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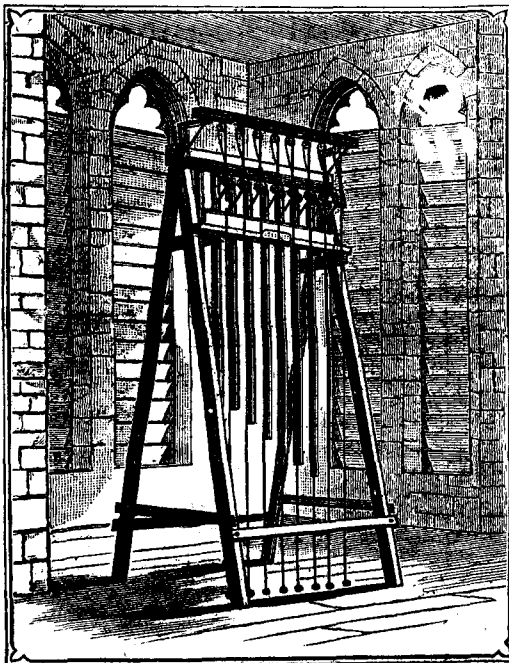
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MR. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

[Vide Portrait.]

Our brother-craftsman was born in the parish of Heavitree, Exeter, in 1866, and is therefore now in his 27th year. His parents removed to Carlisle the following year, where most of his boyhood was spent. In 1876 however, his family again removed to Newcastle, where he practised as a Dental Surgeon, a profession our friend has successfully followed since his sixteenth year. He was introduced to the Art in 1881, by his brother, W. G. Routledge, Esq., who was one of the original founders of the St. John's Guild, Newcastle, and as a member of that Guild he became a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in that year. Under the able instruction of that respected ringer, Mr. Francis Lees, he rang his first 720 in October, 1882, and was able to ring some fourteen or fifteen methods of Minor before St. John's bells were augmented to eight. In 1886 he was elected Master of St. John's Guild, and this post he has since retained, conducting the affairs of the Guild most ably, and with the full confidence of all its members. At the age of seventeen years, on January 1st, 1884, he rang his first peal of Major, ringing the treble at North Shields through 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, and again in the same tower and year he rang the 3rd through 5440 in the same method. He rang in the first peal at St. John's, Newcastle, which was the first peal of Major rung in that town, and out of some thirty-five or forty peals rung in that tower, he has rung in all except two. While on a ringing tour with Mr. W. Story, he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, at Christ Church, Oxford, while he had also the pleasure of joining in a peal at Merton College. His first peal as Conductor was rung in July, 1892 (Kent Treble Bob Major), since when he has called Holt's Original, for the first time in the Northern Diocese, Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell, and the first peal of Double Norwich in the north. From the time that Mr. ROUTLEDGE had mastered ringing, he has always displayed the greatest anxiety to assist learners, and to introduce likely and suitable men into the Exercise, and in doing so he has spent an immense quantity of time in the drudgery of teaching, to him, in fact, many members of the Association owe their belfry education. In this branch he deserves special mention, as he is not in the habit of leaving his pupils alone when they have got through their first 720, but perseveres with them, till, if possible, he has succeeded in taking them fairly through a peal. Thus in St. John's belfry, he has been in himself an army of assistance to Mr. Lees, and at Whickham he put a brand new band through their first 720 after four months' tuition, besides bringing his influence to bear in many other towers. He has gone to immense trouble at times to arrange bands and towers for visitors, and nothing gratifies him more than to be instrumental in assisting an aspirant to accomplish his first peal. In this way the Durham and Newcastle Association owe him a considerable debt, as he has brought forward a great number of peal-ringers from various parts of the district. He is a man devoid of conceit, always ready to take any bell that may be left, be it treble or tenor, and is a true and sound ringer to the bottom; at any time ready to explain any difficulty most minutely to the junior, and eager to learn from the seniors he may meet. He is a master of proving, and far advanced in the science of the art. A frequent and valued contributor to "THE BELL NEWS," he is in addition to the Durham and Newcastle Association, a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the Midland Counties' Association. With the band from the North he took part in the ill-starred tour in the Midlands last year, but consoles his brother-strings by holding out the prospect of bringing such a tour to a successful termination on

some future occasion. He was recently presented with a set of gold sleeve links and studs a diamond pin, and a set of ten hand-bells, by a number of ringing friends who were anxious to testify to their appreciation of his invaluable exertions in arranging peals for them, and generally advancing the art. The following is a list of his peal-ringing performances:—

	Rung	Conducted
Kent Treble Bob Royal...	2	1
Stedman Caters ...	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major...	32	6
Oxford Treble Bob Major...	3	1
Woodbine Treble Bob Major ...	1	1
Plain Bob Major ...	6	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	8	2
Superlative Surprise Major...	4	3
Duffield Major...	1	—
Stedman Triples...	15	6
Grandsire Triples...	7	3
Plain Bob Triples...	6	2
Seven Methods of Minor ...	7	2
	93	29

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT CIRENCESTER.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Cirencester on Saturday, October 28th, and was largely attended. The proceedings commenced with a short but hearty service at the parish church of St. John the Baptist, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, vicar. The service included the Creed, Psalms 122 and 150, and the hymns "We love the place O God," and "All people that on earth do dwell." The Archdeacon gave a very practical address, based on the first verses of St. Jude's Epistle, in which he urged his hearers to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The service over, the fine peal of twelve in the parish church tower were quickly set in motion, a course of Grand-sire Cinques and touches of Caters and Triples being rung. Other visitors went to Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, where there is a capital ring of six bells, and some touches of Minor were rung. A business meeting was held at The Fleece hotel, at five o'clock, where several new members were elected, and an announcement was made that the annual meeting would take place at Bristol. Other matters of interest were discussed. After the meeting an excellent knife and fork tea was supplied at the same hotel by Mr. Sage, about fifty partaking. The Ven. Archdeacon, who besides being President of the local bands is a Vice-President of the Association, was the genial chairman, and among those present were the master, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Oldland Vicarage, Bristol; the hon. sec., the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol; the assistant hon. sec., the Rev. C. H. Joberns, St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol; the treasurer, Mr. F. E. Ward, Cheltenham; the Revs. E. H. Townsend, R. C. S. Jones, G. L. Amphlett, etc. After tea—indeed before the meal was quite finished, to give those who had to leave early an opportunity of witnessing it—an interesting ceremony took place, this being the presentation to Mr. F. E. Ward by the chairman, on behalf of the parish and Holy Trinity church ringers, of a handsome polished oak writing cabinet, suitably inscribed.

The Chairman, in making the presentation, explained that the gift was a slight token of the appreciation felt by the local bands for Mr. Ward's great kindness in, as the speaker put it, turning out in all weathers and on all occasions to give instruction to young men who wanted to learn that very invaluable and rather mysterious art of bellringing. It was not offered as in any way commensurate for the services rendered, but as a recognition of the very great kindness Mr. Ward had shown, the very great interest he had taken in all of them, and the very great pains and labour he had bestowed in coming up amongst them so regularly.

Mr. Ward, who remarked that he was entirely unprepared for the presentation, suitably replied. He said he felt that his ser-



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vices, such as they had been, to the Cirencester men, had not been in any way sufficient to warrant their showing such kindness to him. He could only express his deep gratitude to them and also for the kindly words of the Archdeacon. He had at all times met with the greatest kindness from his friends at Cirencester, and it had always been a satisfaction to him to come up. He assured them that he should always treasure the gift as a memento.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, on behalf of the visitors, offered their most hearty thanks to the Archdeacon and his assistants for the way in which they had welcomed them there that day. His recollection of visits to Cirencester was always most pleasant. The last meeting which he attended there was one of the biggest he had attended anywhere since he had been Master of the Association, and though the present meeting did not quite come up to it in numbers, it was much larger than their ordinary district meetings. The kind of welcome they always received from the Archdeacon and the ringers was such as to entice them as often as they could come. There was always to him one of the greatest pleasures in trying to help forward young ringers in their endeavours to master the art, and he hoped all of them would in their several capacities try and imitate Mr. Ward in imparting their knowledge to others. A young ringer, when he found someone to help him along, became encouraged, and went forward with a good spirit, and made a good ringer in the end, if he had got the love of ringing. He could only express his pleasure at seeing so many there that night, and he was sure they would allow him to offer their most hearty thanks to the Archdeacon for his welcome, and for the very practical and useful address he gave them in the church. He hoped they would remember what they heard, and act it out in their lives.

