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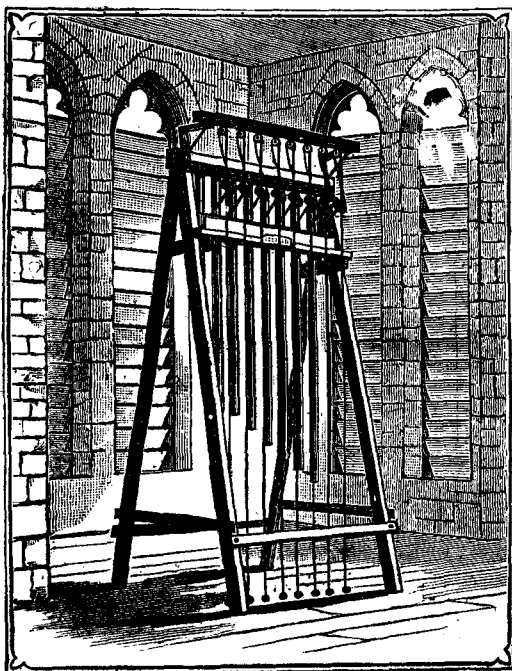
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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The usual quarterly meeting in connection with the above Association was held on Saturday, September 23rd, at Harworth, a rather remote corner of North Notts., and one somewhat difficult of access. Nevertheless there were present the largest number at a quarterly meeting the society has ever known, representing the towers of Blyth, Bawtry, Anston, Harthill, Worksop, Shireoaks, Everton, West Retford, Ordsall, and Harworth. The bells were soon set going to a 720 of Treble Bob by a mixed band, and which was brought round in 25 mins., conducted by G. Barrowcliffe. After several touches in various methods had been rung, 5 o'clock arrived, and the members, numbering sixty, sat down to do ample justice to a peal in the knife and fork method, which was neatly got through in 40 mins.

The business meeting which followed, shows that the society is progressing numerically and financially, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden, for his attendance, and also for the excellent report he gave. Hervy Denman, Esq., as an efficient member, was submitted to the members for approval, and elected unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. J. Huntsman for his kindness and courtesy in presiding over the meeting and for granting the use of the bells.

The ringers once more adjourned to the tower where they rung the first 720 of Grandsire ever rung on the bells. W. H. Johnson, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Drake, 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; C. Crawford, 5; R. Potter, 6. After which a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung, which is believed to be the first in the method on the bells. H. Haigh, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; C. Crawford, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. Swindon, 5; J. White, (conductor), 6. At 8.30 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, and the return journey for home was made, the fresh country air and the lovely moonlight drive home being heartily enjoyed by all.

The bells, which are a fine peal of six, have been recently rehung, a treble added, and the tenor recast, by Messrs. Taylor, the ropes falling in a beautiful circle, and the "go" of them all that can be desired. It is sincerely hoped that the Harworth ringers will very shortly be able to manipulate the ropes, and give satisfaction in ringing to the village to which they belong.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bawtry on Saturday, December 2nd.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, September 2nd, a party of ringers from Old Swindon drove over to the above town, the church of which is so widely known for its beautiful stained glass windows. Owing to the long draught and the bells being all loose on the stocks, very little at first could be done in the way of change-ringing, a couple of 6-scores being brought round with great difficulty, but the ringers not liking to return without bringing round a touch of Grandsire Triples, a spanner was procured and the bells screwed up. Afterwards a 168 and a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the assistance of A. W. Pike (Caversham), and T. Witchell (Fairford). In the 168 the ringers stood as follows: F. Ricketts, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; H. B. Slack, 5; J. H. Shepherd, 6; J. Robinson, 7; G. Grist, 8. In the 504 T. Witchell rang the 6th, and J. H. Shepherd the tenor; the rest as before.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

This fine peal of eight bells having been out of repair for some years, and almost unringable, have now been rehung, the first seven being quarter-turned and the tenor recast, all the fittings being new throughout, with the exception of the framework, which was in good order. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the bells were re-opened on Friday, September 8th, at 1.30 p.m., a dedication service being held at 2.30, after which the bells were rung several times. The following ringers were present: J. George (Rugby), N. Alderman (London), R. Sear (Bletchley), H. Tomkins (Newton Longville), V. Sear (Bletchley), J. Sear (Bletchley), J. Young (Newton Longville), and T. Hartup (Fenny Stratford).

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The fourteenth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham district of this Association was held at Peasenhall on Saturday, September 23rd, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Sibton, Peasenhall, Wenhamston, Bramfield, and Halesworth. The bells of the parish church, as also those of the parish churches of Sibton and Yoxford, were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening, in the Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Grandsire methods. The Angel hotel was the head quarters, and hostess Rose placed a substantial meat tea on the table in the large assembly-room punctually at 6 o'clock, which having been done full justice to, the cloth was removed, and the business meeting followed forthwith.

Mr. F. Cooper, of Aldeburgh, was unanimously voted to the chair, who called upon the Hon. District Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. Letters from various members, regretting their inability to attend, were laid before the meeting. The Rev. Ernest A. Cooke, Vicar of Peasenhall, was enrolled as an honorary member of the Association, and one probationer was admitted. It was reported that one 504 had been rung in the district since the last meeting, viz.: at Peasenhall, on the 9th of September. On the proposition of Mr. A. Lincoln, seconded by Mr. C. Lincoln, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Benhall, on Saturday, November 25th. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of Yoxford, Sibton and Peasenhall for their kindness in granting the use of the bells of the respective towers, and to the chairman for presiding, which concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening a set of handbells belonging to Mr. A. Lincoln, were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, upon which several touches were rung, and which interspersed by some songs by Messrs. Wolfe, Wilson, Sampson, and Bacon, caused a very pleasant evening to be spent.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—A ringing meeting of this branch was held at Prestbury on Saturday last, September 23rd, which was attended by members from Macclesfield, Prestbury, Gawsorth, Bollington, and Poynton, to the number of twenty-five. Ringing was commenced on the fine peal of bells (tenor 14 cwt.) at four o'clock, by Grandsire Triples. At four o'clock a substantial tea was partaken of, after which ringing in the tower was resumed, till eight o'clock, the time being occupied in helping young hands to ring Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Minor, and Triples. Later on most of the members adjourned to an adjacent house, where the rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse, harmony, and handbell ringing. Three plain courses of Grandsire Caters were rung double-handed by a mixed band comprised of Macclesfield and Prestbury men. And a 360 of Bob Minor was rung by W. Gayes, 1; J. Norbury, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3-4; J. Minshall, 5-6. Mr. Walmsley also tapped plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major on the piano. Altogether a very pleasant meeting was held, terminating with "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16th, the above Association held their monthly meeting at Brighouse, at the Ring of Bells. But owing to several bands of ringers practising for the handbell contest at Belle Vue, Manchester, the attendance was only small, nevertheless, members attended from Batley, Mirfield, Birstall, Low Moor, and Brighouse. Mr. Joah Peacock, Vice-President, occupied the chair, and in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Walter Stubley read the minutes of the last meeting, which were carried; other business of the Association being gone through, the meeting terminated, the church bells being rung till a late hour. Members can now have rules by applying to the Secretary, at 1d. each, or by post 2d. The next meeting will be held at Batley.

