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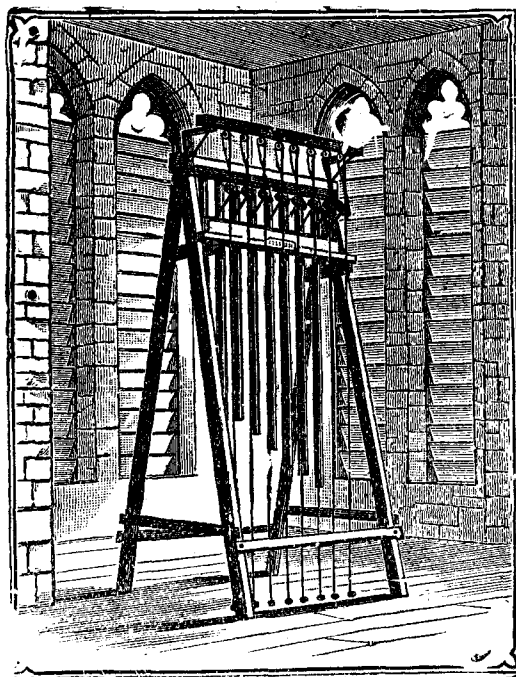
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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held in the Justices' Room, Town Hall, St. Albans, on Easter-Monday, April 6th. Prior to the meeting a short service was held in the Abbey, when the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance delivered an appropriate address. In the course of his remarks he mentioned that the art of change-ringing was one which required not only great patience, but also great skill. Their work, as ringers, was closely connected with a higher calling, namely Church work, which consisted in summoning the faithful to worship in the house of God, by the sound of church bells. They regarded them as taking a most important part in the great duty which they all had to discharge according to their position and ability, for the honour and glory of God. Those who had to take any public part in the ministrations of the Church in Divine Service, the clergy and choir, and even those who held subordinate positions, in collecting for example, looked upon that duty as a very honourable and important one, and their duty, as ringers, in attending in the various towers when engaged in the solemn and beautiful ringing of the church bells was an honourable one. In the old days each peal had its name, and at the present day each new peal of bells was dedicated, and offered solemnly to God for His usage. In conclusion the rev. gentleman said he was pleased to see that the members regarded their work as a part of Church work, and he hoped that the Association would prosper and extend.

The party then adjourned to the Town Hall, when about fifty sat down to an excellent tea, Mr. T. Slater being the caterer. The Mayor (Mr. H. J. Toulmin) occupied the chair, and there were also present the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, the Rev. T. T. Blockley, Andrew Oliver, Esq. (London), A. T. King (Barnet), E. Hull, A. Hull, E. Whish, G. Wright, F. S. Barnes, R. C. Hammond, A. Hallett, H. L. Waddington, W. Battle, H. Brewer, H. Porter, J. W. Brewster, F. Monk (St. Albans), F. Smith, F. Edwards, W. E. Oakley, W. J. Oakley, A. J. Pate, W. Thorn, W. G. Whitehead, E. E. Huntley (Bushey), W. H. Lawrence, J. Heady, A. Phillips, A. Smith (Little Munden), W. Lightfoot (Harrow Weald), H. J. Wright (Aldenham), T. Powers, R. Shepherd, J. Shepherd, J. Hollingsworth (Hatfield), C. Clarke (Essendon), A. Miller (Southgate), W. Living, J. Gray (Graveley), T. Webb (Baldock), Messrs. F. W. Silvester, W. H. L. Buckingham, H. Lewis, E. P. Debenham (Hon. Sec.), G. W. Cartmel (assistant hon. sec.) and others. At the conclusion of the repast, a business meeting was held. The first business was the election of new members, and the following were elected: Messrs. F. Monk, G. Wright, E. Whish (St. Albans), J. Allen, W. G. Whitehead (Bushey), A. Harvey, F. Harvey (Hertford), W. Lightfoot (Harrow Weald), C. Clarke (Essendon), T. King (Barnet), — Webb (Harlow), R. C. Chalkley, W. Living (Graveley), and John Miller and Arthur Miller (Southgate), whose provisional election was confirmed.

The Secretary (Mr. Debenham) read the report, which stated that numerically the Association had maintained its strength; the roll of names of ringing members having been increased during the year by seventeen, and that of the honorary members by three. The new ringing members comprise four from St. Albans, four from Little Munden, two from Hatfield, one from Barnet, and four non-residents, and the new honorary members, two from St. Albans and one from Oxhey. In the list of members, which will be published for the coming year, one more tower will be named as being in union with the Association, and it is clear that the work of promoting the success of change-ringing had not been in vain. The ringing members now number 130, and the honorary members 19; but these figures may be subject to alteration. The financial position of the Association was good, the balance in hand being £9 15s. 11d. It was thought that every tower in union with the Association should arrange that at least one representative should be present at the annual meeting; important business comes on for discussion, and it is absolutely essential that the opinions of the various companies should be obtained. During the year three district meetings have been held. The number of peals rung during the year was extremely limited, being confined to two of Grandsire Triples and one of Grandsire Caters. The Caters peal was rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on October 14th, under my conductorship; a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Baldock on April 15th, conducted by Mr. Cawdell; and the other, in the