The Chairman, in responding, said if he and those associated with him had done anything in the way of giving them a pleasant afternoon, or if anything he had said would help them to lead the life which he believed they all wanted to live, but which he knew they found very often was a difficult life to live, he was most thankful they had come there that afternoon.

This concluded the proceedings, in the course of which the Chairman had drawn the attention of visitors to the carved old chair in which he was sitting, which is the property of the Cirencester ringers, and is always used on such occasions. A very fine old drinking horn was, too, handed round for inspection. This is supposed to be emptied—in the interests of the drinker—without once removing it from the mouth, and when emptied to be curled round on to the top of the head. Though a member who had grown grey in the ringing Exercise demonstrated how this was to be done when the horn was empty, none could be found to essay the feat when it was full. The horn bears on a silver plate the aspiration—"Prosperity to the Cirencester Ringers," with the Latin inscription—"In tactum sileo Percute, dulce cano." It also bears the date 1785. During the evening several touches were rung on the bells of both churches.

A RINGING TOUR IN HAMPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 21st, Messrs. Blackburn and Gifford of Salisbury, Williams of Brighton, White of Basingstoke, and Bennett of Guildford, journeyed to Fareham, where, after partaking of tea generously provided by Mr. Whiting, a start was made, with the assistance of Messrs. Hill and Grafham of the local band, for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a trip in the slow brought it to an abrupt termination after 1 hr. 9 mins. good ringing. After spending a sociable hour together, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Messrs. Blackburn and Gifford started on an eight-mile drive to Soberton, the way being enlivened by hand-bell ringing, a 518 Grandsire Triples being rung. Sunday afternoon the remainder of the band also wended their way to Soberton, where a touch of Stedman and a course of Bob Major was rung for evening service. The tower of the church is especially worthy of note, having originally been built by a butler and dairymaid, and restored by subscriptions raised by Hampshire butlers and their fellow-servants. Seven o'clock on Monday morning found the party busy among the bells, greasing, splicing ropes, and screwing up, the band being greatly indebted to Mr. Linter for walking over so early from

Swanmore, and bringing suitable rope for the splicing. Mr. Grafham, who had ridden up from Fareham on his iron horse, now arrived, and with Mr. Linter standing in "go" was called at 9.25 for Bob Major, which was successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Meeting the Rev. F. E. Robinson outside, who had been listening to the last few courses of the peal, an adjournment was made to the White Lion, where all partook of an excellent dinner served up by host Holmes. In the afternoon a peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 2 hrs. 52 mins. with the assistance of the Rev. F. E. Robinson. In the evening it was proposed to go for a peal of Double Norwich, but after trying a course it was thought advisable to ring a few touches for practice. Accordingly a 560 was brought round, being the first in the method on the bells. After lowering the bells the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major on the handbells.

Thanks to the energy of one of the party (who by the way had been ringing Double Norwich all night), 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning found them on the road by waggonette to Privett. The very musical ring there (tenor 12½ cwt.), were soon swinging to the tune of Stedman Triples, a well-struck peal being brought round in 2 hrs. 56 mins. The next move was made to the neighbouring tower of Eastmeon, and here the band received the valuable assistance of Mr. Henry Dains, of London, who was staying at Portsmouth, the result being a good peal of Double Norwich, being the first peal in the method on the bells. After partaking of the hospitality of the vicar (Rev. E. M. Tomlinson), the waggonette was again resorted to, and a five-mile drive taken to Petersfield, where train was taken to Havant. On arriving there they were met by Messrs. Staples, Shirley, and others of the local band, the two former most kindly accommodating four of the party for the night, the rest finding quarters near the church where a start was to be made in the morning in time to finish before the eleven o'clock service. Accordingly next morning "go for Double Norwich" was called at 7.32 a.m., and at 10.48 the welcome "that's all" announced that the first peal of Major on these bells had been successfully accomplished. Mr. Staples, coming in directly afterwards, congratulated the band, and invited them to his house to lunch. It is greatly to be hoped that a fund will be immediately started for the recasting of the 6th and 7th bells, the former being of very inferior tone, and the latter badly cracked.

St. Mary's, Portsea, was the concluding item of the programme. Here a peal of Stedman Triples was essayed with the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey and Mr. Staples, but a trip in the slow caused the bells to be stopped at the thirty-seventh course-end. Afterwards, through the kindness of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, tea was taken at the vicarage, where they met their old friend Mr. J. Hewett, whom they were pleased to see looking so well. The band afterwards separated for their destinations, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they take this opportunity of heartily thanking those gentlemen who helped to make the tour so great a success; the clergy for granting the use of their bells; and to those who showed their hospitality in a manner so warmly appreciated by ringers.

ACTON, NEAR NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

The rededication of the bells of Acton Church, after the recasting of the 5th bell, with an entirely new frame, and new fittings to all the six bells, took place on Friday, October 20th. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester performed the ceremony; the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester being present as Master of the Guild.

Punctually at 2.30 p.m. the services commenced; the Clergy taking their places beneath the towers, the Vicar (Rev. O. B. Hodge) gave out Hymn 550. This being sung, a special form of service appointed for the occasion was read. The 150th Psalm was then sung. The Archdeacon of Chester proceeded to the lectern, and read the lesson taken from Numbers x. 1-10.

The Bishop then gave a suitable address on the use of the church bells, and the duties of the bellringer. The dedication prayers were then read by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which, he tolled the new bell several times, a rope being extended from the ringing-chamber for that purpose. After the new bell had been raised, the Acton ringers opened the ringing with the

Queens change; whilst the Bishop and Clergy left the tower, and proceeded to the chancel. The hymn, "Hark on high the joyful music," was then sung, during which a collection in aid of the bell fund was made. The Bishop at the altar then pronounced the Benediction, bringing the dedication to a close.

Immediately after the service, six members of the Crewe Society rang two 120s of Grandsire Doubles. J. Wright, 1; A. Jervis, 2; R. Langford, 3; G. Harding, 4; R. T. Holding (conductor), 5; A. Dudley, 6. An examination of the bells and new frame gave great satisfaction, and was well worthy of the firm who were entrusted with the work, the Acton ringers being very proud of their bells, and thankful for the keen interest which had been taken in the task of putting them in proper order.

A few minutes were now spent in viewing the tastefully decorated church for the Harvest Festival, which coupled with the re-dedication of the bells, was a day that will long be remembered by the inhabitants of Acton. The band then retraced their steps to the tower, and started for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which was successfully brought round at the second attempt in 26 mins. A. Dudley, 1; A. Jervis, 2; J. Wright, 3; R. Langford, 4; G. Harding, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6. Several 120s were rung during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands, each of the Crewe men calling one; there being eight members of the Crewe Society present.

At 4.30 a move was made for the school, where a sumptuous tea was provided, to which ample justice was done. While the tables were being cleared, the hand bells were brought into use, and seven members of the Crewe society rang several tunes in the school. They then proceeded to the Vicarage, where the performance was repeated. The tunes included "March of the men of Harlech," "Lads and Lasses," "The Blue bells of Scotland," "Home sweet home," "Auld Lang Syne," and "Christians awake! salute the happy morn."