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RE-OPENING OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH TOWER AND BELLS.

The re-dedication of Irthlingborough Church tower and bells, which has been so long looked forward to by the parishioners, took place on Wednesday, September 16th, and the weather being beautifully fine, the ceremony was attended by large numbers. At the top of the tower two or three flags were floating, and all, along the main street flags were hung across the road, bunting was freely displayed, and sprays of evergreen were projecting from shop windows. The tower before the reconstruction stood 99 feet down to the door-step, and now on the door-step being taken away and after the re-building, it stands 99 feet 3 inches. It is built exactly the same shape as the former one, and the old stones have been used. It is of limestone with buttresses and dressings of Barnack stone, and Weldon stone and iron-stone are also used. The tower is in four stages, and contains a peal of eight bells and a clock chamber, but no clock has yet been placed in it. The "lantern" tower is of octagonal shape. Inside the tower there are two stone tablets inserted in the wall which bears the inscriptions:—"This tower forming part of the college of Irthlingborough, built about 1376 by John Pyel, Alderman and Lord Mayor of London, was taken down 1887 and their building commenced to the glory of God 1888," also "The lantern of this tower was re-erected in memory of the late James John Seymour Spencer Lucas, of Burfield Priory, A.D. 1893." In the year 1880 the tower was condemned on an examination being made by Mr. Pearson, and in his report it was mentioned as being past repair. Three years later it was decided to pull it down. In the year 1886 a committee was formed, and in 1887 the tower was taken down, and all the chief stones were marked. The work of re-building was then commenced but could only be proceeded with as the money was given. It was raised ten feet at the commencement, and then the money being advanced another ten feet were added. About the year 1890 25 feet had been raised, but a standstill followed. The tower was eventually erected but the lantern was left. As the funds were not forthcoming a proposal was made to roof in the tower, but objections were effectually made and a handsome gift having been presented to the fund by Miss Lucas, the whole has just been completed by Messrs. E. Brown and Sons, of Wellingborough, the architects being Messrs. Talbot-Brown, and Fisher. The total cost of the re-building of the tower has been £2,500, and it is estimated that, when all is cleared, another £400 will still be required.

At the re-dedication service the surplined choir met the clergy at the gate of the churchyard, followed by the churchwardens, Messrs. Allen and Dunmore. The Rev. A. E. Oldroyd bore the cross, and the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough followed. There were also present in the procession the Rev. E. Biscoe, Rev. J. T. Bonner (Stanwick), Rev. R. S. Baker (Hargrave), Rev. C. J. Gordon (Rushden), Rev. H. A. Boyes (Easton Maudit), Rev. W. D. Sargeant (Bozeat), Rev. W. E. Fletcher (Finedon), Rev. A. S. Altham (All Saints, Wellingborough), Rev. W. O. Leadbitter (Denford), Rev. A. R. Carr (All Saints, Wellingborough), Rev. C. H. Smith (Yeldon), and Rev. J. Dun (Higham Ferrers). The processional Psalm was the 31st, from the first verse to the seventh, and the twenty-first to the end. A short service was first held inside the porch door, in which the keys of the tower were presented to the Bishop by the churchwardens. The tower and bells were then dedicated by the Bishop, and immediately after the bells rang a short peal for the service of the day. The procession then moved on into the church, which by this time was quite full. A full choir was in attendance, accompanied on the organ by Mr. W. Jolly, of Higham Ferrers. The Rev. C. J. Gordon read the first lesson (Nehemiah xii. 37 to 47) and the Rev. A. S. Altham the second (1 Peter ii. 1-10). The Epistle was read by the Rev. J. T. Bonner, and the Gospel by the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd. Hymn 397 was sung, after which the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit and announced his text from Psalm xviii. 2. In the course of his sermon the Bishop said that in England there was no more interesting a tower than the one they possessed that day. What did that tower mean standing by itself? That tower detached and with a porch between it. Why it told a tale which was the most curious and the most interesting that could be told. It told of the time when England passed from being unsettled into being settled. These towers were the refuges for the villagers, and were places of

actual protection. They also gave protection because of their sanctity, because they were connected with the church and were holy. Men who cared for nothing else sometimes respected one who took shelter under the Most High. In those times churches were not built in two or three years, they took centuries. The church they saw took from 150 to 200 years. It was built from time to time and yet it never gained its full length and its tower until there came a wealthy merchant from afar. He built the tower at a time when England was settled, and there was no longer any need for protection against the foe. The tower was unique of all the church towers he had ever seen. It was unique, admirable, and conspicuous. He urged them never to pass it or to look upon it without feeling the protection of God.

After the sermon a collection in aid of the Tower Restoration Fund was taken. A choral celebration of the Holy Communion followed, and the service concluded with a recessional hymn. A public luncheon was provided in the National Schools, over which the Bishop presided, and about 100 sat down. Amongst those present were noticed Mr. and Mrs. Illingworth (daughter of the Rev. Mr. Grabham, formerly vicar of the parish), and Miss Illingworth, of Bradford, Yorks., who had come to join in the re-opening services.

The luncheon over, the Bishop rose to propose the health of "The Queen." He said they had gathered together on that occasion of exceptional interest to the whole county of Northampton, and especially to those who lived here. They were elated at the thought of the accomplishment of the work, for it had been a thought of grief throughout the whole countryside when Irthlingborough tower had been missing from the landscape. He tried two years ago to cheer up the vicar and churchwardens about the possibilities of the future. They knew how excellently the vicar had worked for the purpose of having his church done, and every one had tried to help him in the purpose. It was exceedingly gratifying to find the pride that Englishmen possessed in the place in which they were born and lived. In most other countries a department of Government had to look after the historic buildings, but not so in England. As yet English people liked to look after themselves, and he hoped they would continue to be of that mind. In this place and in Higham there were two places which were exceedingly taxed to look after their buildings. It was a source of great pleasure to him to see how local patriotism had kindled around this church and tower. It must be confessed that the people of the present generation had been severely taxed. The church had been restored, and the tower had now been rebuilt all in this generation. It was an exceeding heavy tax, but they had not to do it in the future. The work had been wrought by the energy, efforts, and self-sacrifice of the vicar and those to whom he spoke. He would propose "Prosperity to Irthlingborough and its Church," and with it he coupled the name of Mr. Biscoe.

