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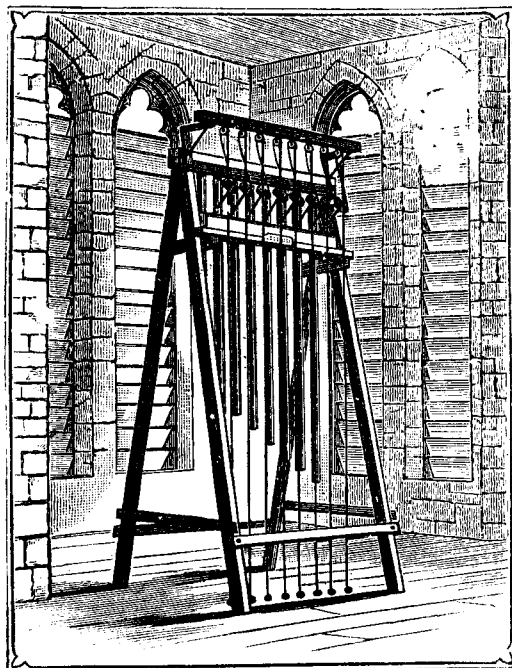
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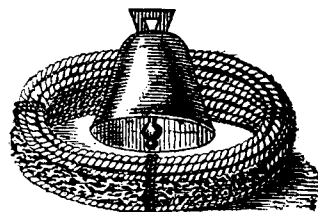
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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Tunbridge, on Whitsun-Monday, May 14th, and members from all parts of the county, to the number of two hundred, availed themselves of the opportunity of spending a congenial holiday. In spite of the weather prophets, who predicted dreadful things, the day was gloriously fine, as we could wish all Bank-holidays always to be, and the country looked charming in all the freshness and beauty of her early summer dress. Visitors began to arrive at an early hour, and before ten o'clock there was the usual plethora of ringers at the chief place of meeting. Besides the Tunbridge ring of eight, several other towers, distant a few miles, were open to members, viz.: St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Chiddingstone (8), Hadlow (8), Speldhurst (8), Penshurst (6), Shipbourne (6), and Leigh (5); but until the afternoon little was done in the way of ringing at any of them, and at some nothing at all. A meeting of the Central Committee was held at 11.30 a.m., at which several new members were elected, and a sum of £2 2s. 0d. was voted towards the expense of the peal-board at Gillingham, commemorating the two first, and at present only, Surprise peals rung by the local band and by the Association.

The annual service was held in the parish church at 12.30 p.m. The church choir and organist were, like the ringers, keeping holiday, and so were not present. It had been hoped that the choir of Tunbridge School would have been allowed to attend; but the hour of service unfortunately interfered with the School arrangements. A Tunbridge gentleman, Mr. Sells, however, very kindly consented to accompany the hymns, and the members of the Association gave ample proof that they were quite competent themselves to perform the requisite choral duties. The Hon. Secretary, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, read the prayers. The Venite and Psalm lxii. (one of those for the day) were used; the lessons were also the proper lessons for the day, the first being read by the Rev. H. Wilford, and the second by the Rev. C. Kent, curates of the parish, and the address was given by the Rev. T. Howard Gill, Vicar of Tunbridge. The well-known hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," was very heartily sung before, and the Whitsuntide hymn, "Our blest Redeemer" after the address. At 2 p.m. the members sat down to dinner, admirably served in the public hall by C. Jones, of The George and Dragon, Tunbridge. G. D. Warner, Esq., who has become a life member, presided, and was supported by the Revs. T. Howard Gill, C. Kent, D. Mackinnon, Rector of Speldhurst, T. S. Curteis, Rector of Sevenoaks, A. L. Brine, West Malling, Hon. Sec. Maidstone District, F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, Hon. Sec., and Messrs. W. Bedwell (Lewisham), and A. Foreman, Hon. Sec. Canterbury District. The company were also honoured by the presence of a lady, Miss Macalpine Leny, who is well known for the kindly interest she takes in the welfare of the College Youths and the Kent County Association. After the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," proposed by the chairman, had been duly honoured, Mr. Bedwell proposed "The Health of the Archbishop and Clergy," together with a vote of thanks to the preacher of the day for his admirable address.

The Rev. T. Howard Gill responded, and in explaining the reason for the absence of the choir, welcomed the members of the Association to Tunbridge, humorously requesting them when next they fixed upon that town for their place of meeting, to arrange for some other day than a bank-holiday.

The chairman then called upon the Hon. Sec. to read the report for the previous year. From this it appeared that, though there were not quite so many bands in union, the Association had not decreased in numbers; though, as it was explained, it was very difficult to arrive at the exact state of things owing to the supineness of some unattached members in the matter of subscriptions. To the same cause was to be attributed the fact that several peals, published as having been rung by the Association, would have to be cut out. With the exception of the peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, rung by the Gillingham band, there had been a great falling off both in the quantity and quality of peals. The expenditure for the year had exceeded £100, and had been greater than the receipts by about £11, a result mainly produced by the unusual amount of instruction given to young bands. The reserve balance on deposit amounted at the end of 1893 to £103 4s. 8d.

The election of officers for the year was then proceeded with; the Vice-Presidents being proposed by Rev. T. S. Curteis, and the Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee by Mr. G. Payne of Mersham. An amendment to substitute 5s. instead of 7s. 6d. as the composition fee for non-resident life membership, proposed by Mr. Bedwell, and seconded by Mr. F. G. Newman, was passed, and also two additions to the rule proposed by the Hon. Sec., and seconded by the Rev. T. S. Curteis:—(1) "Non-residents may become life members after payment of annual subscription for four consecutive years;" and (2) "No allowances will be made to non-resident life members beyond the privilege of using the Association's railway vouchers."

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. T. S. Curteis and passed with acclamation, concluded the proceedings.

The company then dispersed in various directions, some to the Vicarage garden, kindly opened for the day, some to the river, some to the various out-lying towers, while a considerable number sought to get a touch or two on the parish church bells. Sevenoaks, which was not in the programme, was visited by one or two bands, the invitation having been given at the dinner by Mr. Curteis; while at Tunbridge Wells the ringing was kept up till 8 p.m. On the whole it was a most successful day, and everyone seemed thoroughly pleased with the proceedings. Besides the increase in the number of methods now rung, nothing is more remarkable than the progress made in recent years in one most important branch of the art, viz.: the striking. The ringing at annual meetings a few years ago was for the most part decidedly indifferent; now, generally speaking, it is distinctly good.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL
DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Wigan, on Saturday, May 5th. There were about thirty-three members present. The various towers represented were Warrington, Garston, Huyton, Aughton, Hindley, Upholland, and Prescott; also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at two o'clock, and shortly after that time the bells were set in motion. At five o'clock the ringers went to the schoolroom to partake of an excellent tea, provided free of cost. At the business meeting, which was held in the schoolroom after tea, the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, of Wigan, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Huyton were read and confirmed. The rev. gentleman then said he was very sorry that the rector could not attend the meeting, and he did not know as he had any special remarks to make, but he was very glad to see such a good meeting, and he thought the bells had been rung very well in the afternoon. He then said he had told Mr. Redford to publish his name amongst the performing members, but he had not as yet done so, but he would like him to do so, for he thought it a great honour to be a performing member. It was proposed by Mr. Major, seconded by Mr. Walker, that Edmund Prescott, of Wigan, become a member of the Association. It was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Meadows, that Gilbert Hall, of Wigan, become a member of the Association. It was proposed by Mr. Oxley, seconded by Mr. Rimmer, that the next meeting be held at Farnworth, near Widnes.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the chairman for presiding; also to the ladies who had so admirably carried out the duties at the table. A vote of thanks was also passed to the rector and churchwardens, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