The Crewe and Acton ringers now returned to the tower to ring for the evening Harvest Festival Service. Several touches were rung, including the following 120s of Grandsire Doubles. W. Evetts, 1; A. Booth, 2; A. Harding, 3; C. Booth, 4; R. T. Holding (conductor), 5; A. Boffey, 6. Also A. Dudley, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. H. Porter, 3; R. Langford, 4; J. Hassall (conductor), 5; A. Boffey, 6. Also F. Boffey, 1; A. Booth, 2; R. T. Holding, 3; C. Booth, 4; A. Jervis (conductor), 5; A. Boffey, 6. And 108 Grandsire Minor. W. Evetts, 1; G. Harding, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; A. Jervis, 5; R. T. Holding (conductor), 6. At the evening service, the Rev. G. J. Howson, Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, preached the sermon. The service over, the bells were set swinging to two more 6-scores, and then lowered in peal, bringing a very pleasant day to a close. At 9 p.m. the Crewe men left for the station, Crewe being reached by 10.15 p.m.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of this branch of the above guild was held at Alsager, Cheshire, on Saturday, October 21st. Six members from Crewe were the first to put in an appearance, who made for the tower. Raising the bells in peal, a start was made for two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. By three o'clock other members from Sandbach, and the local men were present. The bells having been recently rehung, the "go" of them is all that could be desired. A start was then made for a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, which was successfully brought round. R. Mostyn, 1; G. Wright, 2; R. T. Holding, 3; R. Langford, 4; T. Johnson (conductor), 5; D. Taylor, 6.

After a few minutes' grace, those who had not seen the bells and frame since their renewal, made a journey aloft, and were highly pleased at the compactness of them, the work being carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Another band came forward, and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Evetts, 1; R. Langford, 2; G. Wright (conductor), 3; G. Harding, 4; T. Johnson, 5; R. T. Holding, 6. At 4.15 a business meeting was held in the schoolroom, and in the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Rev. G. J. Howson) of Crewe, the Rev. D. Shaw, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting held at Sandbach recently, were read by the secretary (Mr. R. Langford, Crewe), and passed. A few new members were elected. A letter was also read by

the secretary from Mr. H. A. Heywood, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the Guild, thanking the members of the Crewe branch for the part they took in contributing towards the testimonial presented to him by the whole Guild at the Annual Meeting held at Crewe, on August 7th, 1893. The next meeting will be the annual meeting of the Crewe branch, which will be held at Crewe on the third Saturday in January, 1894. A vote of thanks was recorded to the Rev. D. Shaw and churchwardens, for the use of the bells and school, and to the former for taking the chair, this bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close. An adjournment was made to the Lodge inn, where a good meat tea was provided, to which twenty-one members sat down, including the Rev. D. Shaw (Alsager), and the Rev. H. Tyson (Crewe). After tea some of the members adjourned to the tower, and the Crewe men returned to Crewe by the 6.29 train, leaving an opportunity for other brother-strings who turned up rather late to have a pull, which brought another pleasant outing to a close.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A ringing meeting of this guild was held at Exeter on Saturday, October 28th. There was a large attendance of members, eighty-one being present, and twelve separate bands being represented. The rectors and vicars of the various churches in the city had most kindly granted the use of their bells for the afternoon, and some excellent ringing was accomplished. At St. Sidwell's touches of Stedman Caters and Triples were rung by the Exeter and Tiverton men, and of Grandsire Triples by a band from Ottery St. Mary. The six-bell bands from Bradninch, Clyst St. George, Kenn and Silverton, rang some very good six scores on the bells of St. David and St. Thomas, and a mixed set of St. Edmund's and Ottery St. Mary accomplished some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples at St. Edmund's. At 5 p.m. all assembled for tea at St. Sidwell's Institute, after which the hon. sec. (the Rev. M. Kelly), congratulated the guild on the number present, as it proved that the interest in the society was being sustained, and he was sure that the work which they all had at heart, viz., the promotion of scientific change-ringing, was greatly furthered by these gatherings, for they tended to bring them all together, and also enabled them to take part in and listen to some good change-ringing. That this object had been attained that day all must acknowledge, for no lover of bells could have heard the ringing that afternoon without the highest satisfaction. The guild, he was glad to say, was gradually increasing, and he was sure they welcomed the presence of a new band among them from Axminster that day. Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells, to Miss Woollcombe and the ladies for the excellent tea which they had provided, and to the hon. secretary for the arrangements, were heartily accorded. The following bands were represented:—Axminster, Bradninch, Clyst St. George, Huntsham, Kenn, Ottery St. Mary, Silverton, St. David's, St. Edmund's, St. Sidwell's, and St. Thomas. Among those those present were the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, F. Molineux, H. Bickersteth, and E. Shepherd, and Mr. F. Wright.

SWANMORE, HANTS.

On Saturday, October 28th, the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild met at the above place to attempt a 5040 in four different Minor methods on the bells of the above church: J. Elcombe (Romsey), C. Tribe (Bitterne), J. Osman (Botley), W. Cooper (Shedfield), A. Millard and W. Linter (Swanmore). A start was made about five minutes to seven, and "that's all" was called at 10.25, the record of which appeared in our last issue. As will be seen by the footnote this was the treble man's first 5040 and first attempt; J. Osman's first 5040; A. Millard's first 5040 with a bob bell; J. Elcombe's first 5040 of Minor, and his first 720 of College Single; and W. Linter's first 5040 as conductor. C. Tribe stayed the following day to ring for the services, when a 720 was rung for each service, which will be found recorded in their proper place. The visitors wish to thank Mr. Linter for his kindness and hospitality, and for making all arrangements, and they hope to shortly meet again to practice Treble Bob. The Vicar heartily congratulated the ringers on their success on Sunday morning before the service.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The members of this Guild held the first of their present season's series of smoking concerts on Saturday, October 28th, at their meeting-house, The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. The result was a very pleasant reunion of many of the most prominent ringers of the Birmingham district. The chair was taken by Mr. John Day at the advertised time of 8 o'clock, and up till closing time the ball was kept rolling by a varied selection of music.

As usual at these entertainments Mrs. Painter presided at the piano, and besides being responsible for the various accompaniments, treated the company to a nice selection of pianoforte music, including the ever welcome "Coventry Fair," in which is given an imitation of St. Michael's glorious ring of ten. (Alas! is their glory indeed departed, and may ringers never hope to hear their splendid notes in peal again?)

The only other instrumental music heard during the evening were a course of Stedman Caters in hand by T. Russam, 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; H. Bastable, 7-8; J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton), 9-10. A touch of Stedman Triples. T. Russam, 1-2; W. Kent (conductor), 3-4; H. Bastable, 5-6; T. Miller, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Royal by J. Buffery, 1-2; T. Russam, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; W. Kent, 7-8; H. Bastable, 9-10. Mr. Proctor's splendid voice and method were heard to advantage in "The Little Hero," "Friend of the Brave," and "A Message from the Deep," while Mr. Marks rendered in splendidly telling style the two tenor songs "Mona" and "Alice, where art thou?" In the comic element, Mr. Knight was excruciatingly funny, and having once given the company a taste of his quality in a musical sketch, called "The Recruiting Sergeant," his services were called upon to such an extent as to exhaust himself and audience alike.

During the evening, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Painter for her services at the piano, and the Secretary in mentioning the readiness with which Mrs. Painter responded to any call of this kind, also referred to the assistance always so readily rendered by Mr. Painter in getting up and contributing to the general success of such gatherings.

SANDHURST CHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

All Saints' Day, 1893, will be long remembered by all the people of Sandhurst. The order of the day was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8, Matins at 10, and a special Evensong at 6. The church was filled in the evening. The service commenced with the grand old hymn "All people that on earth do dwell," and then followed a shortened evensong, commencing with the Lord's Prayer; after this, during a voluntary on the organ, the choir and clergy passed down to the belfry, where a short special service was said, commencing with the Lord's Prayer, versicles and responses, and the 150th Psalm, followed by prayers to God for His blessing upon all uses of the bells and the tower. Then the ringers rang one short touch, and afterwards choir and clergy and people very heartily sang a hymn of praise and adoration in thanksgiving. Singing this hymn the choir and clergy returned to the chancel. The Rev. Canon Bowers then preached from Psalm xix. 3, "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them."