same method, was at Hatfield, on November 12th, conducted by Mr. A. Shepherd. This was a very small record, and if it were accepted as an absolute indication of what had been done in the way of endeavouring to become proficient, it would be said at once that change-ringing was at a standstill in Hertfordshire; but, as he had pointed out earlier in the report, he could not agree in such a conclusion. He therefore looked to some other cause for it, and thought that if all the number of attempts which had been made had been successful, they would have had a good number to enter in the peal-book, and that with a little exercise of patience and perseverance it would again come up to the standard of bygone years. As regarded individual performances, owing to the scarcity of peals, there was little material for comment. He could, however, sincerely congratulate Mr. B. Bidnell and Mr. Thurgood, of Baldock, and Mr. Lawrence, of Little Munden, upon having accomplished their first peals during the year, and also Mr. Cawdell, of Baldock, on his conducting a peal for the first time. Satisfactory progress had been made by many of the younger members, and he would especially mention that great credit was due to Mr. Lawrence for the pains he was taking to bring on the Little Munden band. He would only add that he hoped that the next twelve months would show that the energy already thrown into the work had not only been maintained, but increased. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers met at Sheffield last Easter Tuesday. One of the items on the agenda was the consideration of a report from the committee (two of the members of which were Mr. Buckingham and myself) appointed by the Council in 1894, to deal with the question as to the necessity of umpires for handbell peals and their duties. He then read the Council's report on this subject. The conclusion come to by the Council was not to his (Mr. Debenham's) mind a satisfactory one, as the only result of the committee's labours has been the expression of the Council's opinion that were practicable there should be an umpire to every handbell peal; but what the qualifications and duties are is apparently left undetermined. He hoped that at no distant date the matter would again receive attention. It was gratifying to be able to state that the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Exercise by the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, than whom no one has done more to encourage practical ringing in its highest branches." In conclusion, he again expressed his thanks for the able assistance which had been rendered from time to time by the officers and various members of the Association, and especially Mr. Cartmel, for the help he has ever been ready to give in carrying out the duties of the office he had the honour to hold.

The balance-sheet showed that at the end of last year there was a balance in hand of £10 9s. 2d. The expenditure had amounted to £8 11s. 3d., and the receipts had been £7 18s. 0d., leaving a balance in hand of £9 15s. 11d.

The Ven. Archdeacon, in proposing the adoption of the report, said it gave him great pleasure to have been chosen to make this proposition, as they had all heard the excellent report and balance sheet read by their excellent and hard-working Secretary. They all knew the great interest their Secretary took in this matter, and he was very glad to think he was a St. Albans man. He was very pleased to see so many at the Abbey that afternoon, because they had had services of the same sort which were very poorly attended. He hoped the Society would go on extending itself, as it helped to keep up the intimacy of the members with one another.

Mr. J. W. Brewer seconded, and it was carried.

A resolution was passed that the President to be elected should be a practical ringer and not an honorary member.

Mr. Huntley proposed, and Mr. Oakley seconded, that the Rev. Canon Wigram should be elected president for the ensuing year. This was put and carried by a large majority.

With regard to the election of secretary, the chairman said he was sure there would be no two opinions on this subject; he therefore proposed that the secretary should be re-elected.

Mr. Silvester, in seconding the resolution, said they had a most excellent honorary secretary; no one had known Mr. Debenham much longer than he had, and he could speak as to his worth. He congratulated the members on the progress of the Association.

Mr. Waddington seconded, and thought Mr. Debenham ought

to have taken the post of President, but he had declined that office. It was Mr. Debenham who had brought the Association to the position it now held.

The resolution was carried amid loud applause.

Mr. Huntley was next elected auditor.

Mr. Debenham proposed, and Mr. Buckingham seconded, that Messrs. Lewis and Cartmel should be elected assistant secretaries, and Mr. Debenham then proposed that all non-resident ringers might become life members of the Association on the payment of five shillings. He said he had met with very great difficulty with members out of the district in getting their subscriptions. A great many just come into the town, joined the Association, and then went away, and were never heard of again. It was rather hard for a member to have to pay ten years' subscription, and he thought it would be much better if they were called upon to pay five shillings as life members. In his opinion it would increase the membership, and the money for postage, etc., would be saved in writing for the subscriptions.

Mr. Buckingham, in seconding, said the same thing was done in other associations, and he thought it would be advisable for them to adopt similar measures.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. Cartmel said now they had members numbering over 150, and he thought they ought to have certificates of membership. He thought it would be advisable for several reasons. If they would give the secretary and himself power to find out the cost and report, they would be most happy to do so. He thought it was usual for the members each to pay a small fee, and if they paid about sixpence each, the Association could make up the other.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee.

Mr. Debenham then proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his excellent address to the ringers, and the kind welcome he had accorded to them; to the Mayor for the use of the Town Hall; and also to Mr. Squires for the use of the St. Peter's bells.

Mr. Buckingham seconded this, and the Rev. T. T. Blockley in putting it to the meeting, said, on behalf of the Archdeacon, who was obliged to retire, that it was a great pleasure to meet them at the church that afternoon. He was very pleased to come to their meetings occasionally, even as an honorary member.

The resolution was carried.

The Mayor said he was very pleased to help any association of this kind, and as he was a churchman he took a great interest in the Association.

Mr. Buckingham, in proposing a vote of thanks to the secretary and officers for their past services, said he was sure they were greatly indebted to Mr. Debenham for the great interest he took in the Association. He did not know where they could find a gentleman to take his place.

Mr. Lewis, in seconding the resolution, said, as an old hand, he thought Mr. Debenham ought to be called the king of the bells. He had rung with Mr. Debenham a great many times, but had never heard him cry "stand" in the middle of a peal.

The resolution was heartily carried, and this terminated the business.

The Cathedral and St. Peter's church were open during the day for ringing, and were well patronised. Aldenham was selected as the place for the next district meeting in June.

VISIT TO BEDALE, YORKS.

