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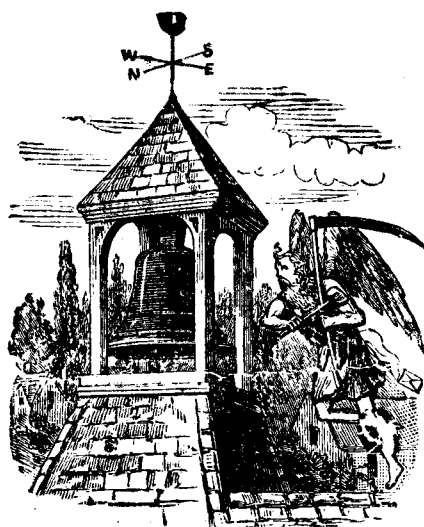
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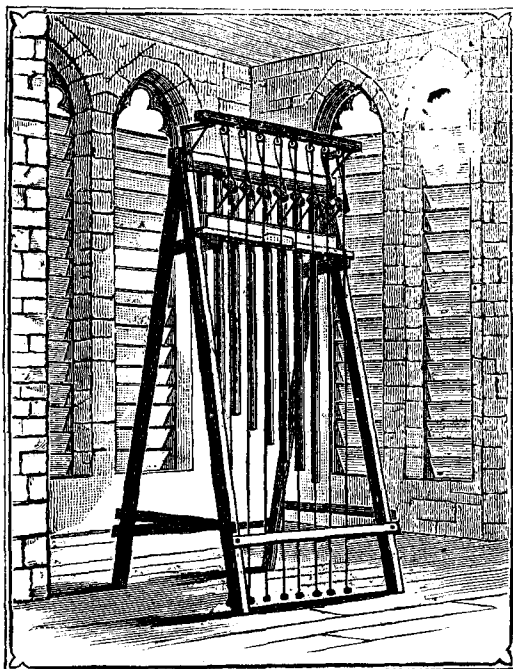
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RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT ST. MARY, WOOLWICH.

An interesting event in the history of church bells, and of special interest to a particular locality, has just been consummated in connection with the parish church of St. Mary, Woolwich. In the year 1821, Messrs. Mears furnished the church with a ring of eight bells, which have been in use until very recently, when it was discovered that their safety was imperilled by the insecure state of the bell-frame and its supports. This led to an effort being made to endeavour to bring about their restoration, which happy event was celebrated on Thursday, January 25th, by various members of the Kent County Association ringing during the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major. The unanimous opinion was that the bells now were in a splendid condition, the process they had undergone in tuning had rendered their tone beautifully clear, and far superior to their condition for many years past; and Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, who undertook the whole of the work, is highly complimented by the very excellent way he has carried out the contract. It was felt that he rightly deserved commendation for the superior workmanship which has characterised every detail, especially in the construction of the new oak frame, and in the very easy go of the bells.

At the parish room adjoining the rectory, an excellent repast was provided in honor of the event, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. C. E. Escreet, and to which ample justice was done. Before this pleasant gathering dispersed, the Rev. H. G. D. Latham said he could not allow the meeting to separate without expressing their indebtedness to Mr. E. O. Masters, Hon. Sec. to the Belfry Fund, for his efforts in raising the fund to the extent it then was, thereby bringing the object in view to so successful an issue. It was to be admired that Mr. Masters manifested a high tone in relation to the use of church bells, therefore in the name of the bellringers and church officers of St. Mary's, in recognition of his services, he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present Mr. Masters with a Malacca walking cane and silk umbrella, both silver-mounted, with monogram. Mr. J. E. Bevan, ringers' secretary, said they very much desired Mr. Masters should have something to remind him of the work, therefore he asked his acceptance of an oak frame (as a reminiscence of the past) made from the old bell-wheels, containing an illuminated address.

Mr. Masters, in receiving these gifts, said they could congratulate themselves that they had now a ring of bells which could be utilized to the glory of God, and for important events either national, local, or otherwise. But it had not been all easy work, for he had to express his regret that sometimes where he expected to find a helping hand he was disappointed; but there was yet time for those who had held aloof to come forward, as about £30 were yet wanted. He thanked all for this expression of feeling in presenting him with such useful articles, which would always remind him of the bells of St. Mary, Woolwich.

At 7.30, a special festival service of dedication took place at the church, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Powell, Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E. It being St. Paul's day, special attention was directed to the conversion of this saint, and its effect upon the world; but upon the preacher referring to the bells just restored to the church, said they should be regarded by the various functions which they performed as messengers during our lives. The *Te Deum* being sung, the bells being rung simultaneously by the local band, brought to a satisfactory termination the events of the day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

A District Meeting of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Waltham Abbey, about thirty-five members being present from London, West Ham, Romford, Wanstead, Bishops Stortford, Stanstead, Saffron Walden, Great Totham, and Writtle. The tower of the fine old Abbey Church was open to ringers from 2.0 p.m. upwards, and the bells were kept going in various methods for the greater part of the afternoon and evening. At 4.30 p.m. the Committee appointed to revise the rules of the Association (the Revs. T. L. Papillon and H. T. Eyre; Messrs. S. Hayes, Keeble, N. J. Pitstow, and

Randall) met at The Green Dragon inn, and by 5.30 had settled their report, to be presented to the annual meeting on Whit-Monday.

Tea was served at 5.30 in an upper room at The Green Dragon, the Rev. F. B. Johnston, Rector of Waltham Abbey, presiding. At the business meeting held afterwards, various new members were elected, including three of the Waltham Abbey company. The Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon), in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector and local ringers for the cordial welcome given to them by the Association, expressed on behalf of those present, and of the Association generally, his satisfaction that they were once more meeting at Waltham Abbey; and that whatever might have been the causes which for some years past had estranged one of the most important centres of ringing in Essex from the county Association, those causes would now be forgotten, and Waltham Abbey be once more reckoned among the towers in union with it.

The Rector having expressed his own earnest wish that his ringers might rejoin the Association,

Mr. Alps, on behalf of the local company, thanked the Hon. Sec. for his conciliatory remarks, and undertook to represent to his brother-ringers the wish that had been expressed for their return.

The meeting, in any case a pleasant and successful one, will have been doubly successful if it thus proves to have been a message of peace.

The ringing-chamber at Waltham Abbey is large and spacious, though somewhat dark; and the bells are a good peal of eight, tenor 19 cwt. in E. The church, which is only the nave of a once magnificent abbey church, is well worth a visit as one of the finest specimens of Norman architecture in the kingdom; the massive circular piers, enriched with zig-zag ornament and surmounted by round arches, resembling those in the nave of Durham Cathedral, though of course on a smaller scale. The original tower, a lofty, square central tower like that of St. Albans, and the choir have disappeared; the existing tower at the west-end dates from 1556. Ringers of antiquarian tastes cannot do better than pay a visit to Waltham Abbey.

MAIDENHEAD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Boyn Hill on Saturday, January 27th. The proceedings commenced with ringing at 2 p.m., and before evensong (at 4.30) some good work was done. The sermon at evensong was preached by the Vicar (Rev. A. H. Drummond), who is also Branch Chairman, on Col. iii. 23. He dwelt on the importance of ringers as Church officers bearing constantly in mind the divine character and life of the Church which they served. The value of their work for God and His Church would depend directly on the personal character and intention of the worker. This was to be modelled on the old belfry motto "Who rings his bell, let him look well to hand and head and heart; the hand for work, the head for wit, the heart for worship's part." Under these three elements in good ringing and devout service, he instanced (a) diligence and perseverance, (b) thoughtfulness for others and progress, (c) the duty of worship, especially in the Holy Communion. So only would the Guild ringers do their destined work in the Church and the world.