The Rev. E. Biscoe, on rising to reply, was loudly applauded. He said he was rather proud of the work which had been accomplished, for he thought it had been the happiest work of his life. He thought it would not be out of place to give a short history of the work. It was as long ago as 1883 when it was decided to pull down the tower, upon the report of Mr. Pearson, the architect. A committee was formed in 1886; a very influential one, which included the Bishop of Ely, Bishop Mitchinson, Lord Burghley, Archdeacon Lightfoot, Canon Barker, and Mr. S. G. Stopford-Sackville. The tower was taken down in 1887. In the year 1890 about 25 feet had been raised from the ground, and they then came to a standstill for funds. A great deal was done by the Rev. Mr. Grabham, for he undertook and carried through the whole of the restoration of the church, and if he had been there he would have rejoiced in his work. A local committee was then formed, and it had had a very practical effect. The committee made an appeal to the county and they received some very good gifts. Mr. Stopford-Sackville had given more than £50, Mr. Fitzwilliam had given £50, the Dean of Peterborough had given £20, and the Architectural Society had helped to a certain extent, whilst another family, that of the late Mr. Hannaford, had helped to the best of their means. About £2,000 had been raised altogether, and a great effort was made at the bazaar. Great thanks were due to the ladies, for about £300 raised. Then they had an entertainment and the tableaux raised £15. The collection cards raised £100. Certain individuals in the parish had given well. Mr. T. Lilley had

given £50 and £100, the churchwardens (Messrs. Allen and Dunmore), £25 each: Mr. Samuel Robinson, £15; and there were others who had contributed handsomely. A proposal was made to roof in the tower at one time, and the roof was ordered and was in the churchyard, but an old resident suggested that an appeal should be made to a certain lady for funds to continue the lantern tower. The appeal was successful, and Miss Lucas gave £500. He alluded to the very satisfactory way in which Messrs. Brown and Son had carried out the work. The workmen, he said, were the most steady and most respectable class of men he had seen. Throughout the whole of the work, the pulling down and the building up, there had been no accident whatever, and it was a matter for great thankfulness. They were still in debt, for the committee had been obliged to guarantee £200 in order to furnish the old college buildings and set off the churchyard. The total amount raised was £2000, exclusive of Miss Lucas' gift. He thanked the committee for the work they had done, and the thanks of the parish were due to that committee for the zealous way in which the members had worked. He had however, forgotten to mention the bells. Two had been given by Mr. Wm. Woolston, which made a peal of eight.

Mr. Dunmore proposed the health of "The Bishop," to which his Lordship responded.

Mr. J. Spencer then proposed the health of "The Architect," Mr. Talbot-Brown, and that gentleman responded.

Mr. Samuel Robinson proposed the health of "The Builders of the Tower." He pointed out two very significant facts in the building of the tower. The first was that no accident had occurred, and the second that they had had exceptional weather for the work. Mr. E. Brown, for Messrs. Brown and Sons, responded.

In the afternoon a tea was held in Mr. A. Dunmore's close, and a good number sat down. The Dean of Peterborough preached to a good congregation in the evening.

ANNUAL RINGING HOLIDAY.

During the past fortnight the writer has had an enjoyable holiday. On Saturday, September 9th, at Horsham, a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 3 hrs. 1 min. On Tuesday, September 12th, at Henfield, a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 54½ mins. On Wednesday, September 13th, at Southover, Lewes, a peal of Bob Major was brought round in 3 hrs. 7 mins. On Thursday, September 14th, at St. Nicolas, Brighton, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but it came to grief after 30 mins. On Friday, September 15th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 54 mins. On Saturday, September 16th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round in 3 hrs. 8 mins. On Tuesday, September 9th, at Ashton-under-Lyne, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, but it came to grief after 45 mins. On Thursday, September 21st, at St. Peter's, Oxford, a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 43 mins. It will be seen that eight peals had been attempted, six of which came to a successful issue, and were recorded in their proper place. The writer desires, through the medium of this paper, to thank Messrs. Williams (Brighton), Chandler (Warnham), Gatland (Steyning), Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Washbrook (Oxford), and others for the arrangements so kindly made.

J. GEORGE.

SAUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 21st, by invitation of the churchwardens, eight members of the St. Nicholas' Society, Thorne, Yorkshire, journeyed down to Saunthorpe to try the new peal of eight bells recently put up by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., before the bellhanger went away. By the time the ringers arrived a great crowd of people had assembled to hear the bells, thus showing what interest the inhabitants took in the proceedings. The bells were raised in peal and rung in rounds for a short time, when short touches were rung just to feel the bells, and then 840 of Bob Major was brought round. T. Chester, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; T. Jackson, 3; W. H. Sanderson, 4; W. Sanderson, 5; F. Clarke, 6; A. Hemingway, 7; W. A. Tyler, 8. The bells are a splendid peal, tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

They are hung in iron frames with all the latest improvements, the "go" being all that can be desired, and reflecting the highest credit on the above firm. After the ringing was over, by the kind invitation of the Vicar the company repaired to the parish room, where an excellent meat tea was provided for them, to which ample justice was done. The bells will be formally dedicated on the 16th of October by the Bishop of Lincoln, when eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association will attempt a peal. In the meantime the bells will not be rung for Divine Service, as there are no ringers in the district. The visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for his hospitality, and the churchwardens for their kind reception.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 14th, the bells of the parish church was rung for the first time in eleven months, the reason of them being silent so long is that there has been extensive repairs done to the tower and bells. The repairs done to the tower consisted in pointing the tower from top to bottom, and putting brace-rods right through from side to side. The lead flat on the top of the tower has been relaid with new boards and part new rafters. The old spire has been taken down, and a new one erected; both the flat and spire being covered with lead. The bells have been rehung, new wheels to the back six bells, and vertical rods through the bell frame, and new rope boxes to guide the ropes. The work has been done by Mears and Stainbank, and great credit is due to them for the way in which they have carried out the work. The bells were cast by Pack and Chapman in 1774, and bear the following inscriptions:

Treble.—Our voices shall in concert ring
To honour both of God and King.