HONOURS TO A CHANGE-RINGER.—Our readers will be pleased to learn that Mr. J. Holden, President of the United Counties' Association, has been successful at the Northampton A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, in getting his portrait in the Oddfellows' Magazine during the ensuing year. For the five places of honour there were no less than sixty-six nominations. Mr. Holden is Prov. C. S. of Saddleworth District, which has six lodges, 1240 members, and a capital of nearly £12,000.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit-Monday, at Chelmsford, and was, as usual, well attended, over 100 members being present. Divine Service was held at St. Mary's church at 11, an address being given by the Rev. F. B. Johnston, Vicar of Waltham Abbey. At the business meeting held afterwards, by permission, in one of the schoolrooms, the Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. L. Papillon) in the chair, the officers of the previous year were re-elected, and the following appointed to serve as a "Peal Committee" for the ensuing year—Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, York Green, F. Pitstow, N. J. Pitstow, and H. J. Tucker. A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Nevard, one of the representatives upon the Central Council, regretting his absence from the last meeting of the Council, and offering to resign his office on the ground of uncertainty of health: but it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Nevard be asked to allow his name to remain for the present among the representatives of the Association upon the Council. Two Honorary and twenty-one ringing members were elected. The Secretary's report and balance sheet were submitted and approved; as also was the report of a Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting in 1893, to revise the rules of the Association. It was ordered that the rules as revised and amended be printed in the forthcoming Annual Report; the most important changes being the establishment of an entrance fee of one shilling (in addition to the ordinary subscription) for non-resident members hereafter elected, and the alteration of the financial year, which has hitherto begun at Whitsuntide, so as to coincide with the current year, Jan. 1st-Dec. 31st. In view of this latter change, it was unanimously resolved that the year for which subscriptions are now payable shall end on Dec. 31st, 1894—i.e. in somewhat less than eight months; and on Jan. 1st, 1895, a fresh subscription will fall due for the year 1895. In future the report for the previous year, with the balance-sheet signed by two auditors appointed at the Easter District meeting, will be in the hands of members at the annual meeting, held, as heretofore, at Whitsuntide. It is hoped that all members of the Association will, by paying one subscription for a period of less than a year, assist in bringing about a change which will be to their own convenience and the advantage of the Association.

The following towers were open to members during the day (except from 10.30-2 p.m.): Chelmsford, 10 bells; Great Baddow, Galleywood, Widford, and Writtle, 8 bells; Bromfield and Springfield 6 bells. Unsuccessful attempts were made for peals of Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples at Widford and Writtle, and the bells of most of the above-named towers were kept going on the day of meeting.

The thanks of the Association are due to the clergy and churchwardens of the towers placed at their disposal; as also to the Rector of Chelmsford (Archdeacon Johnson), and the managers of the schools for allowing the use of two commodious rooms for the meeting and for the dinner afterwards.

WHITSUN AT WELSHPOOL AND SHROPSHIRE.

The two days ringing at Whitsuntide which brought two peals to a successful issue, as simply reported in the peal columns last week, began by the arrival at Welshpool, of Mr. W. R. Small on Saturday evening, who took part in the Sunday ringing for Divine Services at the parish church—beginning at 6 a.m.—with the local ringers, and the same evening upon handbells, four courses of Stedman Triples, also with the younger hands, who are very promising youths. On Monday morning, Mr. Horton put in an appearance at nine o'clock—the early bird catches the worm—but his stay at The Eagles was of very short duration, he was ushered into the train again at 9.30 *en route* for Montgomery, where the Rector, and three Clun ringers who had travelled fourteen miles across country, joined them at the church, and the first 720 of Minor on the bells, knocked off in 27 mins. The church was most interestingly examined in company with the Rector, and the site of the "Robber's Grave," where no "green grass grows all around." Plain and ample refreshments were partaken of at The Dragon, kept by a monster landlord. The Cambrian Railway was again employed, and The Eagles, Welshpool, again invaded at four o'clock.

Here considerable animation existed, owing to the arrival of

the remainder of the Hereford Guild band that were to attempt Stedman, the "go" for the peal being called at four minutes past six. Previous to the start, it was ascertained that the worthy Master of the H.D.G. was not a B.A.S. man, which difference was soon remedied on the proposition of Mr Fussell, supported by Mr. Small, and they subsequently had the satisfaction of knowing the peal was scored by full-fledged members of the two Societies. Mr. Buchanan now makes his first appearance as a peal-ringer, Mr. Mason scoring his first peal of Stedman; the peal was also the first in the method in the county of Montgomeryshire, and by the Diocesan Guild. Supper at The Eagles concluded the day's proceedings.

Early morning found the company taking a survey of the noted Powis Castle. The Vicar was visited, and thanked for the use of the bells, and certificates of life membership of the Diocesan Guild, that came to hand the previous week, were presented to Messrs. Pritchett, Small, Horton and Carter. Shrewsbury was reached at 12.30, not, however, before many hearty thanks were tendered Mrs. Bratton, a true ringer's wife, and to Mr. Bratton, who, in his usual hearty way, made every-one comfortable, for their hospitality.

At half-past one the whole of the band for the most desired event were in the tower of St. Chad's, well prepared for success, and here let it be first mentioned how freely and courteously Mr. W. H. Godden gave up his place in favour of his Christian namesake. Mr. G. Whitfield, from Oswestry, journeyed especially to hear the ringing, as did also Mr. Buchanan, of Clun, the law being well represented by these gentlemen, and Mr. Pritchett, of King's Norton, to whose energy is due the amassing of the company. The preliminary arrangements for the peal were readily supported by the Vicar, the Right Rev. Sir Lovelace Stamer, and Mr. Wall, who acted as steeplekeeper, and we are given to understand that a suitable tablet will be placed in the belfry recording the accomplishment. The indisposition of the tenor man compelled him to have assistance, and this was pluckily rendered by Hall. He was there when "that's all" was heard. Previous to starting, it was decided that the peal should be one to the credit of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, by way of compliment to the Vicar, although each of the band are members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and it is the first peal of Cinques by the latter Society. The composition is an excellent production of Mr. Carter's, now rang for the first time, and the first produced with the qualities. It contains the 6th eighteen times before and behind the 8th, with all the 5 6 7 8s at hand and back-stroke. The requirements of the inner man were comfortably adjusted before and after the peal at The Market Hall refreshment rooms. The wise old saying of Mr. Small's, that "small beginnings lead to greater things," was truly verified on the present occasion, and most appropriate also to the build and growth of the speaker. Everyone felt satisfied with their holiday, and the recollections of failure last October, after two hours and a half's ringing for a similar peal, made that feeling more keen. From six till eight o'clock the band of a baker's dozen grew "beautifully less," after sundry handbell touches, and parting glasses at The Station hotel. Messrs. Cartwright, Bratton and Mason have secured their first peal of Cinques. The last twelve-bell peal of a similar nature was rang at St. Chad's in 1799.

W. H. F.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Whit-Tuesday evening, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Horne, the ringers of this parish were entertained to supper at The Swan inn to celebrate the first peal rung by their own band, duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." In addition to the ringers, invitations were given to several villagers, and to Mr. H. Martin, of Belbroughton, who has rendered the Chaddesley Society some assistance in the past. The repast being served at seven o'clock, the courses were got through without a hitch, and after being brought round, Mr. J. Broad was voted to the chair. After some conversation on the future doings of the Society, whose prospects are of the brightest, the evening was spent in harmony, the songs being given by the chairman, and Messrs. Pratt, Hemming, Gilbert, Perkins, and others, and were well rendered, amongst them being "Mary of Argyle," "The Midshipmite," and "The Old Folks at Home." During the evening, the chairman, in rising to give the health of Mrs.

Horne, the foundress of the feast, said they all knew that the repast was given by that lady in accordance with the expressed wish of her deceased husband, and had he been spared to have been with them that evening none would have been happier than he, now that the peal was an accomplished fact. They all knew the keen interest he took in the ringing, and all regretted that he had not been spared to know of their success, but such was not to be, therefore he gave "The health of Mrs. Horne and the rest of the family," which toast was drunk with musical honours. After some more harmony, "The Health of the Ringers of the Peal" was given by Mr. H. Martin, who said he wished to heartily congratulate them on their success, and hoped that it would not be the only peal that would be rung by the band, but that progress would be made in other methods which they had started eighteen months ago, when the resolve to infuse some young blood into the band was a step in the right direction. The greatest credit was due to Mr. E. Gilbert for the way he had persevered in teaching them how to ring, and also imparting the first lesson on change-ringing, and getting them through their first Minor methods, the result of which they now had a band of their own, and had rung their first peal, which, he hoped, would soon be supplemented by others. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and time then drawing near, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne.