The business meeting was held after tea in the Boys' School, and was presided over by the Chairman of the Branch (Rev. A. H. Drummond), who was supported by the Master and Secretary of the Guild (Revs. F. E. Robinson and R. H. Hart-Davis), Rev. C. A. Raymond, Rev. A. Simmons, and the Branch Secretary (Rev. R. P. Newhouse), and 79 lay members. The Branch Secretary reported a large increase in the membership of the Branch and proficiency of its members. The amount of instruction given during the past year had resulted in the issue of an unusual number of change-ringers' certificates, and good work had been done in many towers. The balance-sheet submitted by him, in the regretted absence (through domestic bereavement) of the treasurer (Mr. A. H. Cocks), showed the satisfactory position and progress of the Branch. The Chairman congratulated the Branch on its record for the past year, especially on the formation, in his own and other belfries, of

bands of junior ringers, from whom the places of seniors retiring after good service could be effectively supplied. He urged progress in the higher methods of the Exercise, in which the Hughenden band took so distinguished a lead.

The Master of the Guild added his congratulations to those of the Chairman, and while agreeing with him as to the vital importance of bringing on a succession of new hands, urged that the elder men should not be forgotten or suffered to fall out of rank. He adequately supported his plea on their behalf by reference to his own work in belfries and peal-ringing during the past year, and concluded with congratulatory reference to a peal of London Surprise in which he had taken part at Hughenden on the previous evening. The Secretary of the Guild gave some interesting statistics of the progress and position of the Guild during the past year. It was now near its five hundredth peal, and a revised record of these would shortly be published. Fifty-two peals under eighteen conductors had been rung during the past year. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the members of the largest and most active Branch in the Guild, and wished it continued prosperity.

The officers of the Branch were unanimously re-elected, and votes of thanks were given to the Rev. A. H. Drummond for his excellent sermon and for the use of his church and schools. The meeting, which was the largest and most successful held for some years, then broke up, and most of those present adjourned once more to the belfry, where several other touches in various methods were successfully achieved.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, ST. ALBANS.

On Monday evening, January 15th, the members of this Society held their annual dinner at Mr. Orpin's Refreshment Rooms, George-street. Mr. E. P. Debenham presided, and there were also present Messrs. T. Conley, W. Little, A. Hull, E. Hull, H. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, J. Porter, E. Weddon, and F. Dunham (ringing members), W. Battle, W. H. L. Buckingham, and J. E. Randall (honorary members), with Mr. Hubbard, the foreman of the restoration works at St. Peter's church. After supper, on the removal of the cloth, the loyal toasts were duly honoured, followed by the toast, "Prosperity to the St. Peter's Society of Change-Ringers," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr. Conley, the senior member of the society. In proposing "Kindred Societies," the chairman alluded to the kind feeling, shown by the Cathedral society in giving up their tower to the St. Peter's ringers on one Sunday and one practice night in every month during the progress of the restoration of St. Peter's church, when the bells could not be rung. The toast was coupled with the name of Mr. W. Battle, the conductor of the Cathedral society. The other toasts were "The new members," responded to by Messrs. Weddon and Dunham; "The visitors," responded to by Mr. Hubbard; "The honorary members," responded to by Messrs. Buckingham and Randall; "The chairman," proposed by Mr. A. Hull, and responded to by the chairman; "Absent friends," proposed by Mr. H. Brewer; "The Host and Hostess," proposed by Mr. Buckingham, and "The Accompanist," proposed by Mr. H. Brewer. Songs were sung by the Chairman, and Messrs. Randall, Buckingham, Hubbard, J. W. Brewer, E. Hull, Battle, Porter, Conley, and Dunham, Mr. Conley acting as accompanist. The company separated at midnight after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Friday, January 12th, the members of St. Paul's belfry, with a few friends, numbering in all about twenty, held their annual supper at the Royal Oak at 6.30 p.m. After full justice had been done to the good things provided by the hostess, Mrs. Howard, whose excellent catering left nothing to be desired, the table was cleared, and several capital songs were sung, and several tunes were played on the handbells, conducted by J. Garrell, and two touches of Grandsire Triples containing 84 and 97 changes, conducted by W. E. Yates. The company broke up at 10.45 after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Committee was held at Messrs. Jakeman and Carver's, Hereford, on Wednesday, January 24th, at twelve o'clock. There were present the Revs. Canon Palmer (in the chair), J. G. Cranstoun (Ludlow), and A. C. Lee (Hon. Sec.), Messrs. W. Hebb (Ross, Hon. Treasurer), R. J. Turner (Lugwardine), W. Cartwright (Foy), J. G. Buchanan (Clun), and J. Jones (Hereford). After apologies for inability to attend from the Revs. G. M. Custance, A. L. Oldham, H. C. Sturges, H. F. Bagshaw, and others, as also from Messrs. J. Davis, J. G. Wall, C. Edwards, etc., the Hon. Secretary produced the accounts, which shewed a balance of £35 3s. 3d. for the year 1893 in favour of the Guild, with no outstanding liabilities.

The Master (Rev. G. M. Custance), who was the original promoter of the Guild, sent in his resignation, pleading advancing years and increasing work, which rendered him unable to fill the post as he could wish.

Canon Palmer afterwards in moving a vote of thanks to him, reminded those present of the deep obligation that the whole Guild owed Mr. Custance, but for him it would not have been founded.

On the proposal of the Rev. J. G. Cranstoun, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, J. Buchanan, Esq. was elected Master of the Guild, who in accepting the honour done him, only regretted that the choice had not fallen upon a more proficient change-ringer.

The Hon. Sec. remarked that it was like Mr. Buchanan to put such a lowly opinion on his own merits, but that his was an appointment eminently satisfactory to the Guild.

The following were elected on the Committee: Revs. Canon Palmer, H. C. Sturges (Bodenham), A. L. Oldham and J. Davies (Bridgnorth), H. F. Bagshaw (Knighton), T. Hughes (Bathington), C. Wilton (Foy), Messrs. J. Davies (Cathedral), J. G. Wall (Ross), J. Cartwright (Foy), E. S. Kings (Cradley), E. J. Beatley (Colwall), C. Edwards (Bosbury), R. Marston (Ludlow), J. Overton (Bridgnorth), J. Davies (All Saints, Hereford), R. J. Turner (Lugwardine), J. Jones (St. Peter's, Hereford), and T. J. Bratton (Welshpool).

Messrs. Wall and Bratton were re-elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council of Change-Ringers, and the hon. secretary was authorised to tender them their railway fare to and fro, on the occasion of its meeting.

The hon. secretary reported some thirty towers in union with the Guild, that most useful work was being done by voluntary local instructors, especially by Charles Edwards in the Ledbury district; that W. H. Fussell was holding an engagement with the Guild for some six or seven weeks up to Lent, and would be engaged, if possible, for a month after Easter.

The Festival was fixed (if leave was given), to be held at Ludlow, on Tuesday, June 5th. Votes of thanks were passed to the various officers of the Guild, and to Canon Palmer for presiding.

Local secretaries and others are requested to send subscriptions, etc., to the Rev. A. C. Lee (honorary secretary), Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford, who will send them on to the hon. treasurer—otherwise the accounts may get complicated.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Monday, January 8th, the ringers of the parish church, Macclesfield, met at the National School at the invitation of their respected vicar and his wife, the Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Boyd, to partake of a substantial knife and fork supper, which was honoured with the ringers' usual custom, ample justice, the courses being brought round in fine style, the Vicar of Macclesfield proving himself to be a first class carver. This interesting part being over, all adjourned to a class-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony and in courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells, intermixed with a little social chat. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and also Mrs. Boyd, for their kindness, was carried with acclamation, and the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close the first of what is to be an annual delight to the ringers of St. Michael's, Macclesfield.

