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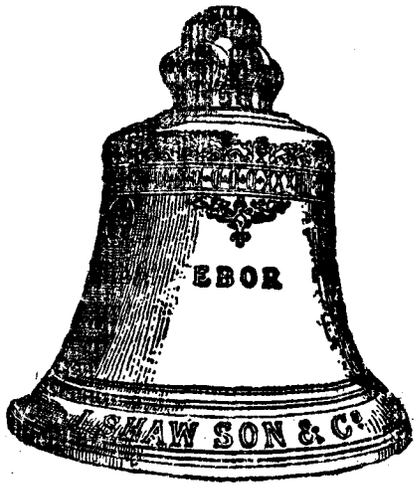

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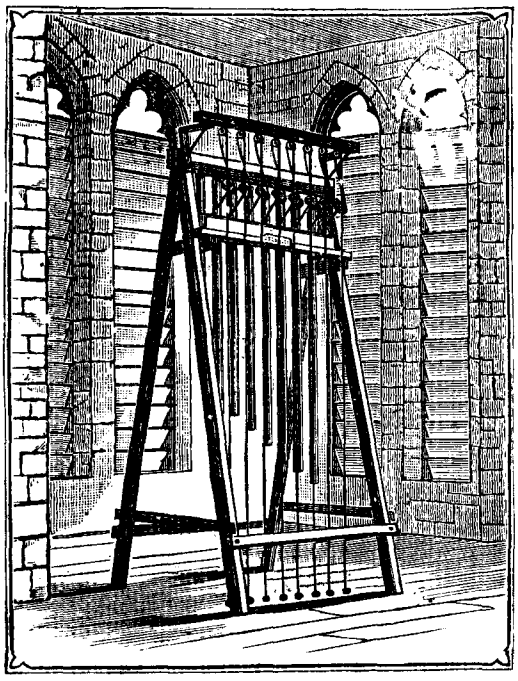

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2nd, a Committee and Quarterly meeting of this Association was held in St. John's schoolroom, Halesowen, members being present from Bromsgrove, Clent, Cradley, Cookley, Dudley, King's Norton, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Tipton, Wolverhampton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc. The Rev. J. C. Hill, M.A., rector, occupied the chair. Letters of apology were read from the Revs. Canon Douglas (Droitwich), L. Marshall (Feckenham), W. C. Gibbs (Hagley), H. Kingsford (Stoulton), and Canon Claughton (Worcester), expressing their inability to attend. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Five new honorary and twelve performing members were elected. On the motion of Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Spittle, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, August 25th, and try if possible to open out in that part of the diocese the Art and science of change-ringing, it being remarked that it was one of the dark spots in England where change-ringing did not exist.

At the conclusion of the business Mr. J. S. Pritchett moved a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells; and he ventured to express a hope that the rector would use his best endeavours and if possible have the bells of his church put into a better ringing condition, not only for the comfort of his own ringers, but for strangers who might wish to pay a visit there. He also complimented the Association on having obtained the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Kidderminster; the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Shrewsbury; and the peal of Grandsire Royal at Dudley.

The rev. gentleman, in responding, thanked the members for their unanimous vote of thanks, and said he hoped at the next visit of the Association to Halesowen to entertain them in a more hospitable manner than on the present occasion.

Owing to the bad state of the ropes and bells, very little ringing was accomplished, touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples being brought round. A course of Grandsire Caters on the Association's handbells in the schoolroom highly pleased the rector.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

The usual monthly meeting was held at St. Luke's, Farnworth, near Widnes, on Saturday, June 2nd, when upwards of twenty members attended from Warrington, Garston, Runcorn, Hale, Halewood, and the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and shortly after that time ringers assembled in the belfry, and ringing was kept up till 6 o'clock, when the members adjourned to the schoolroom to partake of an excellent tea provided by the vicar, the Rev. J. Wright Williams, free of cost. At the business meeting, which was held after tea, the vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and said he was very sorry he could not stop amongst them, but he was very pleased to see the ringers of the Lancashire Association at Farnworth at any time. In the absence of the vicar, Mr. Edwardson, of Warrington, was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, Mr. Edwardson then said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to attend the meetings, for he was sure he always enjoyed himself at them, and he thought that anybody learning ringing should not be satisfied with the practice he gets in the tower, but that he should write it down on paper and work it out at home. It was then proposed by Mr. Peattie, seconded by Mr. Grace, that J. Peattie, of Farnworth, become a member of the Association. Carried unanimously. Proposed by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Grace, that A. Wilkinson, of Farnworth, become a member of the Association. Carried unanimously. It was proposed by Mr. Grace, soconded by Mr. Peattie, that Halewood be the next meeting place. Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the vicar for the splendid tea he had provided, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated a very enjoyable evening.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly District Meeting was held at Stroud on Thursday, June 14th, when about forty-six members of different societies in union were represented. These were addressed in the parish church of St. Laurence by the vicar, the Rev. G. Fox, LL.B., at the short service which always precedes the proceedings of this Association. At the knife and fork tea in the Corn Hall subsequently, the Master, E. B. James, Esq., responded to the toast of "Success to the Association." The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Secretary, expressed the thanks of the members to the vicar for his address, and to the churchwardens also jointly with him for their kind welcome, and for the use of the bells, which was warmly praised for their perfect "go" after their recent overhauling by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Churchwarden Ford and the vicar suitably responded.

Mitcheldean and Tetbury were then proposed for the place of next district meeting, Wickwar also being suggested, and upon a show of hands being taken, Tetbury was fixed upon by a small majority. Several other matters were then discussed, and then an adjournment was again made to the belfry, where some good work was done. The bells were kept going till quite late in the evening.

The Stroud company are certainly to be heartily congratulated on the great interest shown in their welfare by the present ecclesiastical authorities, who have spared no pains or expense in getting their musical ring placed in the most excellent condition and order.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOLVERHAMPTON.

A most successful smoking concert was held at The Lamb hotel on Saturday, May 26th, to celebrate the seventy-fifth birthday of Mr. John Fowler, who it is to be regretted was not able to attend owing to illness. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles W. Ironmonger, of the firm of Ironmongers, Limited, and ringers were present from Bushbury, Tettenhall, Penn, Tipton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Handsworth, Darlaston, etc. The success of the concert was mainly due to the presence of the Tipton handbell ringers under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Hill. Besides the above the following contributed to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. A. H. Hill, J. Nicholas, J. Price, C. Middlecote, W. Jasper, G. Grey, T. Marsh, C. W. Ironmonger, etc. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by T. Horton, J. Astbury, J. E. Groves, W. Smith, W. R. Small. Mr. J. Simpson presided at the piano. A vote of thanks to the chairman and several artists for their presence there that evening, and to the host and hostess for the use of the room, and providing for their creature comforts, brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 26th, the monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Drighlington, when ringers attended from Armley, Birstall, Calverley, Headingley, Horbury, Leeds, Tong, and the local company. Ringing commenced on the tower bells with 360 each of Violet and Oxford Minor, followed by Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. A business meeting was held at the Spotted Cow inn, Mr. J. Thackray, president, presiding. Mr. D. Wilson (Birstall) proposed, and Mr. A. Craven (Headingley) seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the use of the bells and other arrangements, which was carried unanimously.

Several touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells concluded another pleasant gathering of the society. The next meeting will be held at Armley.