A WEEK OF "SURPRISE" RINGING.

A week's ringing in Surprise methods only, was held in Sussex last week by members of the Sussex County Association. The necessary arrangements had been made by Mr. G. F. Attree, the Master of the Association, and at his invitation all the peals have been taken part in by the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, whilst Mr. Henry Dains rang in the peals on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It is now exactly three years ago since a week's peal-ringing has taken place in Sussex, when out of ten attempts eight peals were successful. This time it has been the aim to get quality rather than quantity, and also as far as possible to ring at the towers that were not visited on the previous occasion.

On Monday evening, May 7th, a peal of London Surprise Major was attempted at St. Peter's church, Brighton, but, after two hours the peal came to grief owing to the illness of one of the ringers.

On Tuesday morning an early start was made, and after a most enjoyable drive through one of the most picturesque parts of Sussex, Buxted parish church, situate in the centre of Buxted park, was reached, and an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major came to an end after an hour and a half's enjoyable ringing. Dinner at Uckfield, and another eight miles' drive brought the band to Lewes, where, during the evening, the first success was scored in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, containing 5088 changes, rung in 3 hours.

On Wednesday morning, May 9th, at St. John the Baptist, Crawley, five of the ringers who took part in the foregoing peal, with Messrs. Parker, Rice and Ward of the Crawley branch, scored the second peal of Superlative Surprise, and on the afternoon of the same day, another peal in the same method was attempted on the fine bells of East Grinstead parish church, but came to a sudden end after 1 hour and 20 minutes' ringing, owing to the fifth rope breaking.

On Thursday, May 10th, the town of Eastbourne was visited, and permission having been obtained for the use of the heaviest ring in the county, the eight bells, with a tenor of 26 cwt., in the steeple of St. Saviour's church, were started to the tune of Cambridge Surprise Major, but after ringing the tenor for one hour and ten minutes Mr. Washbrook considered it inadvisable to continue the attempt. During the afternoon, half a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on the light ring of Christ Church, when a change-course occurred, but on the same bells during the evening, the perseverance of the band was rewarded by a successful termination to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

On Friday, May 11th, two attempts were made for Cambridge Surprise, the first at Henfield, when, after 2 hrs. 53 mins. good ringing, a missed bob lost the chance, and the second at Steyning, in the evening, failed after an hour's ringing.

Owing to the disappointment in not being allowed to use the

Hurst bells on Saturday morning, a second visit to Steyning was decided upon, and after 3 hrs. 1 min., the last of the attempts proved successful, making a total of four Surprise peals, two each of Superlative and Cambridge, a record not hitherto accomplished in a week's ringing. The Henfield branch of the Sussex County Association also scored a peal of Stedman Triples, the first 5040 by seven of the ringers, and the first peal in any method by the branch.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held on Whit-Monday, at Barnard Castle, and although the weather was very unfavourable, a good number of ringers made their appearance.

The dinner, to which thirty-nine sat down, was provided at The Turk's Head hotel, at 1 o'clock. The President of the Association, R. S. Story, Esq., took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Brown, and Mr. Churchwarden Watson. Mr. F. Lees occupied the vice-chair.

After dinner the usual toasts of "Church and Queen," and "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses," were given, the latter being responded to by the Rev. Canon Brown. He gave the members a hearty welcome, and said that his own interest in ringers and bellringing had been greatly stimulated by the conversation which he had had with the President during dinner and by the sermon which he had listened to since.

After a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, a hearty vote of thanks to the authorities of Barnard Castle and Cotherstone was carried. To this Mr. Churchwarden Watson responded.

The President then alluded to the great loss which the association had sustained through the resignation of the Secretary, the Rev. C. Buston, who had removed to another Diocese. Mr. Buston had done much really good work for the Association in bringing them into a good financial position, and also in introducing change-ringing into a remote part of the Diocese, for which he deserved the best thanks. To these remarks the members present showed their hearty approval.

Mr. Lees then referred to the knotty question of six-bell peals brought before the Central Council. He said that south country ringers knew very little about the subject, but they would have to hear about it again.

Throughout the day various touches were rung on the fine peal of eight in the church tower, by ringers from nearly every part of the two Dioceses. Some of the party drove over to Cotherstone, a pretty little village on the Yorkshire side of the Tees, where there is a nice little ring of six. Here a 720 of Kent was brought round, and what seemed to give even more pleasure, a good knife and fork tea was partaken of at a neighbouring inn. The time of departure soon arrived, and each one hurried off to catch his train, with pleasant recollections of his visit to Barnard Castle and neighbourhood.

ACCIDENT.—Whilst Mr. H. Howell, senior partner of the firm of Howell and Son, bellhangers, Ipswich, was engaged rehanging the bells of the parish church of Boxford, he met with a serious accident, accidentally slipping from the bell-frame into the pit. His son was, fortunately, the means of preventing him from falling through to the floor below, a distance of twenty-five feet. Mr. Howell was conveyed to his lodgings, and Dr. A. A. Thompson was summoned, when it was found that he had sustained two severe scalp wounds, and that three ribs were broken. Mr. Howell took an active part at the meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford, of which Association, besides several others, he is a member, and his friends will be glad to learn that he is progressing favourably.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's old tower, 720 Bob Doubles, each 6-score called differently. F. Gilby, 1; C. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; R. Marshall, 6. On Monday, April 30th, 720 in the same method, standing as before. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on handbells. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—A general meeting of the members of the above Guild was held in the belfry, on Tuesday, May 1st, at 7.45 p.m. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Grimaldi Davis, there were also present the Rev. T. Hughes (vicar of Buttington), Hon. Sec., J. E. Jones, Esq. (North and South Wales Bank), and about fourteen members of the band. Recently several of the old members had expressed their intention to cease to become members of the Guild, and this meeting was called principally to take the feeling of the members as to whether it should be compulsory to join the Guild *en bloc* or whether it should be optional. A statement of accounts was first read by the Hon. Sec., which showed an adverse balance of £9 odd, owing chiefly to the great improvements which have taken place in the belfry and which have been done without any help from the parochial authorities, and after some slight discussion were unanimously passed. The next question was as before stated whether it should be compulsory to join the Guild or not. A resolution to that effect was proposed by Mr. T. J. Bratton, and seconded by the Rev. T. Hughes.

The Vicar strongly supported the resolution, and said he was very pleased with the great improvement which had taken place in the tower, and also in the ringing itself since they had joined the Guild. The instruction and advice which had been received from the Guild officers had had good results in the past, and he should be very sorry if any of them left it now. In conclusion he said that if anyone could not pay the subscription, he should be pleased to pay for them. The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried with only one dissident (Mr. C. Tallis).

Mr. Bratton then read out a list of attendances at ringing for Divine Service last year, which were highly satisfactory.

The Vicar then said he wished it thoroughly understood that if any member became irregular in his attendance at Divine Service he would at once cease to be a member of the band. A lengthy discussion then followed on matters of a private nature, and the meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, proposed by the Rev. T. Hughes, to which the Vicar suitably responded.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above was held at Christ Church, Healey, on Saturday, May 12th, members being present from Bacup, Bury, Heywood, Shaw, Rochdale, Hamer, and the local company. The meeting was held in the vicarage, presided over by the Vicar, who with a few well-chosen remarks gave the Association a hearty welcome, hoping to have his ringers members before long. After passing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to the wardens for the use of the bells, the ringers adjourned to the parish room for luncheon at the kind invitation of the Vicar. Afterwards they adjourned to the belfry, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Kent, Violet, Primrose, and Tulip Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor were rung, including 720 of Kent Treble Bob by J. Crossley (Hamer), 1; G. Shotten (Bacup), 2; T. H. Lucas (Shaw), 3; J. S. Lomas (Bacup), 4; E. Schofield (Hamer), 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor, Bacup), 6. And 720 of Primrose by J. W. Cockcroft (Shaw, first 720 in the method), 1; Z. Lord (Bacup), 2; G. Shotten, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; E. J. Cockcroft (Bacup), 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. The next meeting will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, June 9th.