Before the final blessing, the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past" was sung.

In the afternoon there had been a village tea at the school-room. The tower, a beautiful one of its style, is now restored to its strength. It is allowed by those capable of the best judgment that the work of re-hanging the bells in a new frame, and upon a new floor is excellent and without fault. This latter is the work of James Barwell, bell founder, of Birmingham. The dates and inscriptions are:—Tenor, 1596, "God save our Queen Elizabeth;" fifth, 1596, "God save our Queen Elizabeth;" fourth, 1621, "John Palmar made me;" third, 1751, "Prosperity to all my benefactors," A.R.; second, 1751, "William Vernon and John Smith, churchwardens," A.R.; treble, 1768, "Thomas Vernon, Thomas Cother, churchwardens," A.R. About £120 has been spent upon the bells, and some £60 upon the tower, including re-lathing, re-tiling, and re-leading of the roof, and all wooden wall-plates with much stone work, and a new floor inside. The help of friends round is needed to meet a deficiency of £40.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, November 4th, the monthly meeting of the above association was held at the parish church, Burslem, when over forty members assembled from the towers of Bucknall, Stoke, Tunstall, Leek, Longton, Kids Grove, and Hanley. The tower was open for ringing at four o'clock, which was heartily indulged in, short courses in the following and other methods being rung: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, and Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. J. Johnson (Tunstall), and Mr. T. Turner (Leek). At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the tavern close by (to refresh the inner man), where a sumptuous repast was awaiting them, amply provided by Mr. B. Parr. After the cloth had been removed, the handbells were brought into operation, and the Hanley and Burslem ringers played some favourite melodies, to the delight of the visitors. Afterwards followed a social gathering, under the presidency of Mr. H. Page (Stoke). The customary vote of thanks was accorded by Mr. J. Allman (Burslem), who said that he was pleased to welcome any ringing friends to their tower, and hoped that change-ringing would still flourish among the rising generation. He could not do as some of them could do, for his time had reached the allotted time of man, viz: three-score years and ten. He trusted that they all would thoroughly enjoy themselves, and hoped that it would not be the last time they would meet at Burslem. It was seconded by Mr. G. Woods (Longton). The members then made back to the tower, where ringing was continued until a late hour.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 31st, several members of the St. Martin's Guild, with other ringing friends, attended at the tower of the parish church to ring in celebration of the coming of age of Mr. Edwin Grice, who has so prominently identified himself with the amateur band at that tower.

At first a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Day, 1; T. Westwood, 2; F. Grosvenor, 3; W. Grice, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; E. Bryant (conductor), 6; E. Grice, 7; W. Painter, 8. Unfortunately the attempt came to grief within a few courses of home, when the band was re-shaped for a 1008, which was successfully brought round. J. Day, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; F. Grosvenor, 3; W. Grice, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; E. Bryant, 7; W. Painter, 8.

After firing the bells and a capital fall in peal, an adjournment was made to Victoria Lodge, the residence of Mr. Grice's mother, where a splendid supper was provided. After the supper, Mr. G. J. Pedley, of Teignmouth, presided at the social board, supported by the Rev. W. E. Philpot, and in the course of the evening, proposed the health of Mr. Grice, stating that he had known him from his earliest infancy, and prognosticating from his past career one of increased success and usefulness in the future.

Other speakers followed, referring to Mr. Grice's active sphere of work as secretary to many of the principal church organisations, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony and social converse.

In the small hours of the morning the meeting broke up, with a tribute to Mrs. Grice's thoughtful hospitality, and a "Jolly good fellow" with a three times three for Mr. E. Grice.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.—The second quarterly meeting was held at Wrentham, on Saturday, October 28th. The tower was open for ringing from five till nine. There were twenty members present from Bramfield, Brampton, Covehithe, Gisleham, Wenhamston, Westhall, and the local company. The five bells were kept going in Grandsire and Bob Doubles. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom at 6.30, Mr. A. J. Naunton, in the chair. The Rev. F. G. M. Norris, of South Cove, was elected an honorary member, and other business was gone through. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. Abbott for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mr. C. Bacon for having them in readiness; also to the Chairman for presiding. The next meeting will be held at Bramfield in January, 1894.

EMBLETON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

The first anniversary of the dedication of the peal of six bells (the most northern in England), was duly commemorated on Saturday, October 28th (SS. Simon and Jude). A party of ringers were in the belfry about 7.15 a.m. to ring for the early service (Holy Communion) at 8 a.m. The ringers met again at 6.15 p.m. to ring for the evening service at 7, when a plain course of Bob Minor was tapped off in very good style, considering that none of the ringers, except the tenor-man, could ring at all a year ago. T. McLaren, 1; C. Pattison, 2; R. McLaren, 3; C. Langley, 4; J. Smailes, 5; Rev. C. Buston (conductor), 6. There was a very fair congregation at the evening service, the musical portion of which included some very good bell hymns which were used at the dedication a year ago. The Rev. Canon Osborne, Vicar of the parish, preached the sermon, which, while it did not fail to give due prominence to the observance of the apostolic festival, contained also some thoughtful remarks on the bells, and good advice to the ringers. The ringers were entertained at breakfast by the Vicar, and at supper by the Curate.

We append the following, thinking that it may interest some of our readers. It represents a lady's thoughts on the Embleton bells, SS. Simon and Jude's day, 1893, but it also has much of a general character about it that cannot fail to be appreciated by all ringers.

"For a year we have had the presence of the bells amongst us. They have identified themselves with our joys and sorrows, and they have shared in our Church life. They have ushered in our great and happy festivals, stirring our dull hearts in the early morning of Christmas and Easter day with a peal of joy and thanksgiving. The muffled peal on Good Friday spoke also to many, whose hearts could in no other way be reached, and desired those who love their crucified Lord, to kneel once more beneath His Cross. Our Sundays are no longer silent. These voices high in mid-air call on us to worship our Creator, and moreover testify to the great truth, that whether men obey the call or not, God lives and reigns, and one day all the whole world shall bow before His Rule of Love and Righteousness. If we are sometimes tempted to be down-hearted as we look at our isolated village, will it not cheer us to remember, as the sweet chime of our bells strikes up, that far away the same chime is sounding from stately cathedrals, town churches, and in hundreds of quiet villages, each inviting its own company of worshippers. So our lonely prayer is not really lonely. As the poet says:—

Streams shall meet it by and bye,
From thousand sympathetic hearts;
Together swelling high,
Their chant of many parts.

And can we not believe that as God has graciously allowed us to put up these bells in His House, and to dedicate them to His Honour, so their music will be heard on high, blended with all others throughout the world, ascending up even to the Great White Throne, and ringing forth the Universal Te Deum—"We praise Thee, O God; We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord."

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

Wednesday, November 1st, being the day fixed for the re-opening of the parish church, the local ringers were augmented by Messrs. J. Hinton, F. Price, F. Emery from Bristol; W. Lewis, Dyrham, near Bath; A. Waters, Barrow Gurney; and H. Harbour of Portishead. Ringing commenced at 12 noon with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in 45 minutes by the following: J. Yond, 1; A. Waters, 2; J. Harvey, 3; J. Bishop, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; F. Price, 6; J. Windsor, 7; W. Culley (first quarter peal), 8. Before and after service short touches were rung by other members of the band and conducted by Messrs. Hinton, Price and Harbour. At six p.m. the bells were lowered for the day, and the local ringers with their friends adjourned to the Royal Oak, Nailsea, where a sumptuous dinner was awaiting them.

