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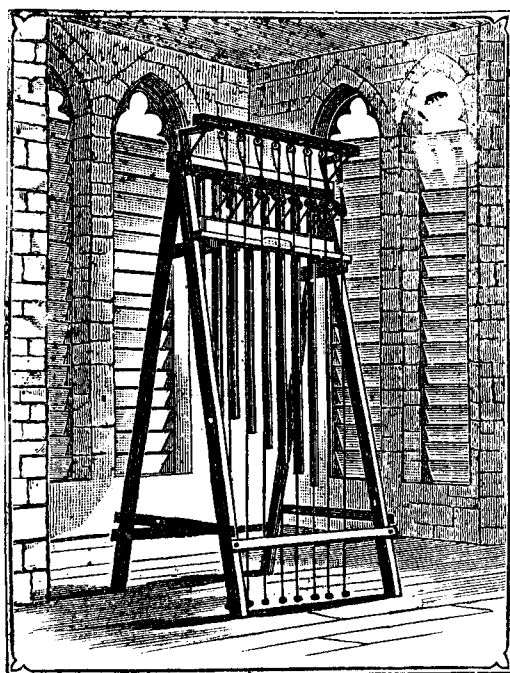
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MR. HENRY S. THOMAS, OF BATTERSEA.

[Vide Portrait.]

The subject of our memoir was born at Old Battersea, Surrey, in 1851, and is therefore forty-three years of age, and still resides in the parish of his birth. We are not told when his first interest in ringing developed itself, but in the year 1872 the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, vicar of the parish, asked MR. THOMAS to take entire charge of the belfry, and arrange for the ringing, a duty he still fulfils. His first peal was rung at this church on February 19th, 1884, conducted by Mr. W. Baron. During this twenty-two years, he has been identified with Battersea belfry. He has secured sufficient subscriptions from time to time for repairs to the bells, new ropes as required, an instructor—Mr. W. Baron—a good company of ringers being the result. MR. THOMAS himself has not attained to such eminence as a ringer as might have been expected, though his talents in this direction are far from being despicable. Had he gone a little beyond the sphere of his own belfry, visiting fresh fields and pastures new, like many of his brother Cumberlands, there is every probability he would have become a ringer of great excellence. But under all circumstances he has no doubt chosen the best and safest course. No matter how anxious we all may be to shine as ringers—there are often forces at work which prevent the free play of our hopes and aspirations. This we should imagine has been the case with MR. THOMAS. As head of a most important department in a very large city establishment for over twenty-two years, it may easily be conjectured that the intervals wherein time could be found for the study of complex methods, were few and far between. But for all that we find he has accomplished something over twenty peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters. His claims to portraiture however, rests not upon his ringing achievements. Possessing great address and influence in many quarters, which could be turned to account, MR. THOMAS is always to be depended on should a movement be in progress calculated to be beneficial to his ringing brethren, and his interest was never vainly sought when the promotion of ringing, and the furtherance of his particular society were concerned. Thus we find him striving, and successfully, to obtain cheap railway fares for his ringers and friends, and upon those occasions now known by the term "outings," he would always be anxious in many ways for the comfort and enjoyment of those concerned. Of such affairs, the various visits to Birchington, in the Isle of Thanet, may be mentioned. The interest of visiting this rural spot, has, among the Cumberlands, almost taken the place of change-ringing. Close to Birchington, as every one knows, is Quex Park, wherein stands the Waterloo Tower, and here MR. THOMAS has rung peals of Triples with his London friends, arranged by his old friend Mr. Thomas Reed. It was here, on August 4th, 1884, that he scored his first peal of Caters, on which occasion his usual generosity and good nature almost surpassed itself. On this latter characteristic we should like to let our pen follow without a curb the mind's inclination, but it would be out of place to particularize, item by item, the occasions when the proverbial and well-known kindness and hospitality—especially in connection with visits of the Cumberlands to Birchington and other places—of MR. THOMAS has been exhibited. We can only speak of them in general terms, or make the barest of allusions, for an enumeration would in our opinion, not only show bad taste, but be also very repulsive to the subject of this memoir.

MR. THOMAS has been nearly twenty years a member of the Royal Cumberland Society. He filled the office of Master in the Jubilee year, and during the time of his membership he has been instrumental in presenting the Society with the iron safe for the reception of the society's documents; at another time a grand

eal-book, in which records of performances are entered. He organised a grand dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, which was followed by a peal on St. Martin's bells, to record Her Majesty's Jubilee. A tablet in the belfry commemorates this event, its cost being paid by a balance left from the above banquet. Another notable event was the "Henry" peal, rung at Battersea. Several attempts were made, the late Mr. Henry Haley being conductor of the first one. At the successful attempt the bells were rung half-muffled for that once celebrated ringer, and on the very day of his funeral. It was performed by Henry Bright, 1; Henry Hopkins, 2; Henry Langdon, 3; Henry Davis, 4; Henry Swain, 5; Henry Thomas, 6; Henry Tucker (conductor), 7; Henry Dains, 8.

In any movement having for its object the expression of appreciation of private individual worth, or in any cause wherein was designed pecuniary relief to deserving objects, MR. THOMAS invariably threw the weight of his influence into the scale, with most happy results. We may with propriety mention the following:—In the year 1883, unaided, he organised a concert at Lammas hall, Old Battersea, in aid of the Cox Jubilee Fund, and the proceeds resulting therefrom were close upon £20. In 1885 he obtained funds for the presentation of a gold chain and locket to his former tutor, Mr. W. Baron. For a long time past he has greatly interested himself in the well-doing of that institution known as "Homes for Little Boys at Swanley and Farningham," and loses no opportunity of advocating such a commendable charity.

In the year 1884, a massive marble clock, with address illuminated on vellum, was presented to MR. THOMAS by the Rev. Erskine Clarke (vicar of Battersea), on behalf of the members and friends of the Ringing Society of that church; and in January, 1886, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, as a mark of their esteem—a picture in gold frame; and in the following year his portrait, which now hangs in the Cumberlands' meeting-room, was presented to that Society by a number of friends, out of respect and esteem for the Master, MR. HENRY S. THOMAS.

MR. THOMAS is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Waterloo Society, St. James's Society, and the Amateur Society of Old Battersea.

THE LIVERPOOLDIOCESAN GUILD.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held at Tue Brook, on Saturday, August 4th, when twenty-six members attended from Aughton, Crosby, Crossens, West Derby, Sefton, Tue Brook, etc. Several touches were rung on the bells till 5 p.m. when service was held in the church, and an excellent address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Clarke. After service the members adjourned to St. John's Institute, when an excellent tea was partaken of and ample justice done to the good things provided. The business meeting was afterwards held at which the Vicar presided, and in the course of a few remarks gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Tue Brook, and hoped that before long the members would pay him another visit, and then he would give them a more heartier welcome. He had great pleasure in becoming an honorary member of the Guild.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address and kind hospitality, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. Martin gave a statement of accounts, which were duly passed, the other business being of a routine character. One honorary and two performing members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. Great praise is due to Mr. N. Spencer for having all in readiness, and giving each member a hearty welcome.

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ELLESMERE, SALOP.

On Saturday, August 18th, by the kind invitation of Mr. Samuel Meadows, Messrs. Holding and Langford of Crewe, and Messrs. Wright and Gibson of Whitchurch, journeyed to Ellesmere for the purpose of attempting Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples with the assistance of three friends from Oswestry. On arrival, we found that the Oswestry men could not come until 4.0 p.m., so that we had nearly two hours to wait. We had time to visit the Bowling Green and the beautiful Mere, and other objects of interest. We then adjourned to Mr. Meadows' house and found that Mrs. Meadows had thoughtfully provided a tea for us, to which we did full justice. After having thanked Mrs. Meadows for her kindness, we visited the tower and found the Oswestry men had arrived, so we immediately began to prepare for the object of our visit. A short touch of 210 changes with the singles brought in, to get the pull of the bells, in which Mr. Whitfield of Oswestry took a bell, was then rung. A start for the peal was then made, "go" being called at 4.35, and at 5.30 "stand" was called owing to a change of course. After a few minutes' conversation another start was made, "go" being called exactly at 5.35, and all went well until more than half way through the ninth part, when, through the stupidity of one of the ringers in not leading when called upon by the conductor, another change of course occurred, and "stand" was called when only 700 changes had to be rung. H. Jarman, 1; G. Wright, 2; R. Edwards, 3; R. Martin, 4; R. Langford, 5; J. Gibson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; S. Meadows, 8. We were now invited to the Black Lion hotel, where we found a splendid supper awaiting us, and to which about seventeen sat down. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, it was decided that the peal should be attempted again within the month, and we hope it will have a more successful ending next time. After a few toasts had been given, train time arrived, and we found ourselves on the way to the station, and shortly after the train was seen. Hands were shaken, good-byes said, and we were homeward bound, having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, though a bit put out about the peal being spoiled just as we thought it was in our grasp.

R. T. H.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—VOLUNTEER RINGERS AT BOURNEMOUTH.

On Wednesday evening, August 15th, an attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples was made on the bells of St. Peter's church (tenor 20 cwt in E) by a mixed band of Volunteers. However, it came to grief after ringing close on 1000 changes. It being too late to start for a peal again, an attempt was made for a half-peal consisting of 2520 changes, which was successfully accomplished in 1 hr. 33 mins. Private H. Lawes, K. Company, 1st Hants (Basingstoke), 1; Private A. Coghlan, K. Company, 3rd Hants (Fareham), 2; Corporal J. Elcombe, D. Company, 1st Hants (Romsey), 3; Sergeant J. G. Bennett, No. 1 Company, 1st Dorset Artillery Volunteers (Dorset), 4; Private H. E. Withers, H. Company, 1st Hants (Alton, conductor), 5; Private T. Cole, D. Company, 1st Hants. (Romsey), 6; Private T. Best, B. Company, 4th Hants. (Christchurch), 7; A. Newman, D. Company, 1st Hants. (Romsey), 8.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

Another important addition to the busy town of Oldham is the fine new arcade just erected for Mr. J. Hilton, of Curzon Street, of the above town, and not least of the improvements is the fine large turret clock, from the designs and plans of Lord Grimthorpe, made and fixed by Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of 13, Guildford Street, Leeds, and 22, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, which shows the time upon a 6-ft. illuminated dial, with ornamental corners, from the designs of the architects, and strikes the full Cambridge quarters upon five large bells. There are also four automaton figures from Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*, representing King Richard, Friar Tuck, Robin Hood, and Gurth the swineherd, which will be a source of attraction to strangers, and useful as a correct timekeeper to the people of the town.

SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

In the report of the first Annual General Meeting of the above Association, which was held at Ealing, on August Bank holiday, I unaccountably omitted to send the particulars of the election of officers for the ensuing year. There were about thirty members present. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing, Mr. J. Basden was elected to the chair. Rev. F. E. Bird, St. Andrew's church, Hillingdon, was duly elected President; Mr. John Basden was unanimously re-elected Master of the Association; Mr. E. J. Walsom also being re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. The following members were elected on the Committee to represent the towers mentioned: Hillingdon, St. John's, Messrs. Rogers and Odell; Hillingdon, St. Andrew's, Messrs. Finch and Pratt; Ealing, St. Mary's, Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., and Messrs. Taber and Fryer; Ealing, Christ Church, Rev. J. S. Hilliard, M.A., and Messrs. Waterman and Nicolas; Isleworth, All Saints', Rev. T. F. Bigg, M.A., and Messrs. Etherington and Beadle; Harmondsworth, F. Saunders, Esq., and Messrs. Blundell and Boniface.

A discussion arose respecting the number of members which could be made in a tower previous to attempting a peal, but it was ultimately agreed to leave it to the Committee to decide. Monthly meetings will be arranged and advertised in "THE BELL NEWS" as usual, and every effort made to advance the Art of Change-Ringing in the South and West of Middlesex.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

DEDICATION OF NEW TUBULAR CHIMES AT HARDWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

In consequence of the ancient bell in the parish church of Hardwick having become cracked, it was proposed some time since to replace it by a peal of tubular bells, and the work connected with the fixing of these having just been completed, a dedication service was held on Thursday, August 16th. The old bell is of much interest from an antiquarian point of view. It is inscribed "Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata," in well-formed "black letter," relieved by the trademark or sign of the founder (William Underhill). Like most very old bells it is not dated, but the character of the lettering and inscription clearly show that it was cast prior to the Reformation. Its diameter is 36 in., weight 8½ cwt. Until 1795 there were two bells, but in that year one was sold to raise funds to take down the south aisle of the church, since rebuilt. These tubular bells have been supplied and fixed by Messrs. Harrington and Co., of Coventry. The dedication service took place at 4 o'clock, and the small church was crowded, the congregation including visitors from Wellingborough and several of the neighbouring villages. The Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Creighton) performed the ceremony of dedication.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a large party sat down to tea in the rectory grounds. The parishioners of Hardwick have decided to keep their old bell. It is now placed down in the belfry, and at some future time it is to be hoped that it may be recast, and again hoisted aloft.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.—The fifth quarterly meeting in connection with this district, was held at Westhall and Brampton on Monday, August 6th, at which twenty-two members attended, the following towers being represented: Beccles, Halesworth, Wenhamston, Wissett, Westhall, and Brampton. The business meeting was held at the school-room, Brampton, in the evening, the Rev. T. S. Curteis in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, one honorary member, two performing members, and one probationer were elected. It was proposed and carried to hold the next meeting at Rum-burgh. After other business was disposed of, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. T. S. Curteis for presiding, and to the Rev. G. Girling for the use of the Westhall bells,

A HOLIDAY IN LANCASHIRE.

In the holiday week the writer had the pleasure of sojourning in Blackpool and district. Old Sol, in a fit of pique, declined to be on view except when it suited him, and which was not often, although taking the weather all round it was preferable throughout the week to any other holiday resort. The winter gardens, tower, and other sights, which rank high in the minds of the general public, sank into oblivion in mine as I peregrined after towers of a different kind, much to the disappointment of the feminine portion of our luggage, while such almost inaudible compliments as "bell mad," "ringing on the brain," etc., emanated from those inestimable beings whom some inexperienced lunatics will insist are "our better halves?" St. John's, Blackpool, possesses a light, easy, and musical ring of eight, also a well-kept belfry, for which credit is due to Mr. J. Clitheroe. On Sunday morning, August 5th, a mixed band of tourists met and rang 378 Grandsire Triples, the ringers being:—C. Pratt (Calverly), 1; G. Turner (Manchester), 2; W. Willson (conductor, Leicester), 3; H. Chapman (Manchester), 4; W. Major, 5; E. Prescott, 6; E. B. Idle (Rusholme), 7; J. Fisher (Wigan), 8.

There is another peal of bells in the town, but as the ringers study hard at ringing "stone" and Churchyard Bob, I felt somewhat inferior, and scarcely up to that standard. Wednesday evening found me at Lytham (St. Cuthbert's), where two well-struck touches of Stedman Triples were brought round. On Thursday, I visited St. Anne's-on-Sea, where a prettier church and surrounding scenery could not be desired. Here is a good peal of eight by Taylor, also a band of locals just learning themselves Grandsire, a good opportunity presenting itself for a conductor to bring out a band. I must confess to a weakness for moralising over the great majority, and here at St. Anne's I enjoyed a churchyard ramble to the full, rich and quaint epitaphs being numerous. Beneath one monument erected by public subscription, is told how six of the local life-boat heroes went to their death in a boiling sea in attempting to rescue the crew of the Mexico on the night of December 9th, 1886. A mute yet eloquent witness to the noble-hearted men, "who laid down their lives for their friends."

Saturday found me speeding away towards Ashton-under-Lyne, where by kind invitation of Mr. Samuel Wood I had the opportunity of ringing in an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, but which was brought to an abrupt termination by the usual kicking at the door, the reason assigned being that the vicar had not received the notice sent. It seems to me this practice of peal-spoiling is getting far too common. The powers that be should remember it is just as easy to make enquiries after the peal as before it, and would save much unpleasantness. Adjourning to the meeting-house, an hour's good company followed, and also a touch of Triples on the handbells by S. Wood (conductor), 1-2; W. Willson, 3-4; G. Longden, 5-6; J. S. Wilde, 7-8. It being time to catch an express home, the writer then reluctantly bid good-bye to the district. The best thanks are due to Mr. Fell (Lytham), Mr. H. Chapman (Manchester), and the other gentlemen named, for their kind and courteous endeavours to please a stranger. W. W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the present year was held on Saturday, July 28th, at Newchurch-in-Rossendale. The attendance of members, except from the Rossendale branch, was not so large as had been hoped for; a fact which was no doubt partly to be accounted for by the heat of the day, and partly by the occurrence in some places of local interest on the same afternoon. Among these latter the Royal County Show, which was being held at Bolton, was certainly responsible for keeping members in that district away from the meeting. Still, representatives were present from Manchester, Prestwich, Rochdale, Heywood, Higher Walton, Bacup, and Waterfoot, and other places in the neighbourhood. The bells went as well as possible, in spite of the hot day, and during the afternoon and evening some fair ringing was done in the Major and Minor methods, and Grandsire Triples. The business meeting was held in the school-room at 6 o'clock, when the Rev. Herbert Bury, rector of Newchurch, presided, and supporting him were the President

and Vice-President of the Association, the Rev. T. B. Eddrup, Messrs. Birtwistle, Harrison, Mather, and Shepherd. In welcoming the Association to Newchurch, the chairman spoke of the need of thoroughness in the performance of their duties, a quality which was required of ringers as much as of any other church officers. Then the President, speaking of the most recent issue of Mr. Attree's analysis for the present year, said that in the number of peals rang, the Association stood well at present, but suggested that there might with advantage be more variety in the methods selected. But why, he asked, were there several peals rang in the county, and yet not registered under the title "Lancashire Association." That looked as if there was still room for improvement in the work of the Association, which ought not to be satisfied until its standard was such that all ringers in the county should feel it an honour to be enrolled within it.

A short discussion followed on this and other matters, and one new member was elected at the meeting. Votes of thanks to the rector and others brought the proceedings in the school to a close, and the members adjourned, first to the tower, and later to the train, *en route* for their various homes.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Hale parish church on Saturday, August 4th. The towers represented were Farnworth, Warrington, Huyton, Halewood, Prescott, and the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30, and was kept so till 8.0 o'clock. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which the Rev. R. B. Stewart presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Halewood being read and confirmed, the rev. gentleman said he did not know as he had much to say. He could not teach them anything in the Art of Change-Ringing, as he knew nothing about it. He would always be glad to welcome the ringers of the Association to Hale, as he was sure they were doing a deal of good by visiting different towers. It was proposed by Mr. Oxley, seconded by Mr. Byron, that Wootton be the next meeting place. Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, etc., and to the local company for having everything in readiness terminated the meeting.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Leesfield, on Saturday, August 11th. Members were present from Rochdale, Shaw, Moorside, and the local band. The meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. Travis, of Shaw, when three new members were nominated. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening touches of Treble Bob Minor and Major and Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung.

THE PEAL RUNG AT ST. JAMES'S, BATH, ON AUGUST 15th.

A Bath correspondent asks us to insert the following:—

Probably it is not generally known that the oldest ringer in Bath, Mr. Richard Osman, has been taken from our midst at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Fifty or sixty years ago he was the leader of a good band of change-ringers, and the only change-ringer in Bath at that time, he having composed and conducted several peals of which records are to be found in most of our churches. At St. Michael's he was steeple-keeper as long as he was able to ascend the staircase (which is about four years since). In the tower of this church are two tablets recording three peals, there is one peal recorded in the Abbey tower; at St. Saviour's there are three tablets recording four peals; at St. James' there is a tablet recording his wedding peal in which he took part himself in ringing the 3rd, the date is Wednesday, October 2nd, 1833, his funeral peal being rung on August 15th, 1894. On Tuesday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung muffled at Christ Church in 50 minutes by the following members of the Bath and Wells Association. G. Kingman, 1; W. Lanham, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; F. King, 4; G. Temple, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; G. Crisp, 8. At St. Saviour's, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung muffled as a token of respect. He was interred at Bathwick cemetery, on Monday, August 13th, and a muffled peal was rung at St. Michael's the same evening. It is also noteworthy that Mr. C. W. Bell, the conductor of the muffled peal rung at St. James's, is the grandson of the ringer of the 5th bell (Mr. Joseph Bell), in the wedding peal. J. B.

THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD, NEWCASTLE.—ANNUAL EXCURSION.

This old-timed event came off as usual on Bank Holiday, and was held at the ancient town of Berwick-on-Tweed, the most northern English borough. Through the exertions of the Mayor, Alderman Joseph Weatherston, and his *confreres* in the council, the fine peal of bells in the Town Hall, tenor 21 cwt., has been rehung, and Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, have made a capital job of them, the only drawback being the want of new ropes, the old ones having seemingly done duty for centuries. Hence having a pressing invitation from the Mayor, it was decided to have a day's outing in his town, and endeavour to score the first peal on the bells. Arriving about 10.15 a.m., excellent breakfast was provided to start with at the Crown and Thistle hotel, the ladies of the party kindly doing the honours of the table. Mr. John Buffery had kindly acted as advance agent for the party, and together with the Master bell ringer of Berwick (a most important personage by the way) had prepared the bells and ropes for their long "spin," through the intricate mazes of that method given to us by the immortal Fabian. Stripping to the work, a fine peal was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min., which was good time, taking all the disadvantages under which the band was placed into consideration. Meanwhile the good Mayor had been escorting the remainder of the party through the town and over its rare old walls, parts of which still bear traces of the "playful" battering of the Picts and Scots of ancient lore. Dinner was the next item, and then all had the rare treat of tasting Tweed salmon, universally acknowledged to be the tasty bite of all the British finny tribe. After dinner his worship put in an appearance again, and after a well-struck course had been rung on the handbells for his especial benefit, Mr. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the worthy chief citizen for his charming hospitality. In responding, the Mayor thanked the ringers for their rare exposition of the Art in his tower, and for their hearty appreciation of his efforts. He was afraid the Berwick people did not appreciate the ringing as much as he did, as he had already been tackled about the noise "those chaps were kicking up." One old lady, he said, thought there must be a hundred ringers there in relays, to ring so long at once. To-morrow he expected to be arrested for creating a nuisance, and then he'd be brought up before himself, and he was sure he could not let himself off with the option of a fine. Three months for so arrant a miscreant would be little enough. Thanking the visitors once more, he sat down amid hearty laughter and applause. In the afternoon while touches were being rung by the non-peal men, the others, under the guidance of Councillor Carr, visited the dungeons beneath the walls, nice blood-curdling looking places, most amiably placed there by Wallace for the benefit (?) of his prisoners of war. The weirdness of the place was enhanced by one of the party sticking a candle into a skull, supposed to have belonged to one of the aforesaid honored guests of Wallace, at which the "guid philosopher and friend" of the party seemed mightily indignant. After a hearty tea at host Turnbull's, of The Crown and Thistle, "walker" was the word. At the station the Mayor and Mr. Buffery came to wish the party farewell, and hoped for another visit shortly. The journey home was enlivened by songs and handbell ringing, taken with a little "Aqua Scotia," and a most pleasant day's outing closed with the arrival at 11.45, of the train in Newcastle station. The thanks of the party are due and herewith tendered to the worthy secretary of the Association, Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, and Mr. W. Holmes, for their excellent arrangements, and to Alderman Weatherston for his kindly entertainment during the day.

SHERIFFHALES, STAFFORDSHIRE.

The old peal of five bells at the above village church has just been rehung and augmented to six, and on Saturday, August 18th, they were dedicated by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. A band from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, was invited to ring before and after service, and also for service. On Sunday morning and evening, with this end in view, the ringers booked to Shifnal by the 2.6 G.W.R., where they were met by a wagonette, arriving at Sheriffhales, on the Duke of Sutherland's estate about 3.30, the service being fixed for 4 o'clock. A move was at once made for the tower, where after raising them in peal,

several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and the bells were again lowered and chimed a few minutes, when the special office of dedication was gone through. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, in the course of which he dwelt upon the Art of change-ringing and history of bells, and mentioned the fact that the old peal of five hanging in that tower, had done duty for 172 years.

The service over, the bells were again raised in peal, and after ringing a 6-score, a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 23 mins. C. Vickers, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; L. Bullock, 3; J. Rowe, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Afterwards several 6-scores were rang, conducted by L. Bullock. A short interval was here granted to refresh the inner man, after which some more 6-scores and a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung. T. Marsh, 1; B. Marsh, 2; H. A. Hall, 3; J. Rowe, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Dinner was ordered for seven o'clock at the Coffee Tavern, to which about twenty sat down. The vicar, the Rev. A. T. Michell, occupied the chair, and the curate, the vice-chair, and the courses composed by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, especially for the occasion, were rapidly got through with very little trouble. Dinner over, two large tins of tobacco were next discussed; this also disappeared very rapidly. A vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar for the way he had entertained the company.

The vicar in replying said he hoped it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of entertaining them. After a few tunes on the handbells by J. E. Groves and T. Marsh, the company adjourned to the Crackley Bank hotel, distance about 1½ miles, where the rest of the evening was spent in social enjoyment, including songs by T. Marsh and H. Marlarn. — Dean, etc., and courses of Grandsire Triples and tunes on the handbells, much to the delight of all present, time for departure coming only too soon. The order for Sunday was breakfast at 8.15, meet at the tower at 9.0 a.m. for date touch, which was duly brought round in 1 hr., after which some 6-scores were rung.

In the afternoon the band drove to the pretty village of Lilleshall, with the intention of having a 720 on the ring of six at the parish church, but service being at 3 o'clock, time did not allow before; so three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rang before service, and a 360 Grandsire Minor was rang after service. T. Marsh, 1; H. A. Hall, 2; C. H. Vickers, 3; J. Rowe, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. in A. For evening service at Sheriffhales a 360 of Grandsire Minor was rung. T. Marsh, 1; C. Marsh, 2; C. F. Vickers, 3; L. Bullock (conductor), 4; J. Rowe, 5; H. A. Hall, 6. Other touches of Minor and Doubles were rung, after which the bells were lowered in peal, and the Wolverhampton men had to leave to catch the 8.0 p.m. train at Shifnal. The rehanging of the bells and casting of the new treble has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and now forms a pretty little ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt. in G.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WALWORTH.

On Friday, July 27th, this Society held its first yearly meeting for the passing of accounts for the expired year, and the election of new officers. The Auditors, Messrs. J. E. Davis and T. Langdon, presented the accounts, which shewed a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £1 1s. 3d. after all expenses had been paid. The office of Master was next proceeded with, Mr. E. P. O'Meara being again elected. The late Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. F. G. Perrin, was unanimously re-elected, several members testifying to his activity and ability during the past year. This Society, which has been labouring under the disadvantage of the bad go of the bells, again urgently appeals for donations towards their restoration, the parish being extremely poor, and the ringers not being able to cope with such an undertaking without outside help. The Rector will acknowledge any donations sent to him at the rectory, or the Secretary at 42, Aylesbury Street, S.E.

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Ringers' Outings.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, HULL.—On Saturday, July 28th, the members of this society held their annual excursion, Nottingham being the place selected. Starting from the Victoria pier at 1 p.m., Nottingham was reached at 4.15. The party was met by Messrs. White, Robinson, Archer, Abbott, Inglesant (Loughborough), and others. A start was at once made for All Saints' church, where capital touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Treble Bob Major were rung. A visit was then paid to the Arboretum, where a capital knife and fork touch was rung. A visit to St. Peter's church was the next item on the programme, but owing to the bells not going very well, very little was done, only Grandsire Triples being attempted. The party then adjourned to the ringers' meeting-house, The Salutation inn, Houndsgate, where courses on the handbells were indulged in until 10 o'clock, when some of them went in pursuit of a memento of their visit. The return journey was commenced at 11 o'clock, arriving home at 2.15 a.m., having thoroughly enjoyed their outing. The company take this opportunity of thanking the church authorities for the use of their bells; also all their Nottingham friends for so kindly meeting them.

THIRSK, YORKS.—On Saturday, August 4th, this company had their outing to Knaresborough. They soon found their way to the church, and rang a few touches of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards some went and viewed the old castle, while others enjoyed themselves in boating. They then journeyed on to Harrogate, where they sat down to a splendid knife and fork tea at the People's Hotel, which was brought round in fine style. They then made their way to St. Mary's church, where they found the Harrogate company awaiting them. Here they rung two or three short touches of Grandsire Triples, in which three of the Harrogate company took part. They then adjourned to the Borough Vaults, where a jovial evening was spent until train time. They left Harrogate about 10.30, all arriving home well pleased with their outing. They wish to thank the vicar (Rev. J. C. Hanson), for defraying the expenses of the outing; also the vicars and churchwardens of Harrogate and Knaresborough for the use of the bells.

THE SUDBURY SOCIETY.—This society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 18th, London being the place selected again for paying a visit to. The following were the members who went: Messrs. Sillitoe, Scott, Tolliday, Harper, Howell (2), Campin, Bacon, Silvester, and Brackett. Mr. W. Cross, the oldest member of the company, was prevented by illness from going. The party left Sudbury at 7 a.m., arriving at Liverpool Street about 9.30, where they were met by Messrs. Winney and Bonney of the College Youths, both these gentlemen accompanying the party throughout the day. After calling the roll, a move was made towards Greenwich, this place being the first on the programme to ring. The journey was made by way of the new Tower bridge, in order to make the visitors cross and see this wonderful structure. From there the rest of the journey was made by tram, which brought them to their destination about 12 o'clock. Permission having been previously obtained of the vicar of St. Alphege to ring, they raised the bells and rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major on the back eight. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; C. F. Winney, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Howell, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters was rung, and a move was made for the purpose of having some dinner, which was satisfactorily done to all concerned. The next thing was a visit to the Park and Observatory, the scenery from the top of the hill being greatly admired by all, the various objects of interest being kindly pointed out by Mr. E. E. Richards. Some amusement was caused by one or two well-known members of the party being continually watched by the park keepers, owing to one of them being armed with an innocent looking bag, from which sundry metallic sounds proceeded every now and then. It contained nothing more dangerous however than a set of

handbells. No doubt the keeper felt greatly relieved on seeing the back of the parties in question. The journey back to London was made by steamboat, the party disembarking at London bridge after an enjoyable ride. They then made their way to St. Paul's cathedral and inspected the crypt, which was of great interest to the visitors. After partaking of tea, a move was made to the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, where they were met by Mr. E. Horrex and several other London ringers. A course of Double Norwich was rung on the back eight by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; C. F. Winney, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by C. E. Winney; and a touch of Treble Bob Major conducted by C. Sillitoe. The rest of the evening till train time was spent in handbell ringing, a course of Grandsire Caters being rung in the tittum position by F. Tolliday, 1-2; C. F. Winney, 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6; C. Sillitoe, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10. The time having now arrived to start on the return journey, the party after bidding their London brother-strings a hearty good-bye, steamed out of Liverpool Street at 10.30 p.m., reaching home at 12.45, after having spent a very interesting and enjoyable day. They beg through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. Winney and all the other ringers who kindly met them, and also the authorities of the churches where they rang, for kindly giving them permission to do so.

WINSTER, DERBYSHIRE.

The parish church of St. John the Baptist, which is situated five miles from Matlock, and two-and-a-half from Darley Dale Railway Station, has had a new quarter-chime clock erected in the tower, the gift of a gentleman who resides in the parish. The necessary work has been executed by Messrs. William Potts and Sons, of 13, Guildford Street, Leeds, and 22, Collingwood Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who are also making a new illuminated chime clock for the parish church, Hayfield, in the High Peak District, five miles south from Glossop, ten miles north of Buxton, Derbyshire, and three miles from New Mills Town Hall, where Messrs. Potts and Sons erected the clock and bells a great many years ago, and which still give satisfaction.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1894.

A few weeks ago we read of a new Society of ringers being formed at a place called Eastwell, near to Ashford, in Kent, and the circumstances attending such formation certainly deserve more than a passing notice. As we understand it, some alterations or additions were required at the seat of the nobleman residing at Eastwell Park, and this led to the employment therein of a change-ringer from London, a Mr. DUFF, whose name is not unknown to many of our readers. With the true instinct of a good ringer, this gentleman soon discovered a ring of bells, and though only six in number, yet it was something. He then set about to make the acquaintance of the local ringers, but alas! there were none. This was a strange experience to him; six bells in a church tower; and no ringers! So he set to work, like others have had to do before him, and made some. The report tells us he collected together ten young fellows, all anxious to learn to ring, whom, without delay, he instructed in the usual elementary drudgery. The bells were in bad order, but the frame was screwed and patched up by the young hands and their preceptor, and practice went on continually. Rounds and its "continuations" were soon mastered, but this was not sufficient. Mr. DUFF persuaded the young men to form themselves into a society, and such recommendation was promptly carried out.

Then being a capital forager, he procured some handbells—which, by the way, required almost as much repair as the tower bells—and started his young band on half-pull ringing. By continual perseverance 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were soon rung upon the handbells very correctly; rope-sight was then quickly attained, so that the same could be done creditably in the tower, and by now this young band have no doubt proceeded well into Minor.

The establishment of the Eastwell Society points a moral, surely. Had Mr. DUFF been one of those people who do not care to go out of their way to promote the Art of Ringing; or one whose efforts to teach could only be obtained by payment, we never should have heard of the "Eastwell Park Change-Ringing Society," perhaps. All honour to Mr. DUFF and men of his stamp. It is pleasing to read that the Eastwell gentlemen exhibited their gratitude to him by begging his acceptance of a suitable present before he left the neighbourhood; a feature not always seen.

The Metropolis.

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On Friday, August 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

WILLIAM IRELAND .. 1-2.	GEORGE P. BURTON .. 5-6.
JOHN ED. BURTON .. 3-4.	J. ARMIGER TROLLOP .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Umpire—Mr. John Smith, of Kingston-on-Thames. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

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On Friday, August 17, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, NO. 1.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. 1-2.	GEORGE CLEAL 5-6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 3-4.	SAMUEL COTTON 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to William Willson, and was rung at the first attempt. Referee, Mr. J. Buttery, who pricked off the leads throughout. Witness, William Challenor.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

STANLEY HUTSON .. Treble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5.
CHARLES MILLWAY 2.	*WILLIAM TASSELL 6.
CHARLES DUTNALL 3.	RICHARD STAINES 7.
ERNEST ALLEN 4.	ARTHUR HARDY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

*First peal with a bob bell.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 19, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 5.
WILLIAM G. GROVE 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
WALTER INGHAM 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

JOHN HAMMOND .. Treble.	WILLIAM RUMSEY 5.
GEORGE SPARROW 2.	WILLIAM RUFFLES 6.
JOHN BRADY 3.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN... .. 7.
FREDERICK ALLARD 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOP and Conducted by W. GRIMES.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, and 5th bells, also the first peal of Bob Major ever rung by eight Debenham men.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1894, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. Treble.	WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 5.
FRANK STONELEY 2.	WILLIAM GAYES 6.
WILLIAM W. STEEL 3.	*JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
JOHN MINSHULL 4.	†ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON and Conducted by J. NORBURY.

First peal of Bob Triples by the Guild and by all the above. *First peal as conductor. †First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled for David Clark, Esq., Park House, Macclesfield, who gave thirty guineas to the restoration of the peal in 1894, and who was interred the same day at Henbury, at 12 o'clock, the above peal coming round exactly at that time.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

J. N. FROSSELL Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 2.	GEORGE SMART 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. 3.	*KEITH HART 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	R. J. DAWE Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of John Jay, sen., the band wishing him many happy returns of the day.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

WALTER S. WISE Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
ALFRED PEARCE 2.	SIDNEY LAWRENCE .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 7.
SIDNEY MACEY 4.	SIDNEY AMES Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS;
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT Treble.	RICHARD ROUND 4.
HARRY MASON 2.	GEORGE H. PAGETT .. 5.
JOHN SMITH 3.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Tenor.

This is the quickest 5040 on the bells, and was rung with each ringer conducting a 720 each, starting from the treble downwards, the Grandsire being a six-part, each one calling a part. This is the first 5040 in seven methods with each one acting as conductor rung by this Association, and was rung to commemorate the 10th birthday of Master Reginald Guy Langley Marriott, youngest son of the Rev. S. J. Marriott, Vicar.

Date Touches.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SHERIFFHALES (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 19th, a date touch of Grandsire Minor in 1 hr. T. March, 1; H. A. Hall, 2; C. F. Vickers, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday night, July 31st, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. H. Merrills, 1; H. Blagg, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. C. Whetstone (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by W. H. Johnson, and first 720 in the method as conductor by J. C. Whetstone. On Sunday evening, August 5th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; S. J. Hemsworth, 3; H. Lambert, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; J. White, 6. W. Preston, hails from Worksop, and S. J. Hemsworth, from near Lincoln, and both were formerly members of this society.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, July 29th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 540 of Bob Royal. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh, 9; J. B. Joyne (conductor), 10. On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a 560 of Grandsire Triples. G. B. Winter, 1; J. Bottomley, 2; T. Spurr, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. Swannack, 6; J. B. Joyne (conductor), 7; W. Metcalfe, 8. On Sunday, August 12th, three courses of Bob Royal, with T. H. Denman 6th, the others standing as before. First touch in the method by all. And 540 of Grandsire Caters. T. Spurr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; J. T. Bottomley, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joyne, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. E. Beeston (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Swinburn (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. And in the evening for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. H. Swinburn, 1; J. H. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Claypham, 5; R. Beeston (conductor), 6; T. Sewell, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, August 20th, at the residence of Mr. Miles, two 720s of Bob Minor, each 720 called differently. Conducted by J. Miles and J. Howes respectively. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6. And two courses of Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 14th, at St. Michael's church, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Holmes, 1; H. Ling, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; W. Webb, 4; H. Hopson, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; H. Simpson, 7; R. Freestone, 8. A. W. Brighton hails from Norwich, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 28 cwt.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Monday, July 30th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 4; E. W. Round-Turner, 5; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 6. Tenor 6½ cwt.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. G. Durrant, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. W. Miller, 3; W. W. Miller, 4; W. Shipp, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 14th, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 1; J. E. Burton, 2; J. Brady, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 6. Messrs. J. E. and G. P. Burton and J. A. Trollop hail from Norwich, J. Brady from Debenham, the rest belong to the local company. Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, August 14th, a 400 Bob Minor. F. E. W. Meadows, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. Also a course each of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Major and Forward Major. J. E. Burton, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6; J. A. Trollop, 7-8. On Thursday, August 16th, a peal of Bob Triples, 5040 changes, was attempted, but after ringing 3200 in 1 hr. and 30 mins. it came to grief. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; F. E. W. Meadows, 7-8. Longest length on handbells by the ringers of the tenors.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 16th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, but after ringing over 4000 changes in 2 hrs. and 35 mins. it came to grief. J. E. Burton, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6; G. Wightman, 7; A. S. Wightman, 8. Messrs. J. E. Burton, and J. A. Trollop hail from Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, August 15th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. T. Wakeman, 1; G. Davies, 2; N. Davies, 3; J. Pagett (conductor), 4; T. Salter, 5; H. Smith, 6.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 19th, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. W. Talbot, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestige, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. This is J. W. Smith's first 720 with a bob bell.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Sunday, August 12th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Chappell, 1; G. Chequer (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Cummins (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. G. Chappell hails from Wickham; and W. Linter from Swanmore.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Sunday, August 19th, for afternoon service, 720 College Single Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Osman, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; W. Cooper (first 720 in the method), 3; A. Millard, 4; G. Chappell (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. W. Cooper hails from Shedfield.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, August 9th, for practice, 252 Grandsire Triples. S. Riddle, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; B. Hawkins, 3; W. Tice, 4; R. Hilton, 5; C. Hilton, 6; F. Bunch, 7; T. Stevens, 8. On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 504 Bob Triples. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; B. Hawkins, 3; S. Riddle, 4; R. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; F. Bunch, 7; H. Yeomans, 8. And 240 Bob Major, with W. Filmore ringing the 3rd.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, August 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Mustow (first 720), 1; S. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; J. Butler, 4; F. Bunch, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Reynolds, 1; F. Burnett, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Gardner, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge, 8. On Saturday, August 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Peckham, 1; E. Tomlins (longest length), 2; E. Reynolds (longest with a bob bell), 3; F. Burnett, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; H. Jennings (Ryde), 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Fuge (longest touch), 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS (Durham).—On Friday, June 7th, at the parish church, 168 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Teasdale. A 720 Bob Minor, conducted by G. Dix. And 360 Bob Minor, conducted by A. Tully. On Monday, June 11th, a 504 Bob Triples. J. Browell, 1; ———, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; G. W. Dix, 4; E. Keen, 5; T. Teasdale, 6; A. Tully (conductor), 7; A. Dowell, 8. On Sunday, July 22nd, a 720 Bob Minor. A. Tully (conductor), 1; W. Frazer, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. Keen, 4; G. Dix, 5; T. Teasdale (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 29th, a 720 Bob Minor. R. Johnson, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; G. W. Holmes, 4; T. Teasdale, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, August 12th, 120 Doubles. G. W. Holmes, 1-2; E. Keen, 3-4; T. Teasdale (conductor), 5-6. First 120 on handbells by all. And 120 Bob Doubles. H. Hall (first 720), 1; J. Rossiter, 2; E. Keen, 3; A. Tully, 4; T. Teasdale, 5.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Saturday, July 21st, for practice at the church of St. Mary, 324 Grandsire Caters. H. Pearce, 1; J. Joyce, 2; H. Poole, 3; ———, 4; J. Maddocks, 5; J. Burge, 6; G. Yendall, 7; T. Doble, 8; T. W. Radford (conductor), 9; W. Thorne, 10. This is the first touch of Caters by all except the conductor. On Saturday, August 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. D. Bond, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Joyce, 3; S. Radford, 4; G. Yendall, 5; T. W. Radford (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by Messrs. Evans and Bond, and first 720 of Minor on the bells. On Sunday, August 19th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Maddocks, 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; J. Burge (conductor), 5; G. H. Yendall, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Millard and Pearce with a bob bell. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Burge. And in the afternoon, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; S. Radford, 3; F. Millard, 4; J. Burge, 5; G. H. Yendall, 6. This was rung on the occasion of the Great Western Railway Widows and Orphans Church Parade.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Thursday, August 16th, for practice at St. James' church, a 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Marshall, 1; H. Jenkins, 2; F. Moulson (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6. On Thursday, August 16th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 1512 changes in 50 mins., a change-course occurred in the Slow, and it was lost. G. T. Miller, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; J. Dixey, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; W. Cockerill (London), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. J. W. Dale (first 720 in the method), 1; G. T. Miller, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; T. Nixon (Grimsby), 4; J. Dixey, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, (forty-two

singles and eighteen bobs) in 26 mins. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 8.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, August 17th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. C. Southwick, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; J. E. Grove, 5; L. Bullock (conductor), 6. Also several touches of Bob Minor and Doubles.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, August 12th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; E. Dunn, 2; W. Smith, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; H. P. Harman, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. And for evening service, a 546 of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, August 12th, for practice, a 560 Bob Major. J. Town (longest touch in the method), 1; R. Humphrey, 2; T. Durling, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; E. Dunn, 6; W. Ingham, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, August 5th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; S. Hutson, 2; R. Staines, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Dutnall, 5; G. Willshire, 6; A. Hardy, 7; W. Tassell, 8. G. Willshire hails from Quex Park, Birchington.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Millard, 1; E. Duckman, 2; H. Pring, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; G. Colston, 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Hinton, 7; W. Colston and H. L. Stacey, 8. Messrs. Knights and Davies hail from Chesterfield.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday, August 19th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 560 and 224 of Bob Major. J. Nichols, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; H. Reeves, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. On Monday, August 20th, a 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Nichols, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; H. Reeves, 4; W. Elliott, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. And two courses of Grandsire Triples, the 3rd and 8th men changing places, the remainder standing as before. And a 672 Bob Major. J. Nichols, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; H. Reeves (conductor), 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Elliott, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. H. Reeves who hails from Redhill, Surrey, is a member of the Surrey Association, and the remainder belong to the Essex Association.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 18th, for practice at the parish church, a 1008 of Bob Major in 35 mins. A. Button, 1; H. J. Button, 2; S. J. Wolf, 3; J. M. Button, 4; F. Cooper, 5; T. Bell, 6; C. Sampson, 7; G. Wilson (conductor), 8.

POTTERNE, DEVIZES (Wilts).—On Thursday, August 16th, at the parish church, five members from St. John's, Devizes, and C. S. Burden, native of Potterne, who is on a visit here from London, rang upon this fine peal of bells three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Rouden, 1; W. King, 2; S. Hiller, 3; A. Draper, 4; C. S. Burden (conductor), 5; D. Phillips, 6. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Canon Inman for granting the use of the bells, and J. Wells for getting everything in readiness.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Coast, 1; J. Dixon, 2; E. Day, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; A. Hardy, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 14th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. Hardy, 1; J. Dixon, 2; E. Day, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Hardy hails from Borden; the rest are local men. This is the first 720 by *bona fide* members of this society. On Thursday, August 16th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Coast, 1; J. Dixon, 2; E. Day, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; F. Shedd, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Shedd, 1; H. Wood, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; E. Day, 4; J. Dixon (conductor), 5; C. Sellen, 6. And a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Dixon, 3; H. Wood (conductor), 4; F. Shedd, 5; J. G. Grensted, 6. After ringing on Thursday, the company were entertained at supper by their genial secretary, Mr. Churchwarden Dixon, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Coast, 1; E. Day, 2; J. Dixon, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; A. Hardy, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. With the exception of C. Sellen, all the ringers are members of the Kent County Association.

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."

"APATHY AND UNCONCERN."—WHO IS TO BLAME?

SIR,—I did not intend—nor should I have presumed—to formulate a "scathing impeachment" against ringers in general. I have too much respect for them, and have received too much courtesy from them, to take any such liberty; nor, on reading my own words again, do they seem to constitute so serious an attack. No body of men, however, is perfect, any more than individuals are, and I only wished to point out that ringers sometimes make it more difficult than it need be for the clergy and others to encourage them and their Art. It is obviously undesirable to prove my case by citing names or places: but you are right in supposing that I have good reason for every word that I have written. I may, however, appeal to your own columns, and to the frequency with which it is there recorded that from "meeting one short," or late arrival or non-appearance of those who had promised to come, some peal or long touch has fallen through, or practice been delayed or rendered impossible. What does this mean? It means that some men are discourteous enough to break engagements and put others to inconvenience without notice or warning; and it also means that busy men whose time and trouble is often wasted by this sort of conduct, are apt to become disgusted with ringing, and to judge all ringers by what I hope and believe are exceptions. With your remarks on the subject of attendance at church I partly agree. It is unfortunate, no doubt, when services are unsuitable or unattractive, not to ringers only, but to the congregation in general. But this ought not to override the general principle that, for the sake of example, the ringers employed at a church should be church-goers. I am not in favour of hard-and-fast rules as to the number of times ringers should attend Divine Service. There must be a reasonable liberty in such matters. But I do think that if ringers, for the sake of their own pleasure in ringing, undertake such work and then deliberately and persistently absent themselves from church, they are doing all they can to set both clergy and laity against ringers and ringing. Nor should I blame any clergyman who, after some experience of such behaviour, should decide to have no more to do with a band of ringers, but to set up a chiming apparatus worked by one man whom he could trust.

T. L. PAPILLON.

SIR,—As a lover of bells, a change-ringer, a church official of many years standing, and secretary of a ringing society, I beg to thank the Rev. T. L. Papillon for his plain outspoken letter in your last issue. He writes as one who has the best interests of ringers at heart. If your readers all over the country will "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" his well-meant and timely remarks, they will, I am sure, be productive of much good.

TRADESMAN.

TRUE AND FALSE AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. H. W. Wilde, as he evidently composed his peal independently of mine, I withdraw the charge of deliberate variation, which will not, I think, be thought unreasonable when the short time between the publication of the two compositions is considered. I am unable however to repudiate the main part of my letter, as I have still a prior claim to the peal in question. Mr. Wilde says he composed his peal on March 18th; I composed mine on February 16th; it was in the hands of Mr. Carter, of Birmingham, and Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Hyde, soon after; and was rung on March 7th—ten days before Mr. Wilde produced it. Mr. Wilde refers me to a peal published by him in July 1891; but as this is unlike the one in question except that the tenors are together every lead, I fail to see what light it throws on the subject. I did not say anywhere, either that there was any originality in keeping the tenors together, or that my claim to Mr. Wilde's peal was based on the fact that it contained that quality. My case is that, first the two peals are the same; and second, that mine was both composed, rung, and published before Mr. Wilde's, so that although he may be so unfortunate as to compose it before he knew of the existence of mine, he cannot now claim it.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

52, Middle Street, St. George's, Norwich.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday evening, August 18th, at the Abbey church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. F. Carter, 1; H. James, 2; E. Wallage, 3; G. Peace (conductor), 4; F. Jelf, 5; E. Hall, 6; D. Tarling, 7; G. Cole, 8. This quarter-peal is one composed by E. Wallage, and is the first quarter-peal G. Peace has conducted.

A REMARKABLE MAN OF LITCHURCH, DERBY.

BY MARCUS II.

Continued from No. 643.

The pangs of hunger having gone,
The old man thinks what must be done;
To find a job that pays him best,
Before he takes his usual rest.

And while he smokes his best cigar,
His thoughts will wander near and far;
Till all at once he gives a start,
A thought has struck him like a dart.

This morn, while in his new armchair,
The parson named a lady fair
Who, for better, or worse, would try her fate,
By entering in the marriage state.

With a job in view he beams with pride,
And schemes and plans for the future bride;
His task when o'er and pledged in drinks,
He retires to take his forty winks.

If left alone, he late will surely be,
And have not time to take his tea;
Before he has to waddle back,
Along the old well-beaten track.

Puffing and blowing, all in haste,
He knows he has no time to waste;
He unlocks the gate in such a flurry,
And bangs the door, all hurry-scurry.

He looks to see "his chair" all right,
And then returns in serious plight;
For all his men are waiting there,
But cannot climb the spiral stair.

He most abruptly opes the door,
And up the steps they go once more;
He then reminds them "to doff their hats,"
And keep their big feet off the mats.

Then looks around to see who's there,
And fondly hopes there's one to spare;
Although his bell is very light,
He does not feel in form to-night.

Then calling loudly to his men,
To ring for service once again;
And soft and shrill the music swells,
From dear St. Andrew's merry bells.

A nice long touch they then will ring,
Which sexton says "is just the thing;"
When conducted on a certain line,
Just to bring them home in time.

He looks to see the ropes all right,
And to each one he bids "good-night;"
When they are all gone down below,
He to the safe will quickly go.

The register he tries to square,
And some get marks who were not there;
But no matter how many marks they earn,
"The sexton's first" on the return.

When that is done his duty ends,
And from the tower he soon descends;
To take his seat with quaintly air,
And dignify the new arm-chair.

As this goes on from week to week,
The interest is not far to seek;
Should his career draw to a close,
His friends will wish him sweet repose.

[FINIS.]

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, August 15th, at the residence of Mr. Paulson, 896, 223 and 220 Grandsire Triples. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. And a course of Bob Major, the band standing as before.

Notices.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Aberdare, this Saturday afternoon, August 25th, 1894, to commence with a short service and address at 3.0 p.m. Meeting immediately afterwards, to be followed by a knife and fork tea. Bells open at 5.0 p.m. W. A. DOWNING, *Hon. Sec.*
Llandaff.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place at Upton-on-Severn, on Saturday, September 1st, at 6.0 p.m.
36, Simms Lane, Netherton, JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
Dudley.

The North Lincolnshire Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Grimsby, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. A short service will be held in the parish church, at 5.0 p.m. It is hoped that ringers will attend. Tea will be provided at The Bull Ring Coffee Hall, at 5.15, at rs. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately afterwards. The bells of the parish church (8), and S. Andrew's (8), will be open for ringing. Excursion train leaves Lincoln (Mid.) at 2.0 p.m., returning from Grimsby (Town Station), at 9.20 p.m., return rs. 6d.
Church Street, REGINALD BOND, *Hon. Sec.*
Gainsborough.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of this Society will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Ringing from 3.0 o'clock. Meeting house, The Skyrack inn. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Daine Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly Meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Liskeard, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Tea at 6.0 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3.0 p.m.
F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Braeside, West Kirby.

The South and West Middlesex Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, to-day, Saturday, August 25th, at 5 o'clock.
E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton, near Northampton, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells open for ringing from 2.30 to 8.0 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after tea. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, to-day, Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3.0 p.m. Meeting at 6.0 o'clock. Business: to elect a secretary and nominate a committee-man.
J. B. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Lancashire Association.—Members are requested to notice that the Association year ends on August 31st. Reports of peals or any new compositions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton.

Nominations for the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, may be made by any member throughout the Association. The following branches are called upon to nominate candidates for the Committee, which can be made only at the Branch Meeting: Blackburn, Liverpool, Rossendale, Preston, and Fylde. Nominations or any other matter for the reports should be forwarded to the Secretaries.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon.*
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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Wittington, on Saturday, September 1st, Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.; N.B.—This meeting should have been held at Whitefield, but the authorities are expecting the bell-bangers daily. WALTER BROWN, *Br. Sec.*
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheadle, on Saturday next, September 1st, Members intending to be present, must give notice to Mr. J. Burton, High Street, Cheadle, not later than Wednesday, August 29th.
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon.*
W. TWIGG, } *Secs.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, September 1st. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.0 p.m.
49, Clifton Street, GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Brighton.
N.B.—Ditchling not available.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, September 22nd, at Bishop Stortford. The tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing from 2.0 to 8.0 p.m. Also the tower of Sawbridgeworth, three miles. Tea and business meeting at The Chequers at 5.0 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify the same to Asst. Sec. Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham, not later than the previous Monday. There will also be a meeting for six bell ringers in the neighbourhood of Witham, later on in the year.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

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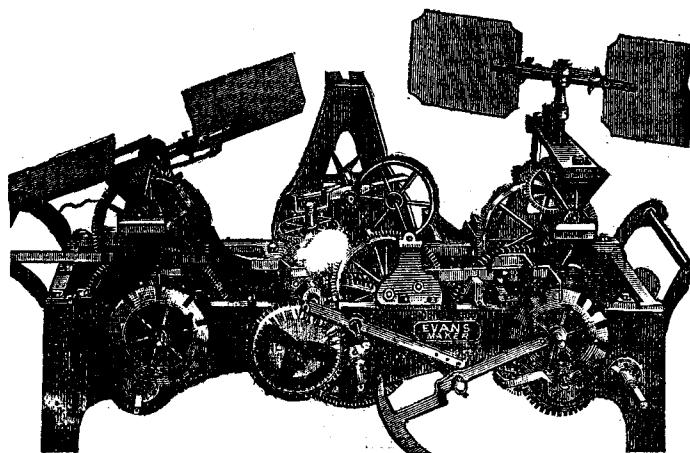
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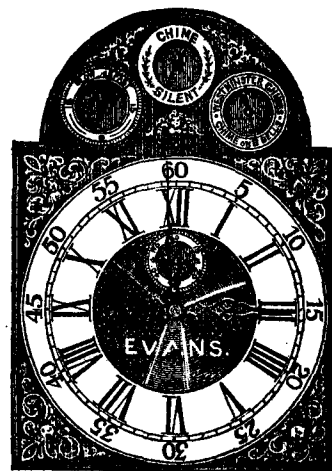
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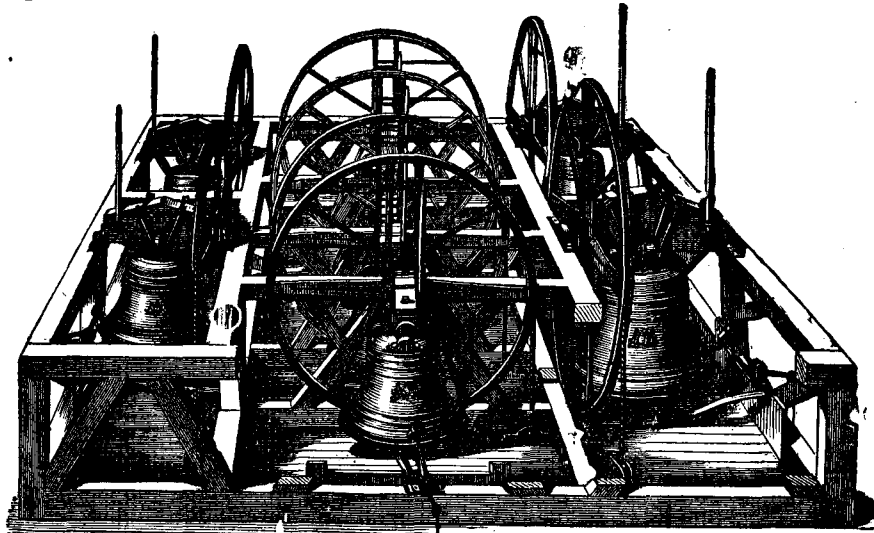
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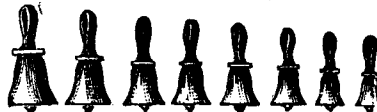
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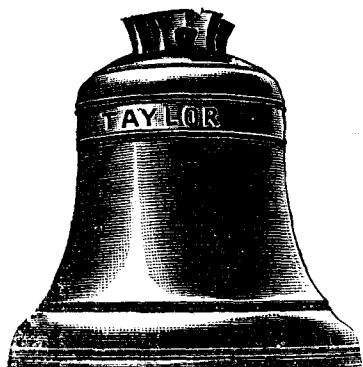
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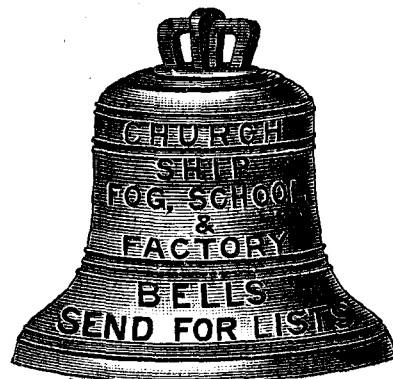
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