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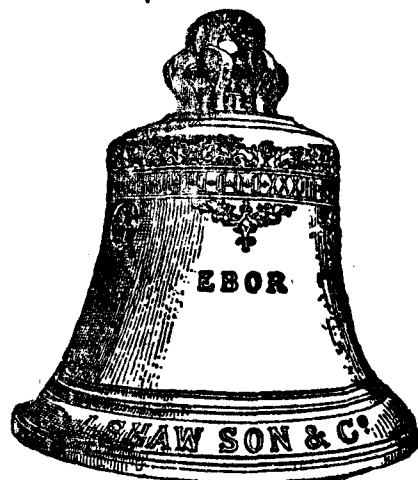
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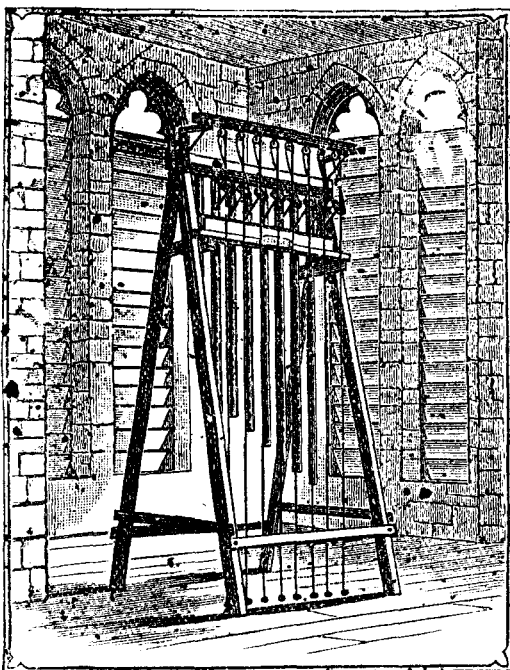
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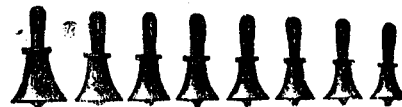
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An unusually large attendance of members marked the annual meeting of this Association at Norwich on Tuesday, September 25th, upwards of 200 from all quarters of the diocese being present during the day; the list of towers represented is in fact too long to be given in detail. The bells of nine of the city churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors, and were kept merrily going during the time allotted to ringing. St. Andrew's ten did not, however, appear to be much sought after, owing, no doubt, to prevalent impressions as to their bad-going properties. The centre of attraction was, of course, St. Peter Mancroft, in which tower there was always a good muster anxious for a turn at the ropes. The service held at this church at 12.45 was well attended by ringers, an admirable address being given by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, rector of Milton Bryant, Beds., and Hon. Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, from the words "Giving all diligence," ii. St. Peter, 1. 5.

The President, the Rev. Dr. Raven, presided at the subsequent dinner, which was set forth in the hall of the Conservative Club, St. Giles' Street. After the usual loyal toasts, the President offered the thanks of the Association to the preacher for his address, to which Mr. Baker briefly responded.

The toast of "The Association," replied to by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. H. Earle Bulwer), served to introduce the business features of the meeting.

The Secretary, in the course of his remarks, expressed his great obligations to the District Secretaries, and his high appreciation of their services. The progress of some districts was not so great as it should be, in a few, indeed, practically *nil*, while in others rapid and continuous advance was being made. It was very desirable to open up fresh ground in those parts of the diocese, which, mainly in consequence of their inaccessibility, were as yet untouched. Attachment of Church bell-ringers to Church principles was also a matter of growing importance, and the prevalence of a more earnest religious feeling among ringers was greatly to be desired, not only in the interest of the Art, but in that of the ringers themselves. There were signs of impatience among the clergy, who naturally expected any body of church-workers to set an example of good churchmanship to the parish, and also of punctual attendance upon the means of grace. He also touched upon the importance of attracting and training young lads in the Art of change-ringing. Several very young members had been recently enrolled in their ranks, which he considered as a distinctly healthy and cheering sign, and trusted that such adhesions would be fostered and encouraged by the older members with ready goodwill and gladness. He then proceeded to read the Annual Report, which showed that the society in point of numbers and towers represented, had passed all previous records; the number on the residents list being 786, and of towers in union 91. The record of performances had also been passed; since the last Annual Meeting no fewer than 77 peals having been duly recorded to the credit of the Association. It was however, a matter for regret that so few of these were in the higher methods, in which so many kindred societies were now achieving marked successes. The financial position of the society was declared to be sound. A new peal-book volume had been procured, and a gift of a beautifully designed title-page both to this and the previous volume, had been made by the illuminator, Mr. W. R. Weyer.

The adoption of the Report was moved by the President, seconded by Dr. Meadows, of Otley, and carried. Also a vote of thanks to Mr. Weyer for his gift.

The President and Secretary then formally resigned office, and were re-appointed with acclamation. The Rev. A. G. Blyth, vicar of St. Philip's, Heigham, was added to the Committee in the room of the late Canon Hutt.

The President then proposed certain alterations in the Rules designed to meet the wishes of the Bishop of the Diocese, and to enable his Lordship to accept the position of Patron, about which there had been previously some difficulty, which it is hoped is now removed by the adoption of the alterations proposed.

A vote of thanks to the Norwich clergy for the use of their bells, the election of twenty-three new members and proba-

tioners, and the adoption of Diss, Grundisburgh, and Swaffham, as the places for quarterly meetings in the ensuing year brought the business to a close, and members dispersed again to the various towers till the time of train departures arrived. A more successful meeting, or one more numerous attended, has not been held within the history of the Association. The officers were well supported by more honorary members than usual, those present being besides the President and Secretary, the Revs. T. H. Marsh, C. B. Mayhew, C. F. Blyth, W. Morley Smith, J. C. Garnett, A. T. J. Thackeray, E. S. Hopper, E. B. Pearse, J. H. Pilkington, and Dr. Meadows, of Otley, with Mr. J. W. Spratt, of Norwich; and the following District Secretaries: Mr. H. Hopson, Mr. Fred. Day, Mr. J. Larter, Mr. W. Grimes, Mr. W. Ireland, and Mr. J. Fosdike, besides many other prominent exponents of the Art in the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT BOLTON.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was again held in Bolton on Saturday, September 29th. There was a very large attendance of members from all parts of the county, and owing to the excellent arrangements made for their reception, particularly at Holy Trinity church and schools, where the meeting was held, the gatherings proved of a most successful character. By permission of the authorities the members indulged in change-ringing in the belfries of the various churches in the town, commencing about two o'clock, and at 3.30 a special service was held in Holy Trinity church, conducted by the Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, B.A. (vicar), assisted by the Rev. T. E. Floyd (curate), the Rev. H. S. Patterson, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., the service being also attended by the Revs. T. Loxham, M.A., C. Myers, D. W. Mountfield, and C. S. Parker. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Taylor-Evans, who took as his text Galatians iii. 11, and Hebrews. x. 38 and 39:—"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident; for the just shall live by faith:" and "Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

After the service the members adjourned to the school, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local committee. At the close of the tea, on the motion of the President, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar of Holy Trinity for his excellent sermon, and also to the organist (Mr. F. W. Pacey) and the members of the choir for their assistance at the service.

The annual business meeting was held in the same room at 6.30. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (president), who was supported by the Revs. T. Taylor-Evans, B.A., T. E. Floyd, and Messrs. J. Redford (corresponding secretary), and H. H. Nutter (vice-president). A large number of letters apologising for non-attendance was read from the local clergy, including the two Rural Deans.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said it was close upon six years since he attended his first meeting of the Lancashire Association in that room, and a comparison between the condition of the organisation then and now was very interesting. In 1888 the number of ringing members was 227, and the number of honorary members forty-three, making a total of 270. This year the ringing members numbered 730, and the general total was 848—a very remarkable increase in the membership within a comparatively short time. The working of the organisation had also been characterised by greater efficiency. Six years ago there were three branches; Manchester, Rossendale, and Rochdale; to-day there were seven, viz., Manchester, Rochdale, Rossendale, Liverpool, Preston, Blackburn, and the Fylde. The balance in hand six years ago was £17 7s., to-day it was £74 4s. 3d. All these were signs of progress in the life of the Association. On the other hand there were indications that in one or two ways the smaller Association of six years ago was more vigorous than it was to-day. The number of peals rung this year was thirty-six, last year it was thirty, and the year before only twenty-four, so that he was glad to say the number was again on the increase. but six years ago, with less than a third of the present membership, the number of peals rung was thirty-nine. And though

their meeting to-day was a good and a representative one, gathered from all parts of the county, still the attendance was not so large in proportion to the membership of to-day as it was at the annual meeting of 1888. The President therefore appealed to members not to let their interest in the success of their own branch in any way lessen their interest in the vigour of the central association, observing that it would be a great pity if there were any danger of putting the branches in front of the central body. Speaking finally of the work of the Central Council, on which he was at present the only Lancashire representative, the President expressed the hope that the Lancashire Association, as one of the largest ringing Associations in the country, would be represented by the full number of four representatives at the next year's meeting of the Council in Sheffield.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Redford), submitted the Committee's report, which showed that the Association now includes fifty-eight honorary life members, thirty honorary members, twenty-one life performing members, 709 performing members, and thirty non-resident members, making a total of 848. During the year 134 new members had been elected, whilst thirty-eight names had been removed from the books. The performing members were distributed as follows:—Manchester, 208, Liverpool, 154, Preston, 93, Rossendale, 90, Blackburn, 73, Rochdale, 72, and the Fylde, 40. The balance-sheet showed an income of £42, and an expenditure of £34, the balance in hand now being £74.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee was unanimously re-elected president; Mr. Redford, secretary; and Mr. H. W. Jackson, treasurer; and the four vacant places on the Committee were filled as follows: Rev. C. A. Clements (Rossendale), and Messrs. W. Slater (Blackburn), R. S. Mann (Liverpool), and J. Mather (Preston).

On the proposition of the Rev. T. Taylor Evans, the Rev. T. E. Floyd was elected an honorary member, as was also the Rev. P. A. Derry, vicar of Rawtenstall. Several ringing members were also elected.

The following alteration was made to Rule 7:—"Half-yearly meeting of the Association shall also be held on or about the last Saturday in April," thereby dispensing with the quarterly meetings in January and July. The Rev. C. A. Clements, and Messrs. A. E. Wreaks and J. Eachus were appointed additional representatives to the Central Council. Wigan was appointed for the next annual meeting of the Association.

Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the secretary and treasurer, to the vicar and church officers of Holy Trinity, to the local Committee, and to the ladies who had assisted at tea.

The members then proceeded to various belfries in the town, where ringing in different methods was indulged in until a late hour.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A divisional meeting was held at Billingshurst, on Saturday, September 29th, when the following towers were represented: Angmering, Arundel, Billingshurst, Capel, Chichester, Horsham, and Midhurst. The bells were started at 2 p.m., and were kept going until 9 o'clock with an interval for tea. Various touches of Kent and Oxford were brought round, and also Bob Minor and Grandsire; the various conductors during the day being Messrs. A. Bennett, T. Chantler, C. Hills, and W. Wadey. The most noticeable touch was a 720 of Oxford rung just before tea, the striking being especially good, and the more remarkable because of the six who stood in; one had been a constant ringer for fifty-five years, and another for fifty-one years, viz., Mr. W. Chantler, of Billingshurst, and Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham. At the business meeting various interesting topics were discussed, and a cordial vote of thanks was tendered by the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter), to the vicar of Billingshurst (Rev. A. H. Barron), for the kindly welcome which the ringers had received. This was heartily responded to, and further invitation given. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Ringmer in the Eastern Division.

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DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

Below will be found a lead of this method, together with the making of a bob and single, and the figures of the peal recorded last week.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—ROMSEY ABBEY.

On Monday, September 24th, the ringers of the Abbey made a journey to Ringwood to attempt a peal. The start was made at 8.30 a.m., the party driving in a brake across the New Forest, and a very pleasant drive it was. A short time was spent at The Compton Arms, from which some of the party went to view the celebrated Rufus Stone. Ringwood was reached at 12.30. The Vicar, with ten ringers, made for the church at 1 o'clock, and a start was made at once for a peal of Bob Triples, which, alas, came to a close after an hour's ringing. The men went for a stroll, and on returning there was a touch of Churchyard Bob for the benefit of the old members, Mr. George Newman, sen., and Mr. James Elcombe, sen. At 4.30 a capital tea was partaken of by the kindness of the Vicar, to whom the ringers desire to express their best thanks. Mr. James Dawkins, the Parish Clerk of Ringwood, received the party of ringers, and shewed them every attention. The peal is one of eight, and is in good going order. The start home was made at 5.30, after a very pleasant, if not a very successful day. Better luck next time.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BATLEY CARR, YORKS.

On Thursday evening, September 27th, the local ringers of the above church, through being winners of the Heavy Districts Association's cup and medals, were entertained to a most substantial dinner at the house of Mr. Alfred Milnes, through the kind hospitality of Mr. Smith Ward, late warden at the above church. After the cloth was removed, the cup was brought into use, and with some very appropriate remarks, Mr. Ward proposed the health of the ringers. Mr. Jno. Blackburn responded in a very able manner. Several other toasts were proposed, and during the evening the handbells were rung at intervals. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Blackburn, Day, Scott, and the worthy host. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ward for his efforts to show his appreciation of bells and ringers by entertaining them ended the evening's enjoyment.

SOUTH KIRBY CHURCH, NEAR WAKEFIELD.

The inhabitants of this ancient and large mining village, having decided at a public meeting held for the purpose, and presided over by the vicar, the Rev. H. M. Wellington, to have a new clock placed in the fine square tower of their parish church, which forms a landmark to passengers travelling on the G.N.R. between Wakefield and Doncaster, the work has been placed with Messrs. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, of Leeds and Newcastle-on-Tyne, and they have just completed the same. The clock is constructed generally on the lines laid down by Lord Grimthorpe, and has got all the latest improvements inserted. The time is shewn upon two large external dials, and strikes the hours upon the fine tenor bell. The sermon at the dedication service held this week at the opening was preached by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield.

A correspondent in a former number of the *Newcastle Journal*, wrote:—*Apropos* of bells, there can be no doubt of their having been adopted to the service of the church in the seventh century, for our own historian, the Venerable Bede, in the 23rd chapter of the fourth book of his Ecclesiastical History, describes a circumstance connected with the tolling bell so exquisitely simple that it fails not to bring before the reader the nun engaged in her pious avocations. Perhaps the first bell that ever came into the north, of which we have any record, was one that Prior Turgot brought from London to Durham Cathedral between the years 1087-1100. It was cast in London, and was so heavy that it taxed the ingenuity of the wrights to make a waine or sled substantial enough to bear it. Twenty-two oxen were yoked to the sled, which went right enough on level ground, but the drivers had none of the modern appliances in going down a hill, and we are told that—

All the drivers were agaste
That the sled suld ga' our faste.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Pease, 1; T. Watkinson, 2; R. Brook, 3; B. Watkinson, 4; F. Lee, 5; W. Pearson (first 720 in the method), 6.

Obituary.

REV. FRANCIS PETER DU SAUTOY.

Not with an actual ringer this time does our obituary notice deal. The Rev. Francis Peter Du Sautoy, who had been rector of Ockley since 1865, died on Sunday last, at the age of 66 years. Deceased was formerly Fellow and Dean of Clare College, Cambridge, where he graduated as seventh wrangler in 1851, and proceeded to the degree of B.D. in 1865. The *Times* states that the rector was the representative of an ancient and noble French family, the archives of which are in the *Bibliothèque Imperiale*. The founder of the English line of Du Sautoys threw in his fortunes with Prince Charles Edward and joined the army at Inverness. He was taken prisoner, released, and ultimately married Miss Abbot, grand-daughter of the Archbishop. The rector was Honorary Member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, also Honorary Member and Chaplain of the Ancient Order of Foresters, Court Pride of Ockley. The funeral took place on Friday, September 28th, at the home of his wife's relatives, in Bedfordshire, where he died. At the church of St. Margaret, Ockley, a service was held at 2.0 p.m. (being the hour of the funeral); it was well attended by the parishioners, who came to show their last respects to their late pastor. The Rev. L. S. Kennedy, of Newdigate, conducted the service. The ringers of St. Margaret's church rang before and after service touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, with the bells deeply muffled, except the tenor muffled on one side, as a mark of respect to their late rector, who took great interest in and encouraged the ringers, and though knowing nothing of the art, he greatly enjoyed the company of and conversation with the local band. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Du Sautoy, who mourns the loss of a fond husband, and also for her son. In this feeling of sympathy we are sure all those who have been in their society will heartily join. The names of the ringers were R. Sayers, W. Bishop, G. Cox, J. Taylor, W. Mills, F. Barton, C. Taylor.

JOHN MCKINNELL.

The above-named ringer died of consumption on Tuesday, September 18th, at the early age of nineteen. The deceased, along with his father, Wilitam McKinnell (oftener called Kenny), were regular ringers at the parish church, Macclesfield. There the deceased learned to handle a bell about four years ago. He rang his first peal on the 7th of January, 1893, being a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was followed by another in the same method in the following month, his third and last peal being a 5024 of Bob Major in the following August. It was about two years ago when the deceased was first noticed to be ailing, and commenced to gradually grow weaker, having almost ceased ringing by the end of the last year. His presence has, and will be missed in the belfry, as he was a sure and steady ringer, and respected by all. He was also a tenor singer in the choir, and a regular communicant, and as the Vicar said when preaching on the Sunday morning following, he was a "Faithful Servant." When in his coffin, he had a beautiful silk handkerchief over the foot of it, which was covered with bells and ringing mottoes, with the appropriate words "The Sabbath bells are ringing" in a good type in the centre of it, all woven in by his father, who is a silk weaver by trade. His brother ringers rang the tower bells for one hour, deeply muffled on the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and also for an hour prior to the funeral, which took place on the Sunday, at the Macclesfield Cemetery. The funeral cortege was headed by the Macclesfield Borough Reed Band (of which deceased was a member), who played the funeral march, by Beethoven. Next to the band was his brother ringers, each carrying a wreath, as did also two ringers each from Gawsworth, Prestbury and Poynton. Then came the choir, and his class-mates from the Sunday school, the latter wearing beautiful white asters for button-holes, as did the four young ringers, about his own age, who bore him to his last resting place. Then came a great many friends, altogether amounting to close upon a hundred, independent of the bereaved family and relations. Despite the heavy rain which fell, the route to the cemetery was lined with some thousands of people. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Boyd, and at the conclusion the hymn, "For ever with the Lord," was sung round the grave, and then a course of Grandsire Triples was rung double-handed over the deceased, who was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. On the coffin was a cross which covered three fourths of the lid, also two handbells and a clarionette similar to what he had played with in the band. On the return the band played two sacred marches, first, "Creation" by Wadsey, and then "Restal" by Hewitt. The tower bells were then rung half-muffled up to the evening service. There were many letters of condolence, among which was one from his Sunday school teachers and scholars, and one from the ringers, who also sent a beautiful china wreath, as a token of respect to one whom they loved and respected.

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The lead-ends, the course-ends, and the bob changes are the same as Bob Major, and the extent with the tenors together is estimated at 10,080 changes. With these few remarks I venture to submit *Alliance* to my brother-strings of the science and art of Campanalogia.

THE PLAIN COURSE OF MAJOR.

12345678	13527486	15738264	17856342	18674523	16482735	14263857
21435687	31257468	51378246	71586324	81764532	61842753	41623875
12346578	13524786	15732864	17853642	18675423	16487235	14268357
21436587	31254768	51372846	71583624	81765432	61847253	41628375
24163857	32145678	53127486	75138264	87156342	68174523	46182735
42618375	23416587	35214768	57312846	78513624	86715432	64817253
46281735	24361857	32541678	53721486	75831264	87651342	68471523
64827153	42638175	23456187	35274168	57382146	78563124	86745132
68472513	46283715	24365817	32547618	53728416	75836214	87654312
86475231	64287351	42368571	23546781	35724861	57832641	78653421
68742513	46823715	24635817	32457618	53278416	75386214	87564312
86745231	64827351	42638571	23456781	35274861	57382641	78563421
87654321	68472531	46283751	24365871	32547681	53728461	75836241
78653412	86475213	64287315	42368517	23546718	35724816	57832614
87564321	68742531	46823751	24635871	32457681	53278461	75386241
78563412	86745213	64827315	42638517	23456718	35274816	57382615
75836142	87654123	68472135	46283157	24365178	32547186	53728164
57381624	78561432	86741253	64821375	42631587	23451768	35271846
53718264	75816342	87614523	68412735	46213857	24315678	32517486
35172846	57183624	78165432	86147253	64128375	42136587	23154768
31527486	51738264	71856342	81674523	61482735	41263857	21345678
13257468	15378246	17586324	18764532	16842753	14623875	12435687
31524786	51732864	71855642	81675423	61487235	41268357	21346578
13254768	15372846	17583624	18765432	16847253	14628375	12436587

EXAMPLE OF A BOB.

21345678
12435687
21346578
12436587

B 14235678
41325687
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41326587

THE FOLLOWING ARE TWO PEALS IN THE METHOD.

5040.

BY THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

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

Twice repeated.

5040.

BY HENRY DAINS.

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

Twice repeated.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, September 20th, for practice, and as a farewell touch to Mr. Webb, who is leaving the district and the county, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Kings, 1; W. Haigh, 2; W. Hunt, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; W. Easter (conductor), 5; J. Baker, 6; W. Bate, 7; C. E. Webb, 8.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Thursday, September 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. E. Munday, 1; R. Gratix, jun., 2; W. Gratix, 3; J. Grater, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; T. Harvey, 6; J. Babbage (conductor), 7; J. Hart, 8; Tenor 28 cwt. Rev. H. C. Courtney hails from Minehead.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE PRESENT YEAR AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	January. to April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Total.	Maximum.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire.	On 6 bells.	Dble Mth	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.															
								In 7 Treble Bob Minor methods.		In 1, 2, or 3 Minor methods. In 4, 5, 6 or 7 Minor methods. Dble. Norwich C.B.R.	Double Oxford Bob Major.				Value in points see*														
								Royal.	Caters.		Royal.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London Sur- prise.	Cambridge Sur- prise.	Superlative Surprise.	In 7 Surprise Minor methods.	Cinques.	Caters.	Triples.								
1 Norwich Diocesan Assn...	34	7	6	2	4	53	1	17	—	1	—	1	2	1	4	1	—	1	1	1	1	716							
2 Kent County Assn.....	21	4	6	2	5	38	—	10	—	1	—	1	18	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	439							
3 Yorkshire Association....	20	1	9	2	3	35	—	18	6	—	—	3	5	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	592							
4 Midland Counties Assn...	17	5	6	1	3	32	—	1	—	3	—	—	9	1	1	1	3	—	—	2	3	531							
5 Oxford Diocesan Guild..	18	7	1	2	2	30	—	—	—	1	—	—	12	—	1	—	3	—	—	2	7	638							
6 Sussex County Assn.....	11	7	5	1	4	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	8	812							
7 Lancashire Association..	21	1	2	—	4	28	—	3	1	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	300							
8 Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths..	16	3	4	1	—	24	—	1	4	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	2	—	2	1	6	564							
9 Durham & New'cle Assn...	6	6	3	2	2	19	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	440							
10 Gloucstr. & Bristol Assn...	10	3	2	—	4	19	—	1	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	294							
11 Winchester Dio. Guild..	7	7	2	—	1	17	—	—	—	1	—	—	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	178							
12 Soc. Archdny. of Staff...	10	3	3	—	1	17	—	—	2	3	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	190							
13 Surrey Association	5	5	2	—	1	13	—	3	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	154							
14 Worstr. & Dists. Assn...	2	4	3	1	2	12	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	1	312							
15 Royal Cumberland Yths...	9	2	—	—	—	12	1	1	—	3	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	182							
16 Salisbury Dio. Guild	6	2	1	2	1	12	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	184							
17 Essex Association.....	6	—	2	—	1	9	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	206							
18 Bedford Association.....	7	1	—	1	—	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	132							
19 North Lincs. Assocn.....	2	1	2	—	1	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72							
20 Raunds Wellnboro' Assn..	5	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	52							
21 Hertford Association....	4	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48							
22 Waterloo Society Lond...	3	1	—	—	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	62							
23 Chester Diocsn. Guild...	—	—	1	1	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30							
24 Bath and Wells Assn....	1	1	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24							
25 St. Martin's Soc. Birm...	3	2	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	64							
26 Hereford Dio. Guild....	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	48							
27 United Counties' Assn...	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36							
28 Stoke Archdcl. Assn....	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32							
29 Middlesex Association...	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16							
30 South Lincs. Assocn...	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12							
31 Sth. & Wst. Middlx. Assn..	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16							
32 Liverpool Dio. Guild....	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8							
33 Old East Derby Assn...	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6							
34 Heavy Wlln Dist. Assn...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28							
35 Llandaff Dio. Assocn....	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8							
36 S. James' Soc., Lond...	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10							
Independent Societies....	21	6	3	5	—	35	—	3	—	4	—	—	20	—	2	2	—	3	1	—	—	364							
Totals	273	81	66	26	45	491	2	3	75	10	3	24	159	9	17	17	1	1	50	23	10	2	7	23	1	3	6	41	7792

The peals of Triples, Major and Royal comprised:—Bob Triples 10; Bob Major 45; Bob Royal 1; Oxford Bob Triples 9; Union Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 4. The 35 peals by Independent Societies were rung as follows:—In Lancashire 9; Worcestershire, 5; Suffolk, 3; Gloucestershire 2; Shropshire 2; Staffordshire 2; Middlesex, 2; Berkshire 1; Cheshire 1; Cambridgeshire 1; Essex, 1; Somersetshire 1; Surrey 1; Sussex, 1; North Wales, 1; Wiltshire, 1; Yorkshire, 1.

1892—January ..	79	1893—January ..	77	1894—January ..	65
February ..	63	February ..	90	February ..	59
March ..	72	March ..	44	March ..	80
April ..	62	April ..	82	April ..	69
May ..	54	May ..	48	May ..	81
June ..	39	June ..	38	June ..	66
July ..	34	July ..	29	July ..	26
August ..	48	August ..	29	August ..	45
	451		437		491

Increase on the corresponding eight months of 1893:—54.

*Schedule of points per ringer for ascertaining the respective value of peals in various methods as giving in the next to the last column of the above analysis: Triples in all plain methods, 1 point; Major in all plain methods, 1½ points; Treble Bob Major (Oxford, Kent) and Forward Major, 2 points. Double methods twice the number of points as single in same methods, Duffield Major, 3 points; Stedman Triples, 4 points; Superlative or New Cumberland Surprise Major, 5 points; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6 points; London Surprise Major 8 points. On six bells: in one, two or three plain methods, 1 point; in four, five or six plain methods, 1½ points; in seven plain methods, 2 points; in seven Treble Bob or seven Double Minor methods, 4 points; in seven Surprise methods, 6 points.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1894.

**ST. ALPHEGE, CANTERBURY.—DEDICATION OF
THREE NEW BELLS.**

On Wednesday evening, September 26th, the Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in this church, the Rev. C. De Carteret, of Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill, being the preacher. The most interesting feature of the service, from the ringer's point of view, was the dedication of the three smaller bells, at the conclusion of the sermon.

A year or two ago a new treble was added to the old three, and the frame was prepared for six, the cost of which was defrayed by subscriptions. This year the rector (Rev. T. G. Crosse, and the hon. curate (Rev. H. Heward), kindly offered to give two trebles, if the parishioners would make themselves responsible for the hanging. The scheme was readily adopted; and now St. Alphege rejoices in the possession of a little ring of six, rather a mixed lot, indeed, but a striking (or struck?) testimony to the spirit of co-operation between clergy and people, which has been so marked a characteristic in the happy revival of Church life in the parish. Only a few years ago St. Alphege was in a most pitiable state of dilapidation and decay, in its fabric, its congregation, and its parochial machinery. Now the church has been restored, hearty and well-attended services are held in it, the spiritual and temporal interests of the parish are properly cared for, and, as one outward manifestation of the improved order of things, the bells are rung by a young and enthusiastic band of change-ringers, members of the Kent County Association, ably led by their energetic foreman, Mr. P. H. Pierce.

The dedication of the bells formed the concluding part of the service. A portion of the usual office was read by the rector, standing with the choir on the floor below the ringing-chamber: and after the prayers, a plain course of Stedman Doubles was rung by the following members of the Kent County Association. M. W. Pierce, 1; H. G. Fairbrass, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore,

3; P. H. Pierce, 4; G. Sayer, 5; A. Saxby, 6. Before the service a touch of Bob Minor and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and while the congregation dispersed after the service, a 720 of Bob Minor M. W. Pierce, 1; F. Constant, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; G. Sayer, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

CHURCH CONGRESS AT EXETER.

Scientific change-ringing will take place at St. Edmund's Exeter, on Monday, October 8th; at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Tuesday, October 9th; at St. David's, Exeter, on Wednesday, October 10th. Each night at 7.30 p.m. On Thursday, October 11th, a social and ringing meeting of the Devon Guild of Ringers will be held in Exeter, and there will be ringing at the above-mentioned towers during the afternoon and evening. Tea at St. Sidwell's institute at 5 p.m. All visitors not belonging to Devonshire and Cornwall will be heartily invited to the tea, and the Secretary will be obliged if they will write and inform him if they intend to be present, and also if they wish to ring during the week. On Friday evening the cathedral bells will be rung by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter at 7.30 p.m.

Ottery St. Mary.

MAITLAND KELLY, Hon. Sec.

The Provinces.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES AND CATHEDRAL SOCIETIES, LINCOLN.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. ASH	Treble.	COOK WELLS	5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2.	ISAAC VICKERS	6.
HENRY MAIDENS	3.	GEORGE CHESTER	7.
FREDERICK W. WALKER	4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON	Tenor

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal is now rung for the first time, it is also supposed to be the first peal on the bells, which originally were five, cast in 1720, by Penn of Peterborough, and augmented to six by the addition of a treble, cast by Osborn, of Downham Market, in 1784. The octave was completed by the addition of two trebles, cast by Bryant, of Hertford, and hung by John Cabourn, a local bellhanger.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 24, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ..Treble.	RALPH H. BIGGS	5.
WILLIAM TRUSS*	*HAROLD N. DAVIS	6.
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.	7.
JOHN EVANS	FRANK BIGGS	Tenor.

Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. The above was J. C. Truss, jun's. fifteth peal.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS* ..Treble.	ALFRED C. FUSSELL	5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	HAROLD N. DAVIS	6.
JOHN EVANS*	*RALPH H. BIGGS	7.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS*	†JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.	Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. This is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Fussell, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day. The above is the same composition as rang at Tunbridge Wells, September 15th, 1894.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS ..Treble.	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	JOHN EVANS	6.
WILLIAM TRUSS	JAMES W. WILKINS	7.
HAROLD N. DAVIS	RALPH H. BIGGS	Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS,

First peal in the method on the bells. This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 with the 2nd never in 5-6 and the 3rd never in 6ths.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

THOMAS WALLERTreble.	WILLIAM HEWITT	5.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY	EDWARD P. DEBENHAM	6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	7.
FREDERICK EDWARDS	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

The above was rung as a compliment to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Assistant Hon. Sec. of the Herts. Association, on the occasion of his marriage. It was intended to have rung Major, but meeting one short, Mr. Oakley kindly took the tenor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT BURFIELD* ..Treble.	WILLIAM LATTER	5.
HERBERT PORTER	GEORGE H. STONESTREET	6.
JAMES MUGGRIDGE	†STEPHEN PERKINS	7.
PERCIVAL J. BROOKER	GEORGE SMITHERS	Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by

STEPHEN PERKINS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the ringers except the 6th and tenor men.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. in F.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ..Treble.	KEITH HART	5.
ROBERT J. DAWE	ALFRED J. TURNER	6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER	JAMES N. FROSELL	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

All except Mr. Gifford, who hails from Salisbury, are members of the Sussex County Association.

LINCOLN.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ..Treble.	COOK WELLS	5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON	JOHN W. WATSON	6.
GEORGE CHESTER	JAMES S. HARRIS	7.
RICHARD DAWSON	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal in this variation by all except the ringers of the treble and seventh. It is also the first in the variation by the Association, and is supposed to be the first peal of Oxford in the County.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, September 27, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

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

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

*First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Mr. Gifford, who hails from Salisbury. All are members of the Sussex County Association, except W. Gifford, who, unfortunately, could not be elected a member until the next meeting of the Association.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE SIDDONS* Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 5.
JOHN E. WHEELDON* 2.	CHARLES OLLIER 6.
ARTHUR ARCHER* 3.	WILLIAM MILLER 7.
SAMUEL J. HOLDEN† 4.	JOHN JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES OLLIER.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor. Siddons and Archer hail from Kidsgrove; Wheelton from Bucknall; Johnson from Tunstall; the rest belong to the local band.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BARTLETT* Treble.	ARTHUR BARTLETT 5.
EDWARD BURDOCK† 2.	THOMAS W. BURDOCK 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ARTHUR ASHDOWN 4.	WILLIAM MITCHELL Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers (with the exception of the conductor, who hails from Guildford), are all local men.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN Treble.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
JAMES DURRANT 3.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

Symonds hails from Lavenham, and the rest from Cretingham.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

HERBERT SHARP† Treble.	JAMES GARRATT* 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN* 2.	PERCY HOWARD 6.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN.† .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT* 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE and Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

*First peal. †First peal in the method as conductor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. This peal has the 5th eleven times and the 4th ten times in 6ths place, and the 6th her extent at home in the last twenty-four courses.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1894, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN.* .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
WILLIAM TRUSS 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. 3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL 4.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Major on the bells. Great credit is due to Mr. J. C. Truss, sen., for the way in which he rang the treble, he never having attempted Major before, kindly taking the vacant rope upon meeting one short. This was a variation of the original peal published in "The Bell News," March 30th, 1889, by commencing with the calling of the 4th course. E. P. O'Meara was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting, and hails from London.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 30, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. Treble.	JAMES GARRATT 5.
HERBERT SHARP 2.	ANDERSON YORK TYLER* 6.
ALPHEUS PERKINS* 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
PERCY HOWARD 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS* Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	RALPH H. BIGGS 6.
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

*First peal in the method. This is also the first peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	ARTHUR E. HIND 6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY 3.	FRANCIS LEES 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN and Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

This is Mr. Hind's first peal with the Durham and Newcastle Association, and was rung as a farewell to Mr. Routledge, who is leaving the district for some time.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1894, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	JAMES SHAW 5.
REGINALD DYSON 2.	JOSEPH HATTERSLEY .. 6.
JAMES ASPINALL 3.	GEORGE JACKSON 7.
WILLIAM STEEL 4.	DAVID BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and conducted by D. BREARLEY.

*First peal of Major as conductor. The above peal was rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells, which was done by the Sheffield Parish Church Society by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, on October 1st, 1892. The above peal is the first by an entirely local band, and is the first by all except the conductor. Great credit is due to the ringers of the 4th, 1st and 2nd, whose are respectively sixteen seventeen and eighteen years.

CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, October 2, 1894, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	CHARLES POCKOTTS 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM DYER 7.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD 8.
W. T. PATES 4.	HENRY ROBERTS 9.
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND 5.	FREDERICK MUSTY Tenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES and Conducted by HENRY ROBERTS.

Samuel Greenwood hails from Streatham, Surrey.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Bob Major rung at Slough reported in our last number, was short of the following particulars. It was composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and was rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Fussell, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. It was the first peal in the method with a bob b'll by William Truss.—The peal rung at Tilehurst and published in our last issue should have been placed under the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE.—On Friday, September 21st, at St. Oswin's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. G. Wright, 1; J. Bean (first 720), 2; F. Lees (conductor), 3; A. Figg, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Weightman, 6. On Thursday, September 27th, the same 720 in 29 mins., and a 360 of Bob Minor (six bobs and six singles). W. Story, 2; A. Dodd, 3. Tenor 22 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Tuesday, September 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. Large, 1; H. Bond, jun., 2; T. Bond, 3; W. Launchbury, jun., 4; W. Shirley, 5; H. Smith, jun., 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Humphries, 8. On Tuesday, September 25th, 630 Grandsire Triples. C. Packer, 1; E. Large, 2; the rest as before.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 19th, the local ringers, with the assistance of W. E. Yates, rang four touches of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, and four touches on the handbells. T. Tapping, 1; W. E. Ball, 2; W. E. Yates (conductor), 3; R. Price, 4; G. Leslie, 5; R. Buckland, 6; G. Tapping, 7; F. Price, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 42 mins. H. Grice, 1; J. Humphrey, 2; W. Wilson, 3; J. Wood, 4; T. May, 5; A. Tucker, 6; W. French (conductor), 7; P. Brook, 8.

ISLE OF THANET (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Belsey, 1; B. Oliver, 2; A. J. Hiscock (conductor), 3; J. Warner, 4; W. Marsh, 5; G. Wood, 6; R. Hills, 7; G. Ovenden, 8. This is the longest touch by the local band.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Monday, September 24th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with the tenor covering, in 26 mins. W. Willis, 1; G. Foster (first 720 away from the treble), 2; H. Foster, 3; A. Biggs, jun., 4; C. H. Drake, 5; H. Burling (conductor), 6; J. Austin, 8.

HAYES (Kent).—On Sunday evening, August 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twelve singles and nine bobs). F. Lacy, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack, 6. On Sunday evening, September 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen singles and four bobs). F. Lacy, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6. This is the first time a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure has been rung by the local band.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, September 18th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; G. Cape-ling, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs.

Woodruff, who was interred in Upchurch churchyard on Monday afternoon, when a large number of people witnessed the funeral. Her husband was one of the former vicars, being six years curate and thirty-four years vicar of the same parish. She had always been a great friend to the parish, from year to year giving gifts for different purposes, most of her young days being spent at Upchurch.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 23rd, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Hasprey, 1; J. Woods, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Parr, 5; J. Rowlands, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; J. Ballard, 3; F. Willson, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6. Messrs. Ballard and Wilson hail from Basingstoke. On Sunday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Boswell, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; F. R. Rump, 3; C. Tribe, 4; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Lee, 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, August 18th, at the residence of Mr. Williams, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 38 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; K. Hart, 7-8. On Sunday, September 23rd, 1134 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; K. Hart, 7-8. On Tuesday, the same band attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was lost by a change-course after ringing 1624 changes in 50 mins. On Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Peter's church, a 448 of London Surprise and 384 of Superlative. W. W. Gifford, 1; G. Smart, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; G. Baker, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 5th, at the parish church, in honour of the wedding of Miss Florence Bagott to Mr. W. M. Cox, 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. Cashmore, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Fellows, 3; F. Fellows, 4; J. Mills, 5; S. Spittle, 6; E. Fellows, 7; W. Micklewright (composer), 8; J. Goodman (conductor), 9; H. Faulkes, 10. Also 840 Grandsire Royal by the same band; conducted by S. Spittle. E. Cashmore hails from West Bromwich, E. Goodreds from Tipton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. H. Wotton, 1; W. Lanham, 2; P. Charles, 3; C. W. Bell, 4; J. Grabham, 5; W. Wells, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; J. Melhuish, 8. Messrs. Grabham and Thorne hail from Dunster.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Thursday, September 13th, at the Cathedral, 360 Grandsire Gaters. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. J. North, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. And 280 Grandsire Triples. *F. Smith, 1; C. J. Chooet, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. C. Lampard, 4; C. J. North, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. *Longest touch with the treble. W. C. Hasted hails from London. And on Thursday, September 30th, 502 Grandsire Caters. W. J. Sevier, 1; C. J. North, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; G. Smith, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; G. Gatland, 6; R. Hasted, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. C. J. Chooet, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; R. Hasted, 3; G. Gatland, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. G. Gatland hails from Steyning. Tenor 32 cwt.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 26th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Adsell (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Brown (first quarter-peal), 2; W. Freakes, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather (first quarter-peal), 8. On Sunday, September 9th, a 630 and 405 in the method. C. Eades, 1; T. Attwell, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. On Sunday, September 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. W. Page (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Freakes, 3; J. Heathorn, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8. Composed by J. George and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 8th. On Sun-

day, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. A. Adsell, 1; A. Brown, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; W. Freakes, 4; F. Baker, 5; C. Eades, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. J. Jones, 8.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Plain Bob Triples. A. H. Wheeler, 1; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 2; W. W. Bust, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; G. Wilson, 5; H. W. Kirtton, 6; F. T. W. Butler, 7; R. S. Lakin, 8. First 504 in the method by all.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

CHEDDLETON.—On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. *H. Shuker, 1; H. Birch, 2; H. James, 3; *G. Sheldon (conductor), 4; F. Clowes, 5; E. Spooner, 6. *First 720 of Grandsire. On Wednesday, September 5th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 27 mins. *J. Bullen, 1; G. Sheldon, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; H. Shuker, 4; H. Birch (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. *First 720. On Sunday, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York (nine bobs) in 27 mins. *H. Shuker, 1; H. Birch, 2; G. Sheldon, 3; H. James, 4; F. Clowes (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. This is the first in the method by all and first on the bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HENBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, September 15th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. C. H. Gordon, 1; H. Pring, 2; G. H. Colston, 3; R. Devenish, 4; C. Tompkins (conductor), 5; J. Gould, 6. First 720 on the bells in the method. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. H. Gordon, 1; H. Pring (conductor), 2; G. H. Colston, 3; C. Tompkins, 4; J. Gould, 5; R. Devenish, 6. First 6-scores in the method on the bells.

WESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—Recently at the church of The Holy Trinity, a 360 of Grandsire Minor, and a few 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the above band.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Notts).—On Sunday, September 2nd, at St. James church, a 720 of Merchant's Return (twenty-one bobs). J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. And 360 and 240 of Oxford with J. Marshall at the 4th. On Sunday, September 9th, a 720 Duke of York in 25 mins. standing as before. On Friday, September 14th, a 720 of Woodbine and 240 Merchant's Return. First 720 of Woodbine by H. Turner, H. Stenton and R. Smith. On Sunday, September 16th, 720 of Kent. standing as before. And 456 of Oxford with J. Marshall at the 4th. On Sunday, September 23rd, a 720 of Kent (fifteen bobs), with J. Marshall 4.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, September 23rd, a 360 of Bob Minor for the Children's Service. G. M. Farr, 1; T. H. Denman, 2; G. Swannack, 3; W. Skelton, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Haigh (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 665 of Grandsire Caters. H. Warburton, 1; G. Swannack, 2; T. Spurr, 3; J. T. Bottomley, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joy nes, 9; J. Swannack, 10.

HARTHILL (Notts).—On Saturday, September 22nd, at the quarterly meeting of the Association a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Haigh, 1; R. Smith, 2; J. Guest, 3; H. Lambert, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; W. Newbury (conductor), 6.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Sunday morning, September 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. A. Grist, 1; J. G. Bennett, 2; A. Turley (Bloxwich, Staffordshire), 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merrett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Monday, August 20th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Workman, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; C. Boughton, 4; W. H. Barber 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 26th, a 360 of Bob Minor. C. Boughton, 1; W. Huxley, 2; W. Shillock, 3; W. Short, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 2nd, a 360 of Grandsire. C. Boughton, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; N. Holyoake, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, September 24th, at the parish church of St. Mary, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, jun., 1; A. Midmore, 2; J. Billings, 3; J. Newman, 4; H. Vernon, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Rawlinson, 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, jun., 1; T. Willoughby, 2; J. Billings, 3; H. Vernon, 4; H. Batt, 5; J. Lewis, 6; T. Lewis (conductor), 7; J. Rawlinson, 8.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Davis, 1; T. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; H. Morris, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. Messrs. Barber, Shillock and Boughton hail from Clent.

HARTHILL (Notts).—On Saturday, September 22nd, 360 of Oxford. — White (Ordsall), 1; J. Russon (Shireoaks), 2; G. Barrowcliffe (Workshop), 3; T. Smith (conductor, Harthill), 4; F. Hargreaves (Shireoaks), 5; W. Newbury (Harthill), 6. And 720 Violet. D. Russon (Shireoaks), 1; A. Slater (Norton), 2; G. Barrowcliffe (Workshop), 3; E. James (Norton), 4; B. Hall (Shireoaks), 5; C. Fowler (conductor, Anston), 6. And 720 of Kent. J. Bilham (Harthill), 1; S. Smith (Anston), 2; H. Stenton (Anston), 3; T. Smith (Harthill), 4; W. Newbury (conductor, Anston), 5; T. Lakin (Anston), 6. And 360 Oxford. H. Haigh (East Retford), 1; R. Smith (South Anston), 2; J. Guest (Harthill), 3; H. Lambert (Ordsall), 4; F. Hargreaves (Shireoaks), 5; W. Newbury (conductor, Harthill), 6. And a 720 Merchant's Return. F. Hargreaves (Shireoaks), 1; D. Russon (Shireoaks), 2; H. Stenton (Anston), 3; B. Hall (Shireoaks), 4; S. Smith (conductor, Anston), 5; C. Fowler (Anston), 6.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 40 mins. C. Bedwell, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; W. Turner, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; G. Daynes, 5; H. Warnett (conductor), 6; H. Barrett, 7; T. Chandler, 8.

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."

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

SIR,—I have little inclination and less intention of taking part in a war of words. My desire in my letter was to merely bring the facts before the ringing world as to the difficulty that has always been experienced in keeping the bells going at St. Margaret's, Westminster. With reference to the questions asked by "Plain Speaker" in this week's number of the paper, it is but necessary to point out the exceptional position of the parish. Really St. Margaret's parish is only a parish of palatial flats and offices, the first tenanted by people who only live there because it suits them to do so, and the latter occupying offices, because the locality is a good one for their purpose, the majority of both classes caring but little for the work that goes on in their midst. Although outwardly respectable and apparently rich, the funds for parish work really come from without and not from within, therefore the offertories of the Church—from which all expenses have to be met—have to be carefully husbanded by the churchwardens, so perhaps the ringing may not have been so much as in parishes more happily placed, but so far as my memory serves me, and I have only that to rely upon at the present moment, all days connected with Royalty, Easter Day, Christmas, Churchwardens' Day, Harvest Festival, and some others, are always paid for, and of course there are other occasions, such as weddings, when fees find their way to the ringers' pockets. With regard to the second point raised, it will only be necessary to remind ringers that when orders are given to ring, the notice given is generally short and peremptory, and the steeplekeeper, upon whom the work devolves, must do the best he can under the circumstances. The late Mr. Smith, I know, invariably gave the preference to those ringers who were members of the Church Society, and the same plan is adopted, I believe, by his successor, Mr. Ward. But what is a man to do, when as was the case often here, he has to deal with men who can but won't ring? There is only one course open, he must fall back upon any he can get, "from Westminster to Limehouse" if you will, as the bells must be rung. Be it also remembered that a large number of the "old scroff" are or were mechanics who only have to throw down their tools and give up their 8d. and 9d. per hour, for the time absent, while many of the Church Society, as established here, were clerks and others holding positions whose absence could not be easily obtained; the former were gainers by leaving the work for awhile, while if the latter class attempted such a course, their situations would be quickly declared vacant. Where practicable, the members of the society were always preferred if it suited their purpose, or if business allowed them to take a rope. I have been accused of sneering at the professional ringers, and being against their presence in this tower. Not so, indeed! when they turn up either week-day or Sunday, I for one feel they are doing a kindly action, and one which the clergy and and laity appreciate most fully, and I am sure the welcome extended to them is as warm and hearty as that given to them elsewhere.

W. E. HARLAND-OXLEY.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Warrington, to-day, Saturday, October 6th, 1894. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Tea provided free in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to be held after tea.

J. J. M. MOORE.

9, Mill Street, Warrington.

The Yorkshire Association.—The nineteenth Annual meeting will be held at Shipley, to-day, Saturday, October 6th. Service in St. Paul's church at 4 p.m., tea in the schools at 5, business meeting after. Bells of St. Paul's (eight), and Saltaire Congregational church (six), at disposal all day. Bands desirous of ringing previous to one o'clock should communicate with the local Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred London, 55, Alexandra road, Shipley.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Next quarterly meeting, Tetbury, to-day, Saturday, October 6th. Dinner at 1.30 (on arrival of train), at The White Hart, 2s. 6d. per head. Business meeting after dinner. Short service in parish church at 2.45, address by Rev. T. G. Horwood, Vicar. Spire re-built, bells rehung.

REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beddington and Carshalton, on Saturday, October 13th. By kind permission, the towers of St. Mary (ten bells), and All Saints (eight bells) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea (free to annual subscribers) at The Plough inn at 6 p.m. Representatives please send the number of members who intend to be present at tea to Mr. J. Trappitt, Church lane, Beddington, not later than Thursday, October 11th.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec.

13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington, to-day, Saturday, October 6th.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley, on Saturday, October 13th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Railway fares of members present at 5 p.m. will be paid up to, but not exceeding 2s., and a tea will be provided at 5.30 for those whose names are sent to the District Sec., not later than Wednesday, October 10th. The meeting for business will be immediately after tea.

T. E. TEIGNMOUTH SHORE, Hon. Sec.

25, Thornford road, Lewisham, S.E.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the Temple Church, city (8), on Tuesday evening, October 9th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton,

on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Schoolroom 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

St. James' Society, Hull.—The bells of St. James' church will be at liberty to any company of ringers visiting Hull, on Saturday, October 13th (Hull Fair week). Communications to be addressed to J. W. STICKNEY, 20½, Campbell Street.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. The books will be open at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN,

61, Roland Road, Handsworth. Hon. Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Newbury, on Saturday, October 20th. Evensong at 5 o'clock, at the parish church of St. Nicolas, preacher, the Rev. F. A. Hill. Tea in the parish room, at 6 o'clock, at 9d. per head. Tickets should be taken before the 16th. Methods to be practised—Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, &c. The tower will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Return tickets will be issued at any station from which eight or more members travel, at 1½ fare, but notice must be sent to me without delay.

J. HUSSEY,

The Willows, Newbury.

Organising Sec.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Long Eaton, on Saturday, October 20th. Long Eaton (8 bells), and Sawley (6 bells) open for ringing from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by general meeting at 5 p.m. both in the National School. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare and a quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. By the kindness of the Long Eaton branch, a free tea will be given to all visiting members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and send their names to Mr. Hexter, 6, Upper Wellington Street, Long Eaton, not later than Saturday, the 13th inst. Members who do not send in their names by the date mentioned, or whose subscriptions are overdue, will be charged 1s. each as usual.

J. O. LANCASHIRE,

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester. Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 257th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 1894, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Tickets 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, Dorrington, Muskett, Langdon, Coles, W. D. Smith, Butler, Horrex, Winney, McLaughlin, F. G. Newman, Garrard, O'Meara, or W. T. COCKERILL, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, will be open for ringing on Tuesday, the 9th inst. at 8 p.m., instead of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

REV. H. T. W. AYRE. — Please repeat when you send again.

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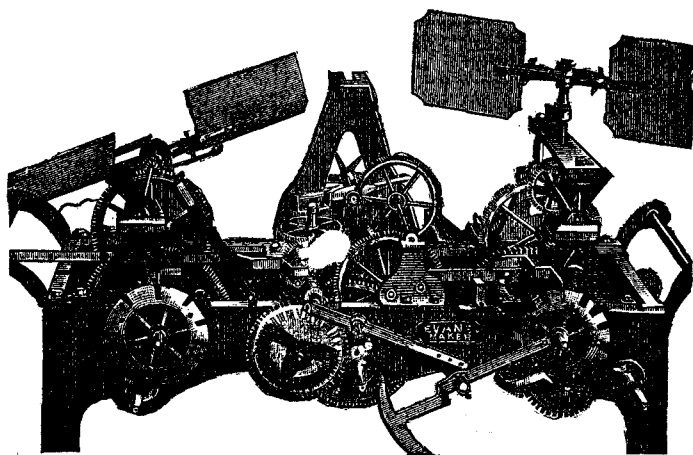
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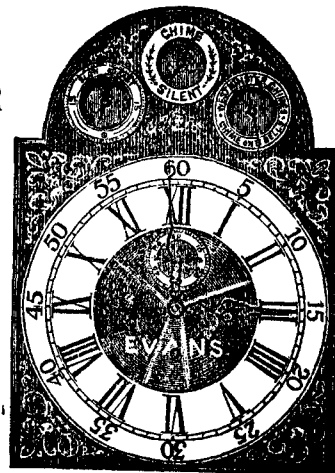
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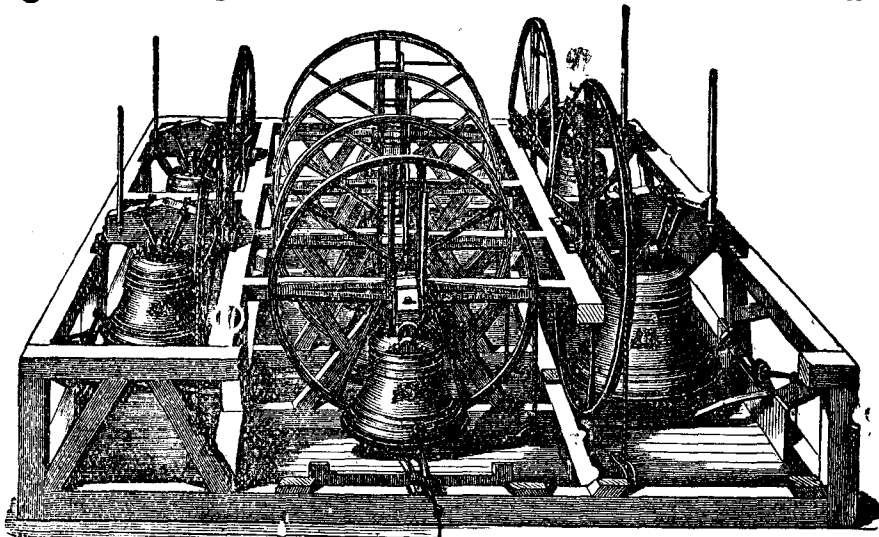
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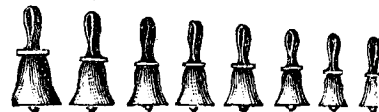
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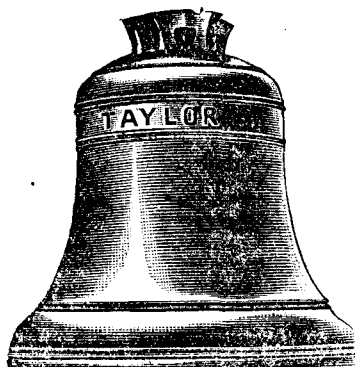
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