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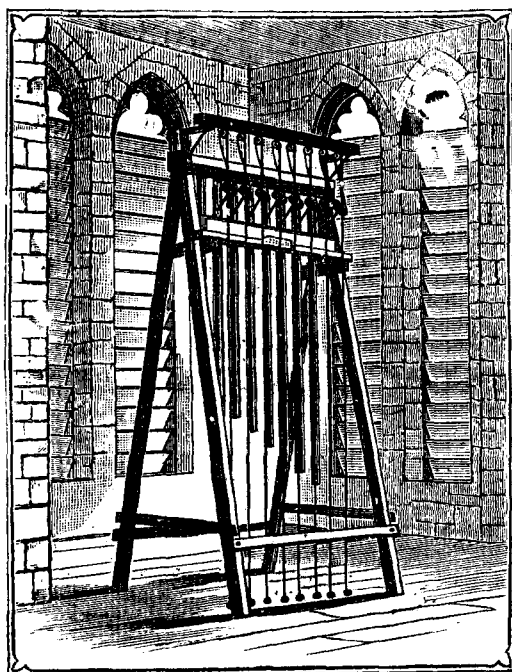
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The annual meeting of this association was held at the parish church, Dorking, on Monday, July 2nd, where hangs a fine peal of eight bells, tenor 25 cwt. The condition of the bells, together with the belfry, reflects great credit on the genial steeple-keeper, Mr. E. Dodd, who had everything in readiness, and did all he could to make it pleasant for the members who had the privilege of enjoying some good practice, both in the afternoon and evening.

The tea and business meeting took place in the parish church room, by kind permission of the vicar, the Rev. E. A. Chichester, when there were present thirty-six members and one visitor, Benhlton, Betchingley, Betchworth, Carshalton, Epsom, London, Reigate, Streatham, and Wimbledon being represented. Several visitors paid a visit, after tea, from Holmwood, Capel, Bucklands, etc., and some very good ringing was done in Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob Triples, also a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Trendell, of Benhlton.

The business meeting, presided over by the vicar (who also took tea with the members), was commenced by the hon. sec. reading the minutes of the last meeting, held at Sutton and Cheam on Easter Monday, which recorded an increase of two honorary and fifteen ringing members. These were passed.

The Secretary reported nine peals had been rung, two on the day of the last meeting and seven since. Also a peal of Treble Bob Major in the Kent variation, rung at Ashstead on June 30th, conducted by Edward Trendell.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, the Rev. A. G. W. Young, of Kingston, being re-elected Hon. Treasurer; Mr. R. B. Blanchard, of Streatham, Hon. Sec.; Mr. F. F. Errington, of Reigate, Asst. Sec. The gentlemen of the Committee were, with one exception, re-elected.

The question of a new peal book was submitted for the consideration of the members, when it was proposed, seconded, and carried, "That a new peal book be purchased similar to volume one, and the peals inserted in rotation up to date"—peal book volume one, having 145 peals entered in it, to be deposited in an iron safe for security.

The Rev. E. A. Chichester was proposed as an honorary member, and six ringing members were also proposed.

The next place of meeting having been put, it was proposed that Guildford be visited. An amendment that it be held at Carshalton and Beddington was carried; also that it be held on or about the first Saturday in October.

A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar was passed, who, in reply, spoke of the good work associations such as these were doing in bringing the ringers into closer union with the clergy and other church officials, impressing upon the members present the need of assisting in the work, not only for the sake of being members, but for promoting the good feeling which at all times exist amongst all parties connected with Church work.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

It was the intention of the members of the above society of ringers to pay a visit to Kemford on Saturday, but at the last moment it had to be postponed on account of the rector being away. As, however, most members had made arrangements to leave their work, it was decided to pay the Thorverton band a visit and help that young band on in a half-pull method. On arriving at the tower a start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after ringing about 300 changes. A 504 in the same method was then rung under the conductorship of Mr. F. Davey. Two short touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and the rest of the evening was spent with the young hands, who, we are pleased to say, are making very satisfactory progress under the tutorship of Mr. Ferris Shepherd. The party were—Messrs. F. Shepherd, J. Moss, C. Carter, W. Drake, E. Shepherd, B. Mundy, E. Squire, T. Hodge, T. Mudge, W. Stoker, W. Martin, and F. Davey. They wish to return their best thanks to the rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. Clarke, junr., and Mr. Ridler for their trouble in making the visitors welcome and comfortable.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.

RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS. — The village of Buxhall was, on Friday week, the scene of considerable rejoicing on the occasion of the re-opening of the parish bells. The heavy expense incurred in repair was met by the energy and perseverance of Miss Nellie Hill, daughter of the highly respected rector, the Rev. H. Hill, who, for nearly a quarter of a century, has been the incumbent of the parish. Miss Hill collected the entire amount (over £50), and the bells were re-opened free from any liability. The bells, which are in the key of F, are said to be second to none in the county for their sweet tone. The tenor, about 17 cwt., was cast in 1632, and the remaining four a few years later. They have been entirely re-hung, with all the newest and most modern improvements. A large congregation assembled for the re-dedication service, which was fully choral, the choir being supplemented by Mr. Pratt and Mr. Adams, of Stowmarket church choir. The lessons were read by the rector. The prayers were said by the Rev. F. E. Horne (Drinkstone). The anthem, "Sing, O Heavens" (Caleb Simper), was rendered, Miss Ethel Hill presiding at the organ. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Wild (Rattlesden). The pulpit, reading desk, font, and east window were decorated with choice flowers sent by Mr. Petteward and Mr. E. Wells, and arranged by Mr. Musgrave and Mr. Payne. The bells rung nearly all day. The ringers—W. Durrant, H. Edwards, T. Durrant, A. Sawyer, and W. Welham—were joined by the Stowmarket ringers, Messrs. Wade, Rouse, Ponder, Jeffries, and Welham. These, with others from neighbouring villages, numbering about fifty, were entertained at the rectory. The proceedings included a meat tea in the park, the expenses being met by subscription. Upwards of 300 sat down; the children of the school, numbering about seventy, also partook of tea. The arrangements were carried out by a committee, consisting of Mr. W. Mitson, Mr. J. Hawtin, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. H. Sawyer, Mr. J. Williams, Mrs. A. Sawyer, Mr. J. Sawyer, junr., Mr. E. Stern, Mr. Payne, Mr. J. Castle, Mr. J. Howe, Mr. Haggart, and Mr. H. Spink. After tea, Mr. E. Wells proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Nellie Hill, and Dr. Copinger responded on that lady's behalf, stating, at her request that it had been a work of love. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the committee. The Stowmarket handbell ringers then gave an exhibition of their prowess on the splendid bells, after which games were indulged in until dark.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

On Saturday afternoon, July 7th, the members of this society carried out a long intended visit to Swainby, at the foot of the Cleveland hills, and about twelve miles from Stockton, the journey being accomplished in a brake, through a very pleasant country. Having gained access to the belfry of the church of the Holy Cross, the bells were raised in peal, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob rung in good style, followed by a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. An adjournment was then made for refreshment, followed by a sally out to explore the beauties and antiquities of the place. The former consisted of the picturesque outline of the adjoining hills and valleys, and the latter of the old church and the gateway of the castle. The old church, from which the new church derives its name, consists of an early Norman nave, in ruins, a chancel, which is transitional between early English, and decorated, kept in repair and used for burials only, and a fifteenth century tower, leaning twenty-two inches out of the perpendicular, and containing one bell, bearing the inscription, "Sancta Maria Ora Nobis." The castle is thought to have been erected in the reign of Richard II., and was surrounded by a large deer park, but very little now remains except the gateway, surrounded by a moat, and formerly provided with a drawbridge and portcullis. The bells in the new church were presented by the Rev. A. H. Cumming, the late vicar, and are a light and musical ring, by Messrs. Warner & Sons. After ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, the bells were lowered in peal, and the Stockton ringers "returned by the way by whence they came," well pleased with their outing.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Langsyne! How doth the word come back
 With magic meaning to the heart,
 As memory roams the sunny track
 From which hope's dreams were loth to part!
 No joy like past joy appears;
 For what is gone we fret and pine.
 Were life spun out a thousand years,
 It could not match Langsyne.

On Saturday, July 14th, twelve members of the above Youths paid a visit to Speldhurst and neighbourhood, by kind invitation of Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny. The party left Cannon Street Station by the 9.30 a.m. fast train to Tunbridge Wells, due to arrive at 10.40 a.m., but, with the usual punctuality of this line of railway, the arrival was not effected till nearly thirty minutes later. The visitors—who consisted of Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, M. A. Wood, W. Cooter, E. Horrex, J. R. Haworth, C. F. Winney, H. Springall, G. J. Smith, H. R. Newton, W. D. Smith, R. French, and W. Prime—were received at the railway station by Miss Leny, Mr. Edward Mackinnon, R.N., and master Lachlan Mackinnon, in company of whom was the Comtesse de Bussy. *En passant*, it may be mentioned that last year, whilst Miss Leny was in Paris, she was stricken with scarlet fever, and the Comtesse performed the noble office of nursing her successfully through that malady. The usual greetings having taken place, seats were taken in a brake provided, and a start made for the "high rocks." What an awful place, situated as they are, quite inland, yet leaving traces of the terrific rush of water that must have taken place thousands upon thousands of years ago! The whole place is one of enchantment, and should be seen only to be believed—awful in its realistic beauty. Engraven in deeply-cut letters on its overhanging mass are these lines:—

Infidel! who, with thy finite wisdom
 Wouldst grasp things infinite, and dost become
 A scoffer of God's holiest mysteries,
 Behold this rock, then tremble and rejoice.
 Tremble! for He who formed these mighty rocks
 Could, in His justice, crush thee where thou art.
 Rejoice! that still His mercy spares thee.

The following-named youths succeeded in ringing, upon the handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques upon the rock's summit, which, perhaps it may with safety be said, is the first ever performed there. E. Horrex, 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; W. Cooter, 5-6; C. F. Winney, 7-8; M. A. Wood, 9-10; W. D. Smith, 11-12. The visitors, with Miss Leny, the Comtesse, and the two young gentlemen having re-taken their seats in the brake, Speldhurst was reached at 12.30, where a generous and welcomed luncheon had been provided at the rectory. Here the visitors were received by Mrs. Mackinnon and the Rev. Donald Mackinnon, the rector. The weather, which had such an unpropitious appearance in London, had evidently made up its mind to treat the youths with its best behaviour, which made the beautiful surroundings of this lovely spot most charming. The cravings of the mortal interiors having been appeased, eight gallant youths, ascending the belfry steps, were soon manipulating the ropes to the tune of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and later on touches of Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung, amounting in the aggregate to 2600 changes. This is a sweetly-toned peal of bells in F. (tenor 12½ cwt.), showing a slight disparity in weight when compared with that of St. Paul's Cathedral tenor, which is 3 tons 2 cwt., and one which was much appreciated, considering the time of year, and the not altogether satisfactory ventilation of the ringing-chamber. Tea having been concluded, a tour through the glebe was the next adventure on the tapis. The visitors were not geographically conversant with the neighbourhood sufficiently to venture on any tour without a guide, so the Comtesse, Miss Leny, and Mrs. Mackinnon acted admirably in that capacity; do not imagine for one moment that such a task is undertaken without subsequent little episodes in connection therewith. The first of the kind was the crossing of a brook, previous to which a three barred fence raised a formidable obstacle, especially as regards the ladies, but this was overcome by the presence and muscular activity of two tenor-men, Mr. Prime, of St. Mary-le-Bow fame, and our stalwart secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, they, as was naively remarked by one of the company, "raised the three bell(e)s without breaking a stay." This gallant act was again repeated a little farther on. The walk was a most enjoyable one, the time occupied in this country ramble being hardly sufficient, and regret

was expressed on all sides that it was not possible to roll two or more days into one. After tea a visit was paid to the interior of the parish church of Speldhurst, and here was evidenced an example of the diligent care that had been bestowed upon the production of some exquisite altar and font tapestry, worked by Miss Leny, which cannot be too highly praised. Though only a village church, it contains some magnificent stained glass windows, and its appearance altogether goes to prove the earnestness, love and devotion of its village congregation, and combined with its ringers, who are in the main regular communicants, Speldhurst stands out as an example worthy of imitation all round. Half-past six p.m. brought the sound of dinner gong and bell to the ear, and once again the happy party met around the festive board, but while the first course was being brought round in grand style, it was found that a Youth (maiden) of Cumberland, not Royal, nor rival, had joined the party, namely, Miss Stanley, of Ponsonby, Cumberland, but as with our brother rivals of the metropolis, who are ever welcomed, so with this lady, her presence only adding a finishing touch to the happy scene. Dinner over, Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon testified in very neat speeches the pleasure they had enjoyed by the presence of the Youths at Speldhurst that day. Mr. Cockerill, secretary of the society, in very suitable words returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, for the kindness extended to them, which was loudly applauded. Some double handed Grandsire Cinques, Caters, and Stedman Triples were tapped off on the lawn, also some tunes on the handbells by the Youths. Eight o'clock p.m. having arrived, our coachman was requisitioned to have the conveyance in readiness, and after hearty hand-shakings with old ringing friends, the party left accompanied by Miss Leny, Mrs. Mackinnon, Miss Stanley, Mr. Edward Mackinnon, R.N., and Master Lachlan Mackinnon, for Tunbridge Wells station, amidst loud hurrahs, and the horn piping, our coachman, who, by the way, gave evidence of some ready wit, and a full supply of lung power, necessary to produce all that was required of him. Arriving at Tunbridge Wells, seats were taken in a reserved carriage, and three hearty cheers were raised by the Ancients as the train moved out of the station, to Miss Leny and her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon, who had so kindly provided the necessaries for the day's enjoyment, and finally came to the station and saw the departure of the Youths. In conclusion, the members of this Society wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Comtesse de Bussy for the unremitting attention given by her to their honorary member, Miss Leny, when lying sick in Paris last year, and to assure the Comtesse of their sincere appreciation of her kindness. W. D. S.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—The inhabitants of Conover have every reason to point with pride to the magnificent bells their church possesses, but the influences of time have had a deleterious effect on their melodious peal, and interfered with the production of that campanological music which can be heard for miles beyond the parish. The services of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have been obtained, and they have undertaken to re-hang the bells, and do other necessary repairs. There are eight bells, and they were placed in the church in 1813, since which time they have been freely used in all those functions at which it is customary for them to be heard. Their renovation will entail an expenditure of about £250. There have already been liberal subscriptions to the fund, but about £100 has still to be raised. With the latter object in view a sale of work took place on Thursday, July 12th, in the grounds of Conover Hall, which were generously placed at the disposal of the promoters by Captain Cholmondeley. A more delightful locale for such an event it is impossible to imagine, and the floral loveliness of the place must have been sufficient reward to all who visited it. The goods for disposal were of that varied description usually met with at sales of this kind. They were displayed in a spacious tent, and were illustrative of the assiduity with which the ladies had advanced the project, and a testimony to the hearty nature of the response to their appeals for assistance. Agreeable concomitants favoured the gathering. The weather, showery and foreboding in the morning, was most propitious throughout the afternoon, and the brightest sunshine

gilded the charming gardens. The Shrewsbury Post Office Band, who gratuitously rendered their services, discoursed delightful music during the afternoon, and this had a very animating effect. The sale was opened by Captain Cholmondeley. He said it was a great pleasure to himself and Mrs. Cholmondeley to place their grounds at the disposal of the people, and he hoped to see a good many visitors present during the day. He would give them all a hearty welcome. Doubtless they were all aware that they had met to increase the fund required for the re-hanging of the church bells. They were very proud of their bells, and were therefore naturally anxious to have them renovated in a proper manner. The interest shown in the movement to effect this must be palpable to all who looked round the tent and saw the richness of the merchandise which adorned it; and he urged all present to do their part in contributing to the general success of the sale.

The Rev. T. Auden, on behalf of the parishioners, then thanked Captain and Mrs. Cholmondeley for allowing them to hold the bazaar in their beautiful grounds. As vicar of the parish, he could assure those present that if he wanted anything in the way of pecuniary or active help he had only to go to the hall, and if it was not unreasonable he was sure to get it.

Business then briskly commenced. The ladies who presided at the general stall were Mrs. Cholmondeley, Mrs. Benson, Miss Diana Cholmondeley, Miss Carr, Mrs. Auden, Miss Auden, Mrs. Holt, Miss Humphreys, Miss Locke, Miss Stuart Edwards, Miss E. Edwards, and Miss Hughes. The gems of the flower stall were dispensed by Miss M. J. Hughes and Mr. Bennett, and the refreshments by Mrs. Everall, Mrs. Hewitt, and Miss Timmis. Valuable assistance was given by Miss E. Holt, Miss Dixon, Miss F. Rawlings, and Miss E. Cartwright. Miss Lizzie Evans, Miss Flora Bromley and Miss Lucy Jones, dressed in pretty Swiss attire, sold choice buttonhole bouquets.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

A unique event in the history of the above parish church took place on Saturday, June 23rd, viz., the annual picnic of the ringers, the marriage of two brothers (James and George Rollerson), who are members of the above band, and a short touch of Grandsire as a welcome to the new vicar, the Rev. W. Derry, who arrived in the town the previous evening. Shortly before 10 o'clock on the previous Saturday, the inhabitants were aroused from their slumbers by the bells breaking forth in merry peals, awaking their curiosity as to the reason of such jubilation and excitement, which was somewhat abated when a carriage drawn by a pair of fine horses drew up at the church gates, the door of which, when opened, and the brides came in view, caused the usual murmur, "how pretty," to run through the large concourse of people. The register having been signed, the newly-wedded people entered the carriage with difficulty, owing to the copious showers of rice and old slippers, and drove away as the bells pealed forth their joyful sound to the tune of Grandsire Triples, 504 changes, after which the usual "shooting" took place. The bells were then lowered in peal, and tracks made to the house of Mr. Richard Taylor, the father of the now Mrs. James Rollerson, where a sumptuous breakfast was in readiness, to which ample justice was done; bobs and dodges came up in proper order, and after many changes, the tenor was as usual found at home, he being always the last bell behind. The presents were numerous and costly, and included a couple of very rare and exquisitely chased pie-dishes, which were much admired and will no doubt prove very useful. By this time 12 o'clock had come round, and shortly after a start was made for Mitton, via Accrington and Whalley. The ringers had this year secured the presence of Miss S. Smith, who is the cause of mirth to any party by her jokes, droll sayings, songs, etc., which she kept up until just prior to entering Whalley. On passing down the incline into Whalley, a very fine view of Wharton Hall, the residence of W. H. Worsley, Esq., Q.C., is to be seen, which alone repays a visit to the village, which was reached shortly after two o'clock, and through the kindness of Colonel Hargreaves we were permitted to view the abbey, the history of the various parts being pointed out and explained to us by the caretaker. The old church of Whalley was then visited and much admired, the stone coffin in

particular. We then collected our forces and made tracks for Mitton, on the road to which a very good view of the forty-nine arches over which the railway passes were obtained. Shortly before four o'clock we arrived at our destination, and through the exertions of our energetic secretary and treasurer, we were armed with permits to view the church, with its chained bibles, and the monuments of the Sherburn family, which have been in this church for hundreds of years; then we ascended the belfry and attempted two 18-scores of Plain Bob, but the bad go of the bells prevented this. We now sat down to tea, and this enjoyable meal being over a vote of thanks to the vicar and wardens of Mitton parish church for the use of the church and bells, and a like vote to our hostess, were proposed and heartily responded to. Then our talented vocalist, George H. Hargreaves, in his usual style, amused the company with songs, ditties, etc.; and having about an hour to spare, we strolled out into the highways and byways. Stoneyhurst college now came in view, which was much admired, as also was the Hill of Witches; and the time for departure being at hand, we left Mitton at 7.45, and arrived home shortly after 11, all thoroughly satisfied with the outing. A few complimentary remarks at the house of Mr. R. Taylor brought one of the most enjoyable days to a close. We also desire to thank Colonel Hargreaves, and the vicar and wardens of Whalley and Mitton churches, for their courtesy and kindness in granting us the use of their churches and bells.

E. N.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above was held at Walsden, on Saturday, July 14th, members being present from Rochdale and Heywood, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and College Single Minor were rung including 720 Kent Treble Bob by the following: R. E. Hoyle (Hamer), J. T. Robertshaw (Heptonstall), J. Crossley (Hamer), E. Schofield (Hamer), J. Harrison (Heywood), F. Birtwistle (conductor), Rochdale. Afterwards, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members had tea at the cocoa-rooms close by. Then the meeting was held in the schoolroom. The vicar, in a few well chosen remarks welcomed the Association to Walsden, and said he had thoroughly enjoyed the ringing which had been done. The first business was the election of a new secretary for the next year. Mr. J. W. Cockcroft (Shaw), being elected, a vote of thanks to the vicar for presiding and entertaining the members, and to the ringers for having everything in readiness, concluded the meeting. Then a 720 of College Single was rung. R. E. Hoyle, T. Robertshaw, J. Crossley (conductor), E. Schofield, G. Hoyle, and J. Harrison. This concluded the day's ringing.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—On Saturday, July 7th, at the Halewood parish church, the usual monthly meeting was held, when upwards of thirty members attended from Aughton, Grassendale, Garston, Hale, Liverpool, Wootton, Warrington, Farnworth, and Southport. The tower was opened for ringing at 3 p.m., and shortly after that time the bells were set in motion. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Canterbury Pleasure Major, and Plain Bob Major. The business meeting was held in the school-room, the Rev. H. Gibson Smith presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Farnworth, were read and confirmed. The Chairman heartily welcomed the ringers of the Lancashire Association to Halewood, and said he was very glad they had come while the roses were in bloom. He should look upon it as an annual gathering, and hoped to see them all in the school-room to tea. He remarked that it was pleasant to hear the bells ringing, they seemed to remind him of past days. Some of the bells were very old, and bore interesting inscriptions centuries old. Mr. Gough proposed, and Mr. Hislop seconded, that J. Williams become a member of the Association; carried unanimously. Mr. Grace proposed, and Mr. Houghton seconded, that the next meeting be held at Hale; carried unanimously. Mr. Hill proposed, and Mr. Gough seconded, a vote of thanks to the vicar, churchwardens and ringers, for the use of the bells and for the warm welcome they had extended to the visitors; carried unanimously. This brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.—On Saturday, July 14th, the members of this Society held their first outing, the place selected being Great Marlow, Bucks. Assembling at 8 a.m., at Paddington station, we took our seats in the 8.20 a.m. train, soon leaving the smoke of London behind us. Arriving at our destination, we made our way to the "Two Brewers," along with our friend, Mr. W. E. Yates, who kindly met us on our arrival. Having refreshed ourselves, some made for the boats, and some for a stroll to sharpen their appetites for the good things to come, while others went to view the magnificent woods. Dinner time arriving, we all sat down to do justice to it and ourselves at the same time. The writer must here remark on the excellence of the repast which host Truss provided for us, everything being perfect. After the removal of the cloth, a convivial hour was spent. The toast of "Church and Queen," coupled with which was the rector of Walworth (Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A.), and also the rector, who had so kindly granted permission for the use of the bells, was given by the master, Messrs. Davis brothers brightened us with a selection on the handbells; Mr. W. H. Davis gave "The St. Peter's Society," making some excellent remarks, urging the members to higher achievements and unity, to prosper our society, which has made such a good start. A few words of welcome from Mr. A. W. Truss, the steeplekeeper, met with hearty applause. Mr. F. G. Perrin (the secretary), proposed "The Visitors," which was well responded to. After a few songs a move was made to the tower, where a well-struck 228 of Kent Treble Bob opened the ringing of the day. This is the first Treble Bob on the bells. This was followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire. Tea was the next order, which was as heartily relished as the dinner, after which, we again moved to the tower and made a start for 1120 of Kent Treble Bob, which unfortunately came to an untimely end after ringing 600 changes. The bells were kept going during the evening in the standard methods. The time of departure arriving for those who could not remain over night, we proceeded to the station to see them off. The remainder of the evening was passed pleasantly with an impromptu smoking concert. Sunday morning found us up and out early, some going for a stroll, others for a row. Breakfast and luncheon having been disposed of, one o'clock saw us starting for a five mile walk to High Wycombe, with Mr. C. Truss, jun., who had made all the ringing arrangements for us. A start was made for Stedman Caters, but came to grief through the treble going over. Stedman Triples and Treble Eight finished up the ringing here. An adjournment took place to the house of Mr. Tubb, who had generously provided tea for the whole of the band, which was presided over by Mr. Tubb. The next on the programme was a stroll through the woods and beautiful grounds of Hughenden Manor House, arrangements for which had been made by our worthy friend, Mr. Tubb. Coming to Hughenden Church, the bells were speedily set going to Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Stedman. After lowering the bells in peal, a move was made for refreshment. The Society here wish to tender their best thanks to all those who so kindly helped to make our outing such a success, especially Mr. and Mrs. Tubb, for their kind hospitality, and the Messrs. Truss and family, and Mr. W. Fussell. The courtesy we received from the ringers at the various churches will never be forgotten. We left our friends at last, and arrived home at 11 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. E. V. M.

HORBURY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, July 14th, the change and handbell ringers had their first annual trip, the place selected being Snaith. The party left Horbury by the 1.27 p.m. train, and arrived at their destination about 2.30, where they were met by Mr. Sandoe, who took them to the church. After examining the interior of the fine old edifice (which contains a splendid statue of Viscount Downe), a move was made to the tower. Arriving at the top, a splendid view lay before them of the surrounding country, including Selby Abbey, Rawcliffe, Goole and Howden churches, and also of Carlton Towers, the residence of Lord Beaumont. They then descended into the belfry, and, after raising the bells in peal, a well-struck 720 of Violet was rung. W. H. Giggie, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3;

H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickell, 6. An adjournment was then made to the Bell and Crown hotel, where an excellent spread was laid on the table by host Mortimer (formerly of Horbury), to which ample justice was done. After tea, the proceedings opened with a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by Messrs. G. Hunt, 1-2; E. Brooke, 3-4; H. Rowley, 5-6; G. F. Pickles, 7-8. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Woffenden, Carr, and Giggie, the latter of whom presided at the piano. Next followed some tunes on the handbells, after which an adjournment was made to the belfry, where a 720 of Oxford was rung. A. Yelland, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Also some short touches of Bob Minor with the local ringers. Great pleasure was expressed at the "go" and tone of the bells, which are a fine peal of six in F. Tenor 12 cwt. Returning to the hotel again, some songs and tunes were rendered; and, as the time for departure was drawing near, a move was made to the station to catch the 8.27 p.m. train. The homeward journey was enlivened by courses and tunes on the handbells, and Horbury was reached about 10.15 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The party takes this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Sandoe and the ringers for making arrangements for their tea, etc., and for the use of the handbells which are a fine-toned peal.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.—This Society held its annual outing on Saturday, July 7th, Birchington in Kent being the place selected. A start was made from Charing Cross at 7.30 a.m., and after an enjoyable ride through hop gardens, &c., Margate was reached soon after 11 a.m. After looking to the wants of the inner man, the party (ten in number), boarded a waggonette for a drive into Birchington, about four-and-a-half miles distant. Here an excellent dinner had been prepared by Mrs. Busbridge, of the Square, to which full justice was done. Conducted by Mr. T. B. Read, of Birchington, who had joined us at dinner, a visit was paid in the afternoon to the ring of twelve in Quex Park, where touches in several methods were attempted, some unfortunately coming to grief. After tea, another drive brought us again to Margate, where a very pleasant evening was spent "strolling round the town." Birchington was reached again about midnight. Our landlady showed us our bedrooms, but some of us got but very little sleep, as pillows, &c., were on the move till after daylight had appeared. After breakfast on Sunday morning, farewells were said to our friends in Birchington, and we started for a walk on the shore to Margate. Arriving at Westgate, machines were chartered, and soon the whole lot were merrily sporting it in the briny. The walk was afterwards continued, and by the time Margate was reached, the inner man was more than ready for the dinner awaiting us at the "Liverpool Arms," prepared by host Johnson, an old friend from Westminster. Six o'clock saw us once more at the station, ready for the return journey to town, which was safely reached. The members desire to thank Mr. T. B. Reed, for his kindness in arranging the dinner and ringing at Birchington, and to the other friends who helped to make the outing of 1894 such a success.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30th, a quarterly meeting was held at Turvey, Beds., which was not so well attended as was expected. Members arrived from Bedford, Turvey, Onley, and Stony Stratford. The Rector, the Rev. G. F. Mumby, very kindly provided an excellent tea on the lawn, to which the members did full justice, and at which the rector and his good lady presided. After tea a short business meeting was held at which three new performing members were elected A. Savage, and H. Hind (Turvey), and H. Tysoe (Bedford). Mr. I. Hills thanked the Rector and Mrs. Mumby for so kindly providing tea. It is very gratifying to know the members of Turvey have made such good progress, and that the rector takes such an interest in the work.

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

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES ON HANDBELLS.

SIR,—I being one who heard the false touch of Stedman Triples at Clerkeawell, in 1853, can say for certain Mr. Cooter is quite right in what he has said and written about it. When Mr. Haley confessed the peal was wrong, it did not surprise Mr. Cooter or me.

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

SIR,—Mr. Powell has drawn upon his imagination. I defy him to show a line where I stated Cox shifted his bells for a whole six only. The last few lines about *grave scandal* are mere verbiage, as my charge of the peal being falsely rung was made when the four were living, or Mr. Haley could not publicly corroborate my original contention.

WILLIAM COOTER.

TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—I thank Mr. Trollop for his courteous remarks in "THE BELL NEWS," of June 30th, and beg to relinquish all claim to the peal of Bob Major published by me. I have never seen "Hubbard's Campanologia," hence the oversight, which I regret.

JAMES GEORGE.

SIR,—The 720 Treble Bob by N. Spindlow, in last week's "BELL NEWS," has been rung at Bidston several times during the last four years, and is simply a change of the observation-bell, the 5th being called: out, in and out.

W. WILCOX.

ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL.

SIR,—Can any London readers of "THE BELL NEWS" tell me whether the tenor at Westminster Abbey was ever at St. Michael's, Cornhill? Stow, the historian, says that before the present peal of twelve (cast by Phelps of the Whitechapel foundry), was put up in 1728, there were six bells at St. Michael's; the largest of which was given by John Whitwell, Isabella his wife and William Rus, about the year 1430. In proof of this on the end of a pew in St. Michael's church may be found carved the figure of a bell inscribed "RVS." Now the present tenor at Westminster Abbey, as everyone knows, is inscribed, "Remember John Whitwell, Isabella his wife, and William Rus, who first gave this bell 1430, new cast in July, 1599, and in April, 1738. Richard Phelps, T. Lester, fecit." Did Phelps, when he supplied the peal of twelve to St. Michael's, take the old six in exchange, and afterwards sell the old tenor to Westminster Abbey; and was it afterwards cracked and recast by him ten years later with the old inscription?

J. R. JERRAM.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—The peal of Stedman Triples in your last issue is undoubtedly false. This is evident by the fact that 6-7 are together at every 3rd and 4th course-end, also at the 1st six of every third course, making forty-five sixes with 6-7 together behind, when forty is the proper number. It would appear that our friend Mr. Astbury has been working with course-ends only. If this was the plan adopted, I may say, that with such a method as Stedman Triples, such a process, to say the least, would be purely a waste of time.

J. J. PARKER.

Farnham Royal, R.S.O.

Re SURREY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

SIR,—Allow me to thank the gentleman who caused a brief report of the above meeting to appear in your last issue, also to apologise to the members for delay (through pressure of business) in sending my report, which I had in preparation, and now forward to you for insertion in your valuable journal. This being the annual meeting no doubt a good many members who were prevented from attending would like to know the details of the business meeting.

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Obituary.

STEPHEN BROOKER.

At Leatherhead, on the 12th instant, at the age of fifty-six, Stephen Brooker, well known to many in the ringing world, passed away. He had been in bad health since December last, and able to ring but little, though never absent from his post as Captain in the Leatherhead church tower, training the younger members of the company, and aiding all by his thorough knowledge of the art of ringing. Mr. Brooker was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Surrey Association, the Sussex County Association, and the Waterloo Association, of London. He took part in the opening of the bells at St. James's church, Weybridge, All Saints Ryde, St. Mary Portsea, Dorking, and Leatherhead, and rang in the first peal on the new Dorking bells, on April 14th, 1866. He rang his last date touch at the opening of the new Leatherhead Institute, February, 1893. In all Mr. Brooker took part in above forty complete peals, and was well known and always welcome in many steeples within reach of his home at Leatherhead, where he had resided, beloved and respected, for upwards of thirty-three years. The funeral took place on Tuesday, July 17th, at the parish church, Leatherhead. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. Canon Utterton, assisted by the Rev. H. D. Lewis, and the Rev. R. T. Jourdain, Curates of the parish. The choir attended, and hymn 537 A. and M., "Peace, Perfect Peace" was sung in church, Psalm xc. being chanted to Croft, and the *Nunc Dimittis* to Felton as the procession left the church. As the body was carried to the grave a muffled peal was rung by friends of the deceased from Epsom, Ashstead, and Dorking. The bearers, members of the Leatherhead company, were Messrs. Marks, Wood, Newnham, Messam, Kemp, and Stapylton. The coffin was covered with white flowers sent by many friends. After the service the usual whole pull and stand was given, denoting the age of the deceased. Mr. Brooker will long be missed, and his place as Captain of the Leatherhead company will not easily be filled. In the evening a short muffled touch was rung.

JOHN ELVISH.

After a very brief illness, Mr. John Elvish, late beadle at St. Michael's, Cornhill, died on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., aged sixty. He had held this appointment twenty-eight years, and was highly respected by the many ringers whom he had met during that period. Though Mr. Elvish was not a practical ringer himself, he was extremely fond of hearing the bells well-struck, and admired the performance of a good 5000 on St. Michael's beautiful bells. He had a good knowledge of church music, Anthems, Services, etc., and had heard all the famous Oratorios. Having a retentive memory he could relate many interesting anecdotes of singers of former days. On Friday, June 20th, the closing day of the Handel Festival, he was at the Crystal Palace, where he heard "Israel in Egypt." Through his resignation of his duties at St. Michael's, Sunday, the 8th instant, would have been his last day in office, and at his request a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths had arranged to ring on that evening for service, as a farewell touch to him, and as a congratulation on his retirement to his native Essex, where he proposed spending his remaining years. Through his lamented death this was changed to the solemn funeral peal. On the same evening after service, which closed with the Dead March, the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled. J. Petitt (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; W. Jones, 3; G. Muskett, 4; E. Horrex, 5; C. F. Winney, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; F. S. Bayley, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10; W. Prime, 11; F. G. Newman, 12. This was followed by three courses of Stedman Cinques, in which Messrs. H. Langdon, Marriott, and Brighton took part.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday evening, June 23rd, at St. Martin's church, ringers began to assemble to ring in honour of the 82nd birthday of E. Hyder, when the following touches were rung. A 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). C. Slingsby, 1; R. Paine, 2; S. Paine, 3; D. Paine, 4; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Slingsby, 1; P. Hodgkin, 2; D. Paine, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; G. Paine, 6. Also on Sunday morning, June 24th, for Divine Service, an attempt was made for a 720 of Bob Minor which came to grief through two bells changing course when about three leads from the end. Also after service a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; G. Finn, 2; S. Finn, 3; R. Goodbourne, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. G. D. S. and R. Paine hail from Mersham; G. and S. Finn from Brabourne; Goodbourne from Canterbury; Hodgkin from Headcorn; W. Hyder from Smeeth; and D. Hodgkin from Marden; F. and R. Paine from Mersham and one from Willesborough; the remainder belong to Aldington. Mr. Hyder just managed to ascend into the belfry but could not assist in the ringing.

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THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, the 27th June, this Society celebrated its 27th anniversary. Few visitors were present, owing no doubt to the great and near attraction of the Royal Show at Cambridge, but never perhaps did this grand peal ring out in such a diversity of methods on any previous anniversary, touches being brought round in the following: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court and Double London Court Bob Major, Duffield Major, Treble Bob, Superlative Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. In accordance with ancient custom, the vicar, the Rev. Raymond P. Pelly, preached the memorial sermon.

AN EPITOME OF THE REV. RAYMOND P. PELLY'S
SERMON ON RINGING DAY,
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I. Cor. ix. 27. "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

I.—Have you ever thought of your bodies, as machines, animated by your minds. The hands, feet, &c., all wonderful with their joints and muscles, but useless unless the mind starts them into action, so the human voice, a part of this machinery, it is the human bell, but it is rung by the mind. We all know the power of this human bell for good or evil. Vocal sounds may be the empty gibbering of an idiot—or they may be set in fire of hell sounds to deceive, to lie, to curse, or on the other hand they may be sounds, telling out wonderful lessons of wisdom, or they may even be sounds which lead to salvation or damnation, such is the power of the human bell, the voice, and therefore we do not wonder that Holy Scripture commands a very careful use of this part of our machinery. That it tells us the every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment, or "Let your speech be always with grace. It bids us aim high, and not hack this machine for any common or low purpose, but keep it pure, clear and holy. So much for the human bell, the voice,

II.—We do not only animate the human machine, but we also animate other machines as well. The body is a machine limited in its powers. Our eyes, for instance, can see a certain amount, but if we want to see more we apply another instrument, a microscope or a telescope, and by means of these new worlds are brought within our ken. So, the human voice is not very powerful, it can do a great work, but we sometimes find it well to animate other speaking machinery outside our bodies. We make musical instruments speak for us and tell out wonderfully beautiful tales of sorrow, pathos, or joy and gladness. Some machines speak to us very plainly. But no machine, unless *perhaps* the bugle, speaks to us as plainly as a bell. It is the voice of a bell, animated of course by some human mind, that summonses the factory bands to their daily work, or tells them when it is the dinner hour, or time for rest. It is the voice of the bell which calls the servant and tells the servant to which room to go. It is the voice of the bell which regulates the household in all our large mansions. It is the voice of the bell in our clocks that tell us of the flight of time. And so bells are very like talking machines, and the human voice is a talking machine also. But the human voice only speaks a little way. The Church Bell is a glorious great magnified voice which speaks over miles of distance. Nevertheless, it also is animated by a mind, the same mind that speaks in the belfry, speaks out far and wide by the bigger machine, the bell, and so Church Bells are just the *greater voices* of them.

III.—And this brings me to the subject of Church Bells. Bells are said to have been first used to summon people to worship, by Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania, A.D. 400, and it is said that, from the names Nola and Campania, we have derived our words of knoll, knell, campanile, and campanology. Church Bells have a high mission, they are closely linked to the house of god. Church Bells are usually set apart by a dedicatory service of prayer and praise. Church Bells often have some motto of a serious character, moulded upon them, as for instance, Great Paul has around it a motto which would serve well for any Church Bell. "Voe milic, si non evangelisavero." "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." Church Bells have a great deal to tell us. They tell us of times of rejoicing, times of thanksgiving, great national days of joy, such as our beloved Queen's birthday, or the occasion of some victory. A peal of bells is not full of interest and skill in itself, but what can more suitably herald out our joy? I don't know how long back change-ringing was invented, but John Bunyan, the author of "Pilgrim's Progress," tells us that to ring was "one of his sins in his unregenerate days." I fancy that in his days a belfry was a scene of drinking and disorder, a state of things happily in our day nearly passed away. But, above all uses of Church Bells is the great one for which they hang in our churches. To call us to the worship of god. All change-ringing and every other use of Church Bells is subordinate to this. In old times the Sanctus Bell announced to all the elevation of the Host, i.e., the holding up of the sacred elements in the communion service after consecration; and the Angelus, called every one to prayer, morning, evening and midday. A short time ago I witnessed in a little mountain village in the Tyrol, the effect of the Angelus. It sounded, and directly after we heard a hum of voices from every cottage, and peeping in we saw each family kneeling in prayer, while in the streets before the village cross, the sturdy peasant was not ashamed to kneel down and pray. Would that we did the same here, and were not so miserably cowardly in our religion. The bells then are God's heralds, announcing our holy days, our special services, bidding us to prayer, and summoning us to join with the multitude who go up to the House of God. While ever and anon the solemn tolling bell preaches as impressive a sermon as ever fell from preacher's lips.

IV.—But it has been well said—"We can only see what we can see," and it is equally true, "we can only hear what we can hear." A friend of mine was in the train with a nonconformist minister, and they were passing Leytonstone station while the Church Bells were ringing the people in to worship. "Empty sounds, tinkling cymbals," said the minister, because he only could hear what he could hear. But you, my brethren, are bellringers, therefore also you are preachers, ministers. "There are differences of administration." I am a preacher, with my voice to a limited number, you are preaching to all

within the great area of the sound of our Church Bells. In the name of God you are summoning souls to the foot of the throne of grace, you are telling of the gospel. But what about yourselves. Have you heard the soul-voice of the bells you ring? Do they speak to you vain words with no meaning? are they but empty sounds, tinkling cymbals, or are they uttering to you a very voice of God. You are change ringers, you know how to be on attention all the time, you know that if each does his duty and comes in in his turn, the grand old peal will work out right at last. It is our work to see that we so pass through the "changes and chances of this mortal life," with all attention, watchfulness, order, that we come out right at last. Finally, my text. "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." We know what we think of a parson who preaches but does not practise. What shall we say of a ringer who does not obey the call of his own bell. And, O, if even an apostle needed such watchful care, such self-denial, lest having preached to others, he himself should be a castaway, how much more you, and I!

The Provinces.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 16, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW..	Treble.	JOB SAWYER	5.
HARRY MILLS	2.	WILLIAM NEWELL	6.
THOMAS EAST	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON	7.
W. H. HODGKINSON	4.	ERNEST NAPPER.. .. .	Tenor.

Conducted by REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the Annual Festival.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. BROADLEY	Treble.	*E. WHEATER	5.
J. F. PEARSON*	2.	F. W. HARGREAVES.. .. .	6.
W. DOLLAND	3.	*J. COTTERELL	7.
D. NEWTON.. .. .	4.	D. STEPHENSON.. .. .	Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

*First peal in the Oxford Variation. Messrs. Broadley, Pearson, and Cotterell hail from Bradford; Bolland and Wheeler from Tong; Stephenson from Ossett; Newton and Hargreaves belong to the local company.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 14, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH	Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT	4.
HARRY MASON*	2.	*GEORGE H. PAGETT.. .. .	5.
SAMUEL SPITTLE	3.	†RICHARD ROUND	Tenor.

Conducted by R. ROUND.

*First 5040 in seven methods. †First as conductor. The above was rung as a compliment to the churchwardens, Messrs. Lewis and Russell, for having the bells put in good ringing order. Also to commemorate the sixty-fourth anniversary of the opening of the church, and the thirtieth birthday of Harry Mason, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Date Couches.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP.—On Monday, July 16th, at Christ church, in 1 hr., 7 mins., a date touch (1894 changes) in eight methods, being 360 of Tulip, and 240 each of the following; Primrose, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford, Kent, and 94 of New London Pleasure, all being Treble peals. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HYDE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service at St. George's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Shaw, 1; W. Wilde, 2; T. Wilde, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bennett, 6; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 7; D. Leigh, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, July 4th, at St. Edmund's church, 504 of Bob Triples. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; *W. Mackey, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 7; J. White, 8. *First touch of Bob Triples. Also 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; J. Garratt, 4; J. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. Also 252 of Bob Triples and 108 Bob Minor. Wood, White, Roberts, and Mackey hail from Northampton, the rest from Irthlingborough; all belong to the above Association.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northants).—On Thursday, June 28th, for practice, 1008 of Bob Triples. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; G. Randall, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; E. Watson, 8. And on Sunday, July 1st, 672 of Bob Major. J. Seamark, 1; C. Newman, 2; G. Randall, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Randall, and Martin are from Higham Ferrers, W. Gilbert from Raunds. And on Monday, July 9th, 464 of Bob Major. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Seamark, 3; J. Sharp (conductor), 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. Tyler, 6; G. Burton, 7; H. Houghton, jun., 8. Sharp hails from Bedford, Burton from Rushden.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, July 15th, by kind permission of the rector, Canon Cromwell (there being no afternoon service), at All Saint's church, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Butler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; W. G. Richards, 3; E. Radley, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. And 720 of Double Court Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; A. Chalk, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; C. H. Howard, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Richards, 1; A. Chaplin (first in the method), 2; E. Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Garnett, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. And for the evening service 720 of Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). J. Fluty (first in the method), 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; F. Saunders (first in the method at first attempt), 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; D. Elliott, jun., 5; E. Radley, 6. And after service 240 of Bob Minor in which the Rev. D. Hamer took part, conducted by C. H. Howard. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the rector for kindly allowing them the use of the bells, which are light (tenor 10 cwt.) but extremely sweet-toned. Messrs. Butler, Chalk, Richards, Garnett, Sayer, and Edward Chaplin hail from Witham; Elliott from Coggeshall; Fluty from Earls Colne; Howard from Braintree; and the rest belong to the local company.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, July 12th, to commemorate the birthday of W. Piper, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples was attempted, but came to grief through the breaking of a rope. Afterwards, a quarter-peal in the same method was rung. A. Head, 1; G. Sorrell, 2; J. Beams, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; T. Lincoln, 5; W. J. Piper (composer), 6; A. Richell, 7; E. W. Houghton, 8. This quarter-peal is obtained with the least possible number of calls, viz., 21, and contains twelve 4-6s, six 7-4s, and nine 6-7s, and is in three parts.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 29th, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; W. Hillman, 2; A. Grove, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; L.

Payne, 3; G. Holder, 4; A. Groves, 5; W. Hillman, 6; A. W. Grove, (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, May 13th, 504 Grand-sire Triples. L. Payne, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; W. Hillman, 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; A. W. Groves, 7; A. Heasman, 8. And 504 Stedman. H. Chandler, 1; W. Hillmans, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, May 20th, 1008 Stedman. W. J. Alliss, 1; C. Tyler, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday May 27th, 504 Stedman. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne, 6; W. Hillman, 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, 504 Stedman. L. Payne (conductor), 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; A. Groves, 3; G. Holder, 4; A. W. Groves, 5; G. Payne, 6; C. Tyler, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Sunday, July 8th, 504 in the same method. W. J. Alliss, 1; A. Groves, 2; C. Tyler, 3; J. Boniface, 4; W. Hillman, 5; G. Payne, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. On Sunday, July 15th, for service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman in 45 mins. L. Payne, 1; A. Groves, 2; W. Hillman, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. J. Alliss, 5; C. Tyler, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Monday, July 16th, on the occasion of the visit of the Eastbourne ringers to Henfield, 504 Stedman. L. Payne, 1; W. J. Alliss, 2; J. Smart, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. J. Fisher, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. J. and C. Smart hail from Steyning, Fisher and Lewis from Eastbourne, the rest are local men.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, July 15th, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence's church, 575 of Grandside Caters. H. Osborne, 1; C. Giles, 2; C. Foxell, 3; H. Tucker, 4; F. Tarrant, 5; A. Osborne, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; L. Rolfe, 8; W. Newell, 9; R. Sawyer, 10. First 500 of Caters by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, 6th, and 8th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. S. Croucher, 1; *H. Foster, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; *A. Biggs, jun., 4; F. Hunt, 5; E. Bridges, 6; C. Millway (conductor), 7; *W. Holdstock, 8. *First quarter-peal, also the conductor's first quarter-peal as conductor. Millway belongs to Borden, Ransom to Sittingbourne, the remainder to the local company.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD.—On Saturday, July 14th, for practice, at St. Margaret's church, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. R. Brewis, 1; H. Tyson, 2; T. Brewis, 3; W. Brewis, 4; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 5. G. Arkless, 6. Also two 6-scores in the same method with F. J. Harrison (conductor), 4; F. Lowe, 5; W. Brewis, 6; the rest standing as before.

SWAINLY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, July 7th, by the Stockton-on-Tees society, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 3; J. Brown, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Also a touch of Woodbine Treble Bob. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. And a touch of Oxford Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. Clarkson, 2; T. W. Waller, 3; J. Waller, 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Newton, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HEADINGLEY.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of a visit from their late comrade, Arthur Craven, a 480 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor, 4; J. Logan, 5; A. Craven (conductor), 6; J. Whitaker, 7; A. Haste, 8. Also a short touch of Kent Treble Bob. And for evening service 768 of Kent Treble Bob. H. C. Buckley, 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor (conductor), 4; J. Logan, 5; W. Whitaker, of Leeds, 6; J. Whitaker, 7; A. Haste, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Friday, July 13th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; G. Grapham, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 of Grand-sire Minor. G. Grapham, 1; W. Cooper, 2; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 3; W. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. And 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. *W. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2

G. Grapham, 3; *Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 4; *G. E. Chappell, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. All conducted by J. W. Whiting. *First 720 of Oxford. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey hails from Portsea; J. W. Whiting, and G. Grapham from Hareham; W. Cooper from Shedfield; the rest belong to the local band.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Thursday, July 12th, at St. Michael's church, on the occasion of the annual school treat of the Church of England day and Sunday schools, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. After which, the children numbering 520 sat down to a dinner in The Corn Exchange, and the infants later on numbering upwards of 250 had tea in the schools. Whilst the clergy, teachers, and committee were entertaining the same, the ringers rang several other touches, and whilst the children were returning from the field after the sports, 360 of Bob Minor was rung. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, 720 of New London Pleasure. F. Rudkin, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Rev. D. Hamer who is just learning to ring and takes a deep interest in ringing, hails from Stisted, and the Braintree ringers thank him very much for kindly helping them on the above occasion, they being short handed.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday evening, July 12th, at All Saint's church (city), an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) but it was lost after ringing just over half-way. W. J. Hinton, 1; H. T. Howell, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; H. P. Harman (conductor), 4; J. York, 5; F. K. Howell, 6; F. Price, 7; E. Duckham, 8. Also 210 of Grandsire Triples. H. P. Harman, 1-2; G. Daltry, 3-4; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; C. H. Gordon, 7-8. H. P. Harman hails from Bromley, Kent.

BATLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, July 15th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford in 26 mins. E. Watson, 1; W. Stubley, 2; T. North, 3; J. S. Fozard (conductor), 4; S. Gibson, 5; J. M. North, 6. And on Monday, July 16th, for practice on the handbells, one course each of Violet, Duke of York, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. S. Gibson, 1-2; J. S. Fozard, 3-4; W. Stubley, 5-6. Also one course of Grandsire Minor and Grandsire Doubles. J. S. Fozard, 1-2; S. Gibson, 3-4; W. Stubley, 5-6.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 8th, at the parish church, for morning service, 756 of Canterbury Triples. D. Farthing, 1; G. Toplis, 2; W. J. Thyng, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; A. Craven (late of Headingley), 5; G. Davies, 6; F. Goodwin, 7; G. Mee, 8. Also two courses of Grandsire Major. G. Davies, 4; G. Mee, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. And on handbells 265 of Grandsire Triples. A. Craven, 1-2; A. Knights (conductor), 3-4; G. Davies, 5-6; G. Toplis, 7-8. And 336 of Bob Major. W. J. Thyng, 1-2; A. Knights, 3-4; A. Craven, 5-6; J. Goodwin, 7-8. On Thursday, July 12th, 560 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Reeve's ten-part peal. W. J. Thyng, 1-2; A. Knights (conductor), 3-4; G. Davies, 5-6; G. Toplis, 7-8. This is the longest touch on handbells by three of the band.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, July 15th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. F. Davey, 1; W. Stocker, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; T. Mudge, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; J. Moss, 8. Rang as a compliment to W. Stocker who is on a visit from Bournemouth.

KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. Jones, 1; G. Hands, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; W. Palmer (composer and conductor), 4; T. Pritchett, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; W. Verry, 7; W. Williams, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, at St. Luke's church, Chelsea, 1372 of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 48 mins. *G. Turl, jun., 1; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 2; W. Barber, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; C. Hindes, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; G. Chesterman, 8. *First quarter-peal. Messrs. Turl, Pitts, and Griggs belong to the Royal Cumberland Society, the others are local men. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

OSWESTRY (Salop).—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, 532 of Grandsire Triples. F. Meadows (Ellesmere), 1; D. Davies (conductor), 2; W. Morris, 3; G. Whitfield, 4; E. Jones, 5; R.

Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Longest touch by W. Morris with a bob bell. Also G. Davies rang the treble through several courses of Grandsire Doubles for afternoon service.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, July 15th, for service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. S. Barton (conductor), 1; J. Brooks, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; W. Stephens, 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Haywood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. And for evening service, 720 in the same method in 27 mins., standing and conducted as before.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service at the parish church, 616 of Grandsire Triples. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. Norriss, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; W. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8.

STAPLETON NEAR BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, July 11th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. H. Gordon, 1; W. J. Hinton, 2; W. Tiley, 3; J. Bawn, 4; H. Bawn, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. And on handbells 252 of Stedman Triples. H. P. Harman, 1-2; J. Bawn, 3; C. H. Gordon, 4; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 5-6; W. Tiley, 7-8.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, May 29th, 720 of College Single. S. Slater, 1; A. Clarke, 2; R. Theobald, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, June 7th, 720 of New London, standing as before. On Wednesday, July 4th, several touches of Bob Royal and Treble Bob Major were rung on the handbells by the same band.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 12th, 720 of New London 7. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; R. Theobald, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, July 14th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; Z. Slater, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, July 11th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Connell, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 3; H. Duce, 4; P. Bixby, 5; R. Brett (Stanstead, conductor), 6. Several touches were then rung on the handbells by S. Ford, C. Bixby, H. Ruse, and F. Connell. This is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob by F. Connell, and rung at the first attempt.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday, July 8th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Parker's five-part) at All Saint's church, in honour of the birth of the young prince, but it came to grief after ringing nearly 3000 changes in 1½ hrs. A. Dawes, 1; G. Ades, 2; A. Reid, 3; T. Ades, 4; J. Goldsmith, 5; R. Turner, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Turner, and Goldsmith hail from Lewes; Hobbs, and Deadman from Eastbourne; the rest are local men. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung in the afternoon. A. Reid, 1; B. Hobbs, 2; W. Trusler, 3; J. Goldsmith, 4; G. Ades, 5; T. Ades, 6; A. Turner, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Both conducted by G. Ades.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, July 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. J. Selby, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; H. James, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. H. James hails from Cheshunt. And on Sunday, July 15th, the last 742 of Holt's Original. R. Stone, 1; *A. V. Selby, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; *M. Whatley, 4; J. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. *Longest length with a bob bell.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; H. Kilby (first 720), 2; R. Kilby, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; H. Carter, 5; J. Jackman, 6. And on Sunday, July 10th, 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs six singles), in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; H. Carter, 2; H. Preskett (first 720), 3; J. Jackman, 4; R. Kirby, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6.

The foundation-stone of the new church of St. Andrew, Whitehall park, Hornsey lane, was formally laid by Lord Kinnaird on Wednesday afternoon. Rather more than ten years ago the Rev. H. W. Dearden, then vicar of St. John's, Upper Holloway, started a Mission work where now the temporary church stands, and a few years later he erected the body of the present building, which was opened in November, 1886, as a Mission-room. The late Rev. A. G. Gristock succeeded, and with him came the Rev. G. Hemming, who took charge of the work in this district. During this time a chancel and church-room were added to the former structure. The Rev. G. Hemming accepted the living of Holy Trinity, Hotwells, Clifton, and the Rev. A. G. Gristock then invited the Rev. F. E. Murphy to undertake the work, and become the vicar of the new church. The site of the new church has been purchased by the Bishop of London's Fund for £1000.

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.

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Low Moor, to-day, Saturday, July 21st, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Chapel House inn, near the church. Business important.
GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above to-day, Saturday, July 21st, at Barking. Tea will be served at 5 p.m. and a business meeting will follow.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec.
Great Totham, Witham.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dronfield, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Business meeting at The Green Dragon inn at 5 o'clock. Peal of six bells. Station close to the tower. Local sec., Mr. E. Platts.
EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.
18, The Dale, Woodseats, Sheffield.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe parish church, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m., business meeting 7 p.m.
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.
54, Wenlock, Street, Hulme, Manchester.

United Counties Association.—The next meeting will be held at Mottram, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 12 o'clock. Tea 6d. each for number sent in not later than 18th, to Mr. John Sidebotham, 75, Market street, Mottram.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, Sec.
Uppermill, near Oldham.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Annual Picnic will be held at Solihull (G.W.R., seven miles) on Saturday afternoon, the 28th inst. Dinner will be served at The George hotel at 3.30 o'clock sharp, and tickets, price three shillings each to friends or non-entitled members may be obtained on application before the 24th inst. to
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.,
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly Meeting at Dartford, to-day, Saturday, July 21st. The belfry will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee Meeting in National Schools 5.30 p.m.
T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Dist. Sec.
25, Thornford Road, Lewisham, S.E.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—It is requested that from July 25th, to August 27th, all business communications be addressed to The Rose and Crown, London House Yard, city.
W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The St. Peter's Society, Walworth.—The Annual Meeting of this Society will take place on Friday, July 27th, when the election of officers for the ensuing year, the passing of accounts, and other business will be settled. Members and hon. members are urgently requested to make it convenient to be present at this meeting.
F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Highbridge, on Saturday, July 28th. Dinner and business meeting at 12.30, to be followed by a short service in the church. Towers open, Highbridge 5 bells, Burnham 6 bells, Huntspill 6 bells, Wedmore 8 bells. Will local secs. kindly advise Mr. T. Doble, 18, High street, Taunton, by Wednesday next, of the probable number that will attend the dinner. The reports are being printed, and will be ready by the 28th.

HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer,
The Cottag Old Cleeve, Washford.

The St. John-at-Hackney Society.—Middlesex.—The members of this society will hold a meat tea at The Plume of Feathers inn, Loughton, Essex, on Saturday next, the 28th inst., at 6 p.m. Cost of tea 2/- per head. Friends wishing to join will kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., W. D. SMITH.
70, Median Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.
P.S.—The tower bells will be open from 2 p.m.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in St. Peter's Mission Hall, Rock Ferry, on Saturday next, July 28th. 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, July 23rd, to
F. R. T. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.

Braeside, West Kirby.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ilkley, on Saturday, July 28th (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house The Rose and Crown. Excursion trains from Leeds, M.R., at 1.45 and 4.30, return at 7 and 8.34. Fare 1s. 3d. R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.
3, Dame Street, Hoggs Field, Holbeck.

The Lancashire Association.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch, in Rossendale, on Saturday, July 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.
J. REDFORD,
A. E. WREAKS, } Hon. Sec.

South and West Middlesex Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Isleworth, on Saturday, July 28th, at 6 p.m., ringers wishing to become members should make a point of being present.
E. J. WALSON, Sec. and Treasurer.

11, Venetia Road, South Ealing.

South and West Middlesex Association.—The first annual general meeting of this Association for the election of officers, etc., will take place at Ealing, on Bank-Holiday, August 6th. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. Meat tea at 4 o'clock at Church House, Warwick road, Ealing, followed by the meeting. All members and friends cordially invited. It is also requested that all those who intend to be present inform the secretary at their earliest opportunity, also those who have given in their names for membership and have not forwarded their subscriptions, will oblige by doing so at once.
E. J. WALSON, Sec. and Treasurer.
11, Venetia road, South Ealing, Middlesex.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week we shall publish the Portrait, with Memoir, of Mr. James Parker, of Crawley, Sussex.

G. ASTBURY.—As this paper is printed on Thursday, your post-card came too late.

Compositions.

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

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

1295.
2 3 4 5 6
4 2 3 5 6 7th in and out at 3.
6 5 2 4 3 8 in 2
3 4 5 6 2 8 in 2
5 4 2 6 3 8-9
2 4 3 6 5 8-9
3 2 4 6 5 9 in 3
4 3 2 6 5 9 in 3
2 3 5 6 4 8-9
5 2 3 6 4 9 in 3
3 5 2 6 4 9 in 3
2 5 4 6 3 8-9
4 2 5 6 3 9 in 3
Round as usual.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY JAMES TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

6816.
2 3 4 5 6 W B M H
4 5 3 6 2 I I I I
3 4 5 6 2 I
5 3 4 6 2 I
2 4 3 6 5 I I
3 2 4 6 5 I
5 4 2 6 3 I I
2 5 4 6 3 I
4 2 5 6 3 I
3 5 2 6 4 I I
2 3 5 6 4 I

Five times repeated, single end of 3rd and 6th parts. By omitting the three bobs braced in the last three parts, the peal is reduced to 6144 the 4th, 5th and 6th being the only bells in 5th's place.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

By H. W. WILDE, Duffield, Derby.

5184.
2 3 4 5 6 M B H
3 5 4 2 6 - -
5 2 4 3 6 - -
5 2 3 6 4 - -
2 6 3 5 4 - -
6 5 3 2 4 - -
3 5 2 6 4 - -
5 6 2 3 4 - -
6 3 2 5 4 - -
2 3 5 6 4 - -

Five times repeated, with a single instead of bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains the 4th 5th and 6th each eighteen times in 6th's place at the course-end, the 2nd and 3rd never being there. This is believed to be the first peal composed in the method having these qualities in so few a number of changes. This peal may be reduced to 5008 by omitting the six bobs braced in any one part.

DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8			
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7			
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7			
4 2 1 3 6 5 8 7			
4 1 2 6 3 8 5 7			
1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5			
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7	W	M	H
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
= 5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
- 5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
= 4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
- 4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	-	-

This touch contains the 6th six times wrong and its extent right. The 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at a course-end. The dashes to the left of the courses-end (=, -) indicate bobs at 5th's and 4th's and before respectively.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOP, *Norwich Scholars.*

5024.

2 3 4 5 6	B	5ths	4ths	H
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-	-
4 2 5 3 6	-	-	S	-
2 3 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	S	-
4 2 5 6 3	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 4 6	-	-	S	-
5 4 3 6 2	-	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	S	-

Five times repeated, calling one course B instead of first two. Single half-way and end. This peal has the 6th her extent right and wrong, falling (except in first course) alternately into each position. If two parts are called as the first the peal will be 5056, if three, 5088. This is the first peal published on this plan.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER, *Gainsborough.*

Odd changes.

2 1 3 4 5 6 7	7 5 4 6 3 4 1
1 2 3 5 4 7 6	2 3 7 5 4 6 3
2 1 3 5 4 6 7	7 4 2 3 6 5 3
1 2 3 4 5 7 6	5 3 7 6 4 2 1
	3 7 5 6 4 2 4
	6 7 3 2 5 4 5
	5 4 6 3 2 7 2
	3 4 5 7 6 2 5
	5 6 3 4 2 7 3

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

5022.

1 2 3 4 5 6			
2 6 1 3 5 4	8 7 9	(single 1)	6 16
2 6 4 1 5 3	16		
2 6 3 4 5 1	16		
3 6 2 1 5 4	5 16		
3 6 4 2 5 1	16		
4 6 3 1 5 2	5 16		
4 6 2 3 5 1	16		
4 6 1 2 5 3	16		
1 6 4 3 5 2	5 16		
1 6 2 4 5 3	16		
1 6 2 3 5 4	(single 5)	16	
1 6 4 2 5 3	16		
1 6 3 4 5 2	16		
3 6 1 2 5 4	5 16		
3 6 4 1 5 2	16		
4 6 3 2 5 1	5 16		
4 6 1 3 5 2	16		
4 6 2 1 5 3	16		
2 6 4 3 5 1	5 16		
2 6 1 4 5 3	16		
2 6 3 1 5 4	16		
3 6 2 4 5 1	5 16		
2 6 3 1 5 4	9 7 8	2 5 8 9	(single 15) 16
2 6 4 3 5 1	16		
2 6 1 4 5 3	16		
1 6 2 3 5 4	5 16		
1 6 4 2 5 3	16		
4 6 1 3 5 2	5 16		
4 6 2 1 5 3	16		
4 6 3 2 5 1	16		
3 6 4 1 5 2	5 16		
3 6 2 4 5 1	16		
3 6 1 2 5 4	16		
1 6 3 4 5 2	5 16		

Go off the first change of a slow six. The middle twelve courses repeated produce 2 6 3 4 5 1 when bobs at 3 5 8 bring rounds. This composition has the heavy bells in inverted rounds in first half, and in the tittums in last half, the 6th being in 2nd's place, and the 5th undisturbed throughout the peal. By shifting the single in the turning course from the 15th to the 5th six, the last course will be 3 6 2 1 5 4, when bobs at 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, 18, will bring rounds at 5076. This peal is corrected from the one published in this paper on May 17th last.

A 720 OF YORKSHIRE COURT MINOR.

By N. SPINDLOW, *Ducklington.*

2 3 4 5 6

5 6 3 4 2
4 2 6 3 5
- 2 3 5 6 4
6 4 3 5 2
5 2 4 3 6
3 6 2 4 5
4 5 6 2 3
S 2 5 3 6 4
6 4 5 3 2
- 4 3 2 5 6
5 6 3 2 4
2 4 6 3 5
- 4 3 5 6 2
6 2 3 5 4
5 4 2 3 6
3 6 4 2 5
2 5 6 4 3
S 4 5 3 6 2
6 2 5 3 4
3 4 2 5 6

Twice repeated. This 720 contains nine bobs and six singles.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By SAM. ATKINS, *Willenhall, Staffordshire.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7
S 5 7 2 6 3 4
S 6 4 5 3 7 2
6 3 4 2 5 7
- 7 2 6 5 3 4
- 4 5 7 3 2 6
4 3 5 6 7 2
- 2 6 4 7 3 5
- 5 7 2 3 6 4
5 3 7 4 2 6
- 6 4 5 2 3 7
- 7 2 6 3 4 5
7 3 2 5 6 4
S 5 4 7 6 3 2
- 2 6 5 3 4 7
2 3 6 7 5 4
- 4 7 2 5 3 6
- 6 5 4 3 7 2
6 3 5 2 4 7
- 7 2 6 4 3 5
- 5 4 7 3 2 6
5 3 4 6 7 2
- 2 6 5 7 3 4
- 4 7 2 3 6 5
4 3 7 5 2 6
- 6 5 4 2 3 7
- 7 2 6 3 5 4
7 3 2 4 6 5
S 4 5 7 6 3 2
S 6 2 4 3 5 7
6 3 2 7 4 5

Eleven times repeated. Bob for single at 6th and 12th parts.

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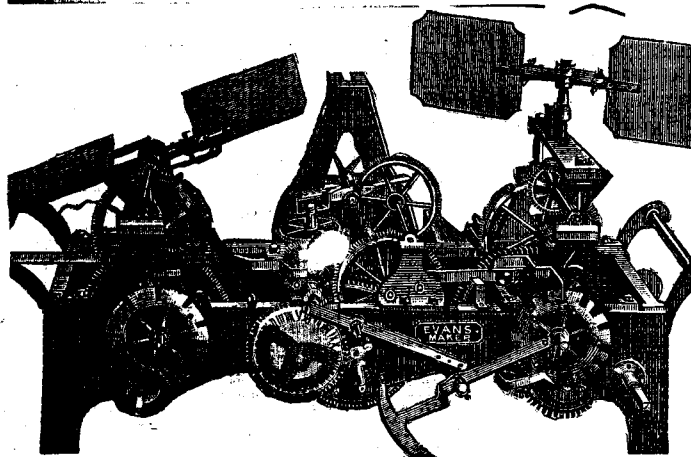
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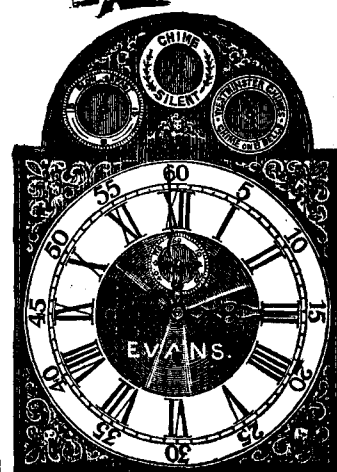
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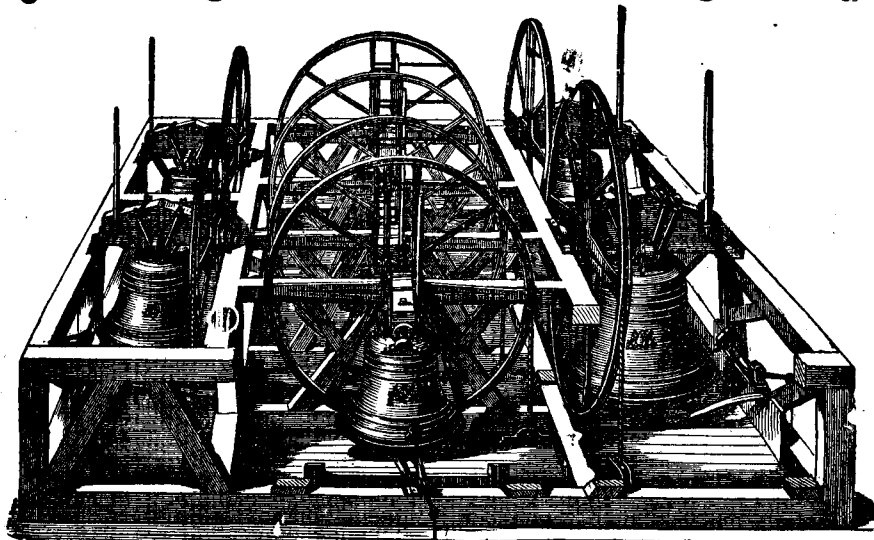
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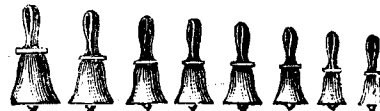
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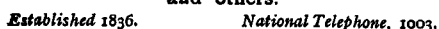
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