On Easter Monday, April 6th, a company of ringers made up from Stockton and Middlesbrough, journeyed to the above place, where arrangements had been made to try for a 5000 of Treble Bob Major on the grand old peal of bells of St. Gregory's church, some of which bear the date of 1631, and are quite in keeping with the venerable old edifice, with its massive and weather-beaten tower. Arriving at Bedale shortly after 11 a.m., a short visit was made to head-quarters for the day (The Black Swan), where slight refreshments were indulged in previous to making a start. On reaching the tower, the ropes were thoroughly overhauled and taken up on the wheels, and some of "Brown's Mixture" applied to the bearings, whilst at the lower end, Mr. J. Clarkson was busy attaching adjustable

tufts to the rope-ends of the heavier bells, which turned out a capital idea for saving soft hands. So for everything had been done to make our efforts a success, and the only thing conceivable to militate against bringing off the peal was the extra long flight of rope. A start being made, everything went well for three courses, when the climax came, our tenor man could not proceed further, through the bad go of the tenor, and the bells had to be set up after ringing 1152 changes. Nothing daunted, another attempt was at once made, but still with little better result, as the bells had to be brought round at the part-end (1762 changes, in 1 hour 7 minutes), it being found impossible to ring anything like a full peal on them, so bad was the tenor going. On examining the bell causing the trouble, it was soon discovered she was gudgeon bound, and will have to be shortened, before a peal is likely to be rung even with two men hanging on to her. An adjournment for dinner was the next move, which was served up in capital style, and fully appreciated, judging by the appetites of the band. Dinner over, the handbells were brought out, and courses of Caters and Treble Bob Major were rung. After a short stroll and pull at the weed, another visit was made to the tower, where ringing for the day was brought to a close with 640 of Kent Treble Bob, and after letting the bells down in peal, the rest of the evening, previous to train time, was occupied in talking over the events of the day. The visitors wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. J. G. Beresford, B.A., for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, also the local men who helped to make our outing so pleasant. 1792 Kent Treble Bob;—W. Newton, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; W. Rudd, 3; J. Passmore, 4; T. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; G. J. Clarkson, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. 640 Kent Treble Bob, same as above, conducted by G. J. Clarkson. Course of Grandsire Caters on Handbells;—J. W. Passman, 1-2; G. J. Clarkson, 3-4; T. Stephenson, 5-6; J. H. Blakiston, 7-8; W. Newton, 9-10. Course of Kent Major;—W. Rudd, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3-4; T. Stephenson, 5-6; W. Newton. 7-8. B.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT WYE, KENT.

On Thursday, April 9th, this fine ring of eight (tenor 26 cwt.), was re-opened, after repairs, by Messrs. Warner, which included the re-casting of the 2nd and 3rd, and the re-hanging of the rest. A formal dedication service was held in the churchyard at 3 p.m., in the course of which the local ringers rung some rounds. The service was read by the Rev. Curate-in-charge, Rev. Ashton Gwatkin, Vicar of St. John's, Margate, and the Rev. — Holmes. The choir was in attendance, and sung the Old Hundredth as a processional, and at the end of the service, the special hymn, "In Sinai's dreary waste." A band of members of the Kent County Association attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but owing to the recommendation of the bellfounders not having been adopted, the bad go of the tenor precluded all hope of bringing the peal to a successful conclusion. The tenor-man, however, was not to be persuaded that the feat was impossible. Accordingly, shortly after four o'clock, the bells were started, the men standing in the following order:—H. G. Fairbrass, 1; F. Marriott, 2; A. A. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; G. Sayer, 5; S. Binfield, 6; P. H. Peirce (conductor), 7; R. Goodburn, tenor. After half-an-hour's ringing the tenor-man was almost flagged out, and a request to the conductor to call less loudly caused a little confusion. "Stand" was therefore called at exactly thirty-two minutes from the start. We hear that the bellfounders have received instructions to strengthen the old frame. They ought to have had such orders in the first instance. It now remains to be seen whether a peal on these bells is possible.

Central Council Correspondence.

C. C. VERBATIM REPORT.—A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the Report of the proceedings of the Council meeting, the word "difficult" has by some accident been substituted for "sufficient" in the last sentence of my remarks on Mr. Boutflower's motion, thus obscuring the meaning which I wished to convey.

H. EARLE BULWER.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 25th, a large number of ringers met at St. Clement Danes church, Strand, in honour of the 62nd anniversary of Mr. James Pettit's birthday.

A peal of Stedman Caters, with Mr. Pettit conducting, was successfully accomplished, an account of which will be found in our peal columns.

But it was after this performance that the more important proceedings took place, at the meeting room of the St. James's Society, which was filled to its utmost capacity. A. P. Heywood Esq., being introduced to the assembly by Mr. W. Burkin, very gracefully let Mr. Pettit into the secret of the meaning of this large gathering, viz.: the presentation to him of a purse of gold, and an album containing an illuminated address and a list of subscribers' names. After making an excellent speech, Mr. Heywood read the address, which was as follows:—

"April 25th, 1896.—The following members of the Ancient College of Youths and friends, presented Mr. James Pettit with this Testimonial and a purse containing £33, as a small token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Art of Change-Ringing."

Mr. Heywood then handed the purse and album to Mr. Pettit. A course of Grandsire Cinques on the handbells immediately followed, being rung by H. R. Newton, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; H. Hopkins, 7-8; J. Rogers, 9-10; W. D. Smith, 11-12.

Mr. Pettit, in well-chosen words, expressed his heartfelt thanks to all who had taken part in this handsome present, and on sitting down was heartily greeted with "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. W. D. Smith enlivened the proceedings with "The Longshoremans," and then a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Heywood, with much acclamation, and "musical honours." A very pleasant evening was brought to a close at 11.30 with the singing of "Auld lang syne."

As a finish to the album, it is intended to have the birthday peal recorded on a page following the list of subscribers' names.