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On Wednesday, June 13th, about 580 church people from south-east Essex, owing to the efforts of the rural deans of Canewdon, Rochford, and Orsett, travelled to St. Albans, arriving there about 11.30, when they were welcomed into the town with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Jenkinson, 1; L. Dryden, 2; E. Hull, 3; R. E. Hammond, 4; R. Weatherley, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. At twelve o'clock an organ recital was given in the Abbey by Mr. George Gaffe, F.C.O., the cathedral organist, the following being the selections: Offertoire in C (Berthold Tours); Andante in F varied (F. Baptiste Calkin); Adagio in D (Mozart); and Offertoire in D (Robert Hainsworth). The music, which was skilfully rendered, was much enjoyed by those present. At two o'clock the interesting and historical features of the Abbey were pointed out by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance. In the course of his remarks he said that the Abbey of St. Albans was a very powerful one at the time of monasticism in this country, it being one of the first to which attention was paid by those who wished to enrich themselves by its possessions. At length the time came when the monastic system was dissolved. The Abbey's possessions were taken by the King, and divided among his numerous favourites. The Lady Chapel was given to the inhabitants of the town for the ridiculous sum of £400. The Archdeacon pointed out a few interesting features connected with the architecture of the Abbey. He said that there were three distinct styles of architecture presented, the Early Norman, Early English, and the Decorative style. Some of the Early English designs dated from the end of the eleventh century and the beginning of the twelfth. In 1323 a new style called the Decorative style was introduced into the Abbey. This was a very pretty style of architecture, and one of the west windows of the building had new insertions put in by Lord Grimthorpe. On the west faces of the piers were some very rare and very beautiful drawings of the Crucifixion; these were done late in the twelfth or very early in the thirteenth century. Most of them were discovered in 1862. Some of the piers were in the Early English style of architecture, some in the Decorative style, and some of the centre ones were of Norman architecture. The windows in the Lady Chapel were inserted by Lord Grimthorpe about two years ago. The bells now in use have been recast from the old bells which formerly hung in the tower. On some of the piers there were some beautiful figures of the Virgin Mary, and on one there was nearly the whole of the Te Deum in Latin. A short address was given by Canon Liddle on the shrine of St. Albans, and several other features of interest. The visitors spent the interval between the addressess and the tea hour in inspecting the Abbey, and at four o'clock they adjourned to tea, which had been provided at the hall of the County Club.

At five o'clock there was evensong at the Abbey, when a 504 and 168 of Grandsire Triples were rung with L. Dryden 1, and E. Jenkinson (longest length with a bob bell) 2; the remainder standing as for the quarter-peal; and an address was given by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The text was taken from St. John iv. 38. In the course of his remarks he said that many things would come home to people when they stood in such a great building as the Abbey. The mere looking at the old building stirred one's feelings. There was something more in standing in such a building as this which was before their eyes. As a witness it made a proclamation in itself, and witnessed to a great purpose. People would ask as they looked around at its walls, what is the meaning and construction of some of its parts? History told them of changes, some great and some small, and yet, amid all those changes, how great a witness this was of the survival of purpose. Those changes had effected the nation and the church, but yet this building stood, the same ordained of God. As they stood in this building it spoke not only of a history, but a history of which they had great proofs. It spoke to them of the great society to which they belonged; it spoke to them of the future in telling them of the past. Some few records indeed were now in existence. The great record of the past which was handed down to them had been handed down to them in the form of this church. Our forefathers proclaimed God's greatness in this house in all its massive solemnity. They had this gift from the labours of the past, from unselfish love, and unselfish work. An offertory was taken in aid of the St. Alban's Cathedral Fund. The visitors returned home about seven o'clock after having spent a most enjoyable day, all being thoroughly well satisfied with the excursion. Great credit is due to the following stewards, on whom the management of the excursion devolved: the Revs. H. Darwin Burton, H. Hayes, T. O. Reay, J. E. Sedgwick, W. E. Spencer, T. Varney, and Messrs. C. Beeton, A. Burles, A. G. Fownes, F. Gregson, and C. H. Seabrooke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

On Saturday, May 19th, the annual meeting of this Association was held at Chipping, when there was a good attendance, among the places represented being Blackrod, Chorley, St. Andrew's and St. James', Leyland, Standish, St. Mark's, Preston, Penwortham, Higher Walton, Broughton, Goosnargh, and Chipping. During the afternoon and evening several 720s in various methods were rung, Canterbury Pleasure being the selected method. At six o'clock the members with a few friends, numbering forty-two, adjourned to the Sun hotel, where they sat down to a very substantial meat tea. The repast being satisfactorily concluded, the business meeting was held, the President, Mr. J. Banister, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting and the accounts of the past year having been read and passed, it was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Chorley. In accordance with rule, the President announced the names of the retiring officers, and it was unanimously agreed that they be all re-elected with the exception of the vice-president, the officers being as follows: President, Mr. J. Banister (Leyland); Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Gartside (Chorley); Treasurer, Mr. J. Marsden (Chorley); Secretary, Mr. J. Higson (Blackrod). A vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the officers for their past services, concluded the proceedings.

The Committee beg to return their sincere thanks to the ringers of Chipping for their kindness in providing for the members of this Association.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Neston on Saturday, June 2nd. Abou tweny-four ringing members were present representing the following towers: Bebington, Bromborough, Eastham, Neston, Rock Ferry, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. A substantial tea was most kindly provided by the rector, the Rev. Canon Turner, which was thoroughly appreciated by those present. Owing to the rector's unavoidable absence, the Rev. H. S. Dudding, curate of Neston, presided. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Woodchurch on June 30th. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to Canon Turner, and also to the chairman, the members returned to the tower, where they had already spent some portion of the afternoon, and with mixed bands successfully rung the following touches: A 720 Plain Bob with 6-8 covering. J. Pickin, 1; J. Woods, 2; T. Hughes, 3; J. Shone, 4; F. Jones, 5; W. Briscoe, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; C. Cliffe, 8. A 504 Bob Triples. J. Hughes, 1; J. Woods, 2. F. Jones, 3; H. Bird, 4; J. Cliffe, 5; E. Breeze, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; T. Hammond, 8. A 447 Grandsire Triples. J. Pickin, 1; E. Breeze, 2; W. Woods, 3; J. Pownall, 4; J. Cliffe, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6: E. Hough, 7; T. Hammond, 8. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Cliffe, 1: J. Woods, 2; E. Breeze, 3; E. Hough, 4; F. Jones, 5; J. Pownall, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; T. Hammond, 8. Tenor 14¾ cwt. Messrs. Dillon, Bird, Hughes, Pickin, Jones, and Shone hail from Bromborough; Hough, Cliffe, and Breeze from Bebington; Woods and Hughes from Eastham; Cliffe from Rock Ferry; Briscoe from Neston; Pownall and Hammond from West Kirby.

The vicar of Gussage All Saints', Salisbury (the Rev. W. Herbert Stent), and his churchwardens have issued an appeal for the renovation of the church bells, of which there are four. The three larger ones are of great interest and value as probably dating form the late thirteenth or early fourteenth century.

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."

REPLY TO MR. LINDOFF.

SIR,—Mr. Lindoff has pointed out that the peal of Double Norwich, by George Newson, rung at Speldhurst, in July 24th, 1892, is false according to the figures given in the Kent County Association Report for 1893 (pp. 89, 90). The figures are undoubtedly false; but that such an accomplished ringer and composer as Mr. Newson called an obviously false peal, I cannot well believe. Mr. Newson's account of the matter is this;—"When I sent you those peals, I wrote from memory, not being able to find my copy—only some disjointed figures, in which I must have got mixed." The correct figures were apparently at the time in the keeping of Mr. T. Card, of Southborough. For my own part I remember pointing out some mistake in the figures of one of Mr. Newson's peals, and receiving an acknowledgement from him that according to the calling given the figures were certainly wrong. But whether the alteration was made in the peal under discussion or not, I am not now in a position to say. I am inclined to think that it was, and that Mr. Newson had sent me the correct figures, but the wrong calling. However the mistake arose, the moral to be drawn is transparently plain, viz.: conductors and composers ought to take the greatest possible care that the figures they send for publication are correct.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE.
Hon. Sec. of Kent County Association.

