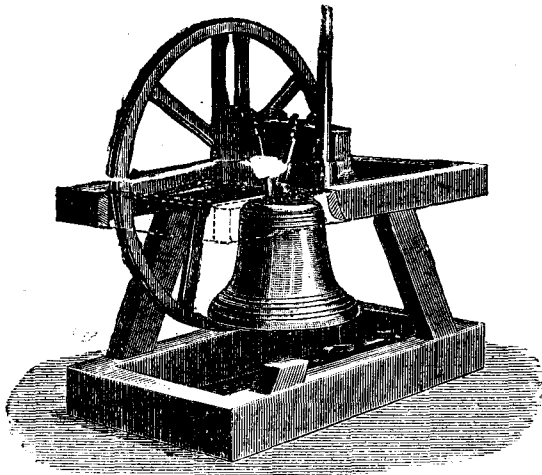
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The monthly meeting in connection with the above was held at Halewood on Saturday, July 1st., some forty members attending, representing the societies of Liverpool, Warrington, Farnworth, Widnes, Garston, Hale, Halewood, Southport, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, and Walton-on-the-Hill.

The Vicar, Rev. H. Gibson Smith, took the chair at 6.30, and heartily welcomed the members assembled to Halewood. They had unfortunately come at a time when the rose-trees, for which the district is famed, were not to be seen to advantage, the roses having fallen. He said that he was glad that Halewood had been appointed as the sequent meeting to that held at Warrington, as to his mind, there seemed to be a connection between the two places; he referred to the time spent in his charge there as being a very happy one, and to the meeting of some of his old friends from that town amongst the ringers as a real pleasure. The rev. gentleman urged those present to further the objects of the Association as much as possible; the church tower is a part of the church, a fact that must not be lost sight of. He always looked upon change-ringing as a grand old English Art, and the bells as a beloved memory of the past. He desired to avail himself of that opportunity to acknowledge the services of Mr. R. Williams, who had taught the local band; he considered him an accomplished teacher, and accorded him great praise for the patience and perseverance he had displayed, and for the regularity with which he had attended to his duties, as an outcome of which Halewood possessed a first-class band of ringers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly confirmed. Mr. Hill (Southport) said that the people of Halewood, particularly the ringers, were to be congratulated that the successor of the Rev. C. J. Robinson took such an interest in the bells and bellringers; it was a great encouragement to the latter.

Mr. J. Grace, captain of the local band, supported the remarks of the chairman in as far as concerned the ability of Mr. Williams as a teacher, and for his own part and on behalf of his brother-strings thanked this gentleman, as also Messrs. C. Williams and Aspinwall, who had often accompanied him and rendered valuable assistance to the Halewood society.

On the proposal of Mr. R. Williams, seconded by Mr. Chas. Williams, Mr. Charles Cliffe, of Rock Ferry, was unanimously elected a non-resident member of the Association.

Hale was unanimously chosen as the next tower to be visited, on the motion of Mr. R. Williams, seconded by Mr. Haughton, the meeting to take place on Saturday, August 5th. A proposal that the next meeting be held at St. Thomas' church, St. Helen's, was withdrawn, it having been suggested that that would be a more convenient place for a meeting in the winter months.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. R. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Gough, in favour of the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the use of the bells and the warm welcome they had extended to the visitors, and to the Vicar in anticipation of the tea to which he had just invited those present, was carried unanimously, and brought to a close a very agreeable meeting.

A splendid tea, to which ample justice was done, notwithstanding the remark of the Vicar that he was disappointed at not having seen more of the viands consumed, was followed by various touches of Grandsire Triples and a 720 of Grandsire Minor.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WILBYE (Northants).—The contemplated increase of this ring of four (tenor 9 cwt.) to five by addition of a treble, is now likely to become an accomplished fact before very long. The rector, the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, has taken the matter up very heartily, a considerable sum of money has been promised and Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, have been instructed to send in an estimate of the cost.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly bye meeting was held on Tuesday, July 4th, at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, a rather remote corner of the ancient Diocese of Gloucester, and one somewhat difficult of access, which rather materially affected the attendance, but as the Association had not visited that locality for ten years it was thought right to take it during the summer months, and a very hearty welcome was accorded to those who were able to attend, by the Rev. Spencer Jones, the Vicar, and his church officials.

The proceedings commenced with the usual short service and address from the Vicar in the parish church of St. David's, and the choir turned up in strong force, even singing an anthem with great sweetness and precision.

Amongst the congregation besides the Vicar and curate, were the Revs. H. A. Cockey (Master), Pitt Eykyn (Hon. Secretary), and C. P. Brickwell (Hon. Local Secretary), and several ringers from neighbouring parishes.

The dinner was held at the White Hart hotel, under the presidency of the Vicar, and after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, a short toast list was gone through, consisting of "Church and Queen," "Success to the Association," to which the Master responded; "The Vicar and churchwardens," proposed by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, and "The Hon. Local Secretary, the Rev. C. P. Brickwell," who in responding humorously remarked that he hoped shortly to be connected with another kind of "belle," as his wedding-day was very near.

The members wished him every happiness, and then proceeded to the tower, where some fair work was done on the bells till late in the evening.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—RINGERS' DINNER.

On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, the local band were entertained at dinner in the National School through the liberality of the parishioners. The bells (cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1891, and dedicated on St. Thomas' Day in that year), were raised at 2.30 p.m., and several touches of Minor, Doubles, and Triples were rung at intervals during the afternoon, concluding at 7.50 with a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) with 6-8 covering in 26 mins. S. Croucher, 1; J. P. D. Barnes, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; F. Hunt, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; G. Pearson, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F. A move was then made for the festive board, at which fifteen sat down, including four probationers and Mr. G. A. Ransom, of Boughton, who has rendered the local band great assistance from the first. In the unavoidable absence of the vicar, the Rev. W. Almack, the Rev. C. E. Matthews took the chair. The usual loyal toasts were given, that of "Church and Queen" being accorded musical honours. Mr. Burling, the energetic foreman, gave "The Royal Bride and Bridegroom." Several other toasts followed, and so a very pleasant evening terminated. This band has been attached to the Kent County Association since May 30th, 1892.

BATLEY CARR, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, July 9th, the ringers of the above church paid a visit to Wath-upon-Deane, a village noted for its scenery and also for the interest the local band take in ringing, of which a board placed in the tower gives ample proof of their desire to place on record a feat worthy of honor, viz.: ring-ing twenty-one Minor peals in twenty-one different methods, occupying nearly nine hours. Arriving at the tower at 9.45, a touch of Oxford and London Scholars' was rung for service, and after having had a substantial dinner a 720 of Violet was rung. It was too late to stay for evening service, therefore a return was made about 3 p.m. after spending a very pleasant day. The visitors wish to take this opportunity of thanking the ringers of Wath for their kindness in making everything as comfortable as possible.

