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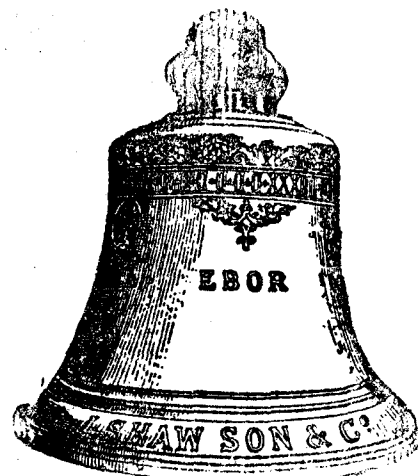
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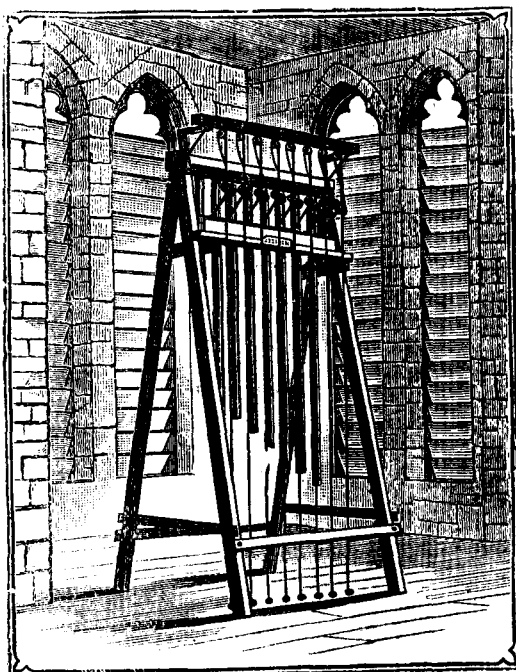
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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association took place on Easter Monday, April 15th. At 12.45 a service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, when the Rev. G. H. P. H. Glossop gave an interesting address, pointing out the even greater privileges bell-ringers had than the clergy, because they were enabled to make their voices heard abroad, whilst the clergy could only speak to the people when they were inside the church. After the service an adjournment was made to the Justices' Room at the Town Hall, where a dinner was admirably served. The annual meeting followed, under the presidency of the Rev. Philip Deedes. Amongst those present were Messrs. Debenham (hon. secretary), Hull (2), Conley (St. Peter's, St. Albans), Buckingham, Hammond, Weatherley (Abbey), Wright (Aldenham), Lawrence, Headey (Little Munden), Huntley (Bushey), and Shepherd (Hatfield).

The first business was to elect new members, and the following having passed the ringing qualification, were admitted members of the Association: Messrs. Smith and Douglas (Bushey), Weddon (St. Peter's), Jones (Hatfield), Barnes and Samuels (Abbey).

Mr. E. P. Debenham having welcomed the Rev. Philip Deedes amongst them, proposed him as an honorary member.

The rev. gentleman said in common with all members of his class, he felt greatly indebted to the members of that Association. If there was one thing more than another which would recommend it to him, it was its close connection with his friend, Mr. Debenham. He was sure any association Mr. Debenham was connected with would be carried on sound business principles, and in the best possible way.

Mr. Debenham also proposed the Rev. R. T. de Carteret, curate of St. Peter's, as an honorary member, which was seconded by Mr. E. Hull, and carried.

Mr. Debenham, in a lengthy and satisfactory report, referred in touching terms to the loss the Association, and, in fact the whole ringing world, had sustained in the death of their late and highly-respected president, Mr. Leonard Proctor, who had been an active ringer for sixty-five years, and had been connected with the Bennington band since 1839. It was gratifying to note that although the Association had not gone ahead by leaps and bounds, it had fully maintained its position by carrying on a steady work, and promoting as far as possible the main objects for which it was formed. Last Easter the balance amounted to £9 6s. 11d., whilst this had now increased to £10 9s. 2d. The ringing members on the books at the present time numbered 121, and the honorary members 13. The report then proceeded to give a detailed account of the performances on the bells during the year, and referred to the unremitting energy Mr. Lawrence had shown in establishing a band of ringers at Little Munden. The balance-sheet showed receipts amounting to £17 18s. 11d., and expenses £7 9s. 9d.

Mr. E. Hull proposed that the report and balance-sheet be received and adopted.

Mr. R. E. Hammond seconded.

The Rev. P. Deedes, in putting the proposition to the meeting, said he was very much impressed by the amount of good this Association was doing in creating an enthusiasm in the matter of change-ringing in some of the country districts. This was particularly evident in the paragraph referring to the enthusiastic representative of Little Munden, whom they were glad to have amongst them that day. He sincerely trusted, as he was sure they all did, that Mr. Lawrence would be successful in bringing together a band who would ring the Little Munden bells as they should be rung. There was also the inevitable reference to the veteran bell-ringer—the pioneer as they might call him, of bell-ringing in modern times—the late Mr. Proctor, of Bennington. The last time he (Mr. Deedes) saw him, was at a cricket match, and he told him then that when he was at school he tolled the college bell to commemorate the sad event of the death of King George IV. It was no exaggeration to say that when the late president took the matter in hand, bell-ringing was at a low ebb in this part of England. He was unsparing of his time and of his substance, and his efforts were rewarded in collecting together the band, he might say, of unrivalled bell-ringers, with which the name of Bennington had been so long associated. He was sure it would

be long before his memory died out, and that his name would be handed down to succeeding bell-ringers, as one who was the father of modern ringing in this part of England. The rev. gentleman also referred to the satisfactory condition of the finances of the Association, and said that this would relieve both active and honorary members from any anxiety of being called upon for funds during the present twelve months. The society seemed to be excellently managed, and he hoped that the number of members would increase very largely, and that as they increased, so the desire to promote the charming art of change-ringing would spread in their county of Herts.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Owing to the death of the late Mr. Proctor, the post of President is vacant. Mr. Debenham had been approached with a view to accepting this office, but he declined, and the appointment of a successor was left over to the next meeting.

Mr. R. E. Hammond had much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham to the office of secretary, as he did not think they could find his equal if they tried.

Mr. E. Hull seconded, and this was carried with applause.

Mr. E. E. Huntley was re-elected auditor, and Bushey was fixed upon as the place for the next meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. E. P. Debenham, seconded by Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, votes of thanks were accorded the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance for the use of the Cathedral bells, and also to the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop for his address that day.

Various other matters were brought forward, and notices of motion placed upon the agenda for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding concluded the business.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the meeting of the above society at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on Tuesday, April 23rd, a very pleasing ceremony took place in the shape of a presentation to Mr. George Wild, the steeple-keeper, on his marriage. Mr. Wild has been known amongst London ringers for a good number of years, and at one time was a prominent member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, but chiefly he has been connected with the Waterloo Society, having held the position of Master for several years. Mr. Wild has also had charge of St. John's, Brixton, with its splendid peal of bells, ever since it was opened.

The present took the form of a handsome case of carvers and bread knife, which had been subscribed to by members and friends of the society. The Rev. A. Deedes, curate of the church, being a ringer acted as spokesman, and on behalf of the company congratulated Mr. Wild upon his marriage, complaining to him in a facetious way of having left everybody in the dark until it was an accomplished fact, so that the society were not able to signalise the event by a peal. He would however ask him to accept the present as a small token of their respect and esteem, and hoped it would be made good use of at many a family gathering in years to come.

The Master (Mr. H. N. Davis), added a few appropriate words, observing that it would be a great pleasure to see Mr. Wild oftener amongst the ringers than had been the case lately. He should certainly hope that now the duties of courtship were over, this would be so.

Mr. Wild, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Wild, then thanked the company for what they had done, saying they had taken him quite by surprise by their kind act, and in reply to the Master's remark, said he certainly should in future endeavour to attend the society's meetings as often as possible. He also said that as steeple-keeper, he should do his best to make the meetings at St. John's a success, and it is to be hoped that with this beautiful peal to practice on, every Waterloo member will make a point of attending the meetings, which have just been re-commenced on every alternate Tuesday.

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THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The members of this society held their annual meeting on Saturday, April 27th, at Ashton-under-Lyne. The bells were set going at the parish church, and during the evening touches were rung in the Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Treble Bob methods.

The business meeting was held at the society's meeting-house, The Old Church inn, at 7.30 p.m. and those who were present were sorry to see such a poor attendance of members; however what they lacked in numbers was made up in heartiness. The vice-president, Mr. T. Wroe, acted as chairman, and called upon the secretary to give the result of the election of officers at the parish church ringers' annual meeting. After this was done, Messrs. Chapman (Salford), and Ridyard (Worsley), were elected to serve on the Committee, Mr. W. Jakeman (St. Peter's, Ashton), being elected ringing-master; the officers for the ensuing twelve months being—President—G. Longden; Vice-President—T. Wroe; Hon. Secretary—J. Hopwood; Assistant-Secretary—F. Brown; Treasurer—S. Booth; Auditors—W. Booth and A. Adams; Committee—Messrs. Wood, Heap, Adams, Chapman, and Ridyard; Steeple-keeper, S. Wood. The balance-sheet was read and adopted, and showed a balance in hand of £2 5s. od. Mr. Daniel Heap was elected a member of the society. It was decided to hold the meeting at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on the last Saturday in July. The usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and members attended from West Bromwich, Lichfield, Handsworth, Tipton, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, and other places. The bells (a fine peal of eight from the Loughborough Foundry), were kept going during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands, and some touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, the Rev. H. Silvester officiating in the absence of the vicar, and in giving the address, which was very much appreciated by the members present, gave a very hearty welcome to the society. At a committee meeting held afterwards, several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting in June at Lichfield.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, April 27th, and was attended by members from Accrington, Christ Church and St. Saviour's (Bacup), Bury, Helmshore, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, St. Anne's-on-sea, and Waterfoot. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Helmshore. Votes of thanks were given to the vicar for the use of the bells, the chairman, and the ringers for having everything in readiness. The bells were again set going to touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following: J. H. Banks (Helmshore), 1; J. B. Taylor (Waterfoot), 2; Z. Lord (Bacup), 3; T. Lund (Bury), 4; J. S. Lomas (Bacup), 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor, Bacup), 6. This brought the evening to a close.

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."

THE PROPOSED BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR,—Permit me to congratulate Mr. J. S. Pritchett upon the very able manner in which, judging from the report in "THE BELL NEWS," he appears to have dwelt with the question of a Ringers' Benevolent Fund, and to express my sincere regret that he did not secure greater encouragement from the Council as a body of ringers. As to a workable scheme, this undoubtedly could best be discussed if rules and regulations saw daylight by the aid of printers' ink. One need not therefore at present compare Mr. Pritchett's draft with the rough outline of a scheme recently given in these columns by myself. The necessity of the existence of such a fund so often shown was con-

clusively demonstrated at the Council meeting by one of the speakers who said "that the amount of the subscriptions would be too small to meet the applications which would be made for relief." Of course it will be pointed out that the same speaker said "the present method of appealing to the ringers of the neighbourhood and their friends answers the purpose." My intelligence does not, however, permit me to make the latter tally with the former. If subscriptions open to the whole body of ringers would not be sufficient to meet the applications of the whole country how can it be possible for an appeal in the district to be sufficiently responded to? This, however, is not the vital part of the question. The fund should exist to benefit those in the hour of need that not only try to help themselves but who are willing to help others. True there are a few old veterans who may not be in a position to become subscribers, yet would be worthy as recipients. By all means let them participate in the benefit of such a fund, which would have to be administered with care and according to its income. No voluntary fund which it was no one's business to look after or contribute to could possibly be successful. There must be an annual contribution of course on a limited scale, and those who contribute should not only have the right of appealing but their applications should be the first for consideration. I assume the Council is open to a little friendly criticism. If so I would respectfully ask what real benefit is there to the Exercise at large through its existence? I hope its decisions re elections in towers and the definition of Minor peals are not to be taken as examples. If so it will be a long time before the Council will become that recognised authority which it ought to hold in the ringing world. Of course the benevolent fund question is too big for the Council to deal with in its limited time at a sitting. There are many details to be gone into in order to establish such on a sound basis, many of which could only be arranged by a committee. The only conclusion that one can arrive at for rejecting the simple proposal made by Mr. Pritchett, is that a large proportion of the members are not in a position to grasp the desirability of such a fund. Some will say that it is a representative body containing a fair proportion of working men. That no doubt is true, but most of them come from large towns, where labour has far nearer its reward than is the case in smaller towns and villages; consequently they are not so well acquainted with the struggles of life in the latter.

Romford, May 13, 1895.

B. KEEBLE.

THE CHURCH.

SIR.—The bold stand "THE BELL NEWS" takes in support of the Church will be agreeable to most of its readers. There are one or two matters I should, as a churchman, like to mention, in connection with this. We often read in defence speeches made by clergymen and laymen that "the Church is essentially a poor man's Church." Without contesting this for one moment, I emphatically assert that it is a rich man's Church also. I would ask, what share has "the poor" in Church government? A product of recent times is that body known as "The House of Laymen," but how many of "the poor" find admittance within its portals? Yet I am bold enough to say that numbers of Churchmen could be found among ringers who possess far more ability than many of those who form the House of Laymen, and much greater knowledge of Church polity. Again, when do we see "the poor" officiating at the lectern? Is it not generally some one in position, some man of wealth who is to be gratified by being asked to read the lessons, his ability for such duty being never considered at all? I could carry these points much further if you would allow me, but what I have said will, I hope, be the means of drawing attention to the fact that if "the poor" are to be kept within the fold, they must not see wealthy nonentities elected to offices in church government and control while they who are more able, though "poor," are denied admission.

A POOR CHURCHMAN.

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—The six-bell question has again been brought before the Central Council by the Yorkshire Association. This Association and several others in the north, I think, greatly need to reform their seven method peals before bringing up for discussion fourteen methods. The question I wish to bring forward is this. Does it constitute a true peal to ring a whole pull of rounds after each 720? This is done in almost all six-bell peals rung in the north, and in my estimation makes every six-bell peal false, rounds coming nineteen times to every other change seven times. Now rounds, like any other change, is one in the 720 and why should it occur more times than another? I should very much like to know what opinion others hold on the matter.

15, Knight Street, Lincoln.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. T. Pates has removed from 33, Victoria place to Tudor House, Hewlett Road, Cheltenham. The address of Mr. Thos. Groombridge is Sunny Hill, Camden Wood, Chislehurst.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

According to announcement in our notice columns, the smoking concert for the benefit of Thomas Miller, who has been suffering for many weeks past from a dangerous illness, took place on Saturday, April 27th, at The Market hotel, Station Street. The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Secretary of the Guild, Mr. W. H. Godden, whom we are pleased to see so far recovered from his late serious accident, and he was supported in that office by Mr. John Day, the presiding ringing-master, and other prominent members of the Guild.

With her usual kindness, Mrs. Painter volunteered her valuable services at the piano, while Messrs. W. Kent (the secretary and manager of the movement), and W. Painter (one of the promoters), had so well packed the room with musical talent of a first-class order, as to ensure a high-class and attractive programme.

The proceedings were started by Mrs. Painter with a lively piece of music—"The Imps Revels," and the chairman in a few words having explained the object of the gathering, called upon Mr. Shenton, who then favoured the company with a comic song, and later in the evening with other songs, and a most amusing character and patter sketch called "The Recruiting Sergeant," which was received with uproarious merriment.

Mr. Maylott gave a good rendering of "The Bay of Biscay," and later in the evening evoked the breathless attention of his listeners by a superb rendering of that favourite song "Good Company."

Messrs. Kent, Russam, Witchell, and Buffery then gave a very smooth and effective two-course touch of Stedman Triples, and later on assisted by Mr. Bryant with a remarkably even and well-struck course of Grandsire Caters.

Mr. Michan's fine voice was heard to advantage in "The Arab Love Song," and later on in the ever popular "The Skipper," an effort which called forth an enthusiasm only to be pacified by a promise redeemed later on in the programme. One of Mr. Miller's factory mates—Mr. Lewis—then gave a comic song with telling effect, and afterwards with that richness of brogue, which always claims attention for Paddy, roused the enthusiasm of even the most Saxon of his hearers with "Erin go bragh."

Mr. H. Doody was responsible for two songs—in the ever popular "Mona" the tender expression lavished on the final verse gave full evidence of the painstaking and conscientious musician.

Probably the feature of the evening was a series of coster songs given by Mr. Bushell. We have heard Mr. Chevallier in his performances, which created and still create such a furor, but to our mind the various expressions of that type of human kind, whether in festive or pathetic mood, have never been presented with greater realism than on this occasion. Mr. Bushell started well in his first song "Tableaux Vivants," arousing so much mirth and jollity in his audience, as to cause them to tax his efforts to the utmost in his various re-demands. Like a virtuoso in a startling passage from gay to grave, Mr. Bushell shewed his grip on his audience by giving as an encore to an excruciatingly funny song, one of the most pathetic we have ever heard, and in coster character.

For this occasion the long missing tune-ringing section of the St. Martin's Guild had been got together, and looking at the success of their efforts and the evident pleasure they gave, we strongly urge the performers, Messrs. Russam, Witchell, Kent, Jackson, Hancox, and Morgan to continue the practice requisite for good performances when their services are in demand.

A message had been given to the chairman requesting him to tender the heartfelt thanks of Mr. Miller to every one who had assisted in this movement. Speaking on behalf of the officers and members of the St. Martin's Guild, the chairman mentioned the obligations they felt under to Mrs. Painter and the various gentlemen who had entertained them that evening; and, speaking personally, the extreme pleasure it gave him to find that while precluded from taking an active part in this movement on account of his late illness, his esteemed friend Mr. Kent had immediately volunteered to undertake the necessary secretarial work and management, and had thrown such an amount of energy and determination in the work.

As the ticket account is not yet closed, many gentlemen having

bought tickets who did not attend, it is not convenient as yet to arrive at the financial result, but it will be possible to hand over a few pounds for the assistance of a distressed brother-string who is in sore need of such relief.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20th, the members of the East Retford Branch of the above, accompanied by Mr. R. Potter, of West Retford, journeyed to Grantham to try for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the fine bells of the parish church. On arriving at the beautiful place of worship, the ringers spent a quarter of an hour in admiring the splendid fabric, and many were the comments passed upon it. The journey to the ringing chamber was next accomplished, and a few went higher up, above the bells, and had a look at the "Little Ting Tang," a very old bell, standing apart from the beautiful peal of ten. These were next attacked in the shape of raising. As none of the band knew anything about the "go" of the bells, some apprehension was felt as to undertaking the peal, but this was put on one side directly the bells were set swinging to a short touch of 398 by the following: G. Winter, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; R. Potter, 10. And after another touch of 180 by a mixed company, consisting of J. Whetstone, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; — Crawford, 7; R. Potter, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; W. Clayton, 10, the bells were at rest for the evening service. After this was finished they were again set swinging to the tune of Grandsire Caters, this time the peal being attempted by the same company who rang the touch of 398. A nice even speed was soon obtained, and some capital striking was kept up for 70 mins., when, unfortunately, the attempt had to be abandoned. After some further ringing, the same performers rang a splendidly-struck touch of 504 changes, standing as for the attempted peal. This finished the day's ringing, and after a grand drop, the Retford men and a few of the Grantham ringers adjourned to The Angel and Royal, where they were entertained at supper by Mr. T. H. Denman, of Retford. After this had been satisfactorily disposed of, the Grantham bells naturally came up for discussion. All agreed that the peal is a very fine one, going well, but making far too much noise in the ringing chamber, in fact, one of the Grantham men said, "you find a noise, don't you? you want to put some water in your ears, it will make it better." This could very easily be altered by putting in an additional floor of plaster or some other suitable material between the ringing-chamber and the bells.

The Retford men desire to express their extreme gratitude for the very kind manner in which they were received by their Grantham brethren, and also to thank the church officials for the use of the bells, and Mr. Parker, the steeple-keeper, for having them in such good going order. Although rather disappointed by not scoring the peal, they thoroughly enjoyed their outing, and hope to visit the town again in the course of a few months, when they trust to be more successful.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Drighlington on Saturday, April 27th, and was numerously attended. Members and other ringing friends were present from most of the adjoining churches. The peal arranged for was not attempted, one of the band being detained through unforeseen circumstances. Tower bell ringing was however commenced early to celebrate the marriage of a popular inhabitant, which was followed by touches of Grandsire, etc. The business meeting was held at The Spotted Cow, the President, Mr. C. Pratt, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. Other business of a formal character was next gone through, and votes of thanks were passed to the vicar, wardens, and local company for the use of the bells, etc. Touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung on the tower bells, and touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Stedman were rung on the handbells at the meeting-house.

THE LONG PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.

Steps having been taken to secure a Peal Board to record the 13,340 Double Norwich Court Bob Major rang at Romford on April 18th, 1894, Saturday, May 4th, was the day fixed upon for erecting the same, for which purpose the whole of the band decided to pay another visit to Romford. The Board having been duly erected, ringing commenced, and four courses of Superlative were scored, the band standing as in the long peal, with the exception that the second rope was taken by Mr. Perkins, in place of Mr. Barnett, who put in an appearance later on. A touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Stedman Triples were also rung, some of the local band taking part in the same. In the evening, the whole of the company sat down at The Swan to a capital dinner, well served up by Host Norris. Well-known course-ends came up in grand style, enlivened at frequent intervals with the usual familiar musical (Hornchurch) changes.

In the absence of the Churchwarden, Mr. Foskett occupied the Chair, and Mr. Newson was, as usual, at the other end. In opening the after proceedings, the Chairman said he should always look back upon the ringing of the peal which had brought them together that evening as one of the events of his life, in fact, it would shine out as one of the chief events to the end of his days. He was sure that each of the band would look back upon that memorable occasion last year, when the peal was accomplished, with pleasure. Not only was this so, but he was sure that if the day should come when the peal was eclipsed, that each member of the band would be ready and willing to obey the call of the conductor, and ring another yet longer. It was well within their memory that on the previous Easter Monday a very unfortunate circumstance occurred at Brentwood, after ringing over eight hours, during which everyone had done his best, to his dismay he felt the rope of the treble coming down. At first he thought it impossible, but he soon found it was so. He looked round, and saw the conductor's face was not shining so bright as it did a moment previously. The 6th man had set his bell before anyone could give him the chance to be told, while the 7th appeared more inclined, before he really saw the disaster, to give the 6th man his toe. It was of course a misfortune, but they had the satisfaction of finding a large number of sympathetic friends outside, when the real facts were made known. Well, it was not long before a notice appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" that a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were going to ring this peal. It so happened on the same evening, at a meeting of the Society, Mr. Perkins put in an appearance and asked what they were going to do, were they going for the peal again, or did they intend to allow other people to ring it. It was decided, if possible, to make the attempt. Mr. Perkins came and made the necessary arrangements, and they, the band, were grateful to him for doing so. They met with the determination that, if possible, the peal should be rung. They did succeed, and he could say without the slightest shadow of a blush, that it was a good peal, one such that he should never be able to ring a better. The whole of the band could say that not only was the peal a good one, but a true one, and they were all pleased to see the tablet that had been put up to record the performance. He desired to take that opportunity of expressing to the Vicar and Churchwardens the thanks of the band and the Society for granting permission to ring. No doubt there was some reluctance to let them make the attempt, considering it was market day above all others. As the market was directly opposite the church, some of the band were able to have a look out and see what was going on, not however without a rebuff from the conductor to mind what they were about, and not to trouble about those outside. He could only express the hope that if ever the peal was eclipsed that some of them would be wherever it was rung to hear it. For one, he should be prepared to ring another to beat it.

Mr. H. Dains, in a nice little speech, proposed "Church and State," to which the Chairman replied.

Mr. B. Keeble, in proposing "The Cumberland Society and the Record Peal Band," remarked that it was a toast which required some-one with more ability than he possessed to do justice to, but he was sure that in such a company the manner in which it would be received would make up for his shortcomings. He need not refer to the past history of the Society,

or to any of those grand performances, records of which had been handed down to the present time, for these were all well-known, and it was clear that the Society still included those that could accomplish equal performances, one of which had brought those present together that evening. He would not attempt to set himself up as an expert, capable of criticism, but he would take that opportunity of mentioning that when seeking a rest at Bournemouth twelve months ago, the peal which had just been rung was referred to, and in reply to questions both at St. Peter's and at Christ Church, he was able to say that having had the opportunity of listening to the progress of the peal at frequent intervals, neither himself nor another who listened with him were able to detect the slightest hitch, and so far as he was capable of judging there was no variation of the time in the striking between the first quarter of an hour and that of the last quarter of an hour, or at any time during the day. This, he ventured to assert, would have been confirmed by the greatest critic that could have been present. With the toast he would couple the name of the Chairman as Master of the Society, and the Vice-Chairman as conductor of the peal. He would venture to say that at all times any of the band or those of any other Society would find a hearty welcome at Romford, but don't let them come again for a long peal on Market Day.

The Chairman having replied in a happy little speech, the Vice-Chairman said there had already been rumours of an attempt at a longer peal, but at present nothing further. If such should succeed, he should be willing to do his part to eclipse it, for he had no doubt he could have stood another three or four hours.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Essex Association," referred to the progress made in Essex in change-ringing since the formation of the Association, and expressed the hope that the Association would continue to flourish.

Mr. Perkins, who replied, pointed out how the Association had extended itself to all parts of the county, and included many prominent metropolitan ringers. Not only had the Association brought about belfry reform in the way of restoration in many places where needed, but it had greatly promoted the Art of change-ringing. He was pleased to say there was a local band practising Double Norwich, and it was hoped soon to score a peal.

"The Chairman," concluded the toast list, which was interspersed with songs and handbell ringing.

Mr. Churchwarden Hammond gave the Board; Mr. A. Money Wigram, M.P., and Mr. T. Bird, J.P., C.C., kindly contributed to the funds.

The whole of the writing is done in bold gold letters, and is the work of Mr. R. T. Rawlings, of Romford.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Sefton on Saturday, April 27th. The members and their friends assembled in the ancient parish church of St. Helen, when a short service was conducted by the rector, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Owen, curate of St. Thomas', Seaforth. Subsequently a substantial tea was provided in the schoolroom, presided over by Miss D. Wall, daughter of the rector, and Mrs. John Martin. The members present formed themselves into a business meeting. Mr. R. Musker, of Sefton, occupying the chair. The treasurer read a printed balance-sheet, showing, after all expenses were paid, a respectable credit in favour of the general and benevolent fund. The ringing secretary, Mr. W. Bentham, gave a detailed report of the proceedings at the general meeting of the ringing societies of all England, held recently at Sheffield, which he attended as the representative of the Liverpool Guild. An effort was made at Sheffield to establish a general benevolent fund, which was opposed. A pleasing feature in the meeting was the inauguration of lady honorary members, four being elected, and it is certain that their interest will be very beneficial to the Guild. A cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Wall, rector of Sefton, Miss D. Wall, and Mr. Robert Musker, for their kind co-operation and support, terminated an agreeable meeting.

Several touches were rang on the old and sweet-toned bells, the only regrettable feature being that in consequence of the threatening nature of the weather, less than the usual number of ringers went out. The next meeting will be held at Hindley near Wigan, on the last Saturday in June.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Bridgend on Monday, April 15th. Ringers were present from Penarth, Aberdare, Chepstow, Cowbridge, Laleston, and Llandaff. The Penarth ringers visited Coity, and rang a touch of Bob Minor, but unfortunately a funeral put a stop to further ringing on these beautiful bells. On returning to Bridgend a visit was made to the tower of St. Illtyd's, when in the course of the afternoon and evening several touches were rung by mixed bands. At 3 p.m. the meeting was held in the Newcastle parish room under the presidency of the vicar (Rev. D. Davies, M.A.), who cordially welcomed the Association to Bridgend, and also expressed the hope that scientific change-ringing would be more universally taken up in the towers of the diocese.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. Canon Downing), in the course of an interesting address, said that when the Association was started some eighteen months ago, there were those who prophesied that at the end of six months they would not have six members, but he was glad to say that the prophecy remained unfulfilled, as instead of decreasing, they had increased, with the result that they had now a membership of seventy, and a balance in the bank of about £10. The rev. gentleman also remarked that towers wishing an Instructor could be supplied with one on writing to headquarters, as he had been waiting to hear from them for some time. The rules provided that funds permitting, the Committee should assist any local band to secure the services of a change-ringing Instructor, and he hoped that ringers would embrace the opportunities offered. He also remarked that churchwardens had told him that since the Association had been in existence, bell-ringing had considerably improved, and the ringers seemed to have learnt that they were indeed church-workers, and regard ringing as an act of worship to Almighty God, and not one for self-glorification or amusement. In the course of further remarks the Canon said there were now eight towers belonging to the Association, and he hoped that the number would be speedily increased.

Applications were at once made for an Instructor for Aberdare, Bridgend, and Cowbridge, and Canon Downing promised to comply with their request.

A vote of thanks to the vicar of St. Illtyd's, Newcastle, for presiding, concluded the meeting.

At 4 o'clock a service was held in St. Illtyd's church, when all the ringers attended. The vicar of Newcastle read the shortened form of service, and delivered a most helpful address from the chancel. A sumptuous meat tea was subsequently partaken of in the parish room, the spread being generously provided by the vicar, who presided. The ringers were joined by Mr. T. Lloyd Edwards (people's warden), and Mr. S. H. Stockwood, who represented his father, Mr. T. Stockwood, who for over fifty years has been vicar's warden. The wants of the guests were admirably looked after by Mrs. and Miss Davies (the vicarage), Mrs. Bascombe, Mrs. Gregory, and Mrs. Evans.

After tea the toast of "Church and Queen" was most enthusiastically received.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting; also for the sumptuous repast he had entertained them to, and last, but not least, for the kindly and encouraging words he had spoken to them in the church. The vicar had exactly hit the main point of their Association when he spoke to them of the necessity of always keeping before them what their duty was. As the vicar said, their duty was not to ring for pleasure to please themselves, but their work must be done to the glory of God. He hoped the vicar's words would sink deeply into their hearts, and he thought how nice it would be if they had the words of the 150th Psalm printed and hung up in every belfry belonging to the Association.

Mr. Roberts (Aberdare), seconded the vote of thanks, and said he hoped all would take away in their hearts the earnest words of the vicar.

The vicar briefly returned thanks, and said he hoped the members of the Association would carry away with them pleasant memories of the beautiful little church on the top of the hill at Newcastle.

Mr. S. H. Stockwood, who humorously referred to himself

as the "deputy-assistant sub-churchwarden," addressed a few words to the ringers, and thanked them for the treat they afforded all by their splendid handling of the bells.

Mr. Thomas (Penarth), moved a vote of thanks to the local secretary (Mr. G. T. Hardwick), and paid a high tribute to that gentleman's energy, and to the local ringers for the progress they had made.

Mr. Biss (Llandaff) seconded, and Mr. G. T. Hardwick suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The bells were rung after tea in different touches, and later in the evening the ringers departed, taking with them, it is hoped, none but the most pleasant recollections of the first meeting at Bridgend.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The April meeting of this Association was held at Ossett on Saturday, April 20th, when members assembled from Ossett, Mirfield, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Horbury, and Earlsbeaton. The meeting for business was held at The Red Lion, when it was proposed that the six-bell cup be handed to the Thornhill company on May 4th; that the judges for the six-bell contest be selected at Horbury; that the next committee meeting be held at Thornhill on May 4th; that the entrance to the six-bell contest close on May 18th. Other business being transacted, the meeting closed.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.

On Easter Monday the St. Sidwell's (Exeter) ringers visited this place and rang several touches on the parish church bells, under the leadership of Mr. Ferris Shepherd. The occasion was the dedication of the church bells. The Axminster guild of ringers, under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, was also present in addition to several other guilds. All expressed themselves delighted with the "go" and tone of the bells. The work was entrusted and carried out satisfactorily by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Exeter.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

At a vestry meeting held on a recent Tuesday, the Venerable Archdeacon Lightfoot presiding, Messrs. W. Compton and H. Kirby were re-elected churchwardens, and Messrs. A. Seaton, J. C. Guy, H. H. Stephenson, and R. Turner sidesmen. Mr. R. B. Watts, organist, was re-appointed. The Chairman read a report from Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, regarding the church bells, which were stated to be in a very bad condition, the fittings being old rickety. The probable cost of putting them in order would be about £300. It was decided to form a committee to act with the churchwardens in the matter.

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6 3 2 5 4 - -

2 6 3 5 4 - -

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3 2 6 5 4 - s

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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1895.

THE refutation of the statements volunteered by Mr. WINNEY at the meeting of the Central Council, relative to the performance of a peal of Double Norwich Court upon handbells will, it is hoped, act as a salutary deterrent upon those who accept mere gossiping recitals as facts. We are willing to believe the gentleman above-named was fully convinced that his impeachment of the peal was unanswerable, although his allusion to it was quite out of place at the moment. MR. WINNEY is well-known as a most clever ringer and conductor, both on handbells and in the tower; while his faculties of judging from the outside approach very nearly those enjoyed by such men as the late Messrs. HALEY and COX. But such attainments do not always accompany powers of logical reasoning, or the facility of making oneself clear in discussion and argument. As Mr. WINNEY has not, up to the time we write, ventured to traverse the statements made last week in letters by the REV. H. LAW JAMES, and his brother, MR. E. B. JAMES, it may be assumed that the facts connected with the peal in question remain with the latter gentlemen. The rectitude of the peal will certainly be established in the hands of all reasonable men, and we would indulge in the hope that its accuser will be among the number so convinced.

This case affords us another exemplification of the care

required in acting upon what we may call mere hearsay evidence. Unfortunately, the amusement of throwing doubt upon a performance somewhat out of the common is popular in some circles, and the slightest hint this way is very apt to merge into bold and strongly-worded assertions. This is a great evil, it must be admitted, and we can perhaps only trust to the steady march of intellect for its total removal.

A correspondent asked last week what the executive of the Sussex County Association offers in the way of instruction to young bands wishing to receive it. With commendable promptitude, Mr. S. SAKER, Hon. Secretary for the Eastern Division of this Association, writes: "Having noticed in your paper of 11th May, the paragraph ending with the query 'What do the Sussex Association offer?' I take this opportunity of thanking 'J. S.' for calling attention to the fact of there being a band of ringers at Hartfield willing and anxious to become change-ringers, and if 'J. S.' will kindly send the name and address of the captain or secretary of the band in question, I will at once do myself the pleasure of communicating with him, with the view of rendering what assistance I can on behalf of the Sussex Association. Presumably, the members of the Hartfield Society seldom see a copy of 'THE BELL NEWS,' or they would have gathered from the reports frequently appearing therein that the Sussex Association has a great desire to assist and encourage all ringers in the county to become change-ringers, and also to obtain their support. They would also have noticed that two very successful meetings of the Association have been held recently near to Hartfield, viz.: at Lindfield and East Grinstead." For the benefit of the correspondent who signs himself "J. S.," we may inform him that Mr. SAKER's address is 101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

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FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	ISAAC EMERY 6.
JOHN TURNER 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 9, 1895, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE GREEN DRAGON INN, WALTHAM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

FRANK JELF* 1-2.	WILLIAM A. ALPS 5-6.
DAVID TURLING 3-4.	*GEORGE E. PEACE 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. ALPS.

*First peal on handbells. Referees, Thomas Colverd and Frank Carter.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Friday, May 10, 1895, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS .. Treble.	*WALTER T. BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	†WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 8.
WILLIAM T. PATES 4.	HENRY ROBERTS 9.
FRANCIS E. WARD 5.	RICHARD TRIGG Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Austin, Bennett and Pegler hail from Gloucester, and J. W. Taylor, jun. from Loughborough. This is the quickest peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HALL* Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON 2.	WILLIAM SMITH 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT* 3.	*AARON GRIFFITHS 7.
HENRY DAWKES* 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

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

*First peal of Major, and first peal of Major on the bells. B. Dalton hails from Tettenhall; T. Horton from West Bromwich; W. Smith from Darlaston; and the rest from Wolverhampton.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

W. BAILEY† Treble.	W. L. MASON 5.
J. BOOTHMAN 2.	H. HORNER 6.
S. DOUGHTY 3.	W. BILLOWS 7.
W. CLARKE 4.	W. D. HILLARY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

†First peal. Messrs. Clarke and Mason hail from Gargrave; the rest belong to the local company. This peal, in fourteen courses, contains the 6th the extent each way, and the 4th the extent in 6ths place.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALPHÆUS PERKINS* Treble.	JAMES GARRATT 5.
HERBERT SHARP 2.	ANDERSON YORK TYLER .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT* 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 7.
WILLIAM GILBERT 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Clarke and Sharp hail from Bedford; Gilbert from Raunds; the rest belong to Irtlingborough.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR STOKOE Treble.	EDWIN WHEATHER 5.
ROBERT THOMAS 2.	LEONARD STOKOE 6.
GEORGE HUNT* 3.	FREDK. W. HARGREAVES .. 7.
HERBERT ROWLEY* 4.	CHARLES DRACUP Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by
FREDERICK W. HARGREAVES.

*First peal of Major and first attempt. Messrs. A. and L. Stokoe and Thomas hail from Headingley; Hunt and Rowley from Horbury; Wheather from Tong; Hargreaves from Drighlington; and Dracup from Low Moor.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1895, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FRANK HULL* Treble.	*FRANK SMITH 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	ISAAC HILLS 6.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	†HERBERT SHARP 7.
PERCY HOWARD 4.	‡DONALD THOMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

*First peal in the method. †First time as conductor of Holt's Original. ‡First peal. It was intended to start for Treble Bob Major, but meeting one who the above was rung instead. Great credit is due to Donald Thompson, age 17 years, for taking the vacant rope and ringing his first peal.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, March 3, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF DOUBLES;

In the four following methods:

Eleven of Burstow Doubles, eleven of Plain Bob, ten of Canterbury, and ten of Grandsire.

JOHN NETLEY Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE 3.
OLIVER RATLEY 2.	GEORGE HARRY LEE .. 4.
	WALTER SEARLE Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER SEARLE.

John Netley hails from Arundel, the rest belong to the local band.

ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 11, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720S OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

In the following methods:

Primrose, College Treble, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY GREAVES Treble.	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 4.
THOMAS BETTISON 2.	WM. HENRY TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMMEN 3.	WILLIAM LAMBERT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

This is the first 5040 that has been rung on the bells, which were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, twenty-four years ago. The ringers of the 4th and 6th hail from Treeton; the rest from Killamarsh. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. W. H. Rigg and the local ringers for permission to ring on the bells, and to Mr. C. F. Fowler for having everything in readiness for them.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

SEVEN 720S OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

In the following methods:

Bristol Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Imperial, Duke of York, Violet, and Woodbine.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

HENRY ALCOCK* Treble.	CHARLES PRESTON 4.
DANIEL PRASTON† 2.	†JOHN E. WHEELDON .. 5.
WILLIAM WHEELDON .. 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. ‡First 5040 as conductor. The above was rung at the first attempt.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, April 17th, at Church House, a date touch of Doubles, 1895 changes, in 35 mins., being five 6-scores and 95 changes of Plain Bob, five 6-scores of Canterbury, four of Grandsire, and one of St. Simon's. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; P. P. W. Meadows, 5-6. First date touch by all. Also a date touch of Bob Minor in 37 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. First date touch by S. M. W. Meadows.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, and being the birthday of T. Faulkner, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 45 mins. H. E. Parker, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; A. Hardy, 3; E. Lucas, 4; F. Norris, 5; Y. Green (conductor), 6; A. Wright, 7; A. Deards, 8.

BOCKING (Essex). On Sunday, March 24th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, at St. Mary's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Sargent, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Tuesday, March 26th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. G. Melbourne (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For the afternoon service, on April 7th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Warren, 1; E. Carter, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. For the morning service, on Sunday, April 14th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And for practice on April 16th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Grimwade, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; S. Hayes (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday, April 21st, after evening service at Holy Trinity church, Barking road, 720 Double Court Bob Minor.

C. Dempsey, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Clayton, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6. And 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. C. Dempsey, 1; H. Randall, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; E. Clayton (conductor), 6.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Doran, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and also the birthday of A. Deards, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. F. G. Bailey (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; J. Bonney, 3; T. Gwynne, 4; E. Clarke, 5; W. Prime, 6; J. Thompson, 7; W. Williamson, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 11th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; W. Kemp, 3; W. Durrant, 4; C. Kerrison, 5.

BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 22nd, 720 Bob, April Day, and Grandsire Doubles. J. Fenn, 1; F. Lambert, 2; J. Larter (conductor), 3; E. Thain, 4; J. Punchard, 5.

RUMBURGH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, April 17th, 720 Grandsire and Bob Doubles. G. Warren, 1; C. Kerrison, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; S. Bird, 4; W. Hunt, 5.

WESTHALL (Suffolk).—Recently, 720 Stedman Doubles. J. Woolnough, 1; J. Cole, 2; F. Lambert, 3; R. Lambert, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service, 672 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, 1; F. Lambert, 2; E. Easter, 3; J. Howard, 4; R. Howard, 5; T. Bell (Leiston), 6; C. Kerrison, 7; J. Larter (conductor), 8. And on handbells, 1260 Grandsire, April Day, and Plain Bob Doubles, in 38 mins. A. Took, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6. And 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Peck, 1; A. Lee, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6. On Sunday, April 28th, at St. Mary's church, 360 and 180 Bob Minor. F. Lambert, 1; E. Easter, 2; R. Howard, 3; J. Larter (conductor), 4; E. Thain, 5; J. Punchard, 6.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, April 9th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs two singles), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Saturday, April 13th, 756 Bob Triples. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor. And 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Monday, April 15th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 15 mins. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6. On Friday, April 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), in 14 mins. Miss C. Meadows (conductor), 1-2; S. M. W. Meadows, 3-4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5-6. Miss C. Meadows is believed to be the first lady who has yet called a 720. Also a course of College Single, standing in the same order.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, April 14th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, for 8 a.m. service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; P. Knight, 3; G. Hoad, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; E. Dewey, 2; G. Hoad, 3; P. Knight, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; W. Argent (conductor), 6; E. Moses, 7; A. Moseley, 8. Also for 11 a.m. service, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Dewey, 1; P. Knight, 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Hoad, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; W. Argent (conductor), 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And 504 Oxford Bob Triples. E. Dewey, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; T. Brown, 4; F. T. Hoad, jun., 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And for evening service, 448 Bob Major. P. Knight, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun., 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. E. Moses, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. Linter, 4; E. Kenward, 5; H. Reeves, 6; W. Argent, 7; A. Moseley, 8. And after service, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Moses, 1; E. Dewey, 2; P. Knight, 3; T. Brown, 4; G. Hoad, 5; F. T. Hoad, jun., 6; E. Kenward (conductor), 7; A. Moseley, 8. On Monday, April 22nd, for practice, 672 Bob Major. G. Croucher, 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. T. Hoad, jun., 3; G. Hoad, 4; T. Brown, 5; E. Moses, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Reeves, 8.

ASHTREAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at the church of St. Giles, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4338 changes in 2 hrs. and 35 mins., it came to grief owing to a change-course. J. Wyatt, 1; W. E. Otway, 2; H. Newnham, 3; W. R. Crockford, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; E. Hull, 6; G. Chantler (conductor), 7; D. Anscombe, 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Ayling, 1; F. Grove, 2; W. Worsfold, 3; G. Chantler (conductor), 4; H. Beams, 5; C. Read, 6; W. Chantler, 7; J. Reid, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PENGE (Surrey).—On Monday, April 15th, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs six singles). G. Conn, 1; E. Edwards, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of J. Marshall's daughter. On Thursday, April 18th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), standing as before. Rung on the occasion of the wedding day of the Rev. E. H. Bennett, vicar of St. James', Doncaster, formerly senior curate of St. John's, Penge, and most of the ringers at that time were members of his Bible Class, and retain very pleasant memories of his work amongst them.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, April 21st, 168 Stedman Triples. S. Perkins, 1; P. Brooker, 2; G. Smithers, 3; W. Worsfold, 4; E. Mankelaw, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelaw, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; S. Perkins, 3; J. Beams, 4; W. Worsfold, 5; G. Smithers, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. And 350 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Worsfold, 1; W. Latter, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Beams, 5; H. Porter, 6; G. Smithers, 7; E. Mankelaw, 8. J. Beams late of Chelmsford.

GREAT CHART (Kent).—On Saturday evening, April 20th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hills, 1; F. Phillpott, 2; G. H. Head, 3; J. Hover, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. First in the method by all, first 720 by ringers of the 1st and 4th, and first with a bob bell by the ringer of the 2nd. Messrs. Dyson, Tabrett, and Head belong to the Ashford branch; and the rest to Kennington.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), with 6-8 covering, in 27 mins. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; J. Rechenberg, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; A. Collins, 6; G. Head, 7; W. Ansell, 8.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, 910 Oxford Bob Triples. A. J. Scott, 1; G. Thompson, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; E. J. Walsom, 4; F. Goddard, 5; E. Harris, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. Steptoe, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Saturday, April 27th, at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 1; T. Barnes, 2; D. Williams, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; A. Grice, 8. And 168 Stedman Triples. A. Grice, 4; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 8; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, 97 and 294 Grandsire Triples. A. Grice, 1; T. Barnes, 2; D. Williams, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; F. S. Jones, 8. And for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Lloyd, 1; W. Maddox, 2; D. Williams, 3; T. Barnes, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; A. Grice, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Stone, 1; W. Ward, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8. On Tuesday, April 16th, at the election of churchwardens, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons (conductor), 2; A. Stone, 3; W. Cornish, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8. On Tuesday, April 23rd, on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. H. P. M. Lafone, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr 35 mins. C. Groves, 1; Symons (conductor), 2; A. Stone, 3; W. Cornish, 4; J. Harper, 5; T. J. Matthews, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8. And on Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Drinkwater, 1; J. Symons (conductor), 2; C. Groves, 3; W. Cornish, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. Dover, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—At the parish church, on Saturday, April 20th, 720 College Single in 34½ mins. J. Mainwaring, 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; F. T. Spence (conductor), 6. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. T. Spence, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6; the rest as before. A 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Mostyn, 2; S. Lewis, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. T. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. A 720 of Plain Bob. F. Webb (first 720), 1; F. T. Spence, 2; G. Lewis, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. And 720 of Oxford Single. W. Bibley (first 720), 1; G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; J. W. Booth (conductor), 6. The ringers who with the exception of Messrs. Webb and Bibley hail from Grappenhall, wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, through this paper.

GAWSWORTH.—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs twelve singles). J. Armstrong, 1; F. Stanley, 2; W. Steel, 3; W. Matthews, 4; C. Postles, 5; W. Walmsley (composer and conductor), 6. All except the ringer of the 5th hail from Macclesfield.

THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service at St. Chad's cathedral (r.c.), Johnson's quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Bluck, 1; J. Porter (conductor), 2; W. Brook, 3; W. Bryan, 4; R. Hunt, 5; R. Hackley, 6; A. Hackley, 7; W. Sanigar, 8.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Friday, April 26th, at the parish church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. Rev. R. Bond, 1; W. D. Tinker, 2; A. H. Wheeler (first quarter-peat with a bob bell), 3; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; G. Wilsun, 6; F. T. W. Butler (composer and conductor), 7; H. W. Kirton, 8. The Rev. H. J. Elsee hails from Manchester.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BARNET.—On Monday, April 15th, a half-peat of Bob Major, 2528 changes, in 1 hr. and 42 mins. J. W. Ginns, 1; E. E. Pratchett, 2; W. F. Meads, 3; F. Carroway, 4; F. Blondell, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; C. H. Martin (composer and conductor), 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, April 14th, after evening service, by six members of the St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. W. G. Hall, 1; H. Knight, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; H. A. Hall, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Vaughan, 1; R. Dale, 2; H. Mance, 3; J. Brown, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Burstow, 6; E. C. Boniface (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. And 420 Court Bob Triples. C. Vaughan, 1; R. Dale, 2; H. Mance, 3; J. Brown, 4; W. Short, 5; E. C. Boniface, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. Also 840 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Vaughan, 1; R. Dale, 2; J. Brown, 3; H. Mance, 4; W. Short, 5; E. C. Boniface, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8.

BATH (Somerset).—On Monday, April 23rd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. H. J. Wyburn, 1; W. Bruton, 2; P. Charles, 3; J. Fussell, 4; G. H. Hill (conductor), 5; J. Higgs, 6; F. G. Beesley, 7; F. Verrier, 8. Rung on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of G. H. Hill's wedding. And 350 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Wyburn, 1; E. G. Dainton, 2; W. Bruton, 3; F. King (conductor), 4; G. H. Hill, 5; J. Higgs, 6; J. Fussell, 7; F. G. Beesley, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, at the parish church of St. Mary, 360 of Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. C. Heyling, 1; R. Thompson, 2; W. Freestone, 3; H. Morgan, 4; W. Andrews, 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6; W. Yandall, 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. This is the longest length of Minor by ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th. C. Heyling, R. Thompson, W. Freestone, H. Morgan, J. Morley, and W. Yandall are members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association. A 240 of Plain Bob Doubles, on the back six. C. Heyling, 1; R. Thompson, 2; H. Morgan, 3; W. Andrews, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. And for evening service, 252 of Plain Bob Triples. C. Heyling, 1; W. Freestone, 2; G. Williams, 3; R. Thompson, 4; S. Hopton, 5; W. Andrews, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; E. Williams, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday evening, April 22nd, at the parish church, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Newman, A. E. Midmore, H. Cruttenden, T. Clarke, N. Cruttenden, T. Hunnisett, T. Lewis (conductor), W. Sharpe. Also 504 in the same method. J. Newman, H. Vernon, A. E. Midmore, T. Clarke, N. Cruttenden, T. Hunnisett, (conductor), E. Willoughby, H. Cruttenden. And 350. A. E. Midmore, C. Lewis, H. Cruttenden, N. Cruttenden, H. Vernon (conductor), T. Clarke, T. Lewis, J. Newman. Also 504. J. Newman, H. Vernon, N. Cruttenden, T. Clarke, T. Willoughby, T. Lewis, B. Hobbs (conductor), T. Deadman. And 210. J. Newman, N. Cruttenden, E. Willoughby (conductor), T. Clarke, W. Avann, T. Hunnisett, T. Willoughby, A. Hudson. Messrs. N. and H. Cruttenden, T. Clarke, and T. Hunnisett hail from Bexhill, the rest are local men.

MILTON NEXT GRAVESEND (Kent).—On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Plain Bob. B. Skinner, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; J. Smith, 3; F. Hayes, 4; R. Nunn, 5; H. D. Davis (conductor), 6.

RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 22nd, at the church of St. Paul, 559 Grandsire Triples. R. Leach, 1; J. H. Haydock, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; A. Clegg, 4; J. Hanson, 5; J. S. Taylor, 6; Rev. C. A. Clements (conductor), 7; J. Booth, 8. Longest length with a bob bell by J. Hanson.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks.).—On Saturday, April 27th, at the church of St. Giles, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs and twelve singles). A. E. Gidman, 1; E. Herbert, 2; G. Cowley, 3; Charles Herbert, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Charles Herbert, 1; G. Valentine, jun., 2; E. Herbert, 3; G. Cowley, 4; A. E. Gidman, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. A 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Valentine, jun., 1; E. Herbert, 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; G. Cowley, 5; E. Yates, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. Messrs. Herbert hail from Woburn, Beds.; the rest belong to Stony Stratford.

Obituary.

ABRAHAM MOULSON.

Another link between the past and present generation has been severed by the death of Mr. Moulson, which sad event took place on Saturday, May 11th. Nearly half a century ago he commenced ringing at Bradford parish church, and throughout the long period which has intervened since that time his honesty of purpose and amiability of character gained for him the highest esteem amongst his brother-ringers. When the Yorkshire Association was founded, he warmly supported the project, and his name was entered first on the books as a member, a circumstance which was always regarded by him with the greatest satisfaction. Old ringers could always depend upon him as an able executant—a safe ringer and good striker. Young ringers anxious to perfect themselves in the art ever found a warm friend in him. For a while back, advancing years and a physical infirmity compelled him to relinquish the active work of ringing, but his interest remained as keen as ever. He was confined to bed, through the result of a chill, on Monday, the 6th inst., from which he never rallied, and died as above stated on the Saturday following. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 14th, at Undercliffe Cemetery, which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, the Exercise being numerously represented. At the close of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Wilson, J. H. Hardcastle, B. T. Copley and J. Angus, in accordance with a wish expressed by Mr. Moulson during his illness. That illness was short and painful, yet, verily, he rests in peace.

GEORGE PROCTER.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Geo. Procter, a member of the Hull branch of the Yorkshire Association, which took place in the Royal Infirmary, Hull, on May 1st. Mr. Procter joined the Yorkshire Association in 1885, and came to Hull from Leeds about the close of 1888. Since then he has followed a seafaring life, and on December 5th last, whilst off the coast of Gibraltar on a voyage to the Mediterranean ports in the s.s. *Bassano* he sustained severe internal injuries through accidentally falling down the coal bunker. On his arrival back in Hull he gradually became worse, and ultimately had to go into the hospital. Other complications setting in he passed away as above stated at the age of 45. He was interred at the western cemetery, Spring Bank, Hull, on Saturday, May 6th, being borne to his last resting place by the following Hull ringers: J. Dixey, F. Moulson, F. Merrison, and C. Jackson. Mr. Procter's mode of life necessarily prevented him from doing much ringing, but he always mixed freely with the ringers when in port, and his death is very much regretted by the Hull company.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Lytham, to-day, Saturday, May 18th.

J. REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.
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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at Yeovil, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Short service in the parish church (10 bells), at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by a tea and business meeting. Will those members who, at the Wiveliscombe meeting pledged themselves to form a band for Yeovil, kindly make a special effort to be present.

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

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Rodmersham to-day, Saturday, May 18th. Tower will be opened for ringing at 3.30; Sittingbourne tower will be open in the evening.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fittleworth, to-day, Saturday, May 18th. An 8-bell tower within reach if sufficient members attend, belfry opened at 2 p.m. Tea 5.30.

REV. J. W. LODER-COTHER.

Yapton Vicarage.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Horbury, to-day, Saturday, May 18th, at 5 p.m. (entrances closing for the six-bell contest). Meeting house, the King's Arms. The six-bell contest takes place at Thornhill, on Whit-Monday. All companies intending practising will please communicate with Mr. Sam Booth, change-ringer, Thornhill. Upwards of £9 will be given in useful articles by the local band. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Armsley, Christ Church (six bells), on Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn, Town street.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

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

The Cheltenham and District Guild.—The annual dinner of this Guild will take place on Tuesday, May 28th, at The Sydney Arms hotel, Pittville street, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 3d. each, which can be obtained of A. N. Humphris, Uckington, near Cross Hands; W. T. Pates, Tudor House, Hewlett Road; F. Masty, 23, Princes Street; and W. Townsend, Leckhampton village. The tower of St. Mary, ten bells, will be open at 6 p.m., where all ringers will be cordially welcomed.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, on Saturday, June 1st. Tea at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All members requested to attend, if possible, to arrange for September meeting. T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

The South and West Middlesex Association.—The annual general meeting of the above Association for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, ringing to commence at 10 o'clock. Full particulars will be published next week.

E. J. WALSOM, Hon. Sec.

1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Ringing at 11 a.m., and at other churches in the afternoon. Business meeting at Mid-day.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Consett, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and Dinner at 1 p.m. at The Royal Hotel, Blackhill. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of Consett, Benfieldside, and Lanchester will be at the disposal of members during the day. Members intending to be present, please reply on or before May 30th, to

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec.

314, High Street West, Sunderland.

The North Notts Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. The tower will be open at 10.30 a.m. Tea in the Town Hall at 5 p.m., members free, friends introduced 1s. Names to be sent to Geo. Barrowcliffe, School House.

H. T. SLODDEN, Secretary.

The Devon Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, at Ilfracombe. Tea at Girls' schoolroom near the parish church at 4.30; meeting at parish church at 5.15; service at 6 p.m. Grants of 2s. 6d. per member attending the meeting will be made for travelling expenses. Excursion tickets for return journey, of 3s. 6d. each, will be issued from Exeter by trains leaving Queen Street at 8.35 a.m., and for bands living east of Exeter by that leaving at 9.32 a.m., if notice is given to Secretary by May 20th. Journey may be broken at Barnstaple, Braunton, and Morthe. Permission has been obtained to ring at Ilfracombe parish church (8 bells), Braunton parish church (8 bells), West Dower, four miles from Ilfracombe, 6 bells, and Berry Harbor, three miles from Ilfracombe, 6 Conveyances can be obtained at Ilfracombe for West Dower and Berry Harbor, but members must make their own arrangements for them. Please inform me at once if you intend to be present at tea.

MAITLAND KELLY, Hon. Sec.

Ottery St. Mary.

Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Faversham on Whitsun-Monday, June 3rd. Particulars next week. Application for Dinner Tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. before May 30th.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—Owing to the Whitsuntide holidays, the next general meeting will be held at Saddleworth on Saturday, June 15th, instead of June 1st, as in the ordinary course. Circulars in due time.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

CORRECTION.—Mr. W. Page, of Worcester, writes: The peal of Canterbury Pleasure, published under my name in your issue of May 4th, should have a single at w in first course, making it read, single w, single m, bob H.

BRAINTREE SURPRISE.

Mr. Eli Brooke writes: "The new method published in 'THE BELL NEWS' of May 11th, is false. Compare the third lead with the twenty-fourth, and the fourteenth lead with the twenty-third, twenty-two repetitions in each case. For the 720, the tenor is called when behind without the fifth."

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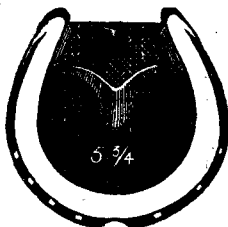
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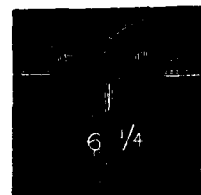
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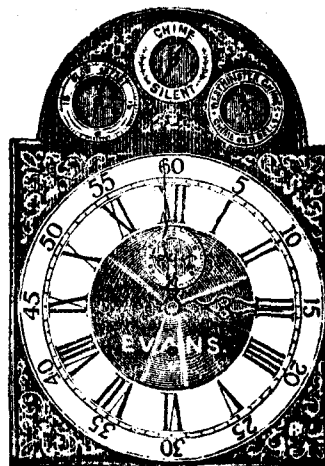
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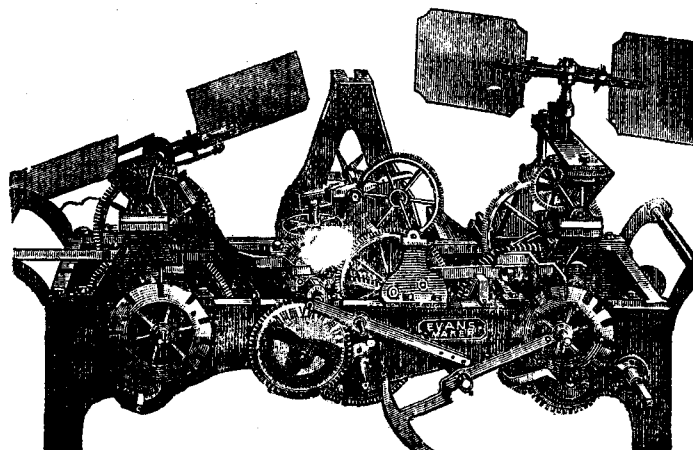
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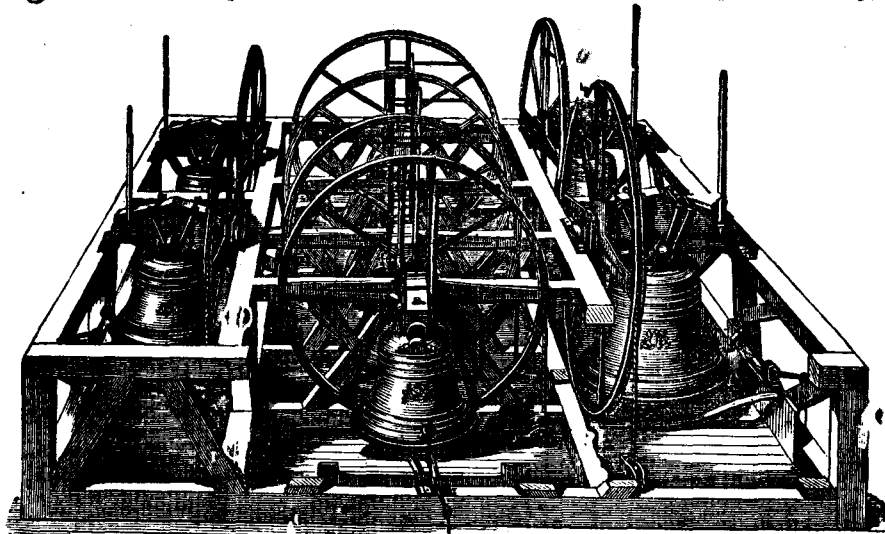
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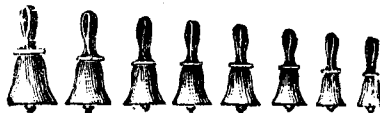
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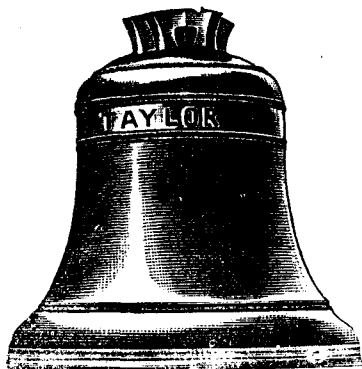
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