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA.

On Tuesday, May 9th, the ringers of the above society presented one of their number, Mr. R. Harman, with a wedding present. Mr. Harman has been a ringer at St. Mary's for four years, and his brother-strings decided to mark the occasion of his marriage by a small token of their respect and good wishes; and the gift consisted of a handsome clock, which strikes the hours and half-hours. The presentation was made in the belfry on the above date, by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, curate of St. Mary's (Vice-President of the St. Mary's band, and Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), who in handing the clock to the recipient on behalf of the band, wished him and his wife long life and happiness. Mr. Harman made a suitable acknowledgment.

Obituary.

ROBERT EDWARD GIBBS.

The Eye (Suffolk) company of ringers have lost one of its oldest and most respected members in the death of the above-named, who joined them about twenty-five years ago, and who, by his quiet agreeable manner won the respect of all. Mr. Gibbs had been a resident in the town of Eye between thirty and forty years, in business as a tailor and woolen draper. He had been a cricketer, a volunteer, and for many years a member of the Manchester Order of Odd Fellows; he also belonged to the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. James' Society, and to the Norwich Diocesan Association since its formation. He had rung Oxford Treble Bob, 2 peals; Kent Treble Bob, 1 peal; Bob Major, 2 peals; Grandsire Triples, 1 peal. The first was at St. George's, Camberwell; a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the late Mr. John Cox took part, and was conducted by G. Newson; the last, a peal of 5104 Bob Major, on May the 2nd, 1888, conducted by H. Torble, at Eye. Mr. Gibbs when a lad learned to pull a bell in his native village, Wetheringsett, and since he joined the Eye company was a regular attendant at the Sunday ringing for service. He had been ailing for some time past, and peacefully passed away on May the 6th, aged 61 years. He was buried in Eye cemetery on Whit-Monday, the funeral service being read by the Rev. Chambers, curate; and as a mark of respect the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Arthur John Spencer, and some of the ringers attending; and in the evening a muffled peal was rung, 1008 Bob Major, followed by the usual whole pull and stand. The deceased was father to Mr. Edwin Gibbs, a well-known member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who is living in London; and Mr. George Gibbs, who has been assisting his father in the business at Eye.

PAUL CASHMORE.

On Friday, May 11th, there passed away at Newton Street, West Bromwich, Mr. Paul Cashmore, who was one of the old school of ringers, and particularly noted as a Treble Bob ringer and composer, nearly fifty years ago. The last peal in which he took part was one of Grandsire Triples on February 22nd, 1876, conducted by John Carter, this being the first peal as conductor by John Carter at All Saints, West Bromwich. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 17th instant, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung, also 377 of Grandsire Triples. W. R. Small, 1; J. Cullwick, 2; J. Carter, 3; G. Griffiths, 4; W. James, 5; E. Goodreds, 6; E. Woodhall, 7; S. Reeves, 8. On Saturday, May 19th, at All Saints' church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but failed after 1 hr. and 56 mins. ringing through the breaking of the 2nd rope. T. Danks, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. Cullwick, 3; T. Horton, 4; E. Woodhall, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. R. Small, 7; G. Griffiths, 8. The whole of the above ringers belong to the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect towards the deceased gentleman. He was 76 of age; and was buried in All Saints' churchyard, West Bromwich.

JAMES PAGE.

The death of this ringer took place at his residence at Camden Town, London, N.W., on Wednesday, May 9th. He had been a member of the St. Ann's Society, Highgate, for about forty years, and also a member of The Royal Cumberlands and St. James's Societies. He had taken part in several notable performances, viz., the James' peal at St. James's church, Clerkenwell, and the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rang in London, at St. Anne's church, Highgate; and in numerous peals of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court. The funeral took place on Tuesday, May 15th, and by kind permission of the Vicar, the body was brought into St. Anne's church, where the first part of the service was read. The cortege then proceeded to the family grave in Highgate Cemetery, followed by upwards of 150 members of the Loyal Duke of St. Albans Lodge, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased had been a trustee for the last thirty-five years. During the ceremony a deeply muffled peal was rang at St. Anne's church, and in the evening an attempt was made to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major with the bells muffled, but after ringing 1 hr. and 18 mins. the tenor rope slipped wheel, and the peal was unfortunately lost. B. Foskett, 1; J. Cawley, 2; R. Bevan, 3; G. Smith, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Woods (Kenninghall), 6; J. W. Nudds (Kenninghall), 7; J. Haunington (conductor), 8.

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Central Council Correspondence.

SIR,—The six-bell peal controversy, which Mr. Snowdon has just reopened, has been pervaded from first to last by a confusion of ideas as to what is meant by the word "peal." Nor is this surprising, for the word has been so loosely used in the past, that it has been applied to at least six different things. Now the majority of the Council at each of its four meetings have virtually decided that "peal" shall mean, first, a *composition* of given length; and, secondly, a *performance* of such composition on bells. The definitions of the Council are based upon a combination of both meanings, and contemplate both "peal" and "peal-performance." Conditions are laid down, such that the legitimacy of the latter is made to depend mainly on the conformity of the former to the standard set up. What is the principle that dictates that standard? That for such numbers of bells as admit of an "extent" of over 5040 changes there shall be absolutely no repetition of any one change: for lower numbers of bells, the logical extension of the principle is that there shall be as few repetitions as possible of any one change. For a length of 5040 for six or five bells consists of a series of compositions, in which, as a whole, there must be, if the principle is to be maintained, as few repetitions as possible, not as many as you like to have.

It seems to me that a clear view of this question, which is really a technical one, has been much impeded by the introduction, as a factor, of "mental effort." I, for one, confess to a strong admiration of the "mental effort" displayed in ringing 5040 on six bells in a multiplicity of methods. Such a length, or a greater one, in fourteen or more 360s is, I admit, a splendid and brilliant *performance*. But whether it is to be regarded as a "peal-performance" in the technical sense would depend upon the nature of the series of compositions of which the length consisted, not on the amount of mental effort required to achieve it. For a *performance* of *peal-length* is not necessarily the same thing as a *peal-performance*. If it were, where should we be landed? In his amusing, but visionary, dialogue, Mr. Snowdon could not present the argument of the "Southerner," because he failed to appreciate this distinction. For the same reason the extension of the definition proposed by the Yorkshire Committee does not help us much; for it still depends upon the assumption that a "performance of *peal-length*" constitutes a "peal-performance."

The situation is, briefly, this:—The majority of the Council say that the *peal-standard* must dictate the (peal-) performance; while Mr. Snowdon, and those who think with him, declare, in effect, that the performance (of *peal-length*) should dictate the *peal-standard*. But that the *peal-standard* should be fixed on the basis of mental effort in ringing is far too indefinite a principle to adopt. If this is to be your measure of perfection, you must go where it leads you, and follow it to its logical conclusion. All the present definitions must 'go by the board,' and be recast. You must allow in a peal, on any number of bells, a variety of methods in long or short scraps, as they will best come in; for your object is to promote a display of mental effort in actual ringing without regard to technical or scientific considerations; and the definite principle of "no repetition, or the least possible" must be abandoned.

The whole argument turns upon the question, "What is a peal?" Is it a scientific arrangement of changes for bells, up to a given length, in which, according to the number of changing bells dealt with, there is either no repetition, or the least possible, of any one change? Or, is it merely a performance on bells of such a number of changes as will constitute the given length, without any strict regard to scientific principles in their arrangement? If the former is the correct definition, the legitimacy of a performance must be determined by it. If the latter is correct, the fancy of the composer must be allowed to wander into latitudes hitherto forbidden or unknown. I see no escape from this alternative; either the performance must be subservient to the composition, or the composition must be subservient to the performance. It is the business of the Council to decide the point: and at each of four meetings it has declared, by a large majority, in favour of the former principle; and in spite of all that has been urged on the other side, I have yet to learn that the majority has erred.