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Ringers' Outings.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.—On Saturday the members of this Guild were invited to the picturesque village of Ombersley to take part in a ring on the bells of the village church, which have lately been rehung and put in proper going order. A start was made about half-past five o'clock, some being conveyed by horse and trap, while others proceeded by means of the two-wheel iron horses, which by the way were rather inclined to do a bit of bell ringing by double dodging, making 3rds place, and eventually coming into rounds, and having to "stop," but only for a short time, when with the help of the others another start was made, and all went well. The visitors were met by Mr. Turner (instructor to the village ringers), who after seeing his friends right as to refreshments, conducted them to the belfry of the pretty church. The ringers were rather surprised as to the space allowed for the ringing-chamber, but it was soon pointed out that half the tower had been taken for the organ chamber. The bells were then risen in capital style, and without much delay a start was made for a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, which was after a second attempt brought home in capital style in 29 minutes, the members ringing as follows:—G. Hinton, 1; W. Bradford, 2; W. Powell, 3; R. Horton, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; E. Davies, 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. With a little alteration in the ringers and their positions a start was made for some Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, but they were not so successful in these methods, and eventually rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, the members being as follows:—W. H. Johnson, 1; W. Powell, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford, 6. Time getting short, the bells were again put in motion, and fell in splendid order, much to the credit of Mr. Powell, who handled the treble in fine form. The members were then invited to the King's Arms by Mr. Burrough for refreshments. The members wish to thank him for his kind invitation, and also Mr. Turner for the way in which they were received. The faithful city was reached about 10.30 after a very pleasant outing. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, the members of the above society rang 1061 Grandsire Caters, this being the longest touch rang since the formation of the Guild. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; L. Longney (conductor), 6; W. Bradford, 7; W. Page, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin and R. Horton, 10. At St. John's church the same day a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor was rung in an attempt for a date touch which was lost 200 changes from home. B. Hill, 1; W. Powell, 2; W. Bradford, 3; W. Page (conductor), 4; R. Horton, 5; E. Davies, 6. To finish up the day's ringing the members were invited to take part in an illuminated boat procession on the beautiful river Severn, and for which processions Worcester is becoming so noted. The procession started from the Kepax ferry, about a mile from Worcester bridge, and came steadily down to the cathedral. During the time several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. W. H. Johnson, 1-2; G. Hinton, 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; W. Page (conductor), 7-8. W. Cotton also took part in several plain courses, which were interspersed by some lively tunes given by Messrs. Johnson and Hinton. On Monday, July 10th, for practice at the cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Powell (conductor), 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin, 10.

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.—On Saturday, July 8th, the annual outing of the above society took place, Mossley, Saddleworth and Stalybridge being the places chosen. The party left Southport at 8.10 a.m. per L. & Y. R., arriving at Mossley at 10.30 and were met at the station by Mr. John Holden, who welcomed them to the church, where, after raising the bells they rang three leads of Treble Bob, and then Mr. Holden conducted a 560 in the same method. After lowering the bells, they adjourned to the Bull's Head, where Mr. Holden had arranged for dinner. After dinner we proceeded by waggonette to Saddleworth church, accompanied by Mr. Holden and also by Mr. Abel Fielding (an old Southport ringer) of Stalybridge. Arriving at Saddleworth church, after passing through such fine scenery which most of the company were not accustomed

to, they rang a short touch of Treble Bob and 736 of Plain Bob Major, after which we again joined the waggonette. Mr. Holding could not accompany us to Stalybridge, having another engagement. The ringers were very sorry to lose his company, he having arranged everything for them so far, and for which they owe him their heartfelt thanks. They then proceeded to the Queen Inn, Stalybridge, where Mr. Fielding had arranged for tea, and were joined by Messrs. Schofield and Bradley, who, after tea, with other ringers, adjourned to Holy Trinity church, where they rang several touches of Treble Bob. Wishing the ringers farewell, we made our way to the station, and started our homeward journey at 9.5, arriving in Southport at 11.30, all thoroughly well satisfied with the day's outing. We wish through the medium of this paper to thank the respective vicars for the use of the bells, and also the ringers who assisted us and helped to make the outing so enjoyable. R.

HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Saturday, July 8th, the members of the above society journeyed to Cotherstone for an afternoon's ringing, and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; T. Lungley, 3; R. B. Wilson, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. W. Park, 2; T. Lungley, 3; J. W. H. Lynn, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Afterwards the company had a stroll through the village to view the surrounding scenery, and having done so they returned to the tower and rang a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The next move was made to station *en route* for Barnard Castle. On arrival they adjourned to The Red Lion, where a substantial meat tea was in readiness, to which ample justice was done. After satisfying the inner man a visit was paid to the tower, where they rang a 120 of Bob Minor on the back six, and some Grandsire Doubles. Time drawing to a close a move was made for the station, reaching home about 9.40 p.m., having had a most enjoyable outing. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. Blenkinsopp for his kindness in having everything in readiness at Cotherstone.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.—On Monday, July 10th, the members of this society had their annual outing, Bournemouth being the place selected. Leaving the terminus at 7 a.m. in very threatening weather, Bournemouth was reached at 10.30 a.m., when rambling and bathing were indulged in until one o'clock. The party then went to The Quadrant restaurant for dinner, when ample justice was done. They then made their way to the pier for the afternoon trip to Swanage on the steamer Victoria, returning at four o'clock, and having tea at six p.m. A very enjoyable day was spent by all, and the visitors left Bournemouth at 8 p.m., arriving in Bristol at 12 p.m.

A VISIT TO THE METROPOLIS.

Knowing (all being well) that I should be in London on July the 8th, I accordingly wrote to Mr. M. A. Wood, asking him if he could secure the tower of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for that date, and kindly arrange an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples. In due time I received a reply saying it would afford him great pleasure to do so, and that he had arranged for the attempt. Meeting time 5.30. At the time mentioned, seven of the band put in their appearance, but from some cause or other the eighth man did not appear, so the peal had to be abandoned, but with the assistance of Mr. William Cooter, who came into the tower a little later on, a well-struck quarter-peal in the above method was brought round in 45 mins. W. Cooter, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; F. C. Bayley, 3; I. G. Shade (conductor), 4; W. J. Piper, 5; C. T. P. Brice, 6; W. Prime, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. In conclusion, through the medium of this paper, I wish to thank the rector and churchwardens for granting permission, and to Mr. M. A. Wood for making arrangements, and the members of the band who so kindly met me, hoping at some future time have the opportunity of accomplishing what has been arranged for three different visits to London, but for which as yet I have never had the chance to start. WILLIAM J. PIPER.