Second.—While thus we join in cheerful sound
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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.—On Saturday, September 9th, the members of this Society had their annual outing, the place selected being Witheridge, North Devon. Leaving the parish church of St. Sidwell at seven o'clock in a well-appointed brake, under the careful management of friend Marles, a very pleasant drive was made through Crediton into Sandford, where a halt was made for some hot coffee, which the kindly host of the Rose and Crown soon placed before them, which was very acceptable, and quite resuscitated the whole of the party for the remainder of the journey through Kennerleigh and Trobridge to Witheridge, which was safely reached about 11.30. Here they were met by friend Bulled (who by the by belonged to a band of change-ringers in Bath, but who has had to give up ringing for several years now on account of his corpulent proportions), and some of the local ringers. After the inner man had been attended to, the fine peal of eight, tenor 28 cwt., was set rolling to the tune of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing for nearly 50 mins. all hope of a peal had to be abandoned, for it was found that the oscillation of the cage, together with the weight of the bells, was indeed too much for any one man to ring either the 6th or 7th through a 5040 before the bells have been attended to by a practical bellhanger. The band for the attempt stood as follows: B. Mundy, 1; W. Drake, 2; C. Carter, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Davey, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake and W. Chapple, 8. Adjourning to The Angel hotel a splendid dinner, provided by host Baker, was done ample justice to, the course-ends turning up in due order, and the coming-home course was as true and complete as the first round. The following then rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples: W. Drake, 1; C. Carter, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; T. Mudge, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy and W. Chapple, 8. The rest of the day was spent in ringing, singing and handbell playing with the local ringers and friends that had assembled. At 6.30 a start was made for the "Ever Faithful," which was reached just before eleven o'clock, all having enjoyed a most pleasant outing. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and friends at Witheridge for the use of the bells and for the very kind reception given them. The touch and attempted peal were conducted by F. Shepherd.

ST. WERBURGH'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.—On Saturday afternoon, September 16th, the members of this society with several other friends journeyed by brake to Burrington, Somersetshire, a distance of twelve miles. On arriving at Burrington the party were directed to the church by one of the churchwardens (E. H. Llewellyn, Esq., of Langford Court), and ringing was indulged in for some little time on this pretty ring of six. Ringing being over, the party, through the kindness of E. H. Llewellyn, Esq., visited Canford Manor, where they were supplied with refreshments. The visitors take this opportunity through the medium of this paper, of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and E. H. Llewellyn, Esq., for his kind hospitality. Bristol was reached about 11 p.m., the drive being much enjoyed.

THE RAWMARSH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—Recently ten members of this Society left home, taking with them forty-nine of their handbells, leaving the three largest at home. They went to the barracks occupied by the First Dragoon Guards (temporarily) and met with a good reception, and sorrow was expressed by the officers that it was general inspection day, or they would have kept them for an evening's entertainment. They then went on the way to Dalton, and played several tunes for the Vicar and his family, who were all highly pleased with the music. They then wended their way through the beautiful country lanes to Wickersley and Bramley. At the last-named place they had a grand reception, and promised in the near future that they would pay the place another visit. They proceeded on to Maltby, and played several tunes for Squire Morrell, of Hellaby Hall, and were thanked. Maltby was reached four hours from the start, and here they found a vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Bean), one of the right sort, who understands ringing and could call bobs for them as they rang him changes. They slept at Maltby, spending a very enjoyable evening at the Don

John hotel. The whole company rose early next morning, and went on the way to Sandbeck Park, the seat of Earl Scarborough, and a pleasant morning was spent in strolling through the park and viewing the house. On to Tickhill was the next order, and having arrived there and had refreshments, six of the company visited the parish church and rung a twelve-score of Oxford and two courses of Bob Minor. J. Hawkins, J. Ensor, J. Farmery, W. Hawkins, T. Whitworth (conductor), and T. Wild. They stayed the night at the Carpenters' Arms, kept by F. Jenkinson, an old ringer of fifty years' standing, and here they saw a novelty in the shape of a pitcher made like a bell, with the words "bells up" painted across the front. Friend Jenkinson provided a substantial supper for them. Friday morning saw them start for another stroll, the first place called at being Tickhill Castle. Then they made for Harworth, intending to ring a 720 on the six new bells just erected in the tower, but the Vicar would not allow them to ascend the belfry or ring tunes on the handbells. There were great preparations made here for the North Notts. Association to hold its annual meeting on September 23rd. They then made for Bawtry, making sure of a touch there, but both churchwardens were away from home and the Vicar very ill in bed, so they were again disappointed, but spent a very enjoyable afternoon in the town, and all partook of a good repast provided by Mr. Womack. Being unable to procure lodgings they had to take train to Doncaster. Here they spent several hours at the White Lion, much to the delight of a good company. A start was then made for home, and all arrived safe after a very enjoyable outing.

THE STEYNING SOCIETY, SUSSEX.—The members of this society and friends to the number of twenty-one, held their annual outing on Monday, September 18th, Eastbourne being the place selected. Leaving Steyning by the 8.42 a.m. train, Eastbourne was reached about 11 o'clock, where they were met by Messrs. Rollison, Sharp, and Ticehurst, of the local bands. After partaking of light refreshments, the tower of St. Mary's was visited, where Mr. J. Rollison had everything ready, and the bells were soon set going to a 504 of Stedman Triples which was brought round in 15 mins. G. Gatland, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Sharp, 4; W. Collison, 5; C. Smart, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. And another 504 in the same method. C. Tyler, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. Collison, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples, this being the last touch before dinner. An adjournment was then made to The Lamb inn, where an excellent spread had been prepared by host Greenfield. After doing justice to the good things provided, the conductor called "stand." A quiet stroll then brought them to Christ Church, and the bells were soon set going to a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Sharp, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Collison, 5; T. Searle, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Rollison, 8. After this a 504 of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but it came to grief after ringing 400 changes, this being the last touch attempted here. A stroll was then taken along the parade to St. Saviour's church. The bells were raised in peal, and a 504 of Stedman Triples was brought round in good style. T. Searle, 1; J. Sharp, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Ticehurst, 8. The ringers here wished to try the bells in Major, and a 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major was successfully brought round. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Sharp, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Smart, 6; W. Collison, 7; C. Tyler, 8. This was the last touch attempted, the bells were lowered in peal, and the time arrived too soon to make a start for home. Leaving Eastbourne by the 7.45 p.m. train, Shoreham was reached at 9.45, where they found a conveyance awaiting them, and after a pleasant drive of six miles, Steyning was reached about eleven o'clock, after having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the vicars and churchwardens of St. Mary's, Christ Church, and St. Saviour's churches, for granting them the use of the bells; also Messrs. Rollison, Sharp, and Ticehurst for having everything in readiness for them, and hope the time is not far distant when they will have the pleasure of meeting them again.