The members of the Committee who undertook the responsibility of raising this testimonial, return their most sincere thanks to all who have so kindly supported them in this matter.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.

On Easter Tuesday, eleven ringers from the towers of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and Holy Trinity, Darlington, paid a visit to the above place, to have a ring on the fine peal of eight (tenor about 11 cwt). We were met at Thirsk station by Mr. J. Wrightson, captain of the local band, and after a pleasant walk found ourselves in the quaint old town, with its spacious market-place and substantial, though time-worn buildings, some of the houses still being covered by their original thatch; the beautiful old church standing on rising ground at the end of the Kirkgate, with its rich ornamentation, lofty clerestory, and grandly-proportioned tower, was in itself worth our journey to see. If the outside excited our admiration, the inside was equally worthy, the Easter decorations were still untouched, and they were very beautiful. The church has not a dark corner in it, and showed to advantage the fine old oak roof, the old carved screens, the oak seats, and the richly-furnished choir vestry. A few words of kindly greeting from the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Hanson, put us at our ease, and ascending the belfry steps, we entered the ringing chamber. Mr. Wrightson kindly taking the treble, the bells were raised in peal, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was successfully brought round. How our ringers itched to try a 5000! the fine tone and the first-class condition of the bells were a credit to all concerned. The cravings of the inner man now claiming attention, we fortified ourselves with a substantial dinner at Host Wain's, of the King's Arms. Being now joined by two more of the local ringers, we returned to the tower, and rang some more touches of Grandsire Triples. Another contingent of ringers having arrived from Masham, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were the order of the day, operations being carried on until the clock warned us to be moving to the station. We all agreed it was one of the most pleasant outings we had ever had, the

courtesy and kindness of Mr. Wrightson and his friends cannot be too highly praised. The names of the ringers were:—W. Porter, G. Park, G. W. Park, R. Willson, G. Tate, T. Scollick, J. Bolton, W. Auld, J. Schutt, T. Lungley, G. J. Lungley from Darlington; J. Wrightson, J. Long, and another friend, Thirsk; — Mallaby, — Piekersgill, T. Clarke and — Burton from Masham. The following touches were brought round: 420, 504, two 168's, and 546 of Grandsire Triples, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, and a plain course of Plain Bob Major. A touch of Stedman Triples was attempted but came to grief. L.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association took place at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, the 18th April, and may be said to have been almost the most successful meeting ever held by the Association. The following towers were represented:—Barnet, Edmonton, Finchley, Hadley, Hendon, Southgate, Stoke Newington, and Tottenham; several of the unattached members being also present. The Hon. Secretary of the South and West Middlesex Association, with two of his ringing colleagues from Christ Church, Ealing, attended, and were welcomed by the members. The bells were raised shortly after six o'clock, and with only an interval for the election of mem- and the other business of the meeting, were kept going till close upon 10 o'clock.

Touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and were in most instances successfully brought round.

At the business meeting, the Hon. Secretary informed the members of the steps he had taken in pursuance of a former resolution, to approach the South and West Middlesex Association on the question of an amalgamation of both as Districts of a Middlesex County Association, and he incidentally stated, that though he had no reason to think that the question was being otherwise than favourably discussed by the sister Association, it would be unreasonable to expect any definite action to be taken till after their annual meeting in May.

The death of Mr. George Newson, a member of the Association, was feelingly alluded to by the Master, Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and the meeting unanimously passed a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Newson on her bereavement, the Hon. Secretary being requested to convey to her the regretful sympathy of the members.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Tufton, the Steeplekeeper, for his courtesy in consulting the convenience of the members, brought this most successful meeting to a close.

It should be mentioned that among the peal boards in the belfry, no less than three date from the last century, a fact which may well inspire the present band of ringers, who being worthy successors of the men of ancient fame, are not likely to allow the exercise of change-ringing to fall into desuetude.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, April 21st, the members of the local company met and rang a peal of Union Triples, as a farewell peal to F. Knight, which is recorded in its proper place. After the peal, Mr. W. Brown had the pleasure of presenting Mr. Knight with a handsome plated teapot and spoons, suitably inscribed, on behalf of the ringers and a few friends, saying how sorry they all were to lose him, and wishing him every success in his new home.

Mr. Knight, who was completely taken by surprise, said he was very sorry to part from them, but it was a great consolation to think he was not going very far, and he hoped to have the pleasure of ringing a great many more peals with them.

The above was the conductor's twenty-fifth peal, viz.—Grandsire Triples, 13, conducted 11; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 2, conducted 1; Bob Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 2, conducted 2; Union Triples, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3, conducted 2; Bob Major, 1, conducted 1; Treble Bob Major, 1.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The numerous postal deliveries at the office of this paper has included several letters to me during the week, welcoming, almost with fervour, the re-appearance of my notes. I am much obliged to those kind writers, and I will try to meet their views in every possible way. Approval such as these letters show is very cheering, and it is much appreciated. A letter to the Editor from a brother-ringer at Kettering, in Northamptonshire, has been shown to me. This gentleman compliments all concerned upon the appearance of the double number, adding the remark that all the Kettering company would be glad to have such a number every week. Well, we shall see. If we behave ourselves we shall have the promised illustrations in these double numbers, and then the increased circulation in consequence may be the means of continuing them. Each of the readers of "BELL NEWS" have been asked more than once to get one new permanent subscriber. Now is the time to do so, fellow-readers. Just each of you within the next four weeks enlist one more in the cause, especially you who have received any individual benefit through its instrumentality.