Widford, Essex.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

The following letter has been sent to *The Northampton Herald*:

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper on a subject which took my attention last Sunday morning. As I passed the church I saw four of the ringers there, but I did not see the leading man, who I have been told, says he takes such an interest in ringing. I should have thought the bells would have been ringing, as it was the Feast; and I think there ought to be more ringing than there is generally. Thursday being the Royal Wedding Day, there was no ringing. I should have thought they would have rung a peal in the evening, and I think a good many were disappointed at not hearing them. If the present leader don't want to ring why don't he give it up, and let some one else learn, so that there might be more ringing done. I have noticed that there is only a little done just at Christmas. Hoping some one will take it up, so that we can hear our bells oftener, as they are a nice peal of five, and thanking you for inserting this in your valuable paper.—A VILLAGER.

Weston Favel Bells are a ring of five. Tenor about 10 cwt. They are dated as follows:—Treble 1683, Second 1683, Third 1683, Fourth 1683, Tenor 1707. The first four were cast by Bagley, of Ecton, the tenor by Penn, of Peterborough. The Rev. James Hervey, author of "Meditations among the Tombs," was Rector of Weston Favell from 1752 to 1758. The name of the Rev. William Harvy appears on the second bell as rector in 1683.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Saturday, July 8th, six members of the St. Peter's Society met as arranged for a peal of Stedman Triples with Messrs. Scarlett and Nunn, of Walthamstow, when much to their surprise and disappointment a telegram had just arrived stating that Scarlett could not come. After a deal of running about another man was found and a start made, but it came to grief after an hour's ringing, the Caversham men not being in peal—ringing humour after such disappointment. They hope that next time Scarlett promises to come to Caversham he will be true to his promise. On Sunday morning, July 9th, for Divine Service, a capital 504 Stedman Triples was rung. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Munday, 2; J. Hands, 3; J. Nunn, 4; E. W. Munday, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. The Caversham ringers then wished their friend Nunn farewell, expressing their sorrow for him under the circumstances, and at the same time promising him a hearty welcome any future time.

GREAT DODDINGTON (NORTHANTS.)

These bells, a ring of five (tenor 6 cwt.) being out of order, the vicar, the Rev. E. Symons, has obtained an estimate from Messrs. Taylor and Co., for putting them in thorough repair, including quarter-turning and new fittings. It would be advisable at the same time to add an additional bell (a tenor), and thus make a good peal of six. A new treble is out of the question with such a light ring.

Obituary.

EDWIN SPRAGUE.

We regret to record the death of this ringer, which recently took place at the town of Bromyard, in Herefordshire. Deceased was a native of Worcester, and thirty years ago was considered a good man when a heavy or queer-going bell had to be rung. In this capacity he was once called on to ring the 7th bell at the church of St. Helen, Worcester, when going badly, and fitted with a new rope of most extraordinary rough material. This peal, one of Grandsire Triples, was the first peal rung and called by the Editor of this paper. On Saturday, July 8th, the Malvern band of change-ringers rung several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the deceased, who was a member of the band. Sad to relate, he died in rather poor circumstances; none of the ringers knowing of his demise till a fortnight after. He was buried at Cradley Old Churchyard, but with no friends or relations to follow him to his last home. He had rung several peals, but no record was kept of them. His first peal was one of Treble Bob at Worcester, on his 15th birthday.

BLIND TOM, THE BELLRINGER OF DUMFRIES.

[FROM AN OLD MAGAZINE.]

There are few towns either in England, Scotland, or Ireland, that do not possess some individual in humble life, whose virtues or eccentricities are worth recording. Too many, however, of those "simple annals of the poor" pass unrecorded, and the world is left ignorant of traits which would have adorned any rank in life or have afforded instances of that diversity of character which displays itself in society.

The city of Dumfries, in Scotland, which has produced warriors, poets, and senators, who have shed a glory on their country—long possessed an extraordinary character whose death, though certainly not a national calamity, has created as great a blank in that town as if the worthiest of its sons had been numbered with the dead—we allude to Thomas Wilson, the bell-man, better known by the name of "Blin' Tam."

In many respects old Thomas Wilson was the most interesting character in the town of Dumfries. Every individual in the burgh knew him, from the grey-haired grandame to the urchins at play; and hundreds in various parts of the world, who have dogged his footsteps to the belfry in their youth, to compete for the honour of pulling a rope, will have a sigh for the old man's fate.

Thomas Wilson was born on the 6th May, 1750, old style, and had nearly completed his 75th year. Dr. Jenner's invention came too late for him; when a mere child he lost his eyesight by the small-pox, and had no recollection of ever having gazed on the external world. Like other boys, he was very fond of visiting the venerable mid-steeple of Dumfries, and at the age of twelve was promoted to the office of chief ringer.

Being of industrious habits, he after much labour and perseverance, succeeded in gaining a pretty correct notion of the trade of a turner—such as without becoming a burden to any one, enabled him to support himself—and honest Thomas's beetles and spurtles are still held in high repute by the guid wives of both town and country. Although this business requires a considerable number of tools, he had them so arranged that without the least difficulty he could take from his shelf the particular one he might be in want of, and even sharpened them when necessary. He excelled in the culinary art, cooking his victuals with the greatest nicety, and priding himself upon the architectural knowledge he displayed in erecting a good ingle or fire.

In his domestic economy he neither had nor required an assistant. He fetched his own water, made his own bed, cooked his own victuals, planted and raised his own potatoes, and what is more strange still, cast his own peats; and was allowed by all to keep as clean a house as the most particular spinster in the town. Among a hundred rows of potatoes he easily found his way to his own, and when turning peats walked as fearlessly among the Hags of Lochar Moss as those who have all their senses about them. At raising potatoes or any odd job he was ever ready to bear a hand, and when a neighbour got groggy on a Saturday night, it was by no means an uncommon spectacle to see Tom conducting him home to his wife and children. As a mechanic he was more than ordinarily ingenious, and made a lathe with his own hands, with which he was long in the habit of turning various articles both of ornament and general utility. In making cocks and pails for brewing dishes, potato beetles, tin-smith's mallets, and huckster's stands for all the country round, Blind Tom was quite unrivalled; and many a time and oft he has been seen purchasing a plank on the sands, raising it on his shoulder, though ten feet long, and carrying it home to his own house, without coming in contact with a single object. He also constructed a portable break for scutching lint, which he further mounted on a nice little carriage, and in this way readily transported both himself and the machine to any farm-house where his services were required. His sense of touch was exceedingly acute, and he took great pleasure in visiting the shops of ingenious tradesmen, and handling any curious article they had formed. At the time the Scotch regalia was recovered, the good old man seemed beside himself with joy; and never to the last did he cease to regret that circumstances prevented him from visiting Edinburgh and feeling the ancient crown of Scotland.