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On Saturday last, the East Lincolnshire Society held their annual meeting at Heckington. A good number of ringers attended from Boston, Freiston, Keal, Spilsby, Kirton and Sutterton. The bells were raised shortly after nine o'clock, and 720 of Minor by J. Holmes (Heckington), W. F. Harwood, A. Barber, T. Seagrave, H. Daulton and J. Haw. Service was held at 12.30. The Bishop of Nottingham was to have preached the sermon, but while driving from Sleaford, the carriage over-turned and fell into a deep dyke, his lordship sustaining a serious shaking and shock to the system, a telegram being forwarded to the meeting. The vicar, the Rev. T. Cameron, gave a short address. A public dinner was held at the White Horse, which gave the host great credit, the Rev. F. Besant, vicar of Sibsey, presiding, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read, and the annual report was read by Mr. Mason, which showed the society to be in a prosperous condition with regard to finance. He congratulated the members upon having a balance to commence the year with of £17 14s. He also appealed to the members to bring the society to the front more by ringing more peals during the next year. The whole of the officers were re-elected. Mr. J. C. Skinner, of Heckington, was elected on the committee. Afterwards several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed companies. The bells were kept going until eight o'clock, when the last of the members had to catch the train for their respective homes, after having a pleasant day and a successful meeting.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

On Saturday, October 21st, a mixed band from Waltham, Cheshunt, and Hoddesdon, paid a visit to this place, and had a ring on the pretty peal of six bells, tenor about 9 cwt., permission having been previously obtained from the vicar. They were met at the church by the local ringers, who raised the bells in peal and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A start was then made for 720 Bob Minor, which was brought round in 24 mins. G. Green, 1; F. Jelf, 2; J. Puplett, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; H. James, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. Afterwards several touches of Bob Minor was rung, also a plain course, and a plain course of Grandsire Minor, being the first attempt at Grandsire Minor by all. G. Maxim, 1; H. James, 2; J. Puplett, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; D. Tarling, 5; F. Jelf (conductor), 6. The local ringers again rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and lowered the bells in peal.

The New Inn was then visited, where the local company rang some lively airs on the handbells, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung. H. S. Reeves, 1-2; D. Tarling, 3-4; F. Jelf, 5-6; H. James, 7-8. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and also the local company for the very friendly way they were received.

Correspondence.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1893.

ON another page will be found a communication from Mr. JAMES S. WILDE, of Hyde, Cheshire, relative to a movement which is being made on behalf of Mr. JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, whose fortunes are at a very low ebb indeed. The circumstances of the case are fully put before our readers by Mr. WILDE, so there is no need to recapitulate them. But there may be many of the younger generation of ringers who have never heard of Mr. THORP, and would like to know something of him as a ringer and composer. For their and others' information we state that he composed and conducted the very first peal he rang, which was one of Kent Treble Bob Royal. After REEVES's peal of 8448 of Treble Bob Major had stood for nearly an hundred years as the longest length with the tenors together, Mr. THORP exceeded it with two peals, each containing 8544, and subsequently with one containing 8864 changes. He rang the tenor to the long peal (16,608) at Mottram. He is a most prolific composer, there being scarcely a known method in which he has not a copious variety of excellent peals. In this direction alone Mr. THORP takes high rank among the very best of his day. It is such a brother as this who is in great necessity, and our readers—the Church Bell Ringers of the United Kingdom and Colonies—are appealed to for help. We hope and believe that the appeal for such a man as JOHN THORP will be responded to in a prompt and liberal manner. Times are not of the best just now, we know, but let all help according to their substance.

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Tenor 18 cwt.

R. MCWHIRTER.. ..Treble.	G. CULLUM.. .. 5.
G. GROVES 2.	J. GARARD 6.
F. HUNTER 3.	F. CULLUM 7.
A. NEALL 4.	D. BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by G. GROVES.

CHIPPING NORTON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, November 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble.	WALTER STOCKFORD.. .. 5.
HUBERT COOK 2.	ALFRED JOYNER.. .. 6.
JOHN F. BARLOW 3.	RICHARD H. BURDEN 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 4.	GEORGE BULL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal by all the band except the conductor, and is the first ever rung on the bells.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

KEITH HART Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5.
JAMES SEARLE 2.	*WILLIAM PALMER 6.
GEORGE BAKER 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
JAMES N. FROSSELL 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is also the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This peal has the 6th seventeen course-ends wrong and home at the last twenty-four course-ends, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR J. JONES Treble.	†HARRY MASON 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 2.	JAMES PLANT 7.
WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT* 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL 8.
CHARLES DICKENS* 4.	HENRY JOHNSON.. .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM KENT Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Royal. H. Mason hails from Old Hill.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

A. GRIST Treble.	J. G. BENNETT 5.
S. BEST 2.	T. F. BEST.. .. 6.
G. PRESTON.. .. 3.	J. J. BRISTOWE 7.
G. H. PLUMMER* 4.	G. COLBOURNE Tenor.

Composed by D. H. BURTON and Conducted by G. PRESTON.

*First peal and first attempt.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

JAMES HAIGH Treble.	ALFRED CHAPMAN 5.
JOSEPH HAIGH 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW.. .. 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW.. .. 3.	JOHN CHAPMAN 7.
WALTER CHAPMAN 4.	J. M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, SEN., and Conducted by JAMES HAIGH.

In this peal there are five extremes, and it contains the 120 course-ends.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BALDWIN Treble.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD.. .. 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	JOSEPH YEADON.. .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT.. .. 3.	DAVID YORKE 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON 4.	FREDERICK W. DIXON Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

C. Pratt hails from Calverley; Woodhead from Leeds; Yorke from Holbeck; the rest belong to the local company.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. TAYLOR Treble.	W. TAYLOR.. .. 5.
S. LORD 2.	*H. WALLS 6.
H. HAYES 3.	J. T. WRIGHT 7.
G. LORD 4.	J. W. ORMEROD.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

*First peal.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

MORTON J. PIERCE Treble.	GEORGE SAYER 5.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
REV. FRED. J. O. HELMORE 4.	JOHN BALAAM Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. FAIRBRASS.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 31st, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Town (longest length), 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Ingham, 6; T. Groombridge (first date touch as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Messrs. Town and Smith hail from Penge; T. Durling, Ingham; and Groombridge from Chislehurst; the rest belong to the local band.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCUNTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On the occasion of the dedication of a new peal of bells by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, on Monday, October 16th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins., was rung by members of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton (composer), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; C. W. P. Clifton, 6; G. Chester (conductor), 7; J. Ellard, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

PRESTBURY (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, October 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. J. Minshull (conductor), 1; W. Matthews (composer), 2; A. L. May, 3; S. Beswick, 4; A. Bowers, 5; J. D. Wheelton, 6; W. Mayers, 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. Minshull and Matthews hail from Macclesfield.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, October 28th, at St. Lawrence's church, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S. Longstaff, 3; J. Longstaff, 4; W. Child, 5; F. Birks (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; S. Stott, 8. After which the ringers adjourned to the Commercial hotel, where a well provided supper was prepared by the host and hostess, singing and handbell ringing being kept up till the time for leaving, all having spent a sociable evening.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 29th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 22 mins. W. Scott (conductor), 1; T. Mars, 2; J. Moorhouse, 3; T. Prince, 4; A. Scott, 5; E. Andrews (composer), 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Moorhouse, 8; T. Ormond, 9; G. Buckley, 10.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Saturday, October 28th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. R. Mayo, 1; A. Gregory, 2; O. Gregory, 3; E. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; G. Gregory, 6; F. May, 7; H. Gregory, 8. On Sunday, October 29th, for evensong, 546 Grandsire Triples. F. Bunce, 1; O. Gregory, 2; A. Gregory, 3; F. May, 4; E. Gregory, 5; G. Gregory, 6; A. Bunce, 7; H. Gregory, 8. Both conducted by F. May.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Saturday, October 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing an hour the tacking of one of the ropes came out, and to make matters worse one of the lamps caught fire, so "stand" was called. Afterwards 1064 Oxford Bob Triples was rung. T. Gosling, R. Flaxman, G. Stanbrook, J. J. Parker, G. Williams, T. E. Harwood, J. Guttridge, and F. Guttridge.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Town (first quarter-peal), 1; F. Sanders, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (com-

poser and conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. James, 8. J. Town hails from Penge; the rest belong to the local company.