THE WEST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY.—This society had their annual outing on Tuesday, September 12th. Journeying to Billingshurst they were met by Mr. Burstow (Horsham)

and Messrs. W. Wadey and T. Chandler (Billingshurst), the following touches being rung on the bells at Billingshurst: 360 of Oxford Bob. R. Summersell, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. 360 of Court Bob. W. Pierce, 1; W. Denman, 2; W. Wadey, 3; S. Woolgar, 4; H. Burstow, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. 120 Plain Bob. W. Jupp, 1; R. Summersell, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. After the foregoing touches were rung a move was made to Slinfold, where the following was brought round:—360 Oxford Bob. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Terrill, 4; H. Burstow, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And a 240 in the same method, conducted by H. Burstow. The next tower selected was Lower Beeding, where they were met by Messrs. F. W. Cripps, A. Cripps, M. Steer, and A. Feist, and after partaking of some light refreshment kindly provided by Miss L. Hubbard, a move was made to the belfry, where a 720 of Court Bob was successfully brought round in 24½ mins. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. A. Feist, 1; R. Summersell (first 720 of Treble Bob), 2; F. W. Cripps, 3; A. Cripps, 4; M. Steer (first 720 of Treble Bob), 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. And 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty-nine bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Denman, 3; H. Terrill, 4; M. Steer, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. R. Summersell (first 720 in the method), 1; A. Feist (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Denman, 3; A. Cripps (first 720 in the method), 4; H. Burstow, 5; F. W. Cripps (conductor), 6. After ringing was over at Lower Beeding, the ringers were invited to Miss L. Hubbard's, where she had kindly provided a first rate supper, and to which good justice was done. The ringers then left for West Grinstead, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they all wish to thank the Vicars of the various parishes for so kindly granting them the use of their bells.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, LEWISHAM.—On Saturday, September 23rd, the members of this Society had their annual outing, Bishops Stortford being the place selected, which was duly reached shortly after three o'clock. Here they were met by Mr. H. J. Tucker, who conducted them to the belfry of St. Michael's church. After some ringing in various methods, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob, Stedman Triples, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters, an adjournment was made to The Chequers hotel, where an excellent meat tea had been arranged, which was also brought round in good time. Some more ringing followed, after which a pleasant evening was spent, everyone returning home having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The best thanks of the company are due to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells; also to Mr. H. J. Tucker for having made the necessary arrangements.

THE BLACKBURN PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—On Thursday, September 7th, the members of this society had their annual outing, the places selected being Skipton, Bolton Woods, Bolton Abbey, and Ilkley. A start was made from Blackburn at 6.15 a.m., arriving at Skipton at 8.15 a.m., where they partook of breakfast, and afterwards proceeded to the fine old church and rang 504 Grandsire Triples and a few courses of Bob Major, when they went through the church, which is a very historical one. They left for Bolton Abbey at 9.42 a.m., arriving there at 10.7 a.m., and preceded by waggonette to Bolton Woods, and after viewing the grand scenery of the district and the ancient abbey, they were taken by waggonette to Ilkley, a drive which was enjoyed by all. Arriving at the Listers Arms at 2 p.m., they found a good dinner in readiness for them, and after doing justice to the good things provided, they made their way to the parish church and rang a 630 Grandsire Triples and a short touch of Bob Major. They next viewed the Snowdon Memorial window and the interior of the church. A start was then made for the Moors, and after great exertion the Cow and Calf was reached, where a splendid view of the surrounding district was obtained and enjoyed by all. They returned to the Listers Arms at 6.45 p.m. and partook of a first-class tea. A start for home was made at 7.45 p.m., which was reached at 10.10 p.m., the outing having been thoroughly enjoyed by all.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

On Thursday evening, September 21st, Hervy Denman, Esq., invited the members of the East Retford company to an excellent dinner, served by host Brissenden at The Pheasant hotel, which appeared like a case marvellously and closely packed with assortments of good things. Four good courses of Knife and Fork Surprise were safely got through without any mistakes, the hunting, dodging, and place-making being done neatly, sweetly, completely, and in a very nice fashion. In 50 minutes the inner man was well satisfied, and the donor briefly addressed the meeting on the mysteries of change-ringing, being astonished the first time he entered a belfry at the mysterious disappearance of the sallies and whether they would return. He also spoke of how the bells were rung in foreign countries: jangled to drive away any epidemic or scare. He also impressed upon the ringers the absolute necessity of being punctual in everything; and what was more tiring and monotonous than six or seven men having to wait for one before anything could be done; and if the time stated was 10 o'clock, let it be ten, not quarter-past. He concluded by expressing the wish of hearing very shortly the tenor bell turned in to a new method; that poor old tenor had been drumming behind all these years, and no one to take it off; all the other bells had been taken off, and it was only right the tenor should not escape. His interesting and amusing speech throughout was well listened to, and was brought to a close by the ringers sincerely wishing that Mr. Denman may be the first to turn the tenor in, and conduct the first peal of Major on the bells.

Mr. H. Haigh briefly responded, and proposed the health and a vote of thanks to Mr. Denman for providing such an excellent repast. He hope was not far distant when Mr. Denman would be able to ring his first peal, considering the manner he had piloted the treble through his first touch that evening. In conclusion he urged upon all present the advisability of being punctual in all things (ringing especially), to work together, to pull together, and then ringing would advance. He believed if the Retford ringers, since the restoration of the bells had only stuck well together, despite the drawbacks of men leaving the town, and others giving it up when only they had learned a portion of it, they would now have been able to master Jasper Snowdon's four Standard Methods. However he hoped by their new addition of Mr. Denman, ringing would progress, and new methods be adopted.

Mr. Denman briefly replied, and thanked all for the very courteous way in which his name had been mentioned, and he should be very glad when he could ring his first peal.

The toast was heartily drank and responded to by a chorus of voices singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." "Time gentlemen," brought to a close the most enjoyable evening spent in connection with this society of ringers. The evening was interspersed with comic songs by Mr. Denman at the piano in his usual style; and also by Messrs. Pickard, J. F. Haigh, H. Haigh, Spurr, and Bottomley; and tunes and change-ringing was indulged in upon the handbells.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1893.