After his appointment as chief ringer in the mid-steeple of Dumfries, Blin' Tam's first visit every morning was to the bell-

house, and he tripped upstairs with as much agility and confidence as if he possessed the clearest vision—generally inserting the key into the proper place at the first thrust. Never was a bell-man more faithful. For more than half a century Tom was at his post three times a day, at the very minute or moment required, whether the clock pointed right or no, and without, we believe, a single omission. In the coldest morning, or the darkest night of winter—foul or fair, sunshine or storm—it was all one to Tom; and though sluggards might excuse themselves on the score of weather, his noisy clapper never failed to remind them, that there was at least one man in the town up and at his duty; or to speak in the language of a good old proverb, that—

Early to bed and early to rise,
Make a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Indeed such was his punctuality, that he was never known to commit a single mistake but one, by ringing the bell at eleven in place of ten at night. This occurred very lately, and when joked with on the subject, he remarked that he had surely become fey. A friend has calculated that he rang the bells more than 100,000 times. The lapse of sixty years produces many changes on men and things, and it may be mentioned as a curious proof of the progressive rise of the wages of labour that his salary at first was only 30s. sterling yearly. Bye and bye it was advanced to £2; from two to three, three to five, five to ten, and so on, till he received what to him was a little independence—the high salary of £20 per annum.

About fifteen years ago, the mid-steeple was thoroughly repaired, and a splendid new cock substituted in the place of the previous old and clumsy weather-vane, and this again was a great event to Blind Tom. The steeple was in a great measure his domicile, and he who had so much to do with the base, could not be inattentive to the ornaments of the capital. Up therefore he would go to the top, and though repeatedly warned against the danger he would run, he actually accomplished the perilous enterprise, threw his arms around the bonny bird, and bestowed on him a benediction to this effect—that he might long, long to indicate as truly the four airts as he himself indicated the time of day. On rejoicing days, during the war, the bell-man was ever forward to evince his loyalty by mounting to the bartizan of the steeple, and discharging an old rusty fowling-piece, which he kept at home to guard himself.

During the life-time of our late sovereign, Tom, who was a most loyal subject, every returning fourth of June, made it his constant practice to ascend to what are called the highleads of the steeple, and there fired several rounds in honour of His Majesty's natal day, performing the operation of priming and loading with admirable precision.

A few years ago, while some repairs were making on the vane of the steeple, Blin' Tam mounted by a ladder to the very summit, when embracing the weather-cock, he proclaimed his achievement to the astonished and almost horror-struck spectators, by giving three hearty huzzas. The knowledge he possessed of every part of the town and neighbourhood of Dumfries was truly wonderful. He could walk to any quarter of the town without ever deviating in the least from his route; and indeed has been known to take strangers to places they were in quest of with the utmost exactness.

Being much in the streets he was pretty often employed as a guide, and many laughable stories have been told of the astonishment of persons whom he had conducted to the very extremities of the town, or even a good way into the country, on discovering they had been led by a blind man. His local knowledge was very extensive, and his memory retentive to an uncommon degree. Not long ago he had occasion to call at a Mr. McHarg's shop, and in crossing the threshold it was noticed that he paused and lifted his right foot very high. On this he was told there was no step; but the old man's memory was quite faithful, and he immediately remarked, "just four and twenty years ago I was in this shop, and I am quite sure there was a step then."

At another time returning home one evening a little after ten o'clock, he heard a gentleman who had just alighted from the mail, inquiring the way to Collin, when Tom instantly offered to conduct him thither. His services were gladly accepted, and he acted his part so well, that although Collin is three miles from Dumfries, the stranger did not discover his guide was blind until they had reached the end of their journey.

Blin' Tam was as well acquainted with persons as with

places; if he heard any one speak, and although he might not have met the individual for some time, yet he soon recognised him by his voice, when his usual remark was "Eh! mon; it's lang since I've seen ye." If you asked the hour such was his fine sense of feeling, that on touching the hands of his watch, he could inform himself in a moment.

Tam Wilson and another blind man in Dumfries, in order to beguile their leisure time, contrived to invent a game somewhat similar to draughts, with which they often amused themselves, and it was quite a treat to hear them in a dark corner discussing the probable issue of the game, and sometimes detecting each other in a false move. Thomas was a regular church-goer, and thought nothing of walking several miles in order to hear a popular preacher; nor was he of that "straitness of sect" that confined him to any particular class of religionists. Blin' Tam had a taste for music, and was particularly fond of attending concerts; for many years he was a member of a musical institution, where the innocent cheerfulness of his manners, and the hearty laugh he would raise if anything arose to please him, rendered his presence always acceptable. A melancholy event attached to the death of this humble, but honest and really ingenious creature; the account of it, as well as a character of him, we quote from the *Dumfries Courier* of the 12th inst., to which we confess ourselves indebted for much of our preceding biography of Blin' Tam.

"Poor Thomas Wilson, the oldest bell ringer, we believe, in Britain, and who for the long period of sixty-three years summoned the lieges to labour and repose, with all the regularity of the clock itself, has gone the way of all the earth. The room in the belfry of the mid-steeple was the great scene of Tom's exploits, and he may be also said to have died at his post. On Saturday last, at ten o'clock at night, his hand touched the ropes for the last time, and though many were astonished both at the shortness and irregularity of the chime, all were as unconscious as the ringer himself that he was engaged in tolling his own knell. But it was even so. Struck with something like an apoplectic fit, he staggered, as is supposed, against an old chest, cut his head slightly, sank on the floor, and remained all night in this forlorn and pitiable situation, without a friend to help him to a cup of cold water or wipe away the damps of death that were fast gathering on his venerable brow. For some years past a person had assisted him in ringing the bells on Sundays, and when this individual visited the steeple at seven o'clock in the morning, he had to force the inner door of the belfry before the fate of the deceased could be ascertained. Though he still breathed, he was unable to speak, and was immediately carried to his own house in a state of utter insensibility. A surgeon was sent for who attempted to bleed him without success, and though every other remedy was tried, he only survived till three o'clock of the same day.

"Thomas Wilson has left behind him an honest fame. As a man he was singularly benevolent and kind; as a Christian, humble, cheerful, devout; regular in his attendance at public worship and religious societies for the diffusion of the Gospel. Morning and evening he regularly performed his devotions in the steeple, though he was careful to conceal this fact from his friends, and though above asking charity for himself, he was never ashamed to apply for others. Many a destitute creature, in fact, was more befriended by Blind Tom than by persons persons who had much more in their power, and at the periodical divisions of the poor's money, his representations were always listened to with the greatest attention, both by elders and ministers. Everybody knew he was perfectly disinterested, and that so far from appropriating anything to himself, he would rather have taxed his own very slender means. Though humble in station, his moral worth and integrity were high, and independently of his age and services, a more deserving character never carried to the grave the regrets, we may say, of the whole community."