H. EARLE BULWER,

Norwich Diocesan Association Representative.

SIR,—I see in your last issue a letter from Mr. Snowdon re six-bell peals. It is with regard to the last paragraph of this letter that I have to deal, in which Mr. Snowdon undertakes to dismiss with a single word the idea of ringing true 720s in two different methods, an idea which I suggested at the last Council meeting. Mr. Snowdon gives as his reason for the impracticability of such a scheme the facts that "such methods (viz., those which interlock), will never be rung,

as the better known ones will necessarily be those chosen for multi-method peals." He does not tell us what are these methods which will interlock and are so little known. The names by which some of these unknown methods are called are Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Yorkshire Court, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, and Double Bob. And these methods according to Mr. Snowdon will *never be rung*; yet they appear to me to be remarkably simple, and I fancy that I have even seen the names of some of them as having been performed in multi-method peals. For the benefit of anyone who might care to try my plan, I will explain how it works. In choosing two methods which will link together, you must be careful to observe whether the calls affect the front three or the back three bells. All methods where the front three are concerned will link together, and similarly those where the back three are affected. Thus those methods already given will divide into two groups, the first containing Plain and Double Bob, Single and Double Oxford, and Yorkshire Court. The second will contain Single and Double Court and College Single and Double. All the methods in group 1 will intermix, and all those in group 2 will also intermix. But a group 1 method must not be joined to a group 2. Now suppose that we determine to start with Bob Minor, we shall call 360 thus:

2	3	4	5	6	W	H
4	5	2	3	6	-	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	-
2	5	3	4	6	-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-
3	5	2	4	6	-	-
2	4	3	5	6	-	-

Now start from 24356 into any other method in group 1, say Double Oxford, and call exactly the same calling, viz., w h w twice repeated, with a s at h brings the bells round with a perfectly true 720 of Bob Minor and Double Oxford. But care must be taken that if the first 360 would have come round with a s, the one which is singled on to it must also come round with a s, and contrariwise with a plain lead. For the sake of those who want to know the wherefore of this, I may remark that in those methods cited, it will be found that unless a single is called, all the changes are in-course when the treble is at the lead and in 5ths and 4ths places, and out-of-course when it is in 2nds, 3rds, and 6ths. Thus an in-course 360 in any one of these methods cannot repeat with an out-of-course 360 in that or any other method which obeys this law. But a word of warning. Canterbury, Grand-sire, and Double Stedman Slow Course won't work. And now a word as to Mr. Snowdon's addition to the Central Council's definition. I think that it is excellent. Those who ring eight or ten bells, and never have been tied down to six-bell ringing cannot have any idea of the monotony enforced on our unfortunate brother-strings for the lack of those extra bells. And shall we on the Council, like Rehoboam, add to their burden. I think that if the Central Council ever wishes to become the Parliament of ringing, it must not at the start commence by such an act of red-tape injustice as to coerce the unfortunate six-bell ringers by the overwhelming majority of eight and ten-bell ringers who care really nothing at all about the question, as it has nothing to do with them. That the law should be laid down for eight and ten-bell ringers, that no false changes should come in their peals, since they have so many to spare, but after all it is only a law made by men for their own object in raising the talent necessary for performances on eight and ten bells. But it is not the law of the Medes and Persians, and when we find that if applied to six bells, it will not work for a 5000, are we then to put it into force in a mongrel shape, not for the purpose of raising the standard of their peals, but for the purpose of preventing these unfortunate men from shewing their mental powers unless they are possessed of bodily strength enough to ring for six or eight hours. It rather reminds me of the old savage motto—"Might is right, and the weakest to the wall." Mr. Heywood said at the meeting that they wanted to keep from having more repeats than necessary; but that will hardly hold if we have (as is laid down in this excellent Yorkshire definition), one 720 rung true and complete. For under these circumstances, if you repeat one change more than seven times, you must repeat another less than seven times, and thus if you have one true 720, it matters not what other changes you may have in the 5040, for all will have an equal number of repeats, and be just equally false. If then the Yorkshire Association adopt their excellent definition, and Mr. Snowdon will forgive my poor little scheme, and allow its practicability, since such methods as Plain Bob will I am sure be rung in spite of his decree to the contrary. Then since the Council have not a leg to stand upon in point of argument, against a scheme in which Yorkshire has advanced half-way to meet them. I hope that the Council will be generous, and advance the other half to meet our northern friends, and we may get this matter settled to the satisfaction of the six-bell ringers, who, after all, are the only people that it concerns.

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We know not whether it is too late to protest against

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JAMES N. FROSSELL Treble.	HARRY WESTON 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
KEITH HART 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5376 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
HENRY DAINS 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

HARRY WESTON Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	REV. J. E. ROBINSON 6.
KEITH HART 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1894, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE A. KING Treble.	KEITH HART 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
HARRY WESTON 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES TYLER Treble.	LAZARUS PAYNE 5.
WILLIAM J. ALLIS 2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6.
ALBERT GROVES 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES 7.
GEORGE HOLDEN 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This is the first peal by all except the conductor, the first by the local band, and rung at the second attempt.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN HEATHORN Treble.	EDWARD E. DODD 5.
ALFRED A. DOBINSON* 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
JOHN H. WHITE 3.	JOHN J. JONES 7.
GEORGE HUGGETT† 4.	FREDERICK HUDSON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal in the method rung by the above Guild, also on the bells, and by all the band.

BARNET, HERTS.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

J. BURROWS Treble.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN 5.
JAMES CAWLEY 2.	*JOHN D. MATTHEWS 6.
RICHARD BEVAN 3.	*FRANK BLONDELL 7.
ARTHUR FINCH 4.	*ARTHUR E. DOLTON Tenor.
	*ALFRED CHIDWICK Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

First peal. This is the first peal of Triples on the new bells. Messrs. Bevan and Cawley hail from Haverstock Hill; Burrows from Finchley; Finch from Uxbridge; Martin from Hendon; the rest belong to the local company.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1894, in Six Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
8800 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

N. J. PITSTOW Treble.	*J. HARDY 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 2.	*S. SMITH 6.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	*R. T. LANE 7.
ERNEST PITSTOW 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This is the longest length composed and rung in the method.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. BURTON, OXFORD STREET.

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN E. BURTON .. 3-4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 7-8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 9-10.	

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

Umpire—Mr. A. G. Warnes. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all, was rung at the first attempt, and is the only one ever rung on handbells in Norfolk. The ringers again wish to thank Mr. Muskett for the use of his bells.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, May 17, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE* Treble.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 6.
JOHN MOORE 2.	THOMAS HAMMOND 7.
WILLIAM JAMES 3.	ROBERT WILLIAMS 8.
GEORGE CALLAND* 4.	*JAMES MARTIN 9.
ALBERT GRACE 5.	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ROBERT WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung in honour of the seventieth birthday of Mr. Henry Meadows, superintendent of St. Peter's society. C. Price hails from Eccleston, Cheshire; Calland and Grace from Halewood. *First peal of Caters.

TILEHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1894, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY TUCKER* Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
JOHNSON E. HERN 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
CHARLES GILES 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7.
HARRY GOODGER 4.	LEWIS ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal in the method.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 19, 1894, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY MACEY Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE 2.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 6.
ALFRED PEARCE 3.	ROBERTO J. GOLLOP .. 7.
CHARLES H. WATTS .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Composed by T. A. CARD, of Speldhurst, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

This peal, which is in two parts, has the 5th and 6th only in sixths at a coarse-end.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN TURNER Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVES .. 2.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
HARRY WARNETT 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by W. BEDWELL.

First peal of Treble Bob by Messrs. Turner and Warnett.

Date Touch.