ATTENTION has recently been directed to the bells of the Church of St. Peter, in the town of Northampton, which are said to have undergone the process of rehanging at the hands of local tradesmen, who have not made such work an important feature of their business. Two correspondents, who are both practical ringers, have alluded to this matter, and our frequent contributor, "Plain Speaker," has also found something to say upon it. The letter from Mr. GEORGE, in this number, is evidently written for the purpose of warning. There are, he says, other churches in Northampton having bells which need rehanging, and when they are taken in hand he is anxious, like the rest of us, that only those should be employed who know, from long practical experience, how to do the work; those in fact who have the confidence of the Exercise. No one can blame local tradesmen for accepting a bell-restoration contract; clever local artificers see nothing difficult in the process, and they, like others, are anxious to secure a job which to them appears as plain as a pikestaff, and as easy as affixing a shop-front or setting a kitchen range. The blame lies upon those who fail to make the necessary inquiries; and who sometimes disregard the advice of experts. There are very few of the clergy unacquainted with this paper or our respected contemporary, and who see from time to time the trade

advertisements of firms whose business lie among Church bells. The whereabouts of bellfounders are known quite as well as organ-builders. Yet how ridiculous it would appear to ask a clever local joiner, who had a musical ear, to furnish an organ. Not one whit more stupid than to allow bells to be meddled with only by specialists.

The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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CHARLES J. WILKINS 4.	WILLIAM LAME Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

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On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KENNY Treble.	JOHN MINSHULL 5.
FRANK STONELEY 2.	WILLIAM GAYES 6.
WILFRED MATTHEWS 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
WILLIAM W. STEEL 4.	WILLIAM WALMSLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th twenty-four courses in 5ths place, with all the possible 8478, 8578, and 8678, and the 4th and 5th, twelve courses and the 6th fifteen courses in 6ths place. This is the first peal of Grandsire Major by the Guild and Society, and by all the above except the treble and tenor-men.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, September 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE PITT Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	LEONARD BULLOCK 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	WILLIAM C. BASTON 5.
ALBERT DUBBER 2.	EDWARD TRENDALL 6.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	ALFRED FOX Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT* Treble.	ROBERT RICHARDS 5.
GEORGE G. SELBY* 2.	†EDWARD R. J. DUNK 6.
THOMAS MANNERING 3.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
HENRY J. SELBY* 4.	*DAVID ASHDOWN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MANNERING.

*First peal and at the first attempt. †First peal away from the tenor. This is the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Mannerling, Richards and Palmer, hail from Maidstone, the rest from Westerham.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	RICHARD E. GROVE 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	JOHN BARBER 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	THOMAS WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

W. Page hails from Worcester.

ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 23, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST BRYANT* Treble.	†ALBERT BURGESS 5.
HARRY E. WITHERS 2.	WILLIAM WHITE 6.
WILLIAM WITHERS 3.	GEORGE GASSON 7.
ERNEST FINDEN 4.	JAMES GOODALE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

Date Touch.**THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, September 14th, the Killamash company paid a visit to this place, and rang a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., in the following methods: 453 Violet, and 720 each of City Delight and Arnold's Victory. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.**

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 17th, before service in the morning, 120 College Single, 120 Stedman Doubles and 216 Plain Bob. After service 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. Salhouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell, 6. For evening service several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 6th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Franks (conductor), 4; W. Thomas, 5; H. Franks, 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. For afternoon service 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; H. Franks, 2; H. Elliott, 3; F. Mathis, 4; C. Hyland, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Thomas (first touch as conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. Also 160 Grandsire Major. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; J. Mathis, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; H. Franks, 8. On Tuesday, August 8th, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Mathis, 1; W. Thomas, 2; H. Elliott, 3; W. Franks, 4; R. Curtis, 5; H. Franks (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Tuesday, August 15th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; H. Elliott, 3; S. Saker, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Thomas (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Wednesday, August 22nd, 420 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Curtis, 1; F. Mathis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. Also 336 Union Triples. H. Elliott, 1; W. Thomas, 2; R. Curtis, 3; W. Franks, 4; C. Hyland, 5; H. Franks, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday, August 27th, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; C. Hyland, 2; H. Franks (conductor), 3; W. Franks, 4; W. Thomas, 5; R. Curtis, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Curtis, 1; H. Franks, 2; W. Thomas, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; H. Elliott, 8. On Tuesday, August 29th, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis, 1; H. Franks, 2; W. Franks (conductor), 3; S. Saker, 4; R. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, September 14th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob. R. Bourn, 1; *E. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 College Single. E. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Bob. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. After service 360 Plain Bob. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. *First 360 with a bob bell.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, August 20th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, August 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Worcester Surprise, 5th the observation, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Chichester Surprise in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise (twenty-one bobs) in 24 mins. Composed by C. Price, of Eccleston. G. Jordan, 1; I. Ham-