P.S.—The first six courses should be as follows:—

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REPLY TO A. PEARCE.

SIR—I observe in this week's "BELL NEWS" a letter from Mr. A. Pearce with reference to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Christchurch, which I presume refers to a peal in which I took part on May 24th, as I can find no other peal there recently in which a clergyman has taken part. If that is the peal referred to, I have only to say that Mr. Pearce's statement that "the bells came to a perfect standstill, and remained so for a period of at least three or four leads" at any period during the peal is a perfectly gratuitous falsehood. As to my reputation for honesty and my capabilities as a bellringer, it is not for me to judge. Such matters I leave with confidence in the hands of those change-ringers with whom I have had the privilege of ringing. I have no intention whatsoever of entering into a personal controversy with Mr. Pearce, and should have allowed his letter to pass in silence if I did not feel that it were due to the Exercise and to the other gentlemen who took part in the peal, that the performance should be substantiated. Mr. Pearce's letter has once more recalled to me Lord Beaconsfield's description of the critics as "those who had failed in literature and art:" might we not also sometimes add "in change-ringing too"?

R. C. M. HARVEY,
Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

CLOSED BELFRY.

SIR.—For several weeks past the bells of St. Thomas', Leesfield, have been stopped, through a dispute between the ringers and the vicar. On Whit-Sunday the ringers had the misfortune to lose one of their number through death, and his interment took place on Whit-Saturday, and his brother-ringers carried him to his last resting-place, and as is the customary thing after the funeral, the ringers went to the belfry and rang the bells muffled. On Sunday morning the ringers went to the belfry to ring for service, but the vicar sent a note up in the belfry to the effect that if they did not take the caps off, he would not allow the bells to be rung. He would give them no reason why he objected, therefore they left the tower in a body.

E. B. SHAW.

NOT CONVINCED.

SIR.—In answer to Mr. John Carter's claim of my peal of Bob Major, which appeared in your issue of June 2nd, I beg to say that, whilst admitting that it is on the same plan as his, of "THE BELL NEWS" of November 11th, I cannot see that it is similar to his, and I think if he compares them he will find that such is the case.

Otley, Suffolk. F. E. W. MEADOWS.

[A letter from Mr. Cooter is unavoidably postponed till next week.—We think the letter signed "Old Poplar" must have the writer's name to it before it can be inserted.—ED.]

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 9th, members being present from Leesfield, Oldham, Shaw, and Rochdale. During the afternoon and evening touches of College Single, Violet Treble Bob Minor, and Treble Bob Major were rung. The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, July 14th.

Cricket.

NEWCASTLE RINGERS *v.* TANFIELD RINGERS.

Saturday, the 9th inst., the day fixed for this match, broke wet and muggy, but clearing up about 12 noon it was determined to start, and fortunately the rain kept off during the rest of the day. The Newcastle team set out about 2.30 in a waggonette behind two spanking "bays" driven by "Alf" Hillier. Picking two of the Whickham ringers up at that village *en route*, Tanfield was reached about 4 p.m. and they received a hearty greeting at the hands of the local team. The wickets were soon set up, the ground marked off, and the home team, captained by Mr. W. Brewis, went in first to the bowling of Holmes and Dall, the former being the captain of the visitors. T. Brewis and Elliott made the best stand, but the whole team were dismissed for 34 runs, which was really a good score taking into consideration the heavy wicket. On the visitors taking the willow very little better show was made, the bowling of Johnson and T. Brewis proving very effective. Nicholson and Constance kept in the longest, and for the time kept the field very much alive.

TANFIELD.

F. Lowe b. Holmes	4
T. Brewis b. Dall c. Nicholson	7
W. Brewis b. Holmes	0
F. J. Harrison c. and b. Holmes	0
Rev. T. H. Archdall b. Holmes	3
J. Allan b. Barrett	0
R. Johnson b. Barrett	0
W. Brewis jun. b. Dall c. Routledge	0
C. E. Elliott not out	7
G. Arkless b. Dall	4
Extras	9
Total	34

NEWCASTLE.

W. Holmes b. Johnson	5
A. Hillier b. T. Brewis	0
H. Lindsey b. Johnson	3
H. Dall b. T. Brewis	3
J. Barrett run out	5
E. Wallis b. T. Brewis	0
J. W. Nicholson run out	6
W. Custance b. T. Brewis	7
C. L. Routledge b. T. Brewis	1
R. Simm jun. not out	0
Extras	9
Total	39

Only ten men could be obtained for each side, so it was determined to play one short on both teams. Mr. Mordue kindly umpired for the visitors, and Mr. Laidler for the home team. After this a game was played, Dall and Holmes v. T. Brewis and Elliott, resulting in an easy victory for the latter. An excellent tea followed at Host Johnson's, The Peacock inn, and then all adjourned to the church, where 720 Bob Minor was rung. R. Simm, 1; W. S. Custance, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; R. Mordue, 4; E. Wallis (conductor), 5; A. F. Hillier, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. Going back to The Peacock a very convivial and enjoyable evening was spent, several songs being sung and courses rung on handbells. Mr. W. Brewis took the chair, and with the assistance of Mr. Routledge, who occupied the vice-chair, kept the ball rolling well the whole night. The latter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Tanfield ringers for their excellent arrangements and entertainment, and proposed the health of Mr. F. Lowe, which was drunk with musical honours. A collection followed for the Tanfield C.C. who had so kindly lent the field, and the evening's amusement closed with Auld Lang Syne. The Newcastle men reached home shortly after 11 p.m.

LATE NOTICE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—EASTERN DIVISION.—A divisional meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at East Hoathly. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, and business meeting immediately after. Members who intend to be present are requested to let the Hon. Sec. know by Wednesday, July 4th.