THIRSK (YORKS).—On Saturday, May 5th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. and 9 mins. F. Johnson, 1; J. Neesam, 2; H. Brown, 3; J. Wrightson, 4; J. W. Long, 5; G. Neesam, 6; D. Burton, 7; H. Wright, 8. Composed (specially) and conducted by J. Wrightson. This was rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Bathurst, a former vicar of Thirsk.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, April 15th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. R. Davies, 1; F. Burnett, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; R. Gardner, 5; E. Tomlins, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; J. Nicholson, 8. On Tuesday, May 15th, for practice, 419 Grandsire Triples. R. Davies, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; F. Burnett, 4; A. Peckham, 5; H. Westbrook, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. Composed by J. Hewitt, of Gosport.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Saturday, May 12th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a mis-call brought it to a stand, after about 1500 changes had been rung in 55 mins. J. W. Passman, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; H. Dall, 4; F. J. Harrison, 5; R. Alcock, 6; R. Borrows, 7; T. Brewis (Tanfield), 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, May 13th, at St. John's church, for morning service, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 33 mins. J. Baxter, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. Dall, 5; R. Alcock, 6; T. Brewis, 7; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 8. And in the afternoon, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Harrison, 1; H. Dall, 2; W. Brewis, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. Alcock, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. And some double and single-handed handbell ringing, in which the Holy Trinity ringers took part. For evensong at St. Cuthbert's, 672 Grandsire Triples. —, 1; W. Brewis (first touch in the method), 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; R. Alcock, 4; F. Harrison, 5; G. Park, sen. (Darlington, first in the method), 6; H. Dall, 7; W. Old, 8. The tenors at the above churches weigh 10, 9 and 16 cwt. respectively. At The Bull's Head hotel, the visitors' head-quarters, the handbells were kept going till a late hour, Bob Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples being very creditably rung. Two courses of the latter were rung by G. Park, 1; J. G. Lungley, 2; T. Lungley, 3; G. Park, sen., 4; C. L. Routledge, 5-6; G. Overton, 7-8. This is the local men's first touch of Stedman Triples. On Monday, May 14th, at St. Cuthbert's, in the Market Place, a start was made at 7 a.m. for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and all went well for 2 hrs. 35 mins. when a general collapse took place, resulting in several of the bells getting misplaced, and the conductor called "stand" at the end of the last course but one. F. A. Teasdale (St. John's, Darlington), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; G. W. Park (Holy Trinity, first attempt at Major), 3; J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbrough), 4; J. Baxter, 5; W. Brewis, 6; H. Dall, 7; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 8.

STAINDROP.—On Sunday, May 13th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Minor. And in the afternoon, 720 Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs and thirty-four singles). R. C. Hudson (Bishopwearmouth), 1; T. Hudson, sen. (Bishopwearmouth), 2; W. Johnson, 3; T. Hudson, jun. (Bishopwearmouth), 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; C. Walker, 6. And a 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). T. Hudson, sen., 1; T. Hudson, jun., 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; T. Leonard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; C. Walker, 6. And for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor (ten bobs fourteen singles). D. Shipp, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 3; T. Leonard, 4; T. Hudson, jun., 5; C. Walker, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—A 720 Bob Minor in 16½ mins. T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; T. Hudson, sen., 3; D. Shipp, 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs two singles), T. Hudson, jun., 1-2; D. Shipp, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Monday, May 26th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Irons, 1; H. J. Sutton, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; T. Foote, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; W. C. Fox, 8. And a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Chasty, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; G. Burton, 4; C. Herbert, 5; I. Hills, 6; S. Constant, 7; H. Sharp (conductor), 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; F. Smith, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7;

R. Shimmans, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. B. Bradley, 4; C. Herbert, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; P. Howard, 8. And a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; J. Sharman, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; G. Burton, 4; C. Herbert, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. B. Bradley, 7; W. C. Fox, 8. And a 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Barnes, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Irons, 4; G. Burton, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 214 Stedman Triples. F. Keech, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. Herbert, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 336 Bob Major. H. Cullip, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; E. Herbert, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; G. Buck, 8. On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Shimmans (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 3rd, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; W. Hall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 17th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On Tuesday, April 24th, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Davison, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. Sharman, 5; H. Tysoe, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, 305 Grandsire Caters. G. Pawley, 1; W. Mannering, 2; T. Mannering (conductor), 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. Tawney, 5; A. Gasson, 6; E. Elliott, 7; E. Dunk, 8; A. Palmer, 9; T. Bonner and J. Constable, 10. And 395 in the same method. A. West, 1; W. Mannering, 2; G. Pawley, 3; A. Gasson, 4; A. Tawney, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; E. Elliott, 7; E. Dunk, 8; T. Mannering, 9; W. Barnes, 10. E. Dunk hails from Westerham.

PLUCKLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, May 5th, the Willesborough ringers paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; S. Price, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. J. Dixon, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; J. Swinerd, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. P. Hodgkin hails from Headcorn. These bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and bear the following inscription: "Restored June, 1853, by subscription and rate. Sir Edward C. Dering, Bart., M.P. Rev. Ashton Oxenden, Rector; Jesse Spicer Ch. Warden. The Willesborough ringers wish to thank the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, which are in good working order.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, April 26th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a 504 Oxford Bob Triples. R. Burfield, 1; E. Mankelaw, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Stead, 4; J. Muggridge, 5; S. Perkins (conductor), 6; P. Brooker, 7; G. Goble, 8. And a Plain Course of Bob Major. E. Mankelaw, 1; G. Smithers, 2; W. Stead, 3; H. Porter, 4; W. Porter, 5; S. Perkins, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, three courses of Bob Major. J. Muggridge, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; W. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; C. Goble, 7; J. Muggridge, 8. The following touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect for Mr. Overy, churchwarden of St. Peter's, who died on April 28th. On Thursday, May 3rd, a 504 of Stedman Triples. E. Mankelaw, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Stead, 5; C. Goble, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, a 518 Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; G. Smithers, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; H. Porter, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; H. Porter, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Porter, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. No cover bell. And 168 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelaw, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins (conductor), 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Latter, 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

TOWN MALLING (Kent).—On Sunday, May 13th, for the early celebration, 360 Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; J. Worsley, 3; D. Hall, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 15th, for practice, 720 in the same method. D. Hall, 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Worsley, 3; J. Capon, 4; Rev. A. L. Brine, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6. And several shorter touches in which F. Stonham, H. Humphrey and S. Leonard rang.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 8th, for Holy

Communion, at All Saints' church, Hamer, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And at 10.30 a.m. a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), the ringers standing as above. And in the afternoon at 3.30 a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. S. Marshall, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. And in the evening at 6.30, a 720 of Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday morning, April 15th, for Divine Service a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 27 mins. J. Lingard, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. And in the evening, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) in 27 mins. the ringers standing as above. On Monday, April 16th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (5th the observation; eighteen bobs and two singles), the ringers standing as before. And a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. the ringers standing as before. On Sunday evening, April 22nd, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), the ringers standing as before. On Monday, April 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 27 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday morning, April 29th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. W. Crossley, 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. E. Hoyle, 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. All conducted by J. Crossley. J. Robertshaw hails from Heptonstall, Yorkshire.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLOPTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 10th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the restoration and augmentation of the bells at the adjoining parish of Burgh, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. K. H. Hayward, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; F. Day (conductor), 4; C. Ward, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

BURGH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 10th, at the church of St. Botolph, and previous to the Dedication Service, and on the occasion of the augmentation of the ring from five to six bells, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Day (Eye, conductor), 1; G. Day (Eye), 2; W. Taylor (Leiston), 3; F. Cooper (Aldeburgh), 4; C. Ward (Melton), 5; J. Ward (Grundisburgh), 6. Being the first 720 on the bells. A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Lankester, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; J. Last, 3; F. Cooper, 4; F. Day (conductor), 5; C. Ward, 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Lankester, 1; F. Day (conductor), 2; J. Last, 3; F. E. W. Meadows, 4; F. Cooper, 5; S. W. Martin, 6.