DEAL (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 22nd, for Divine Service at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25½ mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. A. Denne, 1; C. H. Sone, 2; H. Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; W. Ongley, 5; F. Capp, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

HERNHILL, NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, at St. Michael's church, 240 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. S. Croucher, 1; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; S. Curling, 6; F. Hunt, 7; H. Baker, 8. And 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), 6-8 covering, in 24 mins. S. Croucher, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Foreman, 5; S. Curling, 6; H. Burling (conductor), 7; W. Willis, 8.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 31st, for practice at the parish church, 559 Grandsire Triples. W. Smith, 1; J. Worsley, 2; D. Hall, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; A. C. West (conductor), 7; W. Buss, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 17th, at the parish church of Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; D. Baker, 2; F. B. Tompkins, Esq., 3; F. Luxford, 4; C. Blake, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Nettley, 8. F. B. Tompkins, Esq., and C. Blake hail from Chichester.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SCUNTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, October 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing a little over an hour the bells were called round. J. W. Ash, 1; G. Chester (conductor), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; F. W. Walker, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. Ellard, 8. Afterwards two courses of Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. W. Ash, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; G. Chester, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8. Also four courses of Stedman Triples. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; G. Chester, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; F. W. Walker, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, October 22nd, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joynson, 4; G. Royden, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Canterbury (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; G. Royden, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, October 25th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Griffiths, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; C. Taylor, 3; J. Walters, 4; G. Royden, 5; J. Burrows (first 120), 6. C. Taylor rang the treble in an attempt for 360 Bob Minor, but it came to grief after ringing 300 changes. First attempt at Minor by C. Taylor. Messrs. Taylor and Burrows hail from Woodchurch. Conducted by W. Wilcox.

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Monday, October 16th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Joynson, W. Wilcox, J. Walter, C. Taylor, W. Bennett, and E. Scholes. On Monday, October 23rd, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Joynson, J. Walter, C. Taylor, W. Wilcox, W. Bennett, and E. Scholes. And another 6-score. W. Joynson, 1; J. Walter, 2; W. Wilcox (conductor), 3; R. Pooley, 4; W. Bennett, 5; E. Scholes, 6. Messrs. Joynson, Walter, and Wilcox hail from Bidston; the others are local men. The above are the first 6-scores rang by any of the local band.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice at SS. Mary and Nicolas' church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. C. Crust, 1; W. Barrett, 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; E. Jarvis, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Jarvis (conductor), 6; R. Mackman, 7; J. Brown, 8. This is the longest length on seven bells by C. Crust, who is a member of the junior company which has been formed during the past six months.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTEMHAM.—On Thursday, October 26th, an attempt was made at the parish church for a peal of 5079 Stedman Caters, which, to the consternation of all, came to an untimely end within 30 changes of the finish, owing to a *lapsus linguae*, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. F. Musty, G. H. Phillott, J. Austin (Gloucester), F. E. Ward, W. Dyer, C. Hounslow (Oxford), T. Miller (Birmingham), W. T. Pates, H. Roberts (conductor), H. G. Gardner (Gloucester).

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; J. Littlefair, 2; J. T. Dodd, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; A. Clegg, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. J. Rigby, 1; J. T. Dodd, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. On Tuesday, October 31st, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief in the last course after ringing 1200 changes, through a slip of the tenor. C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. This is the longest touch by local men.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday morning, October 29th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Osman, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; E. Jacobs, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Tribe, 5; W. Linter, 6. For afternoon service 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Plaskett, 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Jacobs, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. And for evening service 720 Oxford Bob Minor. C. Tribe, 1; G. Plaskett, 2; R. Linter, 3; J. Osman, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. All the above were conducted by W. Linter. First 720 of Bob Minor with a bob bell by W. Cooper.

TWYFORD (Hants).—On Tuesday, October 31st, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. A. Smith, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; E. Hewlett, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. E. Hoyle, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. On Monday, October 2nd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. W. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. First 720 in the method by W. Airey. And 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Airey, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Holden, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. W. Crossley, 6. R. Holden hails from St. Chad's, Rochdale. On Friday, October 6th, on the occasion of Mr. James Cheetham being elected Mayor for the ensuing year, being a member of the congregation, and the first Conservative Mayor of Rochdale, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. E. Hoyle, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; A. Crossley, 6. On Monday, October 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; C. Holt, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. C. Hoyle hails from Christ Church, Healey. On Monday, October 9th, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday morning, October 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Monday, October 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; R. E. Hoyle, 3; C. Holt, 4; J. Crossley, 5; E. Schofield, 6. On Sunday evening, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; Jas. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday morning, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, October 29th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 5th the observation. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; E. Schofield, 4; R. Whittles, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Scarlett, 1; G. Gowers, 2; J. Nunn, 3; G. Cornell, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Marks, 6. On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Cornell, 1; G. Gowers, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; H. Scarlett, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Marks, 6. After service 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. King, 1; G. Gowers, 2; H. Scarlett (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Marks (conductor), 6. Messrs. Gowers and Kimberley hail from Woodford; J. T. Barker from Stebbing, Essex.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Bocking Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise in 25½

mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, 720 Chichester Surprise (nine bobs) in 25 mins., composed by N. Spindlow, of Ducklington. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 New London Pleasure, 5th the observation. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 18th, for practice, 720 Duke of York in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Bristol Surprise in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 22nd, for Divine Service, 360 Cambridge Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, October 25th, for practice, 720 Victoria Treble Bob in 26 mins. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. Jordan (first 720), 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 120 Wells Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASTON-JUSTA-BIRMINGHAM.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, October 25th, at the residence of Mr. J. Carter, on handbells, retained in hand, 1336 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins. J. Carter, 1-2; T. Rus-sam, 3-4; B. Witchell (conductor), 5-6; J. Jones, 7-8. It was intended to start for the peal, but no referee turning up the above was rung for a practice.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service at St. Paul's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26½ mins., 4th the observation. J. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington (conductor), 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson, 6. On Wednesday, October 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Bebbington, 2; T. Bradley (Hyde, Cheshire), 4; the rest as before. Conducted by E. Edwardson. First 720 of Kent on the bells, and first 720 by the first three men. On Sunday evening, October 29th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins., 3rd the observation, the men standing as in the first 720. Conducted by A. Oxley.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Monday, October 2nd, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, 1064 Grandsire Triples. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. This touch, taken from the "Clavis," contains the twenty-four 6-7-8. On Thursday, October 19th, at the church of St. Mary Coslany, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 23 mins. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; G. P. Burton, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; G. Howchin, 4; W. Bales, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6. Tenor 7 cwt. On Saturday, October 28th, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 16 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5-6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 13 mins. J. A. Trollop (conductor), 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, October 26th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1008 Darlaston Bob Triples in 40 mins. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8. Longest length in the method by all the band and rang at the third practice.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, October 31st, for practice at St. John's church, 168 Grandsire Triples. *A. Barufield, 1; J. Richards, 2; *E. Stenner, 2; E. Cook (conductor), 4; *C. Wingfield, 5; A. Rowley, 6; *G. Hardage, 7; *A. Hatton, 8. *Longest touch. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells with 4-6-8 covering. J. Richards, 1; A. Rowley, 2; E. Stenner, 3; E. Cook (conductor), 4; A. Hatton, 5; A. Barnfield, 6; G. Hardage, 7; C. Wingfield, 8.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Saturday, October 21st, by the Witton ringers, Northwich, Cheshire, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Forster, 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Tuesday, October 24th, for practice at the parish church, touches of Oxford, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Minor were rung by S. Irons, G. Coleman, S. Irons, S. Hawksford, E. Clarke, and H. Sutton (conductor).