Due honour was done to the remains of Blin' Tam: the Corporation and upwards of 300 respectable persons attended his funeral, and a subscription has been opened for erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

We have all read of the wedding of the young royal pair; of the various processions; the ceremony in the Chapel Royal of St. James; the passage through London amid the plaudits of an admiring throng; and their departure for Sandringham. We have read of the extraordinary illuminations: the gay and lovely decorations, in which some tons of the choicest flowers were used; of the superb dresses worn by those who figured prominently upon the occasion; and of the numerous valuable and costly presents made to the Duke and Duchess. But I venture to assert, most confidently, that the majority of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" feel more satisfaction at that mode of commemoration, or celebration, of this royal union which has been adopted at Merthyr, an important town in South Wales. Here it has been decided to commemorate this marriage by placing eight bells in the tower of the parish church—the gift of a few influential inhabitants, and which gift has been received with expressions of profound thanks.

This is a very sensible bit of business. I hope my loyalty won't be questioned when I say that some of the presents made to the royal recipients appeared to me to be senseless. The Duke and Duchess can never be in the condition of wanting anything to make their life and surroundings happy and enjoyable, and therefore I cannot help thinking, with all due respect, that the money expended in the purchase of many of these presents could have been employed more wisely. Strong upholder of our existing institutions as I am, I think it may well be asked—"To what purpose was this waste?" There is something barbaric in the avidity shown by almost every class to present something. Would that all would be as eager when purely necessitous causes or objects called for pecuniary aid.

A correspondent, who is a conductor of marked ability, and whose name frequently appears in the peal records, this week sends me a letter, from which I extract as follows:—"Sir,—Your allusion to the ringing of false compositions, a week or two ago, brought to my mind a much more glaring case than the Superlative at Southgate, and that is a 5079 of Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, which I am obliged to hear has been rung several times at Cheltenham. It was rung on a Thursday—they then rang it on Monday as practice for Hereford, and rang near to the end of it at the opening of Hereford Cathedral bells, and it is thought to be the same peal which was rang at Painswick with three tenor-men. It is not very gentlemanly of Mr. Pates not to make an apology in 'THE BELL NEWS' after dropping on W. H. Fussell so much about truth of ringing." This is rather serious, friend Pates. After your honest indignation *re* Mr. Fussell's peal-cooking, the Exercise will patiently await your statement, or somebody else's.

Whatever had Mr. Tims, the "conductor of the bellringers of Tamworth church," done to raise the ire of the Mayor of that borough? A Mayor actually fined £2 and costs for assaulting a bell-ringer! Ye gods and little fishes—what next! We should all like to know what provocation his worship of Tam'orth met with at the hands of the "conductor of the bellringers." Surely the Mayor is not one of the local band. It may be so, however. We know, unfortunately, what little differences sometimes arise among those who should dwell and ring together in unity. What was the cause of this assault,

friend Tims? Did you, as "conductor of the bellringers," disagree with the chief magistrate as to the methods to be rung on the royal wedding-day, he wanting Double Norwich, and you insisting upon Superlative? Certainly I am curious to know a little more about this fracas, though the publication of the particulars may not be very edifying.

I have had a letter handed to me the publication of which would bring about an action for libel. A certain ringer who took part in a peal of Royal lately is designated by the writer as "Mr. Sloper." I gather from the letter that "Mr. Sloper's" sin is ingratitude of the deepest dye. I, nor any one at "THE BELL NEWS" office, knows who "Mr. Sloper" is. When I say that the writer of the letter is Mr. Gardner, of Gloucester, it will no doubt be a hint sufficient for Mr. "S."

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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."

FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—May I point out that the 5184 of Treble Bob Major, by Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, published in your last issue, contains two gross and fatal errors, thereby rendering the composition absolutely false. Changes occur in the fourth lead of the third course that have been already used in the fifth lead of the first course with the treble in 1-2 up and down. Also, changes repeat in the fifth lead of the last course that have been previously inserted in the fifth lead of the eleventh course; see treble in 5-6 down. Although its qualities and virtues were stated with comprehensive clearness to be many and varied, there may be some satisfaction gained from the truthful record of its epitaph, that the loss however keenly felt at present, will in the dim and distant future be replaced.

JAMES S. WILDE.

Hyde, July 10th.

A MISSTATEMENT.

SIR,—The peal of Superlative Surprise rang at Newcastle, on June 22nd, does not contain the properties stated by the conductor, viz.: the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6. Peals of this class are very limited, otherwise the statement would not have been noticed.

Napier Street, Sheffield.

C. H. HATTERSLEY.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—It is with much regret that I ask to point out through your columns to my old friend Mr. John Howe, that commencing with the last call in the part of the peal which he publishes on p. 100 of "THE BELL NEWS," and omitting all singles in which his part bell (4th) is not concerned, the peal in question is shewn to be a simple variation of the form indicated in No. 12 of the Table on p. 175 of "Grandsire."

East Marden Rectory, Chichester.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

P.S.—The form of midway and last single is immaterial, as all that is required is to shift two of the non-observation bells, and the employment of a special call in this instance puts the peal quite out of Court.

COLYTON, DEVON.

SIR,—Will you kindly give a little space in your valuable paper, touching the death of Charles Long, a treble ringer of this splendid peal of six bells, and one who took a great delight in ringing, not a scientific ringer, but was always trying to get hold of the method. He was taken from us after the brief illness of a fortnight. The inhabitants of Colyton have erected a headstone by subscription to his memory, which he fully deserved, being highly esteemed by all who knew him. He is a great loss to us in the belfry, but we hope to get over it soon: especially after the great kindness of Mr. C. E. Wilson, Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire, who has kindly given us the 720 of Grandsire Minor. We hope to ring it soon, and we all feel greatly indebted to him for it. We should like him or any other scientific ringer to hear them. Tenor 30 cwt. in E.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1893

SCARCELY a week passes without reading that in some part of the country members of an Association or Guild have, at a district or other meeting, had a hearty welcome accorded to them by the local clergy. Of late we find that in many cases the incumbent of the parish visited has not limited his welcome to mere words, but has exercised his hospitality by providing for the visitors an invigorating repast. A report of an instance of this kind appears this week at Halewood, Lancashire, where the County Association held a meeting, presided over by the Vicar—the Rev. H. GIBSON SMITH. The reverend gentleman hospitably provided a sumptuous tea for the ringers, and in replying to a vote of thanks, humorously observed that he was disappointed that more of the viands provided were not consumed, meaning, we suppose, that he would have preferred to entertain a still larger company.

Such occurrences as these afford irrefragable evidence that the attempts made for many years past to exalt the office of a ringer to its proper position are meeting with success. Ringers are being recognised more and more by those whose countenance was necessary to give to them, and their Art, a *locus standi* in the Church. While we are thankful for such recognition, it will not be forgotten that

it is far from complete. The work must still go on—reformation and redemption, hand in hand. Many a good ring of bells are waiting to be redeemed from the cancer of neglect, and many a belfry still needs reform. By the co-operation of many gentlemen like the Vicar of Halewood, the process will be accelerated.