NORWICH.—On Monday, April 30th, at 45, Oxford Street, on handbells, retained in hand, 2447 Grandsire Caters, from Cox's peal. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8; A. W. Brighton, 9-10. On Monday, May 7th, at 52, S. George's Middle Street, 2520 Canterbury Pleasure Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 7-8.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Monday, May 14th, nine members of the above Societies and two brother-strings, H. Langford, sen., and W. G. Crickmer, from Earl Sobam, visited Salisbury with the intention of starting for a peal of Treble Bob Major at St. Edmund's church, but as only eight were required, Mr. Oxborrow kindly stood out. But just as they were starting for the peal a rope came down, and as time would not permit on account of a service having to be held in the church, a touch of 1440 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 55 mins. G. Langford, 1; J. Willshire, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; F. Buck, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. Also 96 of Oxford Treble Bob and 252 of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Willshire and H. S. Ellis. The band wish to thank the Salisbury ringers for meeting them, and also Mr. Gifford for so kindly entertaining them.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, May 13th, for early morning service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Penny, 1; B. S. Hill, 2; E. Davies, 3; W. Page, 4; R. Horton, 5; W. Bradford (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. At the cathedral, for morning service, 572 Grandsire Cinques. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; S. Cotton, 4; W. Pudge, 5; G. Hinton, 6; W. Page, 7; L. Longney (conductor), 8; W. Bradford, 9; W. H. Johnson, 10; E. Davies, 11; W. Brant, 12.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service, 720 of Doubles, consisting of three 6-scores of Grandsire

Doubles, and three 6-scores of Manchester Doubles, each 6-score called differently, in 29 mins. J. Shardlow, 1; F. Kay, 2; C. Davie, 3; W. H. Frost, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. J. Shardlow is a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Sunday morning, May 13th, before Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by A. Squires. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Hares, 3; J. Walker, 4; J. R. Frisby, 5; J. Hall (conductor), 6; R. Hall, 7; E. Jones, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, May 9th, at the church of St. Peter-at Arches, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. A. Hodson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, for early service, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. A. Hodson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; G. Chester, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. And for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; F. W. Walker, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; G. Chester, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; W. A. Hodson, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 13th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. W. Bond, 1; E. P. Harmer, 2; A. C. Harmer, 3; F. Gardner, 4; C. E. Bartlett, 5; G. W. Lait, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck and W. E. Bond, 8. The Cirencester Youths are members of the parish (twelve bells) and Watermoor (six bells) churches, and the above is the first quarter-peal by all as purely local men.

LONG NEWTON (Wilts).—On Monday, May 14th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. T. Robinson, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; R. Richards, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday evening, May 13th for Divine Service at the cathedral, two 336s of Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Coombes (conductor), 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Snell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 8th, at St. Dunstan's church, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 24 mins. F. Northfield, 1; C. Dean, 2; C. Spence, 3; J. T. Reynolds, 4; F. M. Northfield, 5; G. Gomme (conductor), 6.

CROYDON (Surrey).—At the parish church on Wednesday, May 16th, to celebrate the wedding of Dr. H. T. M. Whitting, of Croydon, to Miss E. J. Hoyle, of Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, two quarter-peals of Oxford Bob Triples, composed by E. Bennett, were rung. J. Rumble, 1; A. Arnold, 2; A. Collins, 3; W. J. Chambers, 4; T. Verrall, 5; W. States (conductor), 6; W. Groves, 7; W. Hill, 8. In the second quarter-peal W Hill rang the 7th and W. — the tenor. Other touches of Grandsire Triples, etc., were also rung during the day.

CARDIFF (South Wales).—On Tuesday, May 6th, at St. John's church, a 518 of Grandsire Triples with 9-8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 1; E. Cook (conductor), 2; E. Stenner, 3; J. Richards, 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; G. Hardage, 6; A. Rowley, 7; A. Barnfield, 8; J. Cook, 9; C. Winfield, 10. On Tuesday, May 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal was rung taken from the "Clavis" with twelve 7-4s and twelve 6-7s; 9-8-10 covering. A. Hatton, 1; J. Richards, 2; E. Stenner, 3; A. Rowley, 4; W. Burkinshaw, 5; G. Hardage, 6; E. Cook (conductor), 7; W. Gray, 8; J. Cook, 9; C. Wingfield, 10.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering. E. Williams, 1; T. Hopton, 2; W. Andrews, 3; W. Freestone, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; R. Thomason, 6; M. Closse, 7; F. Bye, 8. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Williams, 1; T. Hopton, 2; W. Freestone (conductor), 3; G. Williams, 4; J. Morley, 5; R. Thomson, 6; M. Closse, 7; F. Bye, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CALDICOT (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, May 12th, the members of the Matherne society paid a visit to this place, and rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering, being the first 6-score rang from home by the visitors. W. Richards, 1; P. Huntly, 2; H. Newman, 3; W. Newman, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; H. Hardy (Caldicot), 6; C. Barnes, 7; T. Huntly, 8. J. Morley hails

from Chepstow. The visitors desire through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Baynham, captain of the local company, for having everything ready.

CLAY CROSS.—On Monday, May 14th, at St. Bartholomew's church, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles six bobs), 3rd the observation, with the calls strictly the reverse way in the second half, was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. Butterworth, organist of the above church, to Miss M. Brierley, both of Clay Cross, the ringers wishing them both much happiness. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; T. Millington (conductor), 3; F. Maycock, 4; J. Cook, 5; T. Clough, 6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, May 20th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. Adams, 2; J. Green, 3; J. W. Driver, 4; W. Elson, 5; W. Meaton, 6; R. C. Chichester (first quarter-peal of Caters), 7; J. Nicholls, 8; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 9; H. Adams, 10.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).—On Sunday, May 13th, for early service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Warner, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Seamark, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Randall, 8. For morning service 360 Bob Minor. G. Warner, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Parker, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. H. Martin, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. Pettet, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Seamark, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. B. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Randall, 8. Also 232 Bob Major. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; G. Brown, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Parker, 6; W. Pettet, 7; A. H. Martin (conductor), 8.

MATHERNE, NEAR CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Thursday evening, May 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; W. Newman, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; C. Barnet, 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; P. Huntley, 2; H. Newman, 3; T. Hopton, 4; J. Morley, 5; C. Barnes, 6. J. Morley and T. Hopton hail from Chepstow; the rest belong to the local band.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 6th, a 720 Oxford Bob. F. Rice, 1; P. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; B. Payne, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. B. Payne, 1; P. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; G. Illman, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Dench, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; J. Parker, 2; W. Denman, 3; F. Dench, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also 360 Court Bob. T. Page, 1; F. Rice (conductor), 2; B. Payne, 3; W. Denman, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Dench, 6. Messrs. Denman and Woolgar hail from West Grinstead; Parker from Crawley; Page from Croydon. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob by S. Woolgar.

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."

WEIGHT OF TENOR.

SIR.—I notice in the peal column of your last issue the weight of the tenor at Shrewsbury given as 43 cwt. The same bell has often appeared in print as 41 cwt. The latter is, I believe, correct.

Liverpool.

WM. DAVIES.

CRITICISM.

SIR,—I see in the account of that memorable performance, viz., 13,000 of Double Norwich, that several attempts had been made, among which was one at Brentwood on April 3rd, 1893. Now in this week's "BELL NEWS" we are told that on this occasion the bells changed course and were called round. In referring to "THE BELL NEWS" of April 15th, 1893, this attempt is published as a peal of 6384 changes. I presume that this must be a new departure in peal-ringing, as I have always understood that a change-course was fatal to a peal, but it appears that it is not so. It is certain that while the change-course was taking place the changes were not being produced in Double Norwich order. With all due respect to the performers in this attempt I must say that their new form of peal-ringing creates a precedent which is very unwelcome to

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I have seen in your issue of May 5th, 1894, that members of the Penarth branch of the Llandaff Diocesan Association paid a visit to Pendoyland and Peterstone-super-Ely on Easter Monday, and rung a 720 Plain Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Would our brother-ringers of Penarth kindly publish the name of the ringer of the 5th bell, as I myself was ill at the time, and having been accused by a kind friend of being the missing ringer, and requesting them not to publish my name.

WILLIAM COOMBS.