ERITH (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 29th, for Divine Service at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. R. McWhirter, 1; F. Hunter, 2; T. Saxby, 3; F. Cullum, sen., 4; G. Cullum, 5; F. Cullum, jun., 6; J. Garard (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, October 24th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Paine, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Paine, 7; H. Markwell (Wilburton), 8. On Tuesday, October 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; A. Groves, 2; G. Paine, 3; G. Holder, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. W. Groves, 6; L. Paine, 7; A. Hodges, 8. First 504 on tower bells by all except the conductor.

ROTHLEY (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 15th, at the parish church, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 47 mins. J. Nurse, 1; W. H. Inglesant (conductor), 2; J. Nurse, 3; I. Lovett, 4; W. H. Daft, 5.

ROXTON (Beds).—On Saturday, October 14th, the Eynesbury company paid a visit to this place and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles on the five new bells recently hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

SALTAIRE (Yorks).—On Wednesday, October 25th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Stubbs, 1; J. Speight, 2; G. Whitaker, 3; B. Emmott, 4; T. B. Kendall, 5; A. Riley (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt. T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley; J. Speight from Bingley. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Glyde, Moorhead Villa, to Mr. Arthur Hill Joseph, M.B. London, of Cardiff.

SHEPshed (Leicestershire).—On Thursday, October 26th, at St. Botolph's church, with the assistance of J. W. Taylor, jun., and W. H. Inglesant, four of the local company rung their first 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Afterwards 360 in the same method. S. Smith, 1; T. Start, 2; J. W. Taylor, jun., 3; W. H. Inglesant (conductor), 4; E. Elliott, 5; W. Whitworth, 6. All except S. Smith are members of the Midland Counties' Association.

STONY STANTON (Leicestershire).—On Monday, October 16th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. Wright (first 720), 1; J. Noble, 2; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 3; R. Christian, 4; W. A. Needham, 5; H. Briggs, 6. Also 180 Oxford Bob. T. Wright, 1; J. Noble, 2; J. H. Swinfield, 3; R. Christian, 4; W. A. Needham, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. A. R. Aldham (conductor), 1; J. Noble, 2; J. H. Swinfield, 3; W. A. Needham, 4; H. Briggs, 5; R. Christian, 6. The above was rung as a compliment to R. Christian, who hails from Great Yarmouth, and was on a visit to the above village. Messrs. Aldham and Needham hail from Barwell; Swinfield from Earls Shilton.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 23rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Clarke, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; S. Slater, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. And 360 Court Bob. A. Papworth, 1; R. Theobald, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 26th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Theobald (conductor), 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; R. Gowers, 5-6. Rung in honour of the 31st birthday of R. Gowers. On Saturday, October 28th, 720 Court Bob. S. Slater, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers, 6. And 12-score of Woodbine, standing as before. Also touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major on the handbells. Slater hails from Glemsford; the rest are local men.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing 47 mins., and before the last bob had been called, a change-course was noticed, and the bells were set. — Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; F. Heald, 4; J. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; R. Stone, 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Terrill, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Summersell, 1; E. Comber, 2; A. Feist, 3; W. Denman, 4; A. Cripps, 5; F. Day (conductor), 6. Mr. Day hails from Eye, Suffolk; Feist, Cripps and Comber from Lower Beeding.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, September 26th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Tennant, 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; S. Binfield (first 720), 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 1st, 720 Bob Minor. J. Kilby (first 720), 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; H. Cutter, 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Kirby, 1; H. Cutter,

2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; R. Kilby, 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Jackman (first 720 in the method), 1; R. Kilby (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; H. Cutter, 3; A. Pittam, 4; S. Binfield (first 720 in the method), 5; A. Tennant (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 15th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Kilby, 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; H. Cutter, 5; A. Tennant, 6. The latter was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, also as a farewell to A. Tennant, who is leaving the parish.

Obituary.

CHARLES SWAIN, OF NEWBURY, BERKS.

This old and respected member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild died at the Newbury Hospital, on Sunday, October 29th. The deceased, who had suffered for many years from an internal complaint, followed his ordinary occupation as a carpenter until the day previous to his death, when he was taken to the hospital in order that a certain operation should be performed on Sunday. At 11.0 a.m. he walked from his ward to the operating room, and immediately exhibited symptoms of distress; under the circumstances it was considered inadvisable to attempt the operation, and he was again removed to the ward, where he shortly expired, death being due to hernia (strangulated) followed by syncope. Mr. Swain was in his 61st year, and had been identified with ringing for nearly forty-five years, and a member of the present band since its formation twenty-eight years ago. From 1879 till 1891 he acted as captain of the St. Nicolas band, when, being unable to give the necessary attention he relinquished this office, and accepted the post of sub-captain. He had taken part in two peals of Grandsire Triples, and his familiar form will be greatly missed by those who were associated so long with him. The funeral took place on Friday, November 3rd, and was attended by deputations from the "Briton's Pride" and "Jack of Newbury" lodges of Odd Fellows, of which latter he was a member. The remains were conveyed to the parish church of St. Nicolas, where the first portion of the service was held, and afterwards to the cemetery. There were present Messrs. W. Money, F.S.A., and W. G. Adey, J.P., churchwardens, and a large congregation. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Gardiner, Rector, and the Rev. W. Pheasant presided at the organ. Messrs. D. Geater, J. Hussey, J. Targett, J. Wits, S. Quinton, and J. Crocker, brother-ringers of the deceased, bore him to his last resting-place. A handsome wreath was sent by the ringers, bearing the following inscription: "From his brother-ringers of St. Nicolas church, in remembrance of many pleasant meetings, and with deepest sympathy." He leaves a widow but no children. The Odd Fellows' funeral charge was read at the grave by the Prov. G.M., Bro. D. Geater. The bells were rung deeply muffled before the service by Messrs. D. Geater, S. Burton, J. Crocker, S. Quinton, J. Wits, J. Hussey, and J. Targett, and afterwards the usual whole pull and stand half-muffled, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following members of the Newbury branch. J. Crocker, 1; E. Wits, 2; A. Hadley, 3; J. Hussey, 4; D. Geater (conductor), 5; A. Bird, 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Wits, 8.

WILLIAM GOULDEN, OF MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

With deepest sorrow we mourn the loss of one whose place, in All Saints' parish especially, and also in the town of Maidenhead itself, it is most difficult to fill. The deceased for the past three years was Town Clerk, and connected with almost every important institution in the neighbourhood. For twenty-five years he was schoolmaster at Boyne Hill, the majority of the present ringers receiving their tuition under him, and he was up to the time of his death organist and choirmaster as well. His chief character was the undoubted thoroughness and honesty of purpose in all he undertook, and which was so successfully imparted to all with whom he was brought into contact. He was also a member of the Oxford Guild of ringers, and until business engaged so much of his time was a most accomplished ringer, and though the disease which it was known would sooner or later (cancer) remove him from amongst us, it came with its rapid career, he only being ill three months, all too soon, and at a comparatively early age, forty-eight years, he passed away to the God who called him, esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. The funeral service was most impressively rendered by a full choir, and the body carried to its last resting place, by four old choristers. Among the numerous mourners were the Mayor and Corporation, the Fire Brigade, Freemasons, Oddfellows and various other societies to which the deceased had belonged, who attended to pay the last tribute of respect. Both before and after, deeply muffled touches were rung on the bells, including the whole pull and stand, by his faithful and sorrowing pupils and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

J. W. WILKINS.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newhey, to-day, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Method for practice, Kent Treble Bob. EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.
63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 256th anniversary of this society will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18th, 1893. The tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, will be open for ringing at 3.30 p.m., and St. Michael's, Cornhill, at 4.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. each for the dinner, to be held at the Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, at 6 p.m., may be had of any of the following committee: Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, Pettit, H. S. Ellis, Langdon, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, Winny, McLaughlin, Butler, Horrex, Burkin, Garrard, Cockerill. Members are requested to attend the meeting at St. Paul's, on Tuesday, November 21st, for the election of officers.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Saturday, November 18th. The tower of St. Alfege (ten) will be open for ringing from 3.0 p.m. Committee meeting 5.0 sharp. Allowances (2s. for members, 1s. for probationers), will not be paid after 5.30. Tea (8d. a head) will be provided in the Church Room at 5.30. Members wishing to attend the tea must notify me either direct or through the Sec. of the band on or before Wednesday, November 15th.