W. E. NYE, *Hon. Sec.*
15, *Commercial Road, Eastbourne.*

Ringers' Outings.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.—On Saturday evening, June 9th, seven members of this Society, accompanied by Mr. Park and Mr. W. Porter, of St. Cuthbert's, visited Hurworth, to have a pull on the grand toned ring of six, tenor 17 cwt. The church, which is charmingly situated close to the banks of the river Tees and overlooking one of the most fertile valleys to be found in England, is evidently well looked after by the responsible authorities, both building and churchyard being a model of thorough repair and neatness. Here are to be found memorials to men who have made their names famous both in the world of letters and agriculture. Notably in the former case is the tombstone erected to the memory of Mr. Emerson, the eminent mathematician, and in the latter the name of the Colling family, closely identified with the breeding of Shorthorn cattle. Some few years ago change-ringing was practiced in this village with considerable success under the guidance of the brothers Johnson and Joel Hern, and on our arrival at the tower we were met by some of their old pupils. The bells were raised and soon set going to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob, but the first attempt came to grief within three leads of home. Kent was next tried and a 720 rung. E. Cox, 1; J. Lynn, 2; W. Porter, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; G. Park (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. Mr. G. A. Overton, another old friend of Messrs. Hern, having now arrived, the Trinity ringers started for Grandsire, and another 720 was rung. E. Cox, 1, J. Lynn, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Oxford was again taken in hand and this time with better success, the full 720 being rung. E. Cox, 1; G. J. Lungley, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; W. Porter, 4; G. Park, 5; G. W. Park (conductor), 6. Mr. Porter has lately come from Tunbridge Wells, and this is his first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. After a course of Treble Bob Major on the handbells a start was made for home, which was safely reached by 10 o'clock, all having enjoyed the short outing.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, TETTENHALL.—On Saturday, June 9th, the members of the above society, with the Rev. H. C. Harrison, vicar, and the Rev.—. Taylor, curate of Tettenhall, and Mr. J. E. Groves, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, had their annual outing, the place selected being Areley-on-Severn, Staffordshire. A start was made by brake at 9.30 a.m., and all went well for nearly two hours, when a change-course in the roads occurred, which led to the expression that "'e dunno' whare 'e are." After inquiries they were told to go up instead of down, which we did, but it was very slow work, but the scenery was beautiful and the air very refreshing. After several courses of up and down work enquiries were again made, when much to our surprise we were told that it was still eight miles to our destination, which was reached after a little more dodging at 1.15, and five minutes later saw the party doing full justice to an excellent spread at The Vanister hotel, after which the church and castle was visited. Here the greatest disappointment occurred. We could not have a ring because a bell-hanger had pronounced them unsafe. They are a handy ring of six, tenor 9½ cwt m A. Leaving the church the river Severn was the next attraction, on which the next two hours were spent. The brothers Rowe proved excellent oarsmen, as also did the Vicar when pulling up the ford. While on the river several courses of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung on the handbells by T. Rowe, 1-2; B. Dalton, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6-7-8. Also several tunes by C. Bassage and J. E. Groves. Tea was served on the green at 5.30, when the return journey was commenced, which was by a much better route, and passing through the village of Averley, Salop, the party were delighted to hear some well-struck 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles at the parish church, probably by the local band. Wolverhampton was reached at 10 p.m., each one expressing himself as well pleased with such an enjoyable outing.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.—The members of this society had their third annual outing on Saturday, June 2nd. The party, sixteen in number, started in a brake supplied by Mr. Jarvis, at 12.20, and after two hours' pleasant ride, the first ringing place was reached, Sherburn Green. Here we found a very pleasant peal of six bells. Mr. Wells, the steeplekeeper, having told us everything was ready, a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 600 changes, through the clapper of the fourth bell coming out. H. Dibley, 1; A. W. Reeves, 2; A. E. Evans, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; J. Hands, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. A start was then made for Basingstoke, which was reached at 4.0, being met by Mr. Henry White, who soon conducted us to the belfry. Here, the bells were soon set ringing, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round, conducted by F. Sweetzer. Then 336 of Bob Major, conducted by A. E. Reeves. And a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by H. White. Then another touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with Miss Alice White, daughter of the worthy steeplekeeper, at the treble, and conducted by A. E. Reeves. Ringing being over, the company adjourned to The Old Angel Cafe for tea, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. White, for taking so much trouble in getting everything ready. After a stroll round Basingstoke, the company started for home, reaching Reading about 11 p.m., all feeling refreshed for their blow along the country roads.

THE OSWESTRY SOCIETY.—A large order: "Oh! Mr. Whitfield, we want to go to London." "All?" "Yes, ten, and you must come with us." So with light hearts and fairly heavy purses, on June the 9th, 10th and 11th, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, we went, came and saw, were happy, and enjoyed ourselves. On Saturday the venerable Abbey, the stately Houses of Parliament, Regent Street, Trafalgar Square, St. James's Palace, the changing of the guard, were viewed and the band heard. From the front row in the pit we witnessed "Charlie's Aunt," amid roars of laughter, and wound up the evening in the fairyland of Olympia and on the water beneath the 1001 pillars. Sunday morning we gathered at St. Paul's, and some of us saw Mr. Petitt lead off on the treble at the stroke of ten, then descended under the kindly guidance of Mr. Hayes to join our companions and to hear the usual three courses of Stedman Cinques rolled off. After service, which was attended by the Lord Mayor, it being Hospital Sunday, the party sailed by the good ship "Daisy" to Westminster, and having dined with the Master at his hotel, proceeded to Hyde Park to witness the ceaseless throng of beauty and fashion and the cabmen's procession; returning by the Albert Memorial and Imperial Institute. Tea over, we listen to Grandsire Caters at St. Margaret's, and attend the Abbey service. Monday morning sees us dodging the mighty traffic of London Bridge and Billingsgate on our way to the Tower, to meet a friend in the Yeomen of the Guard, who very kindly showed us all the ins and outs of this ancient place, where so many sad and awful incidents in England's history have been enacted. Parting with our genial guide and friend, we dine, and prepare for our homeward journey (not forgetting presents for wives and sweethearts), and arrive at our destination in due course, all greatly pleased with our first visit to London.

SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26th, this Association held a monthly meeting for practice and enrolling new members at Hillingdon, Middlesex. The bells of St. John the Baptist and St. Andrew's were placed at the disposal of the members. Ringing commenced at St. John's at 5.30 p.m, and was continued for about two hours in Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Union, and Stedman Triples, when an adjournment was made to St. Andrew's, ringing being continued in the above methods, with an attempt at Bob Major until 9.30, when the company began to disperse, being well pleased at having such a successful meeting.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to the Rev. J. H. Thomas and the Rev. H. C. Bird for the use of the bells; also the latter for kindly placing the Church Room for the use of the Committee. About thirty members were present from Ealing, Isleworth, Harmondsworth, etc.

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Letters from the Antipodes.

George Street, Bathurst, N.S. Wales, March 4th, 1894.

DEAR SIR,—I think it will interest you to know what we are doing out in this part of the world in ringing matters. We have a nice peal of six (tenor 9½ cwt.), by Warner and Sons, I think they are about the oldest out here--about the year 1850. I have been told that when the news of one of the great victories in the Crimea reached this town, they had no ringers, so they got hammers and hammered the bells, the marks are plain on them now; they also managed to crack one, which had to be recast. The tower is of brick, about 100 feet in height, and as we are about 2300 feet above sea level, we thought the bells were as high as any that were used for change-ringing. When I came out here about ten years ago, I was a stranger in a strange land, and always being fond of ringing at home, the first week I was here I heard a bell pulled up, I said to my wife, "Hear that, there must be a peal of bells here somewhere." I was very much surprised. The next week I found them out; there was only round-ringing then, but, after a year or so, the old captain was laid up, and I was elected in his place. I did not know much about change-ringing then; I had rung at Ranmore Common, in Surrey, also at Epsom. The last six years I lived near Norwich, so I heard plenty of change-ringing from that grand peal of twelve at St. Peter's, so I thought if change-ringing can be learned at home, it can out here, so I sent home for one of Snowdon's *Rope Sight*, and with that we set to work. I could not get any of the old members to take it up, so had to get new members. Then we found the bells wanted some repairing, so we set to work and collected the money, and had them put in order. We started again last August with almost a new band, and glad to say can manage 120 Bob Doubles quite nicely, and hope some day to be able to report the 720.

We feel very much alone out here, we never get a visit from another band. I think in Sydney they are learning method-ringing in two or three towers, but that city is 150 miles from here. I often think our brother ringers in England would feel the same if there was no tower within 150 miles of them. We have an old ringer from home up in the belfry sometimes.—I remain, yours truly,

H. LYNCH,
Captain of All Saints Cathedral Ringers.

939, *High Street, Armadale, near Melbourne, Victoria.*

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed are two extracts, which perhaps you may find room for in your valuable paper. The quarter-peal was rung on the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the anniversary of the first peal in the Colonies, and it was the conductor's own composition. The bells of St. Patrick's were cast by Murphy, of Dublin, snd shown in the Dublin Exhibition, of 1852 (I think), then sent out here, but not used for twelve or fifteen years, there being no tower to put them in, the weight of tenor is about 17 cwt. I might say we never let the 9th of April go by without honouring the day; and again, in Snowdon's *Grandsire*, you will find in the list of peals John Holt rang, were two in one day, the 9th of April, 140 years ago, at Hillingdon (St. Mary), which is my native village, and where I first learned to handle a bell. It is just forty years ago since I left there.