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.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Blandford, on Monday, May 28th, 1894. Divine Service at 11.45 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business after service. Dinner at the Greyhound hotel at 1.30 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head).

J. R. JERRAM, General Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Business special. All earnestly invited to attend.

J. B. TAYLOR, Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Drighlington, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (8 bells). Meeting house The Spotted Cow. Please note change of Secretary's address. R. BINNS.

3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, in St. John's schoolroom, Halesowen, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. John C. Hill, M.A., Rector, will preside. The tower and bells will be at the disposal of the members. The annual report will be distributed at this meeting. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting on Saturday, June 2, at Aldenham. Nearest stations Radlett, Midland; and Watford, L. and N. W. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at The Chequers inn, business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present will kindly communicate with me by Wednesday, May 30.

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

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Important Notice to every member.—The Report for 1891-2-3 is now being compiled. Every member is requested immediately to send his name and (if any) his arrears of subscriptions due, or to see that the Secretary of his tower sends it for him to the Hon. Local Secs. as follows: in the Bath Branch to Mr. J. Fussell, 9, Cottage Place, Larkhall, Bath; in the Wells Branch to Rev. A. Coope, Portway, Wells; in Bristol, Wroxall, Long Ashton and adjacent parishes to C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., 30, Broad Street, Bristol; in the Taunton Branch, including Highbury, etc., to Mr. T. Doble, 18, High Street, Taunton; in the Dunster and Minehead Branch to the Hon. Sec., Mr. H. W. Tomkins, the Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford, Somerset. Unless each member thus sends his name with any arrears to his Local Sec. it cannot be guaranteed that his name will appear this year in the Report, nor after this notice will the officers be responsible for any omissions.

CLEMENT W. H. GRIFFITH, Master.

8, Darlington Street, Bath, May 16, 1894.

South and West Middlesex Association.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, May 26th, at 5 p.m.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The next general meeting will be held on Saturday, June

2nd, at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. The local secretary is Mr. George Shaw, The Wheel, Ecclesfield. Circulars and further particulars in due course.

BEN. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

The Surrey Association.—The Annual Report for 1893 is now ready for circulation. Representatives requiring them sent on should forward the number of Copies they require, together with the amount of postage at the following rates, viz.: threehalfpence for six, and threepence for twelve copies. The annual meeting will be held at Dorking on Monday, July 2nd. As the election of officers will take place at this meeting, it is hoped that members will make an effort to attend.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Neston, on Saturday next, June 2nd. Tea at 5.30 (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, May 28th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.

Braeside, West Kirby.

Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday next, June 2nd, at Norton. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs
W. TWIGG, }

The Yorkshire Association.—Wanted, two competent members to ring the 5th and 6th bells, along with Mr. G. Bolland, Tong, and five of the St. Wilfrid's Society, Calverley, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Members wishing to take part please write as early as possible.

EZRA KEIGHLEY.

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THE A. D. MILLS FUND.

The following is the complete list of the above fund, which is now closed, and the Crawley band wish, on behalf of A. D. Mills, to thank one and all for their kindness toward him. The donor of the 5s. in the last list, name omitted, should have been the Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cother.

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J. PARKER, Hon. Sec.

19, East Park, Crawley.

Compositions.

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Five times repeated; single at 6 midway and end. By calling the fifth course of any part bob at 5 the sixth course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5008. This peal can be varied in the following ways: By calling the fourth course bob at 5 or by calling the fifth course 4 and 6, when in this case the number of changes will be 5280. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent home. First rung on March 17th at St. Michael's, Headingley, conducted by John Whitaker.

FALSE PEALS.—Mr. Lindoff writes: "The peal of Stedman Caters by W. Willson in our last issue is false in the second sixes in the first and eleventh courses. Also 5088 Double Norwich, composed and conducted by G. Newson, at Speldhurst, on July 24th, 1892. And 5040 Bob Triples, composed and conducted by G. Ransome, at Ospringe, on December 15th, 1892. The last two from Kent County Report."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of the Rev. C. Buston, late of Embleton, Northumberland, is now East Worldham, near Alton, Hants.

Ringers Wanting Situations.

NOTE.—The advertisements of Ringers wanting situations will appear four consecutive insertions free. Those advertising must address this column week by week, as the reception of all letters addressed care of Editor, will be notified therein. This privilege is only for bona fide ringers, whether subscribers to this paper or otherwise. To ensure publicity in the current number, advertisements ought to reach the office by Tuesday morning.

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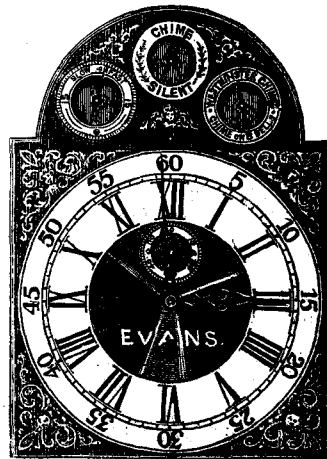
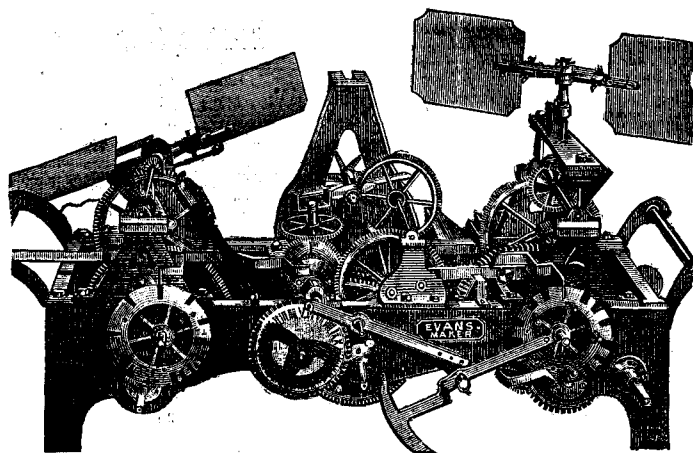
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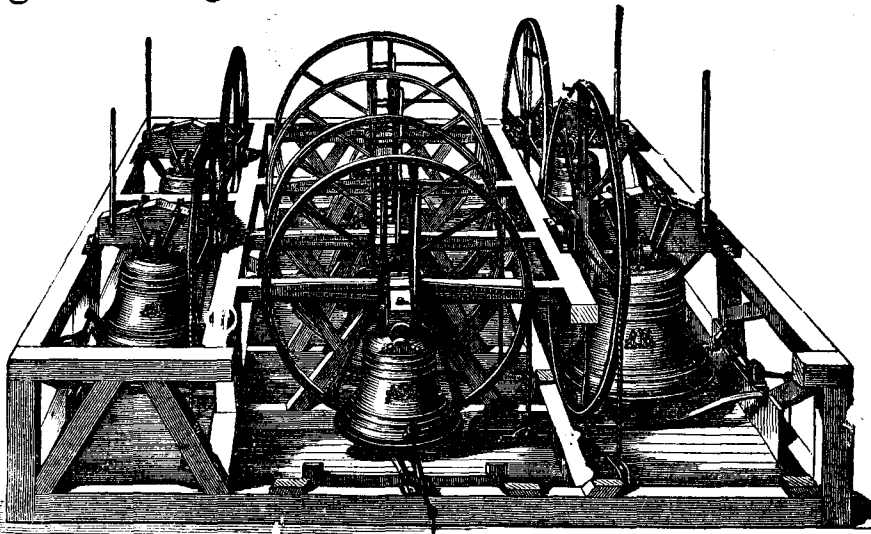
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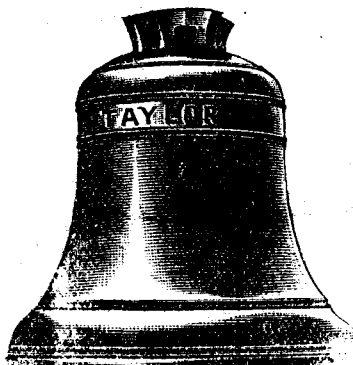
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