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

The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting and Tea will take place on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing at St. Phillip's church at 3.30. Tea in the School Rooms, Newton Street, at 5.30. Meeting to follow afterwards. Chair to be taken by the Bishop of Coventry.

J. JENNINGS, Hon. Sec.
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stony Stanton, on Saturday, November 18th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, Local Hon. Sec.
Ivy Cottage, Wheat Street, Nuneaton.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—Yorkshire Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Liversedge, on Saturday, November 18th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Victoria Tavern

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

[A member of this Association has forwarded a report of a peal of Treble Bob, without the number of changes. Will he send an amended report next week?—Ed.]

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at Hurstpierpoint (Hassocks Station). Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec.
49, Clifton Street, Brighton.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom,

Hagley, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, vicar, will preside. Representatives will be chosen at this meeting to serve on the Central Council for the next three years. Tea will be provided (free) for all members sending in their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, November 27th. The tower will be open for ringing.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
37, Simms Lane, Neitherton, Dudley.

The Surrey Association.—Change of Secretaryship. Will representatives of the above Association, kindly collect all subscriptions due up to date, and forward to the undersigned without delay (see report of last meeting).

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec. pro tem.
13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal be desired One Shilling additional must accompany such a request.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6

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The last twenty-four courses repeated produce:

3 4 5 6 2

5 6 4 3 2 8 in two.

Repeating the twenty-four courses again completes the peal.

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2	3	4	5	6	W	5ths	4ths	M
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	-
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-	-
2	5	6	3	4	-	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-	-

Nine times repeated. Single in place of bob, at the middle, half-way, and end. Rung at Aston on September 9th, 1893, conducted by T. Russam.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, Norwich Scholars.

6048.

2	3	4	5	6	W	5th	4th	B	M	H
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
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6	5	4	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
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2	4	6	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	5	6	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-

Five times repeated; single to be called at the end of the third and sixth parts. This peal has 5th and 6th each eighteen times right and wrong. If the first course be called W 5ths 4ths H, the third course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5088; and if the two courses following be substituted for the last course in each part, the peal will be 6240, all short courses.

5th 4ths H

Omitting the last bob at home in this variation gives a handy touch of 1040.

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JUNO.—If the regulation is still in force, it is futile to attempt its abolition. The Vicar must initiate any change.

IGNORANT.—We know very little of the matter.

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[OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.]

May I be permitted to draw the attention of your numerous readers to the sad condition of the above celebrated ringer and composer.

For many years past he has been a patient and uncomplaining sufferer from a chest affliction which has now assumed a very severe form.

During the last two and a half years he has been quite unable to follow any regular employment owing to this distressing malady. This, commencing shortly after the deaths at intervals, and after a long sickness in each case, of his wife, and two eldest children who were well in their teens; added to the fact that he has three children living who are too young to provide for themselves, has entirely drained his slender resources, and alas! left him with his beloved ones near the verge of starvation.

With a view to alleviate his distress as much as they possibly can, a few friends in Ashton-under-Lyne and immediate neighbourhood have formed themselves into a small workable committee. The gentlemen who are thus acting are:—Mr. John Holden, President of the United Counties' Association (Saddleworth), Chairman; B. Broadbent, S. Wood, G. Longden, G. Braddock (Treasurer), Ashton-under-Lyne; H. Chapman, Manchester; T. Wilde, and J. S. Wilde (Secretary), Hyde. One result of the earnest deliberations of this committee has been their determination to make an effort to benefit Mr. Thorp by the proceeds of a good draw, particulars of which are here given:—

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The members of the committee will be glad to forward at once, books containing twenty-five tickets each on the receipt of the address of any ringer who may be desirous of helping forward this object. The committee merely stipulate that for all tickets sold money be forwarded when the duplicates are returned. This being a most deserving case, wherein it is in the power of almost every brother-string to help an illustrious though unfortunate brother,

the committee earnestly beg for the co-operation of every member of the Exercise in order to make the draw a substantial success.—Yours, on behalf of the Committee, JAMES S. WILDE.
38, Thomas Street, Flowery Field, Hyde.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, the 6th instant, seven members of the above guild met their respected presiding ringing-master, Mr. John Day, on the occasion of his 68th birthday, to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples in his honour under the tried conductorship of Mr. H. Bastable. Shortly after six p.m. the bells were going at a merry pace, with a splendid beat worthy of the guild's reputation. Unfortunately the attempt ended about two and a quarter hours too soon, just after the quarter-end had come up with singular clearness. Being too late for a fresh start, there was no alternative but to start for a quarter-peal taken from Thursdays' two-part, which was brought round in 42 mins., the band being stationed as follows:—H. Bastable, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; John Day, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; T. Westwood, 5; H. Pritchett, 6; W. Kent (conductor), 7; William Painter, 8. An adjournment was then made to The Bell, where the company were entertained to refreshments by Mr. Day, and after many expressions of good-will to him the company broke up for their various destinations.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

The large board schools here have just been completed and much improved in the external appearance by the erection of a large clock on the tower. It strikes the hours and chimes the quarters on large bells, and shews the time on four 5 ft. dials, which are lighted at night. Generally speaking the designs of Lord Grimthorpe have been carried out by the contractors, John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEVERN VALLEY BRANCH.—On Saturday, November 4th, the members of the above branch held a meeting at St. Leonard's Mission House, Bridgnorth, when members from St. Leonard's, Coalbrookdale, Worfield, and Stockton attended. After a capital tea given by the rector (Rev. Prebendary Oldham), to which about twenty sat down, was over, and the business of the meeting finished, the party adjourned to the tower, where several touches were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Coalbrookdale on Easter Monday, March 26th.

HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday evening, November 1st, at St. John's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins. H. C. Alford, 1; G. J. Gains, 2; W. Burkin (conductor), 3; W. B. Manning, 4; A. Coles (longest touch with a bob bell), 5; F. Nunn, 6; W. Prime, 7; W. D. Smith, 8.

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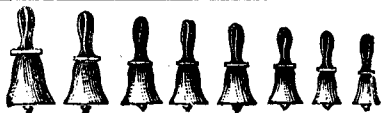
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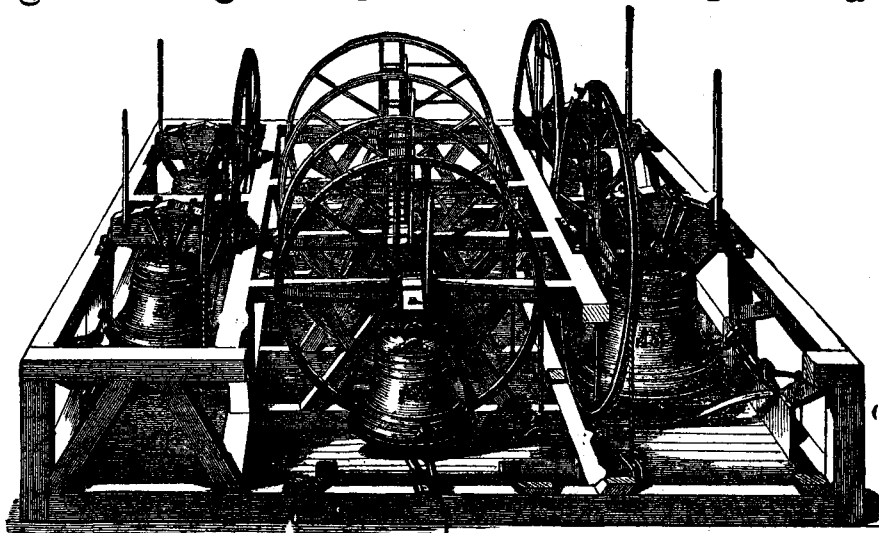
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