The Provinces.

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On Thursday, July 6, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARWOOD BRADLEY Treble.	JOHN W. PASSMAN 5.
JOHN J. NICHOLSON 2.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 6.
WILLIAM BELL* 3.	ARTHUR MELLANBY 7.
JOHN HENRY JONES 4.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN PATRICK and Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal. †First peal of "Treble Bob. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, with new ropes which were put on the night previous.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 6, 1893, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR Treble.	JOHN HOLDEN 5.
FRED. RHODES 2.	WILLIAM BENTLEY 6.
SAMUEL H. COOPER 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY 7.
HERBERT MAYALL 4.	HARRY MUNNS Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, of Leeds, and Conducted by SAMUEL H. COOPER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of the Duke of York and Princess May, the band wishing them every happiness.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS SOCIETY.

On Thursday, July 6, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT 5.
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ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 3.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 7.
E. BANKES JAMES 4.	EDWARD HAYWARD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince George, Duke of York, and the Princess Victoria May.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	JOHN SMART 5.
KEITH HART 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	WILLIAM COLLISON 7.
JAMES WOOLGAR 4.	CHARLES SMART Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Bennett hails from Guildford, for whom this peal was arranged.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Oastler, 1; H. Howlett, 2; C. Harper, 3; A. E. Read, 4; S. Garnham, 5; J. C. Self (conductor), 6.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of the royal wedding, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Miller, a date touch of Stedman Caters, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Heywood, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. Russam, 3; B. Witchell (conductor), 4; W. Bryant, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; W. Short, 7; T. Miller, 8; H. Johnson, 9; J. King, 10. Composed by W. Kent. Tenor 36 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, June 25th, at St. John's church, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1893 changes), in 1 hr. and 8 mins. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; F. Charlton (South Church), 6; J. Baxter, 7; J. W. Shipp (composer and conductor, South Church), 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 28th, at the parish church, 720 of Doubles, consisting of three 120's Manchester Doubles and three 120's Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 29 mins. C. Dare, 1; H. George, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. H. Frost, 4; F. Kay, 5. Conducted by G. Brown who hails from Crick, and is a member of the East Derbyshire Association. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the new church for St. John's district of this parish. Tenor 19 cwt.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Monday, June 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. C. F. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by Messrs. Walden and Earle. On Monday, July 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. F. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. C. F. Walden, 1; W. Earle, 2; A. Lee, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; F. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnickliff, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. Snape, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Saturday, June 24th, at the parish church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 23 mins. F. Hughes, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Bray, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6. T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. It was intended to ring a peal to commemorate the birthday of Lord Powis, who is president of our local society and churchwarden, but owing to the tenor man being taken ill the bells were let run round at the half-way. E. Bray hails from Machynlleth, and is a late member of Hertford Association.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, July 1st, by members of St. James' Guild, Taunton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Millard, 1; J. Burge, 2; H. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; W. Thorn, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Millard, Poole, Doble, Thorn, and Harris; also first quarter-peal as conductor by J. Maddock.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON (Kent).—On Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). A. Smith, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; H. Foreman, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; W. G. Lucas, 6; W. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Leonard's church, in honour of the royal wedding, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two

singles), and 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). S. Mockett, 1; W. Ongley, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, July 6th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Haigh, 1; W. Cooke, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; A. Honnor (longest touch in the method), 4; W. Kings, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Bate, 7; T. Letchford (longest touch), 8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, June 12th, for practice, 720 College Single. H. Catton, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, June 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Martin, 1; L. Digweed, 2; J. Broom, 3; F. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 4th, at the parish church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Smith, 1; W. Harden, 2; A. C. West (conductor), 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; J. Worsley, 2; A. West, 3; E. Newman, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8.

SHELDWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, June 25th, for evening service, at the parish church, two 120s Bob Doubles. W. Willis, 1; C. H. Drake, 2; E. Bridges, 3; H. Burling (conductor), 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6. And after service, 360 Bob Minor, (three bobs and six singles). W. Willis, 1; C. H. Drake, 2; W. Taylor, 3; E. Holladay, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; F. Hunt, 6. These bells have been recently repaired by a local man, and although "the go" is better, it is to be hoped they will some day receive the attention they deserve.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul (during the Octave of the Dedication Festival) after the evening service, a 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering (thirty bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. W. Willis, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; F. Hunt, 4; H. Burling, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; S. Croucher, 8. On Wednesday, July 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Major. H. Burling, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; H. Foreman, 3; J. D. Barnes, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; E. Holladay, 6; M. Laxon, 7; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 8.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 4th, at St. Bartholomew's church, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins., was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Jos. Maycock, a member of the local company, his brother-strings wishing him much happiness. J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; F. May, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and six singles), in 26 mins., conducted by T. Millington. On Sunday, June 18th, 720 Bob Minor (twelve bobs and six singles), in 25 mins., conducted by T. Clough, being his first two 720s as conductor. Jos. Maycock, 2; T. Millington, 4; the rest as above.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, June 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. A 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; H. Coffee, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. In the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by S. W. Norris, Barking, Essex. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, July 2nd, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Sanderson, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. For evening service an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing over 740 changes. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; F. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; F. Tate, 4; A. Haines, 5; J. Swinger, 6; F. Sanderson (conductor), 7; W. Welch, 8. *First touch in the method as conductor.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.

J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt, 2; W. Chapman, 3; R. P. Brindley, 4; A. Everitt, 5; C. Chapman, 6; J. W. Timms (conductor), 7; W. Chatterton, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, 504 Grandsire Triples, with queens and tittums. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The above was rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal in the same method, which came to grief after ringing nearly half-way through some one opening the door of the belfry.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Whit-Monday, May 22nd, at St. John's church, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Pallister (South Church), 1; F. Charlton (South Church), 2; T. Hudson, jun. (Bishop Wearmouth), 3; J. Pallister (South Church), 4; H. C. Mayne (South Church), 5; T. Hudson sen. (Bishop Wearmouth), 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Moncaster, 1; A. Keen (North Shields), 2; J. Hern (North Shields), 3; R. Borrows (Middlesbrough), 4; E. Waller (Middlesbrough), 5; W. Newton (conductor, Stockton), 6. The above were rung on the occasion of a meeting of the above Association. On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Bell, 3; J. Baxter, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Thursday, June 8th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Bolton, 1; A. E. Moncaster, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; Jas. Baxter, 4; F. A. Teasdale, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 11th, for morning service, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). A. E. Moncaster, 1; W. Patton, 3; F. A. Teasdale, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. And for evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. Bell, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. First 504 Grandsire Triples on the bells. On Sunday, June 25th, for morning service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. Whitfield, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; F. A. Teasdale, 6; J. Baxter (conductor), 7; J. Bolton, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham).—On Sunday, July 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 College Single (twenty-two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; W. T. Robson, 6. This 720 was composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of the previous day.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Thursday, July 6th, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. A. Ward, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; W. Sheraton, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. G. A. Ward, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Meyers, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of the royal wedding.