The other extract, relating to our venerable Dean's 95th birthday, although not relating to ringing, is still not far from it, for the Melbourne Society and a few of ours, met at St. James' on the evening of the 10th, and ought to have done something worth recording, but being so many there we did not, only some short touches of Grandsire Triples, a 504 being the longest.

The Very Rev. H. B. Macartney, the Dean, is an Irishman by birth, and has now entered on his 96th year, and yesterday, Sunday, April 15th, preached at St. James' in the morning to a large congregation.—I remain, yours, etc., W. SHENTON.

The following are the two paragraphs alluded to by Mr. Shenton:—

In commemoration of the anniversary of the ringing of the first peal of 5040 changes rung at St. Phillip's, Church Hill, Sydney, on April 9th, 1890, the members of the Victorian Society of Change-ringers met on Monday evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and by the kind permission of that society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 changes, in 47 mins, the men standing as follows:—Jas. Nolan, 1; W. Shenton, 2; W. Albinson (conductor), 3; A. Baines, 4; Jno. Nolan, 5; J. Freeman, 6; J. Murray, 7; J. Coppoch, 8.

The Very Rev. Dean of Melbourne celebrated his 95th birthday yesterday, and received congratulations from a constant stream of visitors at his house in Hotham street, East Melbourne. The aged clergyman, who is the oldest Anglican divine in the world, has been associated with the Church in Melbourne since its earliest beginnings. He still enjoys good physical health, and his mental faculties are unimpared. A number of his friends brought birthday presents with them, among which was an address from the masters and pupils of the Church of England Grammar School, Geelong, congratulating Dean Macartney on his long and honourable career, and hoping that the signatories would be able to repeat their congratulations for many years to come. The Dean of Melbourne proposes to preach on Sunday next at the church of St. James.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held at Thornhill on Saturday, June 16th, when a fair number of ringers assembled from Dewsbury, Batley, Birstal, Batley Carr, Brighouse, Shelley, Mirfield, Earlsheaton, and other places. The meeting took place at The Alma inn, the President, Mr. Joah Peacock, presiding. After the minutes were read by the Secretary, a ballot was drawn as to where the six-bell contest should take place, and Sandal being drawn, it was ultimately agreed to hold it on Saturday, September 9th, of which further notice will appear in "THE BELL NEWS." After other business had been gone through two honorary members were enrolled, and the meeting closed. The next meeting will be held at Low Moor.

Obituary.

JOHN FOWLER.

We much regret to record the death of the above named ringer, at the ripe age of 75, which took place on Wednesday, June 13th. Deceased had been a ringer at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, for over fifty years, and had taken part in about twenty peals on 7, 8, 9, and 10 bells. Mr. Fowler's smiling face will be greatly missed by a very large circle of ringers and friends in the Midlands. Deceased was buried at Sedgley, on Saturday, the 16th, when several ringers attended as bearers, etc. The Sedgley band also rang muffled touches, and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rang half muffled at Wolverhampton, on Monday, June 18th.

WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD.

On Friday, May 25th, the above ringer died at Dawlish, Devon, aged twenty-four years, where he had been staying for the benefit of his health, but the dread enemy, decline, at last obtained the mastery, although surrounded by every comfort, the best of nursing, and attention of a loving father and sister. Deceased was a native of Eye, Suffolk, and when a boy was for some years in the church choir; he learnt the business of a carpenter and joiner, working with three expert ringers; he also learnt to ring. Coming to London he made the acquaintance of Mr. Driver, and joined the All Saints' Society, Fulham, with whom he rang eight peals. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, ringing two peals, at Epsom and Mortlake; also a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, ringing his first peal (the tenor) to Brooks' Variation of Stedman Triples, on April 13th, 1889, and also one non-association peal at Eye, of Grandsire Triples. His last peal was rung on his return to London, after a stay of some weeks in the country, at Fulham, which was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, on May 13th, 1893. The following is a record of peals he has rung:—Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1. The members of the Fulham Society, out of respect for the deceased (by all of whom he was beloved), rang a muffled peal with the usual whole pull and stand; as was also rung at Eye, and his age with the solemn knell of the tenor bell, which he had been so fond of ringing, and could strike so well, but which through weakness very nearly overcame him in the last touch of Treble Bob. The last few days of his life was spent in great bodily pain, which was borne with Christian fortitude and resignation, and his end was peace.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1894.

EVERY one will admit that from time to time performances are reported as having been rung which ought not to have been recognised as legitimate peals. That many such have been recorded in the past will be acknowledged. There are many of the elder members of the Exercise who have vivid recollections of instances where they have been themselves concerned in performances believed for the moment to be all correct, yet upon a merely superficial examination have been found to be spurious. We are now alluding specifically to ringing, not to composition. Is there any one of our readers who has never heard of the story of a conductor who just before commencing a peal, hung up his watch in the belfry, and proceeded to call a peal "by time?" And how the watch had stopped an hour before he was aware of it, and after the bells had come round, it was discovered that the company had been ringing above four hours for a peal of Triples? There are numerous legends of this sort, most of them possessing some truth.

Though the day is gone by when this kind of thing could be carried on wholesale, or with the impunity of former years, it is to be feared that the "peal-cooker" is not yet quite extinct. But anecdotes of these things are sometimes overdone; the story-teller over-reaches himself in his ambition to entertain his auditory, and his relation,

when investigated, is too near the fabulous. Of this character we deem the assertions of a correspondent, who in our last issue asserted that in a peal recorded the previous week, "the bells came to a perfect standstill, and remained so for a period of at least three or four leads!" This is protesting too much. To ask any one to believe such a statement is an outrage on common sense. After the letter from the Rev. R. C. M. HARVEY, the discretion of remaining silent will be the wisest course for the correspondent who impugned this peal.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(ENGLISH CHURCH UNION ANNIVERSARY PEAL.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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REV. J. H. HINDSON ..	2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY	6.
F. W. J. REES	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ..	4.	E. E. RICHARDS.. ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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JOHN E. GUMMERSON ..	3.	JOHN BARKER	
WALTER MARSDEN	4.	WILLIAM MAJOR ..	..*Tenor.*
JONATHAN F. HALL	5.	*WILLIAM JUMP	

Conducted by REV. H. F. LLOYD.

*First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE SMART*..	..*Treble.*	*GEORGE BAKER	5.
KEITH HART*	2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER	3.	HARRY WESTON..	7.
GEORGE A. KING	4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method. This peal, in one-part, has the 6th its extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, June 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

RICHARD E. GROVE ..	..*Treble.*	*ERNEST C. HUNT	5.
THOMAS J. SALTER	2.	*WILLIAM PAGE	6.
JOHN O. BENNETT	3.	JOHN CRANE	7.
NOAH DAVIS*	4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal in the method. W. Page hails from Worcester.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1894, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF ANNABLE'S THIRD-PART PEAL Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER J. TRUSLER*	..*Treble.*	ALFRED J. TURNER	5.
FREDERICK W. HARDING..	2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL	6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH† ..	3.	‡ROBERT J. DAWE	7.
GEORGE A. KING	4.	KEITH HART	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Major as conductor, and was rung as a birthday peal to G. A. King, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day, who, with Messrs. Frossell, Hart, and Dawe hail from Brighton.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT	..*Treble.*	*GEORGE STEER	5.
GEORGE B. SELBY	2.	*JOHN HEATH	6.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK ..	3.	WILLIAM J. COLLISON ..	7.
HENRY J. SELBY†	4.	DAVID ASHDOWN ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by HENRY J. SELBY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is first peal of Grandsire and quickest on the bells since the restoration in 1892, and also the first peal ever rung on the bells in which any local men have taken part; all are Westerham men with the exception of the ringer of the seventh, who hails from Edenbridge.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED. SUMNER*.. ..	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM COOKS..	5.
W. H. SUMNER	2.	W. S. PRITCHETT	6.
WILLIAM PALMER	3.	THEODORE PRITCHETT ..	7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT	4.	*J. WILLIAMS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

*First peal.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART VARIATION (HARRISON'S MS.) Tenor 13¾ cwt. in G.