mond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes T. J. Watts' fiftieth 720 of Cambridge Surprise. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise (4th the observation), in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 12th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Durling, 1; G. Durling, 2; T. Harford, 3; W. Smith (first 504 in the method), 4; I. Emery, 5; W. Lingham, 6; T. Groombridge (first 504 in the method as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; E. Moses, 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. And 405 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Dunn, 1; J. Emery (first touch in the method as conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; W. Fright, 4; E. Moses, 5; G. Durling, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; W. James, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, 1; J. Emery, 2; J. Town (longest length with a bob bell), 3; E. Moses (conductor), 4; W. Fright, 5; W. Smith, 6; G. Durling, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. Messrs. T. Durling, Groombridge, and Ingham hail from Chislehurst; Moses from Reigate; Smith and Town from Penge; Emery from St. Mary Cray; the rest belong to the local company.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, September 10th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single Minor (twenty-two singles). G. Plaskett (first in the method), 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; E. Jacobs (first in the method), 4; A. Millard (first in the method), 5; W. Linter (first as conductor), 6. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of July 8th, composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MITCHELDEAN (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, September 21st, the Westbury and Newnham ringers paid a visit to this place and rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. G. Burcher, 1; T. Simmonds, 2; J. Gleed, 3; W. Gleed, 4; T. Hart, 5; R. Guy, 6; F. Blanton (conductor), 7; F. Wood, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 16th, at St. Peter's church, the local company, assisted by J. Barker, of Wigan, rang the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 26 mins. R. Calland, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; W. Blakeledge, 4; J. Barker, 5; E. Prescott (longest length as conductor), 6; J. Lang, 7; N. Gregory, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, September 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. Townsend, 1; W. Drake (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; F. Davey, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Monday, 8. J. Monday hails from Bethnal Green, London. On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Mudge, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Davey, 7; E. Sargent, 8. The same band visited St. Michael's, Teignmouth, in the afternoon, but found that no ringing could be indulged in until 6.30, as a parishioner near the church objected to the bells being rung before, in fact will only allow the local ringers three quarters of an hour for practice once a fortnight. On Saturday, September 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. it was found that a change-course had occurred. T. Townsend, 1; W. Drake, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. French (conductor), 4; F. Davey, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; B. Mundy, 7; T. Mudge, 8; J. Moss, 9; T. J. Lake, 10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—At the church of All Saints, the young band of ringers, who have been during the past few months learning change-ringing under the tuition of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, their instructor, have each succeeded on handbells in ringing a bob bell in a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and a plain course of Grandsire Triples. The following are their names: Rev. A. Simmonds, J. Church, H. Anderson, F. Emmett, W. Walker, H. Aldridge, F. Bissley, jun., W. Holdway, G. Martin, H. Fasey, S. Goodall, F. Wheeler, W. Wheeler. J. Bissley rang the treble in a 6-score. Philbert W. Wilkins, a son of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, rang the treble to both 6-scores of Doubles, and a plain course of Triples. He being only nine years of age the above augurs well for his future career as a ringer.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 1344 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; J. Chalk, 2; E. T. Green, 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; F. T. S. Howell, 5; G. Preston (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8. Longest touch by Plummer and Chalk. Mr. Howell hails from Thornbury, Gloucestershire, and the above touch was arranged for him. All visitors will meet with a hearty welcome at St. Peter's, and all letters addressed to Mr. A. Grist, Malmsbury Park Gardens, Bournemouth, will be promptly replied to.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Saturday, September 23rd, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of a visit from the St. Mary's, Lewisham ringers, 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. C. Walker, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; G. Daynes, 3; Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; F. Peters, 8. A 168 Stedman, Triples. W. Bedwell, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. Warnett, 3; G. Daynes, 4; C. Charge, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; T. Chandler, 8. A 224 Canterbury Pleasure Major. W. Taylor, 1; H. Warnett, 2; H. Barrett, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; C. Charge, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. A 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Walker, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; G. Daynes, 3; W. Taylor, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. Peters, 8. A 210 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Pheasant, 1; A. Tucker, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. A 521 Grandsire Caters. N. J. Pitstow, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; H. Warnett, 3; W. Taylor, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5; G. Daynes, 6; W. Prior, 7; H. Barrett, 8; H. Prior, 9; T. Chandler, 10. A 448 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Taylor, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; H. J. Tucker, 5; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 6; H. Prior, 7; C. Charge, 8.

BURBAGE, BUXTON (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, September 19th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins., and a 240 in the same method. J. W. Ashmore, 1; W. Longden, 2; D. Naden, 3; M. J. Morris (conductor), 4; G. Plant, 5; G. Ashmore, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Tuesday, August 27th, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; T. Lungley, 3; J. W. H. Lynn, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Cox and Lynn, and first by G. Park with a bob bell. On Tuesday, September 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Kenworthy (first in the method), 1; E. Cox, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. Park (conductor), 6.

FECKENHAM (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, September 16th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Short, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. J. Salter (conductor), 4; J. Buffery, 5; W. Page, 6; J. Barber, 7; A. Moore, 8.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 3rd, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. W. Lambert, 1; G. Utteley, 2; — Norman (conductor), 3; S. Thomas, 4; — Marsden, 5; A. Brearley, 6. And 720 Duke of York. — Hancock, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emson, 3; T. Sadler, 4; — Price, 5; — Lunn, 6. And 720 College Pleasure. W. Lambert, 1; G. Utteley, 2; — Norman (conductor), 3; S. Thomas, 4; — Marsden, 5; A. Brearley, 6. And 360 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; J. Emson, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; A. Brearley, 6. On Sunday, September 17th, 720 College Exercise and 240 Duke of York. J. Brothwell, 1; W. Lambert, 2; J. Emson, 3; T. Sadler, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 19th, 720 College Pleasure and 720 City Delight. H. Greaves, 1; W. Lambert, 2; T. Sadler, 3; T. Bettison (conductor), 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. The following is W. Lambert's first in the methods with a bob bell: London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, College Pleasure, City Delight; also J. Brothwell's first in London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, and Duke of York. Utteley, Brearley and Thomas hail from Sheffield; Hancock, Marsden, Lunn, Norman and Price from Eckington; Sadler, Lambert and Brothwell from Treton, Yorks.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, September 8th, at the house of Mr. J. H. Paulson, 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, September 16th, after the Thanksgiving service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). F. Fosker, 1; H. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; W. Hollocks, 6. Fosker hails from Monks Eleigh; Symonds from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday evening, September 13th, for practice at St. Nicolas' church, a 6-score each of Grandsire and

Plain Bob. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Also a 6-score of Primrose Doubles, at the first attempt by all, standing as before, conducted by T. Lilley. First in the method on the bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, September 17th, after the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. F. Dickens, 1; M. Murphy, 2; A. Woodcraft, 3; J. Sanders, 4; G. Roberts, 5; W. Allsopp, 6; C. Dickens, 7; J. Murphy, 8. Conducted by F. Dickens.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—Recently, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 240 Bob Minor. G. Badger, 1; G. Lewis (conductor), 2; W. H. Brown, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Nash, 5; A. H. Sharp, 6. And 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by A. H. Sharp. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. G. Badger, 1; A. H. Sharp, 2; W. H. Brown, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Lewis (conductor), 6. A. H. Sharp hails from Evesham; the rest are local men.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. W. R. Brewis, 1; W. Brewis, 2; H. Tyson, 3; T. Brewis, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single, standing as before. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Lowe, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TRETON (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, August 13th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; C. Brothwell, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; T. Bettison (Killamarsh, conductor), 6. For evening service 720 and 240 Oxford. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 3; the rest as before. On Friday, September 8th, for practice, 720 Oxford. J. H. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Hawkins (Rawmarsh), 4; A. Wooffenden, 5; W. Lambert, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Wooffenden, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; T. Sadler, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert, 6.

Correspondence.

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

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

THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON.