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In connection with this Mr. Wilde writes as follows:—

SIR,—It will be remembered that in your issue of December 2nd, 1893, it was stated in effect that, subject to your approval we would publicly acknowledge, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the names of all who had aided us by the disposal of a single book of tickets.

With the intention of carrying this promise to its fulfilment, an alphabetical list of names and places has been compiled, which in double columns comprise rather over five sides of full-sized foolscap. Now owing to the list reaching such formidable proportions, and being keenly alive to the heavy obligations under which you have placed us, not only by using your personal influence to the material advantage of the fund, but by very courteously granting us the free privilege and unstinted use of your columns almost week by week, commencing with November 2nd, we feel it would be unreasonable to expect such further privilege as this very lengthy list would entail.

We believe our army of supporters will take these considerations into account, and acquit us of any breach of faith. In finally thanking them, together with the subscribers, we fail in finding words conveying our deep sense of gratitude to them singly and collectively. The grand result, which is far above our most sanguine expectations, will convince the cynical observer that the Exercise is ready and determined when occasion or necessity arises, to appreciate to the full extent the services of its gifted or unfortunate brethren.

Some may be curious to know how the fund will be dealt with, whether it will be handed to Mr. Thorp in a lump sum, or placed to his credit in instalments, or what other safe means it may be employed in for his use and benefit. These considerations are receiving the careful attention of the committee, and when finally arranged, we will immediately acquaint you of what has been decided upon. In the meantime, what we could, and can do for our dear brother has, and will be done. Already, it is pleasing to note a slight improvement in his condition, and there is, we believe, reasonable grounds for hoping that the improvement will continue. If this should, happily, prove to be so, and if our efforts have contributed towards bringing it about, we shall be amply repaid, and look with joy and satisfaction on the good work accomplished.

Yours, on behalf of the Committee,

JAMES S. WILDE, *Hon. Sec.*

38, Thomas Street, Flowery Field, Hyde.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

The third quarterly meeting of this association was held at Derby on Saturday, January 20th, about forty-seven representatives attending from Ashby, Burton, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Long Eaton, Lichfield, Nottingham, etc.

As Derby possesses four peals of eight and one of ten, and all the towers being open, ample opportunity was afforded for all to indulge in their favourite exercise.

The committee meeting having been previously held, tea and general meeting followed at the Midland Road Coffee House at 5.0. Here a pleasant surprise awaited the visitors, in the shape of a substantial repast, most kindly provided by the several vicars and churchwardens and members of the Derby District, and to which full justice was done.

Tea being over, the minutes were read and passed, on the proposition of Mr. Shardlow, seconded by Mr. Curtis.

Three new members were then duly proposed and seconded.

The President, in addressing the meeting on the work of the past year, said that he had no congratulations to offer. Their position among the various associations was 7th, the lowest since he had been president, thirty-three peals only having been rung. He however, was glad to see their Melbourne friends coming again to the fore. The St. Paul's Society, Burton, also must be excused in that they had been debarred from using their tower for some six weeks during the past quarter. He hoped that in this new year they would all strive their utmost to do better than in the past.

Mr. Denison Taylor and Mr. S. Cooper were then elected to audit the accounts of the association, on the proposition of Mr. Maskrey, seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. J. W. Taylor then proposed a vote of thanks to the various

vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also for their liberality in providing a free tea to the members. He thought in future it would be better to hold the tea at some more central place, so that the other towers which were open would be more visited. Mr. Draper having seconded, the motion was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. W. Wakley, who also said that he hoped there would be a good attendance at the annual meeting at Burton-on-Trent. Mr. S. Cooper having seconded, the meeting terminated.

The members then adjourned to the several towers to finish up the day with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich, and otherwise enjoy themselves according to their several tastes.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., the twenty-fourth annual dinner of the above society took place at The Plough inn, Beddington, to which sixteen sat down and partook of the good things provided by Host G. T. Watkinson, in his usual excellent style. The chair was taken by the Rev. F. A. Hodgson, Rector of Beddington, supported by C. E. Malin, Esq., honorary member, the vice-chair (in the unavoidable absence of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, M.D.), being occupied by J. W. Trappitt. Among the number being one of the past, but ever welcome member, Mr. W. Burkin. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the chairman gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Mary's Society of change-ringers of Beddington." The Rector said it gave him great pleasure to meet, and to preside over for the first time at its festive board, the members of the society, and hoped that he should do so for many years to come, and that the society would make as good progress in the future, as it had done in the past. The evening was then devoted to harmony, some capital songs being sung.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

"The Boughton company of bell-ringers has lately sustained a great loss by the removal of one of its leading members from the neighbourhood. A member of the company from its formation in 1816, Mr. Ransom has been a most efficient secretary for the last three years, and the interest he has shown in the work always, as well as the thorough practical knowledge of bell-ringing which he had acquired himself, and was always ready to impart to others, cause his departure to be much regretted. From various causes the number of our bell-ringers is now much reduced, and it is hoped that some of the young men of the parish will signify to the vicar, or to the newly appointed secretary (Mr. John Chambers), their willingness to be instructed in this important branch of church work during the present winter. On Friday, November 24th, a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect for Mr. William Clackett, who was interred that day at Selling, who had been a ringer for a number of years. Mr. G. A. Ransom, who has moved to Rainham, is doing his best to instruct the band in the art of change-ringing, where his services are highly appreciated."—*Parish Magazine*.

BELLFOUNDING OPERATIONS.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have executed the following work during the past year: One new ring of ten for the Imperial Institute. Three new rings of eight: Colerainer, Scunthorpe, Llandudno. Two new rings of six: Alsager and North Stoneham. Three peals of ten, augmented or rehung, etc.: St. John's, Cardiff, St. Luke's, Chelsea, Stroud parish church. Three peals of eight augmented or rehung, etc.: Higham Ferrers, Milverton, Irthlingborough. And several peals of six, augmented or rehung, etc.: Acton, Cheshire, Bramshott, Hants., East Crompton, Harworth Notts., St. Ippolyt's, Hitchin, Kempston, Beds., Staunton, Gloucestershire, Sharnford, Leicestershire, Kirley. They also have in hand three new peals of eight, viz.: Poona new church (Bombay Residency), Merthyr Tydfil and Aberavon. Two new peals of six, viz.: Clive, Salop, and St. Mark's, Bath. Restoration in hand of Kendal parish church, ring of ten; Penkridge and Lewisham rings of eight; and St. Mary's, Oxford, and Stanford, Notts., rings of six. They have also supplied during 1893 many smaller rings, sets of bells for striking-clocks, and single bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27th, the members of this Association held their annual meeting (which alternates between the two Cathedral cities) at Bristol, and representatives hailed from Gloucester, Cheltenham, Stroud, Swindon, Cirencester, and Quedgley, besides a good many from the ancient "city of churches" itself. Divine service was held in St. Stephen's the Martyr's, when the officiating clergy were the Rev. C. H. Joberns, Rector, and assistant secretary of the association, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Vicar of Oldland, and Master of the association, and Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Vicar of St. Augustine's (the Cathedral parish), and honorary general secretary.

A practical sermon was preached by the reverend Master. After service the adjacent towers were quickly resorted to, and at six o'clock all met for a "knife and fork" repast at the St. Stephen's restaurant in Baldwin Street, the Rector being in the chair.