CHARLES DAVIS* ..	..*Treble.*	HENRY MEACHAM	5.
JAMES PLANT	2.	FREDERICK J. COPE	6.
FRANCIS SEDGWICK	3.	WILLIAM J. FEARNEYHOUGH	7.
WILLIAM STRINGER	4.	CHARLES NORTH.. ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COPE.

*First peal. Messrs. Plant and Stringer hail from Erdington, the rest from Lichfield. W. Stringer was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES BALDWIN.. ..	..*Treble.*	HARRY DEMAINE	5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND	2.	JOHN THACKRAY..	6.
ARTHUR CRAVEN	3.	ALFRED NAYLOR	7.
FREDERICK W. DIXON ..	4.	WILLIAM CHILD.. ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

S. CROUCHER* .. .. ..*Treble.*	C. MILWAY.. .. .. .. 5.
W. T. TAYLOR .. .. .. 2.	H. BURLING .. .. .. 6.
C. H. DRAKE* .. .. .. 3.	G. A. RANSOM .. .. .. 7.
F. HUNT .. .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by G. A. RANSOM.

First peal. W. H. Taylor hails from Lynsted; C. Milway and G. A. Ransom from Sittingbourne; G. Wood from Faversham; the rest belong to the local band.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5148 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F♯.

CHARLES WEST* .. ..*Treble.*	THOMAS WHITFIELD.. .. 5.
JOHN THOMAS WALSH .. 2.	FREDERICK TATE .. .. 6.
GEORGE THOMAS MARSHALL 3.	CHARLES JACKSON .. .. 7.
HERBERT FEATHERSTONE.. 4.	*HUMPHREY YOUNG .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

*First peal. Messrs. C. Jackson and G. T. Marshall hail from Hull; the rest belong to the local company.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL .. ..*Treble.*	ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. .. 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 9.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT . 5.	JAMES PARDOE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal has the sixth twenty-four times before the 9th and seven times behind the 7th in the reversed Tittums position, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke position. It was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. John Fowler (see obituary). The number of changes in the above peal is interesting from the fact that the odd 75 represents the age of the deceased.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..*Treble.*	†HENRY W. BALDRY.. .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN† .. .. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
FRED. E. W. MEADOWS*.. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. .. 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	*WILLIAM WEEDON .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. F. E. W. Meadows (who is aged 15), hails from Otley; D. G. Wightman and H. W. Baldry from Brandeston; Messrs. A. S. Wightman, E. Wightman, S. Wightman, sen., and G. Wightman from Cretingham; W. Weedon belongs to the local company.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

PETER TYLER .. .. ..*Treble.*	FREDERICK DENCH .. .. 5.
JOHN RICE .. .. 2.	ROBERT JORDAN.. .. .. 6.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. .. 3.	JAMES PARKER .. .. .. 7.
WILLIAM WARD .. .. .. 4.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ..*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN THREE MINOR METHODS;

Being three 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, three 720s Plain Bob and one 720 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAS. CLIFFE.. .. .. ..*Treble.*	E. A. HOUGH .. .. .. 4.
E. BREEZE*.. .. .. .. 2.	*JOS. WOODS.. .. .. .. 5.
F. JONES .. .. 3.	J. DILLON .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. DILLON.

*First 5040. Also first 5040 in three methods by all except the conductor.

The two following performances being rung in less then three methods, are not classified among the peals, according to the dictum of the Central Council. One equally unentitled appeared by mistake a fortnight ago, rang at Hayes, in Kent.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, June 13th, at St. Michael's church, seven 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently, in 2 hrs. and 52 mins. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hinchley, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hilling, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, June 16th, at Holy Trinity church, Barking road, seven 720's of Bob Minor, in 2 hrs. and 48 mins., each called differently. J. Waits, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Truss, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; G. Pearl, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6. Tenor 7¼ cwt. W. Truss was elected a member previous to starting. This is the first 5040 on the bells, and the first by J. Waits (churchwarden). The ringers on leaving the tower were met by the vicar, the Rev. J. Russell, who congratulated the band on their success. A move was then made to the residence of Mr. Waits, where a 503 of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells retained in hand. W. Truss, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Dallimore, 7-8. Songs by Messrs. Waits and Dallimore then followed, Mr. Organ, member of the Holy Trinity Society, presiding at the piano. Then a course of Grandsire Caters was rung with C. Dempsey 1-2, the remainder sitting as above. A vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells was then proposed and carried, also to Mr. Waits for the use of his room. The company then dispersed, having spent a very pleasant evening. The 5040 was rung at the first attempt, and contains the greatest and the least number of calls.

Date Touches.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, June 10th, at the residence of Mr. W. Kent, Fentham Road, Birchfields, four members of the above Guild, with Mr. R. Hackley, rang a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. T. Russam (conductor), 1-2; W. Kent (composer), 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; B. Witchell, 7-8; R. Hackley, 9-10.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Thursday, June 7th, at St. Werburgh's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. T. Anthony, 1; N. H. Poyser, 2; F. Bradley, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; A. H. Ward, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7; T. Griffith, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, June 7th, for practice at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. A. Grist, 1; F. J. Best, 2; E. T. Green, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, May 31st, at the Cathedral, 360 Grandsire Caters. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. W. Elkins, 10. Also 280 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. On Thursday, June 7th, 532 Grandsire Triples. R. White, 1; R. Hasted, 2; G. Smith, 3; T. Newnham, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; W. Cornish, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Harper, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; G. Cornish, 8. On Tuesday, June 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. E. Drinkwater (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Staples, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons, 4; G. M. Instral, 5; R. Harman, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; J. Matthews, 8. Messrs. Staples and Instral hail from Havant.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WITHAM (Essex).—On Thursday, June 7th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, Chipping Hill, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer (Stisted), 1; H. Chalk, 2; C. H. Howard (Braintree), 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method (eighteen singles and three bobs). Composed by T. Millington, of Clay Cross. J. Butler, 1; H. Chalk, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; H. Sayer, 4; E. Garnett, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. Edward's church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3900 changes in 2 hrs. 17 mins., "stand" had to be called owing to a change-course. T. James, 1; W. Watson, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. On Sunday morning, May 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 25 mins. G. Roughton, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; W. Pye, 6.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 48 mins. W. H. Freeman, 1; F. Rumens, 2; R. J. Maynard, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; F. A. Nunn, 6; E. T. Edridge, 7; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 8.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, May 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 of College Double Bob. T. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 20th, for morning service, 720 Chichester Surprise, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Cambridge Surprise (2nd the observation). J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Surprise (4th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor) 6. And on Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, 720 Worcester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 31st, for practice, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Morning Exercise (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Constable, 1; G. Pawley, 2; T. Mannering (conductor), 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. Gasson, 5; A. H. Woolley, 6; E. Elliott, 7; A. Tawney, 8; A. Palmer, 9; T. Bonnor, 10. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. T. Mannering, 1; W. Mannering, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Tawney, 4; H. Hopkins, 5; G. Pawley, 6; A. Palmer (conductor), 7; T. Bonnor, 8. H. Hopkins hails from London.