Talking about postal deliveries, very few readers of "BELL NEWS" imagine the extent of the cargo of letters which reaches the office day by day. I met with the postman this Wednesday evening as I was about entering the office, and in the course of a short conversation he told me that more letters were delivered there than at any other house (either private or business) in the parish. One morning at the first post, forty-five letters were deposited in the letter-box; and though such a record has not been beaten, it is sometimes run very closely. Now it must take some time to open the envelopes, and then sort out the correspondence, placing it in different batches for treatment. Then sometimes proofs have to be sent to the writers before their effusions appear, so that they may themselves see that all is correct; if incorrect the responsibility is of course theirs. Sometimes the penmanship is not very distinct, and cases have occurred where no amount of ingenuity, even by the most talented caligraphic expert, has been able to decipher what the writer has committed to paper. It may be there is no time to return the ms.; it must be interpreted somehow; and we may all naturally suppose that the editing of such contributions as these is done, if not with fear and trembling, at any rate with feelings not of the profoundest satisfaction. In converse with the foreman printer, I gathered that it happens now and then that some one who has sent a letter for insertion sends again at the last moment another letter to substitute for that which has been already put into type, and is just going to be printed. Then the "correspondence" page has to be taken to pieces again, and valuable time is wasted. We should think of such temper-trying instances as these when we are inclined to grumble at something which does not please us. "But to horse!" This is a classical quotation, be it understood, but its origin I do not know.

One kind friend points out to me that my Shakesperian quotation of last week is altogether wrong. "Shakespeare," he says, never made use of such a phrase as "Throw grammar to the dogs." I never said he did. My friend says the quotation should be "Throw *physic* to the dogs." Ah! well! I thought grammar a kind of

physic at one time. Whatever would be the use of throwing physio to dogs. Would they thank you for it? No; not they. There is evidently some obscurity in Shakespeare's language and meaning with respect to this quotation. I think he must have meant grammar after all. We will however leave this for the present.

Very good, that article from the *Birmingham Daily Post*, last week. If such was written by a non-ringer, as it imports, he must have been very well primed beforehand. What I mean by that is, that it was necessary to coach him, not only in the technical phraseology of ringing, but in the description of what he had to see. He informed his readers that "St. Martin's belfry is a spacious and comfortable apartment, and there are a number of inscribed boards, recording the more notable achievements of the Change-Ringers' Society." But he failed to notice what I believe is the case with one of the most elaborate peal-tablets in the kingdom, which said tablet is on the walls of St. Martin's. This is a very handsome affair in stone, given by the late Mr. Hopkins, a ringer. It is the record of several peals of Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's company. But unfortunately since its erection the floor of the ringing-chamber has been lifted, with the result that part of this tablet is now above the floor, and the other part beneath. This fact promises much for the preservation of elaborate peal-tablets. It is said representations have been made to those in authority having for their object the removal of this tablet to a more seemly position, but the rejoinder is, I believe, that attempt at removal would destroy it altogether by breaking it in pieces. That may be so. Birmingham is certainly a marvellous place, but there's a good deal of "Brummagem" about it. It is now a city, by Act of Parliament. A city, without bishop or cathedral, looks and sounds very much "Brummagem." There is plenty of money in this modern bran-new city, but the good folk don't care to shell out any of it for a cathedral, or for a bishop, or for church bells. A suggestion for a town's subscription to defray the cost of a new peal-tablet for St. Martin's would therefore probably be met by a rejoinder comprising allusions to the county asylum for lunatics, and such would be "just like Brummagem."

Yet another once prominent ringer departed—Colonel Troyte. Though the present generation have scarcely heard of him, yet his name was a force among the Exercise at one time. I think it was at the church of the village where he reigned as Squire,—Huntsham, Devon—that the first peal, all by clergymen, was rung. What is remarkable is that all the three brothers fell off from the practice entirely.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

BELL ACCIDENT.—On a recent Sunday, at St. Peter's church, a curious accident happened in the belfry. Just after the ringers had completed their duties before the morning service, one of the bells, weighing a ton, owing to the giving way of one end of the gudgeon, fell from its position, damaging the wheel. The other end of the gudgeon firmly retained its position, thereby preventing a more serious mishap. Oundle bells are a ring of eight of various dates, tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs. They were re-hung, and four bells re-cast after the disastrous fire in the year 1868.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—A Committee Meeting will be held at The Butcher's Arms, Armitage Bridge, to-day, Saturday, May 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. to select Judges and other business connected with Six-Bell Contest. G. H. SIMON, 19, Albert Street, Batley Carr. Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, May 2nd, at Burnley. The following towers will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.: The parish church, eight bells; and Holy Trinity church, eight bells. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church schools, at 9d. each. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in Holy Trinity church schools.

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J. WILSON, } Hon. Secs.
A. E. WREAKS, }

N.B.—The nearest Railway Station to Holy Trinity church is Burnley Barracks station.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next Meeting of the above will be held at Wolstanton, to-day, Saturday May 2nd.

Rev. J. W. ALSTON, } Hon. Secs.
W. TWIGG, }

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A district meeting (without allowances), will be held at Hythe this Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, at 3 o'clock, to commemorate the jubilee of the peal of 13,440 Bob Major rung there on May 4th, 1846. Of those who took part in the peal, Mr. E. Hyder, 7; and Mr. T. Post, tenor, are the only survivors, and it is hoped that they will attend the meeting.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Hon. Sec. Hythe, Kent.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary Redcliffe Church (12), on Monday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec. Beechwood Villa, Stapleton.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—A Meeting of the above District (without allowances) will be held at Goudhurst (8 bells), on Wednesday, May 6th. Tower open from 1 o'clock till 9 p.m. Business Meeting at 6.30, at the Bricklayers' Arms. It is hoped that as many Members as possible will attend.