After grace, the business meeting was held, and the election of officers being the first item on the agenda, the name of Earl Bathurst was added to the lay vice-presidents on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Ward, amidst much applause.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, who had served as Master for five years, was again proposed for the office, but it was felt by some of those present that the Gloucester side of the double diocese should have an innings, and on a show of hands being taken, Mr. E. B. James, son of the rector of St. Michael's, Gloucester, an enthusiastic scientific ringer of no mean order, was found to have a small majority, and was declared duly elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded with much enthusiasm to the late Master, who suitably responded.

The hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, and hon. assistant secretary, were then requested to stand again, and were duly re-elected. Stroud was proposed as the place of next quarter's district meeting on the proposition of Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by Mr. A. Roberts.

The local secretaries were then all duly re-elected with the substitution of the name of Mr. G. W. Lait, of Cirencester, at Cirencester, instead of Mr. F. E. Ward.

The three names for representation on the Central Council were then put up, and resulted in the choice of Rev. H. A. Cockey, E. B. James, Esq., and G. H. Phillott, Esq., with the understanding that should Mr. Phillott be unable to serve, his place would be undertaken by Mr. Ward.

A vote of thanks to the rector then concluded the meeting, and soon the bells were once again in motion all over the dusky old city.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—CREWE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Crewe, on Saturday, January 20th, when several members were present from Alsager, Crewe, Kidsgrove, Sandbach, Wrenbury, and Wolstanton.

The tower of Christ Church was open for ringing at 2 p.m. With three from Sandbach, one from Whitchurch (Salop), and four local men, a Triples band was formed. A 350 and a 420 were rung, the first was brought round true, but in the second a change-course occurred about half-way. For the former the men stood as follows: W. Evetts, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Dudley, 3; — Hartshorn, 4; G. Wright, 5; T. Johnson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Spool, 8. And for the latter—R. Langford, sen., 1; A. Harding, 2; — Hartshorn (conductor), 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Wright, 5; R. Langford, jun., 6; R. T. Holding, 7; J. Davies, 8.

At 4.15, when a goodly number of members had assembled, a move was made for the Parish Room, where business was transacted.

The meeting was opened as usual with a prayer read by the Vicar (Rev. G. J. Howson); the secretary (Mr. R. Langford jun.), read the minutes of the last meeting held at Alsager, which were duly confirmed. The Branch now consists of sixty-five ringing and eight honorary members, which is a decided increase.

Letters were read from the Rev. Canon Atkinson, and the Rev. D. Shaw, etc., expressing their regret at not being able to attend. Mr. J. Wright and Mr. R. T. Holding were elected

auditors for the ensuing year. Various officers of the branch resigned their posts, and many were re-elected, including the president (Rev. G. J. Howson), who entered his fourth year of office, and his re-election called forth hearty congratulations, in answer to which he replied with some pride that the branch to which he belonged was, in the opinion of many, foremost in the Guild for the manner in which it was conducted.

Mr. T. Johnson, of Sandbach represented the branch secretary on the general committee. It was arranged for the quarterly meetings during the ensuing year to be held at Lawton, Sandbach, Wrenbury, and Acton (near Nantwich). The meeting then adjourned, the president kindly inviting the members present to a sumptuous tea, to which thirty-three sat down, the ringers doing justice to the good things provided. "Stand" being called, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the president for his hospitality and kindness throughout.

Returning to the tower, ringing was again indulged in. At 6.30, a special shortened form of Evensong was held at Christ Church for the ringers: Hymns 540 and 453 (Church Hymns), were sung during the service. The Vicar gave a stirring address, taking for his text the words "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you;" this implying that we should look upon the Church as the vineyard, and we the workers therein. It is a work for Christ that ringers have to perform, and surely should not be undertaken lightly, but with the true earnest of the Spirit, remembering that we must not call others to the House of God without feeling that it is our duty, and should we not add, privilege, to join in the worship of God. In conclusion, the Vicar reminded those assembled of the very appropriate inscription on the new bell at St. Paul's, "Woe unto me, if I do not preach the Gospel," and of the warning St. Paul gives to all, in the well-known verse, "Lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." After service, a 350 and 168 of Triples brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, the members being especially pleased with the tower, and remarking that it was the prettiest they had ever been into. The men stood as follows for the 350: R. Langford, sen., 1; A. Harding, 2; C. Ollier, 3; G. Wright (conductor), 4; R. Langford, jun., 5; W. Grice, 6; R. T. Holding, 7; R. Vicars, 8. And for the 168. R. Vicars, 1; A. Harding, 2; A. Archer, 3; J. Wright (conductor), 4; — Mellor, 5; —, 6; C. Ollier, 7; J. Davies, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch took place at Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 20th, when a fair number of members attended from Hinckley, Stoney Stanton, etc. Several well-struck touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, after which an adjournment was made to the meeting-house, where a business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Horwood, and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: vice-president, Mr. Thomas W. Chapman; committee, Messrs. J. F. Clarke and W. Mills; secretary, Mr. H. Argyle, of Wheat Street, Nuneaton. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, and three new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hinckley, on Saturday, March 3rd.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSETSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected in this church which has two large dials, and chimes the Cambridge quarters upon four bells. All the latest improvements have been introduced in the mechanism, and it will doubtless keep accurate time. The whole of the work has been executed by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clock at St. Paul's cathedral.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

On Monday evening, January 15th, the Rev. C. D. B. Marsham invited the ringers of the parish church to supper at the rectory, every one doing justice to the good things provided. The cloth being removed, a variety of games were entered upon till a late hour, and after thanking the rector for his kindness, the ringers departed to their homes.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Preliminary Notice.—This day, Saturday, February 3rd, a Change-ringing contest on handbells will take place at Uppermill, Saddleworth, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses. One of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The cup to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize £2; Second £1; Third 10s.; Fourth 5s. Also a contest on Ten bells, for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize 15s.; Second 5s.; circulars and full particulars on application to the secretary, JONATHAN PELLING.

Lee Street, Uppermill, Near Oldham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Prescott, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Business meeting in the parish room at 6 p.m.

J. J. M. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place to-day, Saturday, February 3rd, in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting, and to take this notice as sufficient should they receive no other.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. As it is impossible to hold the meeting as arranged at Perry Barr, it will be held to-day, Saturday, February 3rd, at All Saints' church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 2.30. Service at 5 p.m.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting at Hitchin, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd, when the church tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. I shall be glad to receive all subscriptions outstanding as early as possible.

St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Waterloo Society, London.—The Annual Dinner of the Society will take place at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Tickets 3s. each, to be obtained of the following members of the dinner committee: Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road, S.E., Mr. J. Davis, 2, Westdown Terrace, Camden Street, Peckham, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, 64, Swan Street, Great Dover Street, S.E., Mr. A. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E., Mr. F. G. Perrin, 370, Munton Road, New Kent Road, S.E.

F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—By kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, a Quarterly Meeting will take place at Wilbye, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. The peal of five bells (tenor about 9 cwt.) at the church of St. Mary, will be at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at

St. Mary's, Woolwich, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in parish room at 6 p.m. Owing to the illness of the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, Hon. Sec. of this district, all communications should be addressed till end of February to

W. BEDWELL,

Grace Villa, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.

Lancashire Association.—Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Blackpool, to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. The bells of St. John's parish church will be ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the School 5.30, when the president of the Association (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) and others are expected to attend. Methods for practice are Grandsire Triples and Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

JOHN FELL, Branch Sec.

21, Clifton Street, Lytham.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at Brighouse (near Huddersfield) to-day, Saturday, February 3rd. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the circulars have not been issued as early as usual, but it is hoped members will not allow this to prevent them assembling in large numbers. Tea and business meeting at the usual times. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Frank Prince, Denham Street, Brighouse.