GOWDHURST (Kent).—On Monday, June 11th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. T. Lambert, 1; W. Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; G. Hodge, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. This was rung on the back six. Tenor 27 cwt.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Saturday, June 9th, for practice, 720 ot Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). G. Dennis, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; H. Wood, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This was the conductor's 200th 720. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor. T. W. Jarrett, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; H. Wood, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. And 720 Court Bob Minor. G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. Messrs. Jarrett and Ransom belong to Sittingbourne; Drake to Ospringe; Wood to Rodmersham; the rest to the local company.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Monday, June 4th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) with the tenor covering. J. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Wood, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6; W. Walter, 8. On Sunday, June 10th, for Divine Service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; H. Baker, 3; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; H. Burling, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; W. Walker, 8. Messrs. Bridges, Baker, and Burling belong to Ospringe.

TUNSTALL, NEAR SITTINGBOURNR.—On Friday, June 15th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. H. E. T. Cruso to the living of Tunstall, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. J. Tidy, jun., 1; E. Bridges, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; H. Wood, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is believed to be the first 720 on the bells since their conversion from the original five, by Mears and Stainbank, in 1843.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent.)—On Sunday, May 13th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. Burfield, 1; W. Porter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; H. Porter, 4; E. W. Allen, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; S. Perkins, 7; G. Smithers, 8. E. Allen hails from Borden, Kent. On Thursday, May 24th, for practice, a 576 of Bob Major. R. Burfield (longest touch in the method), 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; S. Perkins, 5; G. Smithers, 6; C. Goble, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; P. Brooker, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Smithers, 4; C. Goble, 5; S. Perkins, 6; T. Card (conductor), 7; W. Latter, 8. On Thursday, June 7th, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Latter, 1; R. Burfield, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; P. Brooker, 4; G. Smithers (conductor), 5; H. Porter, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; C. Goble, S. And a 720 of Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. (nine bobs). E. Mankelow, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; H. Porter, 4; C. Goble, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6. This is W. Latter's first 720 of Treble Bob Minor as conductor, and the first 720 by all the band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Friday, June 1st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. Townson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; J. Gibson (first 720), 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and fourteen singles) in 24 mins. R. W. Burrows, 1; T. Watson, 2; A. E. Sheppard, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD (Durham).—On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. R. Brewis, 1; W. Brewis, 2; T. Brewis, 3; H. Dall, 4; F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. W. R. Brewis, 1; H. Tyson, 2; *H. Dall, 3; T. Brewis, 4; *F. Lowe, 5; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEADINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., being the first 720 by the local band. T. Tolley, 1; H. Bennett, 2; W. Jacobs, 3; J. Adams, 4; G. Stace (conductor), 5; G. Tolley, 6.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at St. Giles' church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Venner to Miss Franklin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. E. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. And in the evening, 910 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A. E. Evans, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; A. W. Reeves, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 9th, at St. Michael's church, 1376 of Bob Major. *W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (conductor), 2; *A. E. Read, 3; *H. Howlett, 4; *C. Harper, 5; C. F. Ling, 6: *S. Garnham, 7; *J. Self, 8. C. F. Ling hails from Bedfield; the rest belong to the local company. *Longest length in the method.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 12th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, after ringing 2436 changes in 1 hr. 25 mins., through a change-course. F. Pitts, 1; F. Perrin, 2; J. Cawley, 3; A. Davis, 4; H. Warnett, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; W. Hasted, 7; G. Turl, jun., 8. On Saturday, June 2nd, the same peal was again attempted, which also came to grief, after ringing 2184 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins, through thetreble rope slipping wheel. F. Pitts, 1; H. Barton, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; J. Cawley, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; G. Turl, jun., 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, May 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin (conductor), 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, May 13th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). F. Jones (first 720), 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Wednesday, May 23rd, 300 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Church, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 College Single (sixteen bobs two singles). F. C. Jones (first 720 in the method), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett (first 720 in the method with a bob-bell), 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. F. C. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Jones, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; E. C. Allen, 6. On Thursday, May 24th, at 5 a.m., in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Crampton, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 30th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Thrussell (first 720), 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Burrows, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Cawley, 4; R. Bevan, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Messrs. Cawley, Bevan, and Nixon hail from Haverstock Hill; Burrows and Reeves from Finchley.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 29th, at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, 432 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; G. Salter, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; J. Bennett, 6; T. J. Salter (conductor), 7; J. Crane, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major E. C. Hunt, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; J. Bennett, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; G. Salter, 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8. W. Barber hails from Clent, A. E. Parsons from Old Hill. And a 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Crane. On Sunday, May 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; J. Bennett, 3; N. Davis, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter, 6; W. H. Smith (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett, 1; T. Wakeman, 2; N. Davis, 3; J. Bennett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; T. Salter, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; E. C. Hunt, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, at St. John's church, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; G. Maries (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Salthouse, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell (conductor), 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON.—On Sunday evening, May 21st, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 52 mins. H. N. Davis, 1; B. Foskett, 2; F. Perrin, 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; W. Ingham, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; G. Wild, 8. On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Bedwell, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; P. Howard, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; G. Smith, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; G. Wild, 8.

BLOOMSBURY.—On Sunday, May 27th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Griggs, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; F. Perrin, 3; A. Barton, 4; A. Davis, 5; F. Pitts, 6; J. E. Davis, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Wednesday, May 30th, for practice at Christ Church, Blacklands, on Selby's apparatus, 72 and 108 of Grandsire Minor. W. R. J. Quaife, 1; F. Lock, 2; J. Livermore, 3; P. J. Block, 4; A. Tester, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6. First touch of Minor by the local band. On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (four 3-part and one 2-part, called differently) in 25 mins. F. Lock, 1; P. J. Block, 2; J. Livermore, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; W. H. Swain, 6. For evening service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called diffhrently. F. Lock (conductor), 1; J. Livermore, 2; H. J. F. Crane (longest touch with a bob bell), 3; P. J. Block, 4; A. Tester, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. Tenor 21½ cwt.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 10th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. Jno. Thackeray (conductor), 1; F. Blackith, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 360 Merchants' Delight. Joe Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; Jno. Thackeray (conductor), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 12th, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Perrins, 1; E. Playdon, 2; J. Chance, 3; *A. Jackson (conductor), 4; E. Gilbert, 5; W. Hemming, 6; J. Broad, 7; T. Roberts, 8. *First touch as conductor.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, May 22nd, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. T. Salter (conductor), 1; G. Davis, 2; N. Davis, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; W. Smith, 5; E. C. Hunt, 6. First 720 in the method by the 3rd, 5th, and 6th ringers.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. *J. Thomas (Chester Guild), 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; H. J. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Thomas, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; F. Pratt (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. *First in the method, and hails from Wrenbury, Cheshire.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, June 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs) in 29 mins. F. Merrison, 1; G. Marshall (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; G. T. Miller, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; J. Dixey, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, June 9th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and sixteen bobs). T. Allibone, 1; T. Day, 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Millington (Clay Cross, conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Clough (Clay Cross), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (thirty-six singles and six bobs). J. Butler, 1; T. Allibone, 2; T. Clough, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; T. Day, 6. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Naylor, 1; J. H. Naylor, 2; E. Glover (conductor), 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, June 9th, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. J. Read, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; G. Cawley, 4; Rev. J. H. Travers, 5; G. Valentine (conductor), 6. J. Read hails from Wicken, Northants. On Sunday morning, June 10th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; G. Cawley, 4; G. Valentine, 5; Rev. J. H. Travers (conductor), 6.

WELLINGTON (Salop).—On Sunday evening, June 10th. for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Rowley (conductor), 1; T. Bnrd (Shrewsbury), 2; R. Nickolls, 3; R. Rowley, 4; B. Shaw, 5; E. Childs, 6; T. Pritchard, 7; G. More, 8.