W. LATTER, Hon. District Sec. 67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Upchurch, on Saturday, 9th May, at 4.30 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec. 65, Clive Road, Rochester.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, May 9th. Service in parish church at 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Towers open, Cheddar, Banwell, Winscombe, and Axbridge.

H. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. The Cottage, Old Cleve, Washford.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. HENRY COLBY, Branch Sec. 3, Rumsford Place.

The South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of Rev. C. M. Harvey, at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 16th. Ringing at 5.30.

E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec. 1, Kevrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The Second Annual General Meeting of the above Guild will be held at All Saints' church, Isleworth, by kind permission of Rev. T. F. Bigg, on Whit-Monday, 25th May, 1896. Fuller particulars will be published next week. E. J. WALSON, Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—Election of Representatives to Central Council. The election of the four representatives will take place at the next quarterly meeting at Burton-on-Trent. Nominations for each delegate duly signed by two members, must reach me not later than the 15th of June next. Voting papers will then be prepared, and the delegates balloted for at the meeting. It must be distinctly understood that only the names of the nominees forwarded to me in accordance with above notice will appear on the voting papers.

Notice to Conductors.—After this notice the following regulation passed by the committee at the annual meeting will take effect, viz.: "All reports of peals not sent (to Mr. Wakley, 155, Waterloo Street, Burton-on-Trent), within one month of performance will be charged with a fee of 6d. each for booking, and no peal forwarded after the 31st of January will under any circumstances be included in the report of the preceding year.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec. 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TOM.—When you find affairs in the condition you fear, we advise you to retire from the scene altogether. Conduct such as you mention is most contemptible, but there are, unfortunately, many little men yet to be found in the Exercise.

C. W.—We will ask our friend "Plain Speaker" to write you an explanation.

OLD READER.—We believe the rev. gentleman died soon after his removal to the institution. The case was a very sad one.

SIX-SCORE.—We do not partake of your fears. The schism you would like to establish would meet with scant encouragement.

ADDRESS WANTED.—Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT HAGLEY.—This is the Conductor's 100th Peal, made up as follows:—Double Norwich, 21; Grandsire Triples, 14; Seven different Methods, 13; Bob Major, 12; Stedman Triples, 8; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Canterbury Major, 4; Bob Triples, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Caters, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Major, 1; Canterbury Triples, 1; Union Triples, 1; Five different Methods, 1; Four different Methods, 1; Conducted, 30.

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SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1896.

An interesting ceremony took place on the evening of Saturday, April 25th, at an hostelry in the Strand which has some claims upon attention from its reputation of being the very tavern where the renowned lexicographer—DR. JOHNSON—was formerly wont to take his ease and enjoyment after his Fleet Street perambulations. This ceremony was the presentation of a testimonial to Mr. JAMES PETTIT, by members of the College Youths and others. The account of the proceedings will be found elsewhere, but the occurrence we think may well bear further allusion. MR. PETTIT has for many years been known to the London Exercise as a most painstaking and correct ringer and conductor, and it may with truth be added that a more "safe" (as the word is understood) bob-caller has never appeared. Since the lamented death of the late MR. H. W. HALEY, he has been regarded as the premier among conductors in the above-named society. Joined to this is the fact that he has the firm respect of every one who is acquainted with him, both in

London and the provinces; in fact it would be difficult to find any one in the Exercise more respected by his colleagues than is JAMES PETTIT. The College Youths have in this instance done themselves honour by paying tribute to private worth, and the circumstance itself affords another example of the belief that integrity brings its own reward. We wish our old friend "many happy returns," coupled with the full blessings of health and prosperity as the evening of life approaches.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES PETTITTreble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
EDWIN HORREX3.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 8.
HENRY SPRINGALL 4.	WILLIAM D. SMITH 9.
WILLIAM BURKIN5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ..Tenor.

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

Rung on the 62nd anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSSTreble.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS 5.
ARTHUR HARDY2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 6.
FREDERICK J. PERRIN 3.	HARRY BARTON7.
VICTOR W. WEST4.	FREDERICK J. PITTS.. ..Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON and
Conducted by FREDERICK J. PITTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the composer. This peal has the 6th her extent at home, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 27, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMANTreble.	HARRY HOSKINS.. .. .5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR6.
WILLIAM BERRY3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 4.	CHARLES VENABLESTenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

The Provinces.

CHELTENHAM.—CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, March 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5112 CHANGES.

F. MUSTYTreble.	F. E. WARD6.
G. H. PHILLOTT.. .. .2.	†G. HAMLETT7.
W. T. PATES3.	†W. DYER8.
W. TOWNSEND*4.	A. W. HUMPHRIS 9.
W. BRINKWORTH5.	R. TRIGGTenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES and Conducted by W. DYER.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal of Caters. ‡First peal on ten bells as conductor. Messrs. F. Musty, Phillott, Pates, and Humphries rang in the long peal of 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, on April 22nd, 1889, which took 9 hours 45 minutes.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1896, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

C. HOUNSLOWTreble.	WILLIAM BASTON 5.
FREDERICK C. EXON 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 6.
EDWIN HIMS3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
CHARLES H. EXON4.	J. MOGRIDGETenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN G. LUSHERTreble.	WILLIAM BROWN 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD.. .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT 6.
HARRY FORD3.	CHARLES LYES7.
FRANK KNIGHT4.	CHARLES COXTenor.

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER and
Conducted by FRANK KNIGHT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, and is taken from the "Appendix" 1895, page 40.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 22, 1896, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5044 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN HOWETreble.	EVAN MORETON.. .. .6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2.	JOHN PATCHETT.. .. .7.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	ALFRED ROBINSON 8.
GEORGE DAWSON4.	JOHN FLOWER9.
WILLIAM HICKLING 5.	THOMAS DRAPER.. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 22, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. SMITHTreble.	J. HAWKES5.
H. GARFATH2.	C. FRY6.
A. E. HEADY3.	E. CLAPSHAW7.
A. LE CLERCQ4.	F. A. BARNETTTenor.