B. T. COPELY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Whitley (Tyneside), on Monday, February 5th. At the Victoria Hotel, Committee Meeting at 12. Dinner at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 6d. Whitley belfry open after 10 a.m. North Shields belfry, except during services, 11.30 and 7.30 p.m.

C. BUSTON, Hon. Sec.

Embleton, Christon Bank, Northumberland.

Midland Counties' Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The Annual Meeting of this district for the election of officers and other important business will be held at the parish room, St. Paul's Institute, on Thursday, February 8th, at 8 p.m. Ringing at St. Paul's church at 7.

ARTHUR WAKLEY, District Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, on March 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. At 5.30 a tea will be provided for those who have applied to the district Secretary for tea tickets not later than March 1st. Travelling expenses allowed up to 2s.

A. L. BRINE, Hon. District Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—Life members and ringing members who have changed their address since joining the Association, or whose present address is not correct in the 1892 report, are requested to forward their present addresses to me or to their local secretaries at once. In any case not later than Monday, February 5th.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Kent County Association.—The Annual Meeting of the Tunbridge District will be held at the parish room, North Street, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, February 5th prox. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. before the meeting for any members who send their names to the District Secretary before Saturday, February 3rd.

T. S. CURTIS, District Secretary.

The Rectory, Sevenoaks.

Tonbridge Bells.—These bells will be available for ringers attending the district meeting, from 7.30 to 9.45 p.m. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells 7.10.

GEO. H. STONESTREET.

25, High Street, Tonbridge.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Baldersstone, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. The Vicar will preside. Methods for practice—Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

E. SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Pendleton, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting 6.30.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Horbury, on Saturday, February 17th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, King's Arms hotel.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Henry Johnson Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham intend arranging the usual commemoration dinner on Saturday, March 3rd, when a gentleman of eminence in the Science is expected to preside. Further particulars will be announced in later issues of this paper.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT COALBROOKDALE.—This is the first peal by the Guild in the method, and the first peal by the Severn Valley branch of the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. Mr. Howard came from Bridgnorth at an hour's notice. Mr. Fussell, the Guild's Instructor, completed his hundredth performance of this kind, rang in sixteen counties of England on peals of bells numbering from eight to twelve. Permission to ring was kindly given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Harries.

J. WILLSHIRE.—Send to the publisher.

A. JACKS.—No; it has been shown to be impossible.

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THE demand upon our space this week prevents the indulgence of the usual short comment. Several reports of meetings are therefore held over until next week. The letters sent within the last few days to our contributor "Plain Speaker" cannot be dealt with, owing to his absence on urgent private affairs at Omagh, a town in the north of Ireland. We hope to see him early next week.

We should like to bring before those of our readers who can do any good in the direction indicated, the desirability of assisting our brethren who are at the present or other time out of employment. Pecuniary relief is not here meant, but assistance to obtain work of some kind whereby bread may be earned. Our remarks have special reference to those ringers who from time to time advertise in our pages their want of employment, and desire to obtain it. One of these advertisements appears elsewhere, and like most of them this is a case where the applicant would be exceedingly grateful for any means of living which could be put into his hands. With confidence we bring such matters before those of our readers who are able to be of service.

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Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE LANGFORD Treble.	THOMAS R. BELL 5.
WALTER J. SORRELL 2.	SAMUEL ANDREWS 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3.	HENRY S. ELLIS 7.
FRANK BUCK 4.	JAMES WILLSHIRE Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by JAMES WILLSHIRE.

This peal is taken from *Rope-Sight*, and contains the 6th twenty-two courses each way. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, and first in the method by the ringer of the 2nd away from the treble. Also the first in the method by the local society, the first peal of Major by J. Willshire as conductor, and first peal of Major by the ringer of the 5th.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.*On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble.	BENJAMIN FOSKETT 5.
ARTHUR R. DAVIS* 2.	FREDERICK J. PITTS 6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4.	WALTER C. HASTED Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by H. N. DAVIS.

*First peal of Major, and first attempt with a bob bell. This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths, and the 2nd never in 5ths place at a course-end.

The Provinces.**HUGHENDEN.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, January 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

SOTTANSTALL'S COMPOSITION.

RALPH BIGGS Treble.	*JOHN CLARKE TRUSS, JUN. 5.
FRANK BIGGS 2.	WALTER ERNEST YATES.. 6.
SYDNEY GOODCHILD 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRED BIGGS 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method conducted by a clergyman.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOCIETY OF NORWICH SCHOLARS.*On Friday, January 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE HOUSE OF MR. BRIGHTON, 75 BARN ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON 3-4.	*ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.. 7-8.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, January 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR† .. Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	WALTER INGHAM 6.
WILLIAM I. REEVE 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE* .. 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Taylor and Bedwell belong to Lewisham; Groombridge and Ingham to Chislehurst; Harman to Bromley.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	CYRIL HERBERT 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP 2.	ISAAC HILLS 6.
SAMUEL CONSTANT 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
HERBERT SHARP 4.	PERCY HOWARD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, the 2nd never there, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of September 8th, 1884. Messrs. Clarke, Cullip, Constant, Sharp, Hill, and Howard, hail from Bedford; Herbert from Woburn. This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. W. Bennett for the use of the bells, and also Mr. W. Sear for having everything in readiness.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble.	WILLIAM MOORE 5.
GEORGE T. FREEMAN .. 2.	JOHN H. HALL 6.
THOMAS R. BRIGGS .. 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7.
ARTHUR SWANN 4.	JOHN W. FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal is the first achieved by the local society, also the first by all the band except G. Cleal and the conductor, who belong to Leicester; the rest are local men. It is to be hoped this success will induce this promising company to further pursue the Art.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;*Being 720 each of the following:*

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.	Tenor 18 cwt.
THOMAS LEES* Treble.	THOMAS SALTER 4.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
HENRY MARTIN 3.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

*First 5040. Messrs. Barber and Short hail from Clent; Salter from Kidderminster; Martin from Belbroughton; Lees belongs to the local company. Rang on the occasion of the birthday of T. Lees. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

W. OSTLER* Treble.	W. FLORY 5.
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON 2.	S. WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 6.
E. WIGHTMAN 3.	G. WIGHTMAN 7.
J. DURRANT 4.	J. SELF Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. The Rev. J. H. Pilkington and Messrs. Ostler and Self belong to the local company; the rest hail from Cretingham.

SITUATION WANTED.—A position in any capacity; well up in garden and horses, or could do books in an office. Good references, Change-ringer in three standard methods. Aged 19 years. Apply—W. Lightfoot, 9, Great Butts Street, Bedford.

Birth.

On January 23rd, at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, the wife of JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN., of a son.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

B. EMMOTT Treble.	J. BALDWIN 5.
T. THOMPSON 2.	F. W. DIXON 6.
H. E. ANDERSON 3.	T. B. KENDALL, Esq. .. 7.
H. RAISTRICK 4.	G. A. O. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. O. NETTLETON.

B. Emmott hails from Saltaire; Anderson from Bingley; Raistrick from Bradford; Baldwin and Dixon from Guiseley; the rest belong to Shipley.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

PETER TYLER Treble.	JAMES SEARLE 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 6.
FREDERICK DENCH 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

BIRMINGHAM.-THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN PRICKETT Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES 6.
JOHN E. SCOTT 2.	GEORGE WALKER 7.
ROBERT BOWKETT 3.	JOHN T. PERRY 8.
JOHN JENNINGS 4.	JOHN CARTER 9.
JAMES JONES 5.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is new rung for the first time, and it has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four times behind the 9th.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. in E flat.