YARNTON (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, May 27th, some of the Kidlington ringers visited this place and rang for Divine Service 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Webb, 1; W. Bennett, 2; J. Matthews, 3; H. Butler, 4; J. Franklin, 5; H. Judge (conductor), 6. Tenor about 23 cwt. This is supposed to be the second 720 ever rung on these heavy bad going bells (although they were rehung in 1892), but they would go much better if the frame was well bolted.

Notices.

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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.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*
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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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Norwich Diocesan Association. — Saxmundham District. — The fourth annual district meeting will be held at Sweffling, today, Saturday, June 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 o'clock in the Iron Room near the church, when the annual report will be read. The Rector will preside. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*
Leiston.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 23rd, 1894. at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m., sermon at 4 p.m. in Cathedral by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, vicar of Tamworth. Tea at 5.15 at Coffee house, tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *Bull Street, West Bromwich.*

South and West Middlesex Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Staines, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at 5 o'clock, for united practice and enrolling members.

E. J. WALSOM, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Saffron Walden Society. Established 1623.—This society will hold its 271st anniversary on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Dinner at two o'clock, at The King's Arms inn. All friends heartily welcomed. G. MARTIN, *Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when it is hoped that every member will make it convenient to attend. Books open at 8, and chair to be taken for subsequent business at 8.30 p.m.

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

The Surrey Association. — The annual meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, July 2nd. By kind permission of the Rev. E. A. Chichester the tower of St. Martin's (8 bells) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The tower of Ranmore Common is not available. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. Tea at the parish church room (close to church) at 5.30 p.m. Representatives are requested to forward the number who intend to be present at tea to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 27th. By permission of the Rev. E. Sanders, the tower of St. Michael's, Betchworth, distance 2½ miles (six bells), will be open from 4 till 9 p.m. Methods for practice: Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*
13, *Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Crosby, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.— Liverpool Diocesan Branch.–The usual monthly meeting will be held at Halewood, on Saturday, July 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to be held in the schoolroom.

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

The Bedfordshire Association. — Quarterley meeting at Turvey, on Saturday, June 30th. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society —The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at Armley, on Saturday, June 30th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn, Town Street R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
3, *Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Woodchurch, on Saturday next, June 30th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, June 25th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Braeside, West Kirby.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — Bath Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Andrew's church, Bath, on Monday, July 2nd, at 7 p.m., when it is hoped all members will make it convenient to attend. JAMES FUSSELL, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Peter's Society, Walworth. — The members of the above Society intend holding their first annual excursion on Saturday, July 14th, to great Marlow, Bucks. All honorary members and friends wishing to accompany us are kindly requested to communicate with the Secretary or attend meeting at St. Peter's on Friday, June 29th, at 8.30 p.m.

F. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*
42, *Aylesbury Street, Walworth, S.E.*

ST. MARY'S, KIDDERMINSTER.—The tower of St. Mary's is now closed for ringing. The church is undergoing a restoration at the hands of an anonymous donor. Portions of the church are already completed. The tower has now been commenced, and is to be thoroughly restored and cased with new stone. It is expected to take from twelve to eighteen months.

THE PEAL AT CRAWLEY.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Dench, who attained his nineteenth birthday on that day. It is also his 25th peal, which are made up as follows; Grandsire Triples, 3; Court Bob Triples, 1; Treble Bob Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 10; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; on six bells, 3.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Geo. Woodiss has removed to Rydens Grove, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week, we shall, if possible, publish a group portrait of the band who recently rang the long peal of Superlative at Loughborough.

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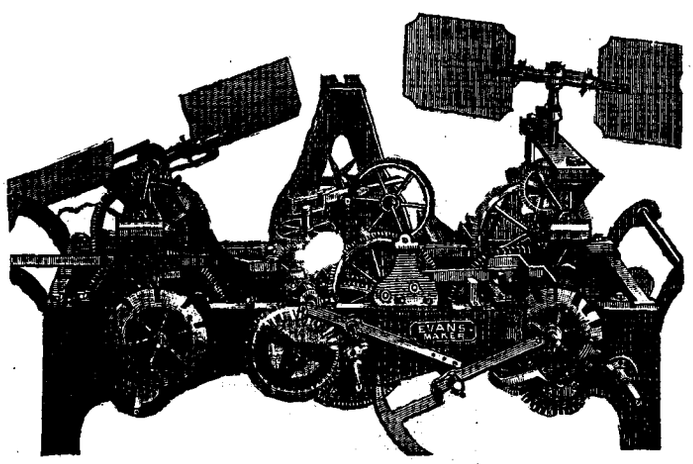

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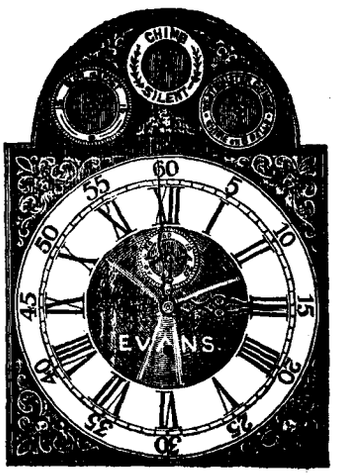

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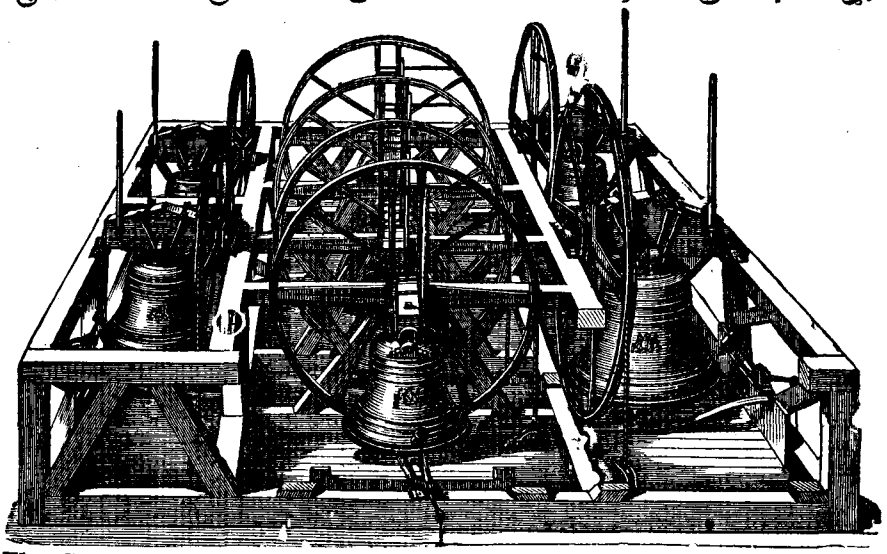

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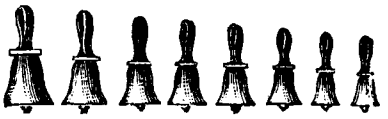

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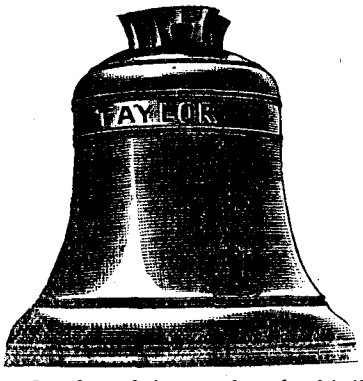

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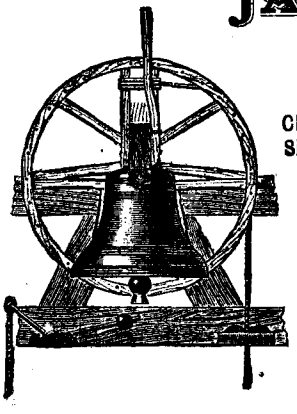

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