NORTH SHIELDS (Durham).—On Thursday, July 6th, at Christ Church, the following touches were rung to celebrate the Royal Wedding: A 756 Grandsire Triples. J. Browell, 1; E. Keen, 2; J. Hern, 3; J. Rossiter, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; H. Dall (conductor), 6; H. Ross, 7; T. Hare, 8. A 560 Bob Major. E. Keen, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; A. Tully, 3; G. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; —, 6; H. Dall, 7; J. Hern (conductor), 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Browell, 1; A. Tully, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen (conductor), 4; W. Reed, 5; J. Hern, 6; H. Ross, 7; T. Hare, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Dall, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen (conductor), 4; H. Ross, 5; J. Hern, 6; A. Tully, 7; T. Hare, 8. A quarter-peal of Bob Triples. J. Browell, 1; H. Ross, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; T. Teasdale, 5; J. Hern, 6; H. Dall (conductor), 7; T. Hare, 8. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Tully, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; G. Holmes, 3; E. Keen, 4; J. Hern, 5; H. Ross (conductor), 6; W. Reed, 7; T. Hare, 8. P.S.—The bells of this church have been stopped on Sundays owing to financial reasons, but they are still rung for practice on Tuesdays.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Martin's church, on the occasion of the royal wedding, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. H. Weatherington, 1; J. W. Duff, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; C. Hardy, 6. Also a course of Grandsire Minor, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Duff, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; C. Hardy, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Weatherington (first 720), 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. Wyche, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6. Also

four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Duff, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; C. Hardy, 6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with H. Weatherington, 1. Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 4th, at St. Peter's church, on handbells, 112 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, being the first in the method by all except Messrs. Lindoff and Stannard. R. W. Stannard, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; J. Kettle, 3; W. Green, 4; W. Burch, 5; G. Rashbrooke, 6; G. Lindoff, 7-8. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding (the tower bells having been put temporarily in order for the occasion), 336 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; H. Bowell, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Button, 4; G. Rashbrooke, 5; W. Green, 6; W. Burch, 7; A. Bowell, 8. And 224 Bob Major with R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; A. Wright, 5; the rest as before. And 462 Grandsire Triples. W. Scott, 1; H. Bowell, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Button, 4; R. W. Stannard, 5; W. Green, 6; A. Bowell, 7; W. Burch, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Bumpstead, 1; W. Green, 2; G. Rashbrooke, 3; R. W. Stannard, 4; A. Bowell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. Burch, 7; F. Clements, 8. And various other short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Conducted by R. W. Stannard. Tenor 20½ cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Thursday, July 6th, at St. Michael's church, a 5040 in seven Minor methods was attempted in honour of the royal wedding, but after ringing 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and about 300 of Bob Minor, it came to grief. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade (longest length), 4; F. Rudkin, 5. H. E. Hammond, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, June 28th, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the Memorial Mission School on Chamber Hall Estate in The Saviour's parish, a 1050 of Grandsire Triples was rung on The Saviour's church bells, in 42 mins. W. Grundy, 1; W. Hulme, 2; W. Gorton, 3; R. Fiddies, 4; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 5; J. Calderbank, 6; J. Whitehead, 7; H. Lord, 8. On Thursday, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. W. Grundy, 1; John Calderbank, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Partington, 5; James Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; H. Lord, 8. Messrs. Gorton and Whitehead belong to the parish church and the rest to The Saviour's companies.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Wednesday evening, June 28th (coronation day), at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; H. B. Slack, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; O. W. Layng (conductor), 6; T. Robinson, 7; G. Grist, 8. On Thursday morning, July 6th, in honour of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, 1; H. F. Shepherd, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; O. W. Layng (conductor), 6; T. Robinson, 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor about 16 cwt. The above touches were composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday, June 2nd, at Christ church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 25 mins. J. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, June 2nd, a 720 College Single (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. J. H. Smith, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 6th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. Levi Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 14th, a 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 18th, for Divine Service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 25½ mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. A. White hails from Waterfoot. And a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 25th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And a 720

Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 27th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. And a 720 Oxford Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockroft, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, July 2nd, at the parish church, by special request, as a farewell to G. N. Price, Esq. (second son of the Rev. N. Price, vicar of Oxhey), an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it came to grief after nearly 2 hrs. ringing, owing to a change-course. W. E. Oakley, 1; F. Edwards, 2; H. J. Wright, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. N. Price, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; W. Hewitt, 8. Afterwards the band were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. Mr. Price was presented with a silver match-box, suitably engraved, by the members of the Oxhey band, with their best wishes for his future success. It is with much regret that Mr. Price is leaving home for Enniskillen, Ireland.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Ascension Day, for Divine Service in the evening at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. G. Malpass, 1; E. Walker, 2; J. F. Wignell, 3; C. Buckingham, 4; F. Holder (conductor), 5; E. Hollands, 6; J. Harding, 7; E. Lee, 8. On Sunday morning, June 18th, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. G. Malpass, 1; J. F. Wignell, 2; E. Walker, 3; T. King, 4; E. Hollands, 5; J. Trappitt, 6; F. Holder (conductor), 7; A. H. Bundle, 8. This was rung as a birthday touch for W. Farrands, a member of the local Society. The quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 6-7s.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering. J. Horne, 1; J. Chance, 2; A. Jackson, 3; W. Hemming, 4; J. Perrins, 5; J. Broad (conductor), 6; E. Gilbert, 7. On Sunday, July 9th, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; W. Short, 2; J. Chance, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; E. Gilbert, 5; T. Barber, 6; J. Broad, 7; J. Barber, 8. Also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Shillock, 1; T. Barber, 2; G. Hayward, 3; W. Short (conductor), 4; J. Barber, 5; O. James, 6; G. Bourne, 7; W. Rea, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Broad, 1; T. Barber, 2; G. Hayward, 3; G. Bourne, 4; W. Rea, 5; O. James, 6; W. Short, 7; J. Barber, 8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Rea, 1; T. Barber, 2; G. Bourne, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; J. Barber, 5; W. Short, 6; H. Martin, 7; O. James, 8. This is Messrs. Broad and Shillock's longest touch of Treble Bob. Messrs. Broad, Gilbert, Horne and Chance are local men. Bourne, Hayward, James and Rea hail from Bromsgrove; Barber (2), Short and Shillock from Clent; Martin from Belbroughton.

LOCKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, June 24th, on the occasion of the Church Anniversary Festival, the following touches were rung: At 7 o'clock, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Ricketts, 1; W. R. Hexter, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. R. Ward, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. E. Hexter (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. R. Ward (conductor), 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. For evening service 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter (conductor), 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; J. R. Ward, 7; F. C. Wicks, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Harrison, 1; F. Ricketts, 2; A. Ricketts, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon (conductor), 6; J. R. Ward, 7; F. C. Wicks, 8.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 580 of Stedman Triples. R. Sewell, 1; F. L. Davies (conductor), 2; G. Wilde, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; G. Pell, 5; D. Springhall, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Currell, 8.

MOORSIDE, NEAR OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. D. Ford, 1; S. Taylor, 2; J. Pilkinton, 3; T. Greenwood, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Shaw, 6; J. Harrison, 7; J. Jackson, 8. First quarter-peal by Ford and Jackson, who hail from Bury; Harrison from Heywood.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, the church bells merrily rung 4680 Bob Minor. Of that number the men rung 3340 at one standing. H. Saunders, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; Edgar Chaplin, 3; C. Duncombe, 4; A. Chaplin, 5; E. Radley, 6.

Notices.

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The St. John-at-Hackney Society.—The Members of this society will pay a visit to Banstead, Surrey, to-day, Saturday, 15th July, and by kind permission of the Vicar of All Saints, the bells, a recently-augmented peal of eight, will be placed at the disposal of the visitors. A meat tea will be provided at The Victoria inn, at a cost of 1s. 6d. per head, at 6.0 p.m. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome, and those desirous of attending tea will please intimate the same to

W. D. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
70, Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Hinckley, to-day, Saturday, July 15th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Christ church, Barlow Moor Road, Wittington, to-day, Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting of the above branch will be held at Haslingden, to-day, Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 4.0 o'clock. Meeting in the School 6.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Sec.*
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dewsbury, to-day, Saturday, July 15th, at 5.0 p.m. Meeting house, Wakefield Arms, Committee meeting at 4.0 p.m.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Albert Street, Bailey Carr.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, July 15th, at Erith. The belfry of St. John the Baptist will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting in the vestry at 5.0.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, *Hon. Sec.*
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Halesworth District.—The first meeting in connection with this district, will be held at Halesworth, to-day, Saturday, July 15, the tower will be open for ringing from 5 till 9 p.m. All members and friends cordially welcome.

JOHN SARTER, *District Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held on Monday, 17th inst., at Long Crendon, Thame. Service at noon. Dinner at one. Application for dinner tickets, etc., should be made at once to

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's church (city), on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aylsham, on Tuesday, July 18th. Excursion tickets G.E.R. H. EARLE BULWER.

Stanhoe, King's Lynn, June 28th.

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The annual pic-nic will be held at Shenstone, near Lichfield, on Saturday, July 22nd. Dinner tickets, price 3s. each to friends or non entitled members, may be obtained by application before the 18th inst. to

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Surrey Association.—On Saturday, July 22nd, by kind permission of the Vicar, the above Association will hold their next meeting at Reigate. Tower open from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m., and from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea at the Red Cross, at 5 p.m. Those wishing to be present at tea must send not later than Thursday, July 20th, to

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The Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Lytham, on Saturday, July 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (eight), and St. John's (six), will be open from 3 o'clock. Meeting in the Schoolroom, Church Road, at 6.15, when the Rev. Canon Hawkins is expected to preside. Members will please notice subscriptions are due at this meeting. Ringers from other parts of the County will be welcomed.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*
21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

The Yorkshire Association.—Members are reminded that the official year finishes at the end of this month, by which time all unpaid subscriptions for 1892-3; reports of peals rung; nominations for officers and committee-men; other notices of motion for the annual meeting; as well as alterations of addresses, etc. of members; and other corrections for the annual report, should be sent in. Immediate attention to this is desired.

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Brought round by calling the 9th in with a single and out next lead.

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. GARDNER.—We have handed your letter over to our contributor, "Plain Speaker."

F. E. DAWK.—We do not know to what your telegram alludes.

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN CATEKES.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

1893.

Start off with a whole quick six thus:—

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268519473	
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547362918	-
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234651	-
431652	-
134256	-
436251	-
631254	-
136452	-
632451	-
*235164	-
534162	-
432165	-
234561	-
431562	-
132564	-
231465	-
135462	-
531264	-
134265	-

A single next change brings the bells round.
* Single at 4 in this course.

The date touch by P. Brickell, published last week, is false.

Mr. H. Haigh, of Retford, writes:—"The 720 of Grandsire Minor by J. Fisher, of Ducklington, in your issue of June 17th, is only a variation of a twelve-part 720 composed by R. Potter, of Retford, and which appeared in 'The BELL NEWS,' October 5th, 1889. The only difference between them is that Mr. Fisher's is transposed into three parts with the 5th bell as observation, and that of Mr. Potter's the 6th as observation."

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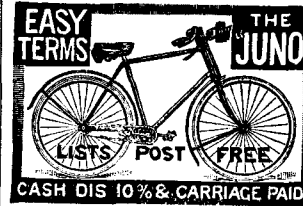
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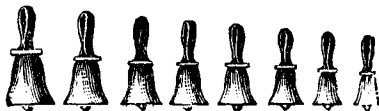
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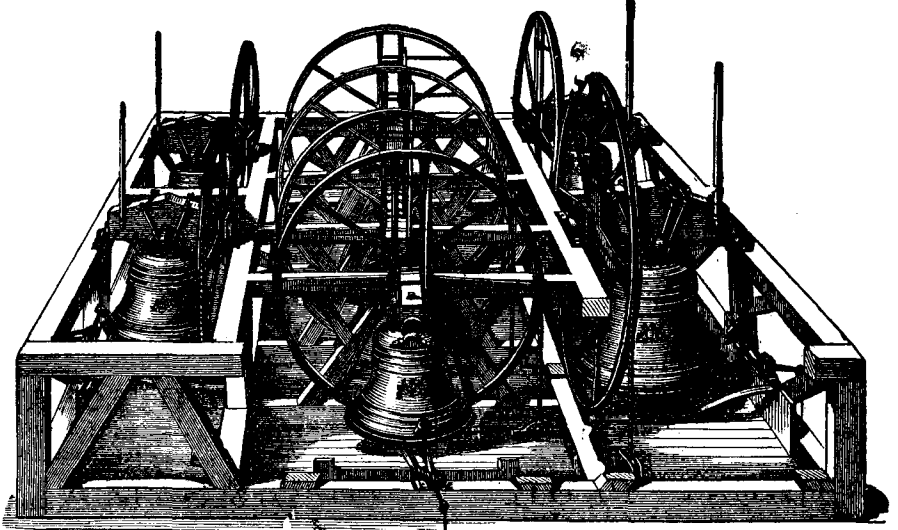
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