SIR,—With reference to a letter in your issue of September 9th, signed "Belfry Reform," and the current topics by "Plain Speaker" in your valuable paper of September 16th, about two months ago, I obtained the rector's consent and arranged that a peal of Grandsire Triples should be attempted on these bells, but I was wired at the last moment that the local firm who had been supposed to have put these bells in good ringing order objected to the peal. I have since been informed that when the bells are raised the clappers fall on the wrong side. Seeing that there are so many qualified bell-hangers who would do the work satisfactorily and reasonably, I have no sympathy with the authorities for trying to get the work done cheaply by a local firm, who, certainly, would not have left the bells in this condition had such firm been practical. As St. Giles' and All Saints' bells require rehanging, I hasten to send you a few lines in case the same firm should receive an order to do the work at these churches also. Competent and practical bell-founders and bell-hangers' names and addresses can be found in "THE BELL NEWS" which can be obtained from any bookseller by order for one penny. I shall be glad to hear that a practical bell-hanger has inspected St. Peter's bells, and that they have been put in order, as I am anxious to attempt the peal on these good-toned bells.

JAMES GEORGE.

28, Bath Street, Rugby.

Obituary.

ARTHUR WHITBY.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of this ringer, who died August 28th, at the age of fifty-eight, and was interred at St. Michael's, Lichfield, on the 30th ultimo. Deceased was born in the city, and had been a ringer for forty-five years, having been a member of the cathedral band for forty years. He had taken part in several peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters. He was an old member of the Lichfield company of Volunteers, a good shot, and of late years a member of the band, and one of the oldest members of the Fire Brigade. He was a man greatly respected by all he came in contact with. The usual whole pull and stand and muffled touches were rung at the cathedral and other churches. The deceased was drawn to the grave on the city fire engine, the bearers being six members of the Cathedral Society—Messrs. Gallimore, sen. and jun., Cope, Meacham, Key and Barrett, and he was followed to the grave by members of the Volunteers and Fire Brigade in uniform.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, Sep. 30th, at St. Saviour's, Bacup. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock.

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

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The Annual Meeting of this District will be held at Headcorn, to-day, Saturday, afternoon, the 30th Sep. Committee Meeting at 4.30. Allowances (2s. for full members, 1s. for probationers) will be paid at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *District Sec.*
Hythe.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland, to-day, Saturday, September 30th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Beighton, to-day, Saturday, Sep. 30th. Peal of six bells. Church five minutes' walk from M. S. & L. Station.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly Ringing Meeting of this society will be held at Harrogate, to-day, Saturday, Sep. 30th (eight bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting House, The Borough Vaults, Montpelier Gardens.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

All Saints Society, Fulham.—To-day, Saturday, September 30th, the marriage of Mr. W. E. Garrard will take place at All Saints' Church, Fulham, when the tower will be open at 2.30 p.m. for ringing.

Fulham Palace. J. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 7th. Members are requested to send new compositions of peals rung during the past year to A. E. Wreaks, 40, Gibbon Street, Bolton. Nominations for the Committee will be made at the next meeting of the Manchester, Liverpool, and Rochdale Branches. Nominations for the office of Vice-President, and Ringing Secretary, may be sent by any member of the Association. Subscriptions, and all matter for the Annual Report should be sent at once to the Secretary, at 26, Old Road, Tonge, Bolton.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. All subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. Annual Reports will be ready for distribution. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than October 3rd, to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Bedfordshire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Potton, October 7th.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Barwell, on Saturday, October 7th. Tower open 3.30 p.m.

H. ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, St. Helen's, on Saturday, 7th October. Tower open at 3. Business Meeting in Schoolroom, at 6.30.

C. E. WILSON, } *Branch Secs.*
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The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Norton, on Saturday next, October 7th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Sec.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Yorkshire Association.—The eighteenth annual meeting will be held at Sheffield, on Saturday, October 7th. Service in the Parish Church at four o'clock, with sermon by the Rev. F. G. Sandford, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, a ringing member of the Association. Tea in the Church Institute at five o'clock; business meeting afterwards in the same place. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Napier Street, Sheffield. The annual report will be issued at the meeting, as usual.

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The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, October 14th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by Tea and Meeting.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Batley, on Saturday, October 21st, at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Meeting house, Fleece Inn, near the Church. Rules are now ready, and can be had of the Secretary (1d. each) by post 2d.

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A CORRECTION.—Mr. T. Salter, of Wolverley, Kidderminster, writes:—"Kindly make a note in your next issue that the time of the peal rang at Hanbury, and published last week, should have been Two Hours Fifty-three Minutes, not as stated."

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TELFORD.—We have searched the "Life of the Earl of Shaftesbury," and find that he was strongly opposed to the organization.

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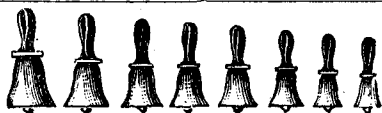
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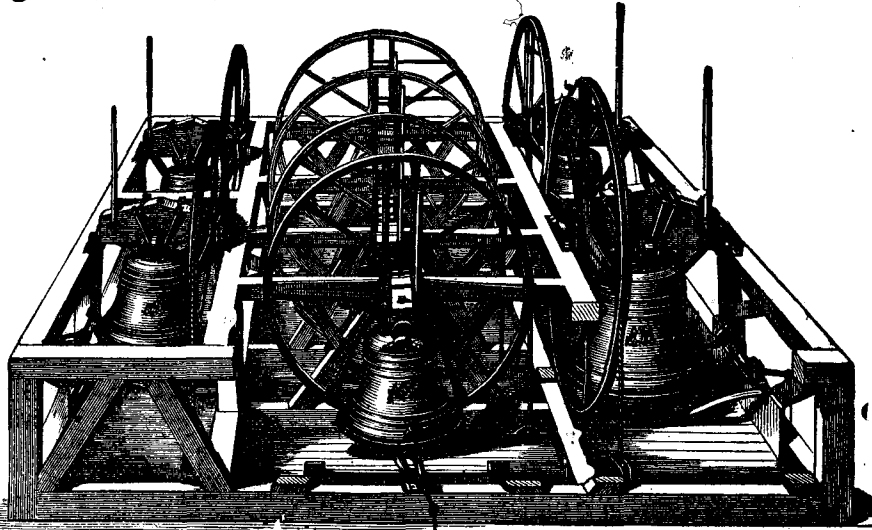
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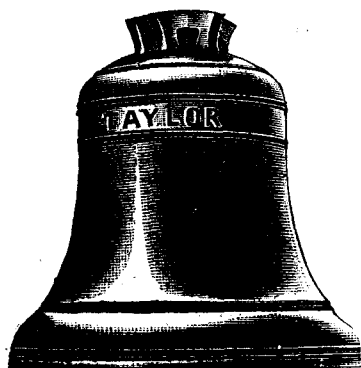
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