WILLIAM HY. HUGHES* Treble.	*SAMUEL JAS. HUGHES .. 5.
JAMES WILLM. HOWARD* 2.	*WILLIAM PRICE 6.
RICHARD JONES* 3.	*WILLIAM MORGAN 7.
ALBERT WALE 4.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MORGAN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HY. ASHWORTH* Treble.	*GEORGE H. HARGREAVES 5.
GEORGE E. ROLLERSON .. 2.	*JOHN HENRY NUTTALL .. 6.
THOMAS ROLLERSON* .. 3.	†JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM .. 7.
STEPHEN HOLGATE* .. 4.	*JOHN WILLIAM CUNLIFFE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. RAMSBOTTOM.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Four of the above band are under twenty years of age. Rung in honour of the birthday of S. Holgate, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR MEASURES .. Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
HARRY W. HORWOOD .. 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
HARRY J. PAULSON .. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD 7.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 4.	*JOHN WARREN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since the 7th and tenor were rung, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Measures, the band wishing him many happy returns.

FRIEZLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Kent, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAMUEL DICKEN .. Treble.	JAMES DICKEN 4.
GEORGE T. SHAW 2.	THOMAS B. DICKEN 5.
OWEN WOOD* 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by OWEN WOOD.

*First 5040, and first time as conductor. This was rung as a birthday peal to S. Dicken, who attained his 31st year of age that day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. T. B. Dicken hails from Mossley; the rest are of the local company.

Date Touches.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 25th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1894 changes in the following Treble Bob Minor methods, in 1 hr. 9 mins.: 94 Woodbine, 600 each of Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; B. Cowling, 2; J. Thackray, 3; A. Craven, 4; H. Williams, 5; J. Guy, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. W. T. Forster, curate of the parish, to Miss Ormerod, of Carlisle.

GRIMLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1894 changes, being ten 6-scores each called differently, five 6-scores repeated, and 94 odd changes, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. E. Wainwright, 1; T. Bullock, 2; H. Matthews, 3; A. Callow, 4; M. Matthews, 5; A. Watkins, 6. Arranged and conducted by T. Bullock.

HARTLEBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 14th, for evening service, a date touch of 1894 changes, in 1 hr. six mins. in the following methods: 554 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 Plain Bob. J. Reynolds, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; T. Barber, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. Longest touch on the bells.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 22nd, at the parish church, a date touch, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods: 502 Kent Treble Bob, 72 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Double Court Bob, 360 Woodbine, 360 Yorkshire Court, 240 College Single, and 240 Bob Minor. A. Papworth, 1; R. Brett, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Clarke, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Gowers (composer and conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Monday, January 15th, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). *G. Siddle, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; G. Curry, 3; J. Huntley, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Siddle, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; W. Brown, 3; W. Sheraton, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. And for evening ser-

vice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Brown, 1; G. A. Ward, 2; J. Anderson, 3; J. Huntley, 4; W. Sheraton, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. After service a 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs). W. Brown, 1; G. Curry, 2; W. Sheraton, 3; J. Huntley, 4; A. Meyers, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6. The last-named 720 was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late John James Thompson, who filled a prominent position as a member of the church choir. *First 720 of Bob Minor.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and fourteen singles). R. W. Langton, 1; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. W. Lovie (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 4; J. Field, 5; W. T. Robson, 6.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, 1924 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Teasdale, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; H. Dall, 5; H. Ross, 6; J. Hern, 7; L. Routledge (conductor), 8. And 960 Treble Bob Major. E. Keen, 1; T. Teasdale, 5. Conducted by L. Routledge. On Saturday, November 12th, 560 and 720 Bob Major. G. Holmes, 1; G. Dix, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; H. Ross, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; A. Sully, 7; J. Hern (conductor), 8. On Monday, November 14th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Holmes, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; T. Teasdale, 4; J. Hern, 5; H. Ross (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 21st, 720 Bob Minor. On Monday, November 28th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On Tuesday, December 12th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Tuesday, December 19th, 504 Bob Triples and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Rossiter, 1; R. Scrafton, 2; T. Teasdale, 3; E. Keen (conductor), 4; J. Hern, 5; A. Sully, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On New Year's eve at 9.45, with the bells half-muffled, 727 of Grandsire Triples with all the 5-6-7s at hand, and all the 5-7-6s at back-stroke. W. Emery, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; F. Radley, 3; R. Miller, 4; R. Wood, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; T. Edwards, 8. And at 11.30, 559 in the same method. H. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; R. Miller, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; R. Wood, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; T. Lincoln, 8. Also at 12 p.m., with the bells open, a 504. F. Edwards, 8; the rest as before. On Wednesday, January 3rd, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Head, 1; W. Lincoln, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; R. Wood, 6; F. Radley, 7; W. Emery, 8. And a 532. H. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; G. Sorrell, 4; R. Wood, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; T. Lincoln, 8. Conducted by W. Lincoln. All the above belong to the local company.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On New Year's eve six members of the local company rang a course each of the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Stedman, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Single, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, and Bob Minor. E. Wightman, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; H. W. Baldry, 3; D. G. Wightman, 4; G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. The same band rang the old year out and the new year in with 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Stedman Slow Course, and Double Oxford Bob. On Saturday, January 13th, for practice, 240 each of the following: Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Stedman, Woodbine, and Kent Treble Bob, and a silent 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Durrant, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; D. G. Wightman, 3; J. E. Wightman, 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. This is the first silent 720 ever known to have been rang in the county.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts).—On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; G. Hunt, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; A. Maynard, 8. Also 168 in the same method, conducted by E. E. Huntley. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) with 6-8 covering, in 15 mins. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; E. E. Huntley, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; A. Maynard, 6; F. Edwards (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. On Sunday evening, January 21st, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; G. Hunt, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 168 in the same method with A. Maynard, 8; conducted by F. Edwards. And 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and twelve singles) with 6-8 covering. W. Thorne, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; A. Maynard, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8. The above are all residents in Bushey, and are members of the local society.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 24th, at St Thomas' church, for evening service, 864 of Bob Major and 97 of Grandsire Triples. W. W. Dyke, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; W. Short (conductor), 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Barber, 8. On Sunday, December 31st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles four bobs). W. W. Dyke, 1; W. A. Pugh, 2; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 3; H. Harris, 4; J. Pagett, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6. On Wednesday, January 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering. H. Falkes (first 720), 1; A. Chapman, 2; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 3; N. Hollyoake, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; W. W. Dykes, 6; J. Pagett, 7; R. James, 8. On Sunday, January 21st, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Triples for morning service, but after ringing 2268 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. the conductor called stand owing to a change course. G. Pearsall, 1; J. Pagett (conductor), 2; H. Dakin, 3; W. Fryer, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; W. W. Dyke, 8. And 360 Bob Minor tenor covering. W. W. Dyke, 1; G. Pearsall (first 360 with a bob bell), 2; J. Pagett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7. W. F. Hartshorne hails from Stockport, Cheshire.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, January 25th, at St. Peter's, Bengeworth, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Williams, 1; E. Slatter (first 720 in the method), 2; H. Middleton, 3; W. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Monday, January 22nd, at All Saints' church, 701 Grandsire Caters. G. Pawley, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; W. H. Warren, 5; C. Payne, 6; A. Tawney, 7; T. Mannering, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; R. Richards, 10.

HAYES (Kent).—On Monday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 27 mins. F. Lacy (first 720), 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. Also 180 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Johnson, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Harwood, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. This is the longest length by the local band.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, January 14th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphry, 2; E. Dunn, 3; T. Harford, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; W. Fright, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, January 21st, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; T. Durling, 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; T. Harford, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Ingham, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Harford, 1; R. Streeter, 2; G. Durling, 3; W. Ingham, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the first, third, and fifth. W. E. Taylor hails from Catford, and R. Streeter from Balcombe.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. G. Dennis, 1; H. Shipp (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Laker, 3; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 4; G. Capeling, 5; W. T. Hyland, 6. On Sunday evening, January 21st, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Dennis (first 720), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is A. T. Hyland's first 720, he being only thirteen years of age.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, January 18th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, with the bells half-muffled, 1568 Bob Major. R. Dawson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; F. W. Walker, 4; G. Chester, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; G. Lindoff (composer and conductor), 8. Rang as a token of respect to the late Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Butler, who was president of the above association for many years.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, January 19th, at St. John's church, Deritend, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Barnacle, 1; H. Mason, 2; C. Sparks, 3; J. Prickett, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; F. H. James, 6; G. Walker (conductor), 7; F. Mumford, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—On Wednesday, January 17th, for practice at the Cathedral, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins. R. Ravenscroft, 1; W. Carr, 2; C. Bridgford, 3; J. Eachus (conductor), 4; T. Moores, 5; J. Morris, 6;

F. Dean, 7; C. Fairley, 8. All the above are attached to the Cathedral, and this was rung at the first attempt. Longest length by all except by all except the conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On New Year's eve at the Cathedral, on the back eight with the bells half-muffled, 280 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; R. White, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. On Thursday, January 18th, 532 Grandsire Triples in 21 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, December 23rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six, in 26 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; C. Tribe, 2; F. Hill, 3; F. Bennett, 4; W. H. George, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. This was rung after meeting one short for a peal of Stedman Triples.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, January 20th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 28 mins. J. Walker, 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Wilkinson, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; T. Mounsey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; E. A. Baker, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; T. Duxbury, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, January 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41½ mins. J. Richardson, 1; F. Dentry, 2; A. Hoskins, 3; W. Brown, 4; F. Bissley, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; G. Wilkins, 7; J. Todd, 8. Composed and conducted by A. Hoskins, being his first attempt as conductor. And it was the first with a bob bell by W. Brown. On Monday, January 22nd, for practice, each of the junior band rang 120 of Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells. G. Martin, W. Walker, W. Holdway, H. Fasey, F. Emmett, H. Anderson, S. Goodall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Wednesday, January 17th, at St. Saviour's church, 2520 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, in 1 hr. 27 mins. F. Howorth (first half-peal), 1; J. Pickup (first half-peal as conductor), 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standing, 4; W. Ashworth (first half-peal), 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; T. Lord (first half-peal), 7; W. Law (first half-peal), 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday Morning, January 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; T. Hutchings, 7; H. Elliott, 8. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. Curtis, 1; R. Curtis, 2; C. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Elliot (first touch with a bob bell), 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; C. Eldridge, 7; J. Mathis, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 26th, an attempt was made to ring 10272 Kent Treble Bob Major, but "stand" was called owing to two bells having changed course, after ringing 9500 changes in 5 hrs. 30 mins. J. Baldwin, 1; T. M. Thompson, 2; T. B. Kendall, 3; J. Whitaker, 4; A. Craven, 5; F. W. Dixon, 6; A. Naylor (conductor), 7; J. McKell, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (sixteen bobs and two singles). G. Burton, 1; W. Butler, 2; F. Knowles, 3; J. Butler, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, January 28th, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure (nine bobs), standing as before. First 720 of Canterbury by all, and is believed to be the first in this district. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday night, January 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. H. Merilles, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Haigh, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. White, 5; C. Crawford (conductor), 6. C. Crawford hails from East Markham, and it was his first 720 as conductor on the bells. On Sunday night, January 21st, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Merilles, 1; J. C. Whetstone (first 720 as conductor in the method), 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3;

H. Blagg, 4; H. Lambert, 5; J. White, 6. This is H. Lambert's first 720 without assistance, and there is great credit due to him, as he only started to learn change-ringing about two months ago. On Thursday, January 25th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Edith Curtis, the youngest daughter of Alderman John Curtis, J.P., of Whitehouses, Retford, and Mr. Barnard Robert Fitt, of the firm of Messrs. Martin and Fitt, Grantham, the eldest son of the late Mr. B. R. Fitt, of Birmingham, the bells were rung more or less throughout the whole day. The following touches were brought round; 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merilles, 1; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6. And 720 in the same method standing as before, conducted by J. White, which is his first 720 in the method as conductor. Also 1440 Plain Bob Minor in 52 mins. H. Merilles, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Blagg, 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; J. White, 6. And 720 conducted by J. C. Whetstone, and 720 by H. Blagg (being his first 720 as conductor).

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, January 28th, for service at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Caters. W. Cotton, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford (conductor), 7; R. Horton, 8; E. Davies, 9; T. Malin, 10. And at the church of St. Helen, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Cotton, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; E. Davies, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; T. Malin, 8. This is W. Cotton's first touch of Caters, and longest touch of Triples.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, January 22nd, at the residence of Mr. Thackray, for practice, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major in 21 mins. Joe Thackray, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; A. Craven (conductor), 7-8.

BARNESLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, January 14th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Holling, 1; C. D. Potter, 2; A. Jackson, 3; W. Richardson, 4; E. Hamilton, 5; G. S. Tyas (conductor), 6. In the afternoon 240 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Violet Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure. C. Holling, 1; *S. Hemmingfield, 2; A. Jackson, 3; *W. Kitson, 4; G. S. Tyas, 5; *W. Turton (conductor), 6. And 1008 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Holling, 1; A. Jackson, 2; *S. Hemmingfield, 3; C. D. Potter, 4; W. Richardson, 5; *T. Kitson, 6; G. S. Tyas (conductor), 7; *W. Turton, 8. *Hails from Ecclesfield.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, January 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Goodwin, 1; F. Devoto, 2; E. Mason, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. M. Rylatt (conductor), 5; W. Woodthorpe, 6; T. Boyer, 7; L. Goodwin, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Sussex).—On Saturday, January 20th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. This method was composed by A. Huxson, of Braintree, and is now rung for the first time. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Hammond, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 21st, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 27th, the members of the St. James' Guild, Taunton, visited the parish church of St. Mary, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. F. Millard, 1; H. Poole, 2; A. Doble, 3; J. Maddock (conductor), 4; J. Burge, 5; G. Yendall, 6; W. Thorne, 7; E. Harris and H. Pearce, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Pearce, 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; J. Burge (conductor), 5; J. Maddock, 6; G. Yendall, 7; W. Thorne, 8. Longest length by H. Pearce and by F. Millard with a bob bell. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. Friend from Huntspill, 1; J. Maddock (conductor), 2; F. Millard, 3; J. Burge, 4; W. Thorne, 5; G. Yendall, 6. Rung on the back six, and after it, the bells were lowered in peal.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, January 28th, for Divine service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Savage, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Toplis, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; W. J. Thyng (late of Stowmarket), 5; A. Knights, 6; G. Goodwin (conductor), 7; G. Mee, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. This quarter-peal was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and contains the twenty-four 6-7s all the right way, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, January 21st, at the parish church for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28

mins. G. Andrews, 1; W. Johnson, 2; C. Church, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; G. Green, 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. Ward, 1; J. Walton, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; A. H. Tabor, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. On Sunday, December 31st, for midnight service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Ward, 1; J. Walton, 2; E. Harris, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; A. H. Tabor, 6; A. Fryer, 7; H. Stemp, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service at the parish church, 1330 of Holt's Original in 47 mins. W. Ward, 1; E. J. Walton, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Tabor, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Monday, January 29th, at All Saints' church for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. *G. Fichtling, 1; R. Goodchild, 2; *J. Lawson, 3; J. Crouch, 4; *A. Darlington, 5; *L. Darlington, 6; H. Barnett (conductor), 7; P. Darlington, 8. *Longest touch.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 6th, for men's service, 1260 of Holt's Original in 43 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walton, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copsey, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Tabor, 7; W. Ward, 8.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. C. Thomas, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; J. Thomas, 3; C. Watkins, 4; H. Pritchard, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. G. Durrant, 1; F. E. W. Meadows, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; W. W. Miller, 4; W. Whiting (conductor), 5; W. Shipp, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 23rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and six bobs). H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6. Rung to celebrate the thirty-sixth birthday of the conductor. The rest of the evening was spent at the Six Bells inn, and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure were rung on the handbells, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday, January 21st, at St. Martin's church, 1008 Bob Major. W. W. Gifford, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; S. Macey, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 8. J. Elcombe hails from Romsey, and this his first touch of Bob Major.

STANSTED (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 21 mins. R. Theobald, 1-2; A. Clarke, 3-4; R. Brett (conductor), 5-6.

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

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."

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I notice in a recent issue, the report of a peal of Bob Major rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, with a footnote stating that it "was 98 years since a peal had been rung there." This is very inaccurate, as a peal of Bob Major was rung there in the year 1824, in which the Brothers Hurry of Norwich took part, ringing the sixth and tenor bells, that is, if newspaper records are of any value. I am the more surprised at this mistake of our Lynn friends, as Mr. W. G. Cross, who formed one of the band, will probably recollect how sharply he took me up in July, 1889, over a trifling error of a month, when writing of peal boards 150 years old, and who finished one of his letters on the subject by advising me and ringers at large, "not to write footnotes unless we were certain of our facts." P. SADLER.
Norwich.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—Your correspondent who signs himself "Robert Stringfellow," is a little wide of the mark. He refers, no doubt, to a passage in the

printed Report of the Committee appointed to deal with the question of legitimate calls. Dealing with even-bell, plain and Treble Bob methods, this Report says, "the position of a special call is no excuse for its occurrence. A peal is a 'round block,' and the employment of a special call on starting into changes or on coming round is not a whit better than would have been its employment anywhere in the course of the peal. From this it will be seen that the causing of the bells to 'go off' otherwise than by the rule of the method, or by any bells lying still on going off, or the use of a special call to bring the bells home, should all be regarded as instances of unlawful manipulation." The Report was referred back to the Committee for revision on certain specified points, and no further action was taken by the Council at its last meeting. No "canon" was laid down, nor was a peal thus "manipulated" proclaimed as "unworthy of record." It was proposed to use this latter phrase with reference to peals of Triples rung without a coverer, but it was withdrawn. May I point out to your correspondent that the function of the Council, and of the above-mentioned Committee especially, is to state what is *correct* in composition, and not what is *useful* or *convenient*? It will be generally admitted, I think, that an assembly of practical men, most of whom have considerable fame as composers, or conductors, or both, will be more likely to arrive at a just conclusion on such points as this, than one who views the question from the standpoint of utility and convenience only.

H. EARLE BULWER,

Hon. Secretary to the Council.

SIR,—Seeing in last week's issue a letter from Mr. Robert Stringfellow, with reference to the theory that peals and compositions with two bells lying still are unworthy of record, I beg permission to express an opinion on the subject. The time has now come when change-ringing is so advanced, that peals should be rung as strictly to the method as possible. Take for example Grandsire Caters: to let 6-7 lie still in the going-off is right away from the method; as internal place-making is 2nds and 3rds only; although it at once puts the bells in the tittums position. I venture to point out to Mr. Robert Stringfellow that in 3 leads only the tittums position can be obtained in the proper way. I know it is a little more difficult, but if a band cannot ring the first and last course in a peal, strictly to the method, they ought to get together and practice until they can, or else abandon it altogether. If the College Youths had had there attempted long peal of Stedman Cinques arranged with bells lying still, it could have been rung, as there need not have been any turning course, but illegitimate work would have been done. I have rung upwards of 170 peals, from 7 to 12 bells, and have never done one with two bells lying still in the going off (away from the method), nor do I ever intend to do so, for if peals are not worth ringing properly, they are not worth ringing at all. For instance, Holt's original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples can be made a peal of 5000 changes by letting the treble lie an extra whole pull, either at start or finish; but the effect would be to spoil that beautiful composition. I should like to know the opinion of some able ringer in this matter. A word with reference to the composition of date touches. In some cases it is impossible to get a touch of a certain number of changes without going away from the method; but the deviation should be as slight as possible, without jumping, and in one change only. I give here four divisions of four odd changes only two ways.

1.	2.	3.	4.
2135476	2135476	2135476	2135476
2134567	2134567	2153746	2153746
1235476 B.	1243657 P.L.	1257364 B.	1235476 P.L.
1324567	1426375	1523746	1324567

It will be seen that in 1 and 2 and also 3 and 4, the cutting changes are alike, but 1 and 3 follow with a bob, and 2 and 4 with a plain lead change. In last week's issue there appeared three date touches, two of Triples and one of Caters, these are visibly as far from the method as it is possible to be. In one case of the Triples the treble and second are lying in 1-2-4 changes at start, and in the other there is a dodging treble in a touch of Grandsire Triples and extreme place-making half way and end. The date touch of Grandsire Caters has also place-making in every place from lead to back.

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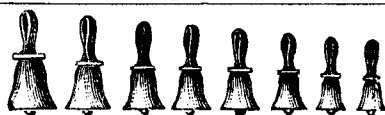
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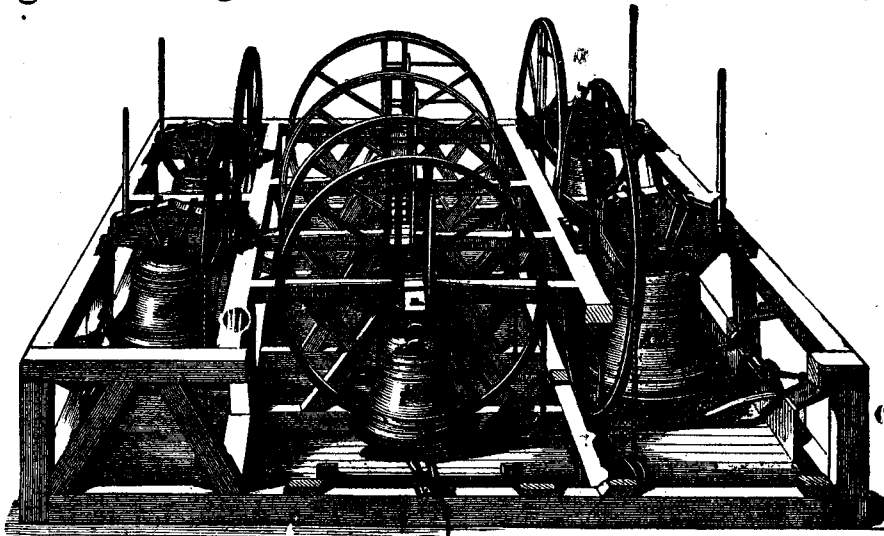
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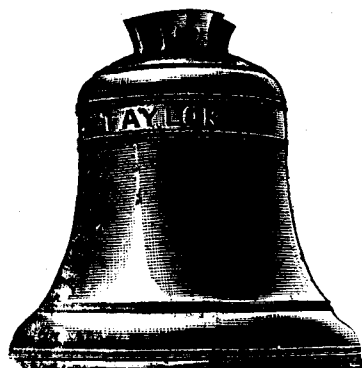
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