Conducted by H. GARFATH.

This is the first peal on the bells since the 2nd has been recast, which was cracked in February, 1895. The new bell was dedicated on March 31st last.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 23, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL*Treble.	JOHN J. JONES6.
CHARLES EADES*2.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
HENRY WHITE3.	JOHN W. WHITING 8.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 4.	*FRANK BLONDELL 9.
REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.. 5.	*FREDERICK WOODTenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Caters. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each eighteen courses behind the 9th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

FRED BARRETT† Treble.	†JOS. HARDY 5.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS .. 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
W. HICKLEY† 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 7.
W. H. INGLESANT* 4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and
Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

†First peal in the method. *First peal in the method with a bob bell. The calling will be found under No. 302 of the Society's performances.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE BURT Treble.	JOSEPH TALBOT 5.
EDGAR BENNETT 2.	WILLIAM STATES 6.
JAMES RUMBLE 3.	CHARLES BANCE 7.
EDWARD MATTHEWS 4.	ALFRED COLLINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STATES.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	*WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
JOHN O. BENNETT* 2.	JOHN BARBER 6.
ALBERT E. PARSONS 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7.
NOAH DAVIS* 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Composed by H. W. WILDE, of Duffield, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. Treble.	*WALTER GILBERT 5.
GEORGE JEFFS 2.	FRED GILBERT 6.
RICHARD BILLING* 3.	†HENRY STUBBS 7.
JACOB BATES* 4.	*CHARLES FAULKNER Tenor.

Composed by F. GILBERT and Conducted by H. STUBBS.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal of Bob Triples. This is the quickest peal rung on the bells. Messrs. Gilbert (3) and H. Stubbs hail from Raunds.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT CULLUM* Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 2.	GEORGE ESSEX 6.
EDWIN MENDAY 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
ERNEST MENDAY 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

*First peal. A. E. Reeves hails from Reading.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

STANFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

SEVEN 720s OF BOB MINOR, each called differently.
Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DOUGHTY* Treble.	*JOHN YATES 4.
HARRY WHITTLE* 2.	WILLIAM INGLESANT 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON 3.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 on the bells, which have recently been hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the "go" of them is perfection. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 4th belong to the local band, and have been under the tuition of Mr. E. Reader.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

In Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes (no date mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

City Delight, Killamars, Woodbine, Duke of York, Merchant's
Return, New London Pleasure, and Oxford.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY MOSTON Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 4.
ROBERT GEO. LEWIS 2.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE 5.
THOMAS BURROWS 3.	JOHN W. BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 23rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Mary, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; E. Diaper, 3; E. Buckle, 4; H. Gedny (longest touch), 5; J. Wade, 6; W. Souter (conductor), 7; W. Rouse, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, rector of Framlingham.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Easter Monday, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Bob Major, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. W. Ostler, 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (composer and conductor), 2; A. E. Read, 3; C. Harper, 4; J. Heffer, jun., 5; W. Flory, 6; S. Garnham, 7; J. C. Self, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, April 1st, for practice at St. Mary's church, a date touch in the following methods: 60 College Single, 360 Oxford Bob Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 756 Bob Minor. J. Hasprey, 1; J. Woods, 2; J. Hughes, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Longest touch as conductor.

PECKLETON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, April 11th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of 1896 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Thompson, 1; A. R. Aldham, 2; W. A. Needham, 3; J. Noble, 4; J. H. Swinfield, 5; H. Briggs (longest length as conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL (Sussex).—On February 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Page, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 6; T. Clarke, 7; W. Sharpe, 8. On February 18th, 504 in same method. J. Page, 1; T. Clarke, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 6; N. Cruttenden, 7; C. Carter (Eastbourne), 8. On March 10th, 910 in the same method. C. Carter, 1; T. Clarke, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; F. Lock, 4; G. Marchant, 5; N. Cruttenden, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; J. Page, 8. F. Lock hails from Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. On March 20th, 519. J. Page, 1; W.

Franks (conductor), 2; N. Cruttenden, 3; T. Stephens, 4; T. Clarke, 5; G. Marchant, 6; T. Hunnisett, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. W. Eldridge and W. Franks hail from Bexhill. On March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. E. Smith, 1; T. Clarke, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; N. Cruttenden, 4; F. Lock, 5; G. Marchant, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8. First quarter-peal by Smith, Lock, and Swain. And 350 in the same method. W. E. Smith, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Clarke, 4; F. Lock, 5; T. Saker, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Swain, 8. Saker, Smith, Lock, and Swain hail from Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. On April 10th, 504 in the same method. J. Page, 1; N. Cruttenden, 2; T. Clarke, 3; H. Cruttenden, 4; G. Marchant, 5; T. Saker, 6; T. Hunnisett (conductor), 7; W. Sharpe, 8. Also 519. J. Page, 1; T. Hunnisett, 2; H. Cruttenden, 3; T. Saker (conductor), 4; T. Stephens, 5; G. Marchant, 6; T. Clarke, 7; W. Sharpe, 8.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday morning, for 9 o'clock service at St. Peter's church, 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. N. Frossell, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; F. Bennett, 3; E. Merritt, 4; I. Shade, 5; H. Weston, 6; H. Dains, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. On Easter Tuesday morning, 448 London Surprise Major. B. Foskett, 1; J. Frossell, 2; G. King, 3; F. Bennett, 4; E. Merritt, 5; J. Parker, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Also 384 Superlative, F. Dench ringing in the place of E. Merritt. On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major. A. Fuller, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; G. Smart, 3; F. Bennett, 4; G. King, 5; E. Merritt, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; J. Frossell, 8. On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Neaves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; C. Tyler, 3; J. Fox, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; H. Randall, 6; H. Rann, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8; H. Dains, 9; J. Jay, jun., 10. On Easter Tuesday evening three courses of Stedman Caters. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; G. King, 2; S. Cooper, 3; B. Foskett, 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Williams, 6; J. Frossell, 7; R. S. Story, 8; J. W. Taylor, 9; W. Palmer, 10. On Sunday evening, April 12th, 543 Stedman Caters. J. Jay, jun., 1; G. King, 2; F. Bennett, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; E. Merritt, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; F. Morris, 7; J. Frossell, 8; G. Williams (conductor), 9; W. Palmer, 10. Also 270 Grandsire Caters conducted by W. Palmer.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Livermore, 1; F. Matthis, 2; J. Curtis, 3; W. Franks, 4; C. Hyland, 5; *W. Thomas (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. On Easter Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Eastland, 1; C. Hyland, 2; W. Franks, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Eastland, 1; J. Curtis, 2; F. Matthis, 3; W. Franks, 4; W. Thomas, 5; C. Hyland (conductor), 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. These three quarter-peals are the composition of H. Franks, of London. On Tuesday, April 7th, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Eastland, 1; F. Matthis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Franks (conductor), 5; J. Mathis, 6; J. Curtis, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On March 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Coast (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; H. Wood, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), C. Sellen, 1; E. Day, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On March 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On April 2nd, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles, 2nd the observation). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; S. Beach, 6. On Easter Sunday, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; J. G. Grensted, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. Wood, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. G. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6.

RAINHAM (Kent).—On Good Friday morning, for Divine Service at the parish church, a touch of Plain Bob Minor. A. Vaughan, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; W. Walker, 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; E. Dunster (conductor), 6. For evening service another touch in the same method standing as before. On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (twenty-four bobs twenty-eight singles) in 28 mins. E. Bishop, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; G. Inwood and C. Croucher, 6. For evening service 480 Bob Doubles and 240 Grandsire Doubles with A. Vaughan, 1; the rest as before, conducted by E. Dunster.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, March 15th, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Kent (twelve bobs). J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 22nd, 720 Plain Bob standing as above. On Tuesday, March 24th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. W. Lloyd (Cardiff), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. Biss, 3; O. W. Layng (Swindon), 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Northey, 6. On Sunday, March 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts, 6. Also 720 Kent, H. Roberts (conductor), 3; D. Thomas, 6; the rest as before. This makes T. Northey's 250th 720. On Tuesday, April 7th, 720 Violet. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; H. Roberts, 6. On Sunday, April 12th, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; D. Thomas, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss (conductor), 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, April 14th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cox (Bridgend), 1; D. Thomas, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; W. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. Kennedy, 1; J. Bonney, 2; E. Hall, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Wallage, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. Composed by the Editor, and is taken from "Grandsire." For evening service at St. George's-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans', in 50 mins. E. Hall, 1; E. Wallage, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

SHIPLEY (Sussex).—On Monday, April 6th, a second attempt for a 504 in seven 720s of Treble Bob Minor was lost after ringing 2 hrs. and 34 mins., owing to a change-course. E. C. Boniface, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; A. Ellis, 5; F. Wickens, 6. Conducted by E. C. Boniface.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, April 7th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Forster, 1; W. Sutton, 2; R. Chantler, 3; S. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; A. Johnson, 6. On Thursday, April 9th, for practice, 336 Plain Bob Major. G. Johnson (conductor), 1; W. Sutton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; A. Johnson, 5; R. Chantler, 6; J. Bell, 7; W. Forster, 8.

GREAT BUDWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. S. Johnson, 1; W. Sutton, 2; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; S. Forster, 5; W. Forster, 6; R. Chantler, 7; E. Cragg, 8. Conducted by S. Johnson. Also 180 with J. Bell, 7; R. Chantler, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 12th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and one of Kent was rung to celebrate the birthday of John Austerberry, Quikedge, Mossley. E. Taylor, 1; H. Mayall, 2; J. Cooper, 3; W. Bentley, 4; T. B. Dicken, 5; H. Manns, 6.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 12th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 48 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Nicholls, 2; W. Elson, 3; R. Chichester, 4; H. Adams, 5; J. E. Green, 6; J. Aldridge, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; E. E. Huntley, 9; C. Charge, 10. Composed by C. Charge and conducted by E. E. Huntley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, April 10th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans', in 45 mins. A. Edwards (conductor), 1; A. Tarbun, 2; *A. Shuttleworth, 3; *T. Lincoln, 4; *C. Waskett, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; G. Sorrell, 7; C. Porter, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. This is the first quarter-peal in the method ever rung in this method by all resident ringers. Lincoln and Sorrell hail from Writtle; Waskett from Galleywood; the rest belong to the local company.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, March 29th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. G. Melbourne, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; G. Green (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 31st, for practice, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman, 6. On Sunday, April 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren,

4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 19th, in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. G. Melbourne, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. G. Green hails from Great Baddow. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 25th, on handbells, retained in hand, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. On Wednesday, April 1st, 720 Bob Minor. W. Pye, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Dale, 5-6.

CHADWELL HEATH (Essex).—On Thursday, April 2nd, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Pye, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye (conductor), 5-6; A. Pye, 7-8. This is believed to be the first 504 in the method on record in which four brothers have taken part.

BRENTWOOD (Essex).—On Monday, April 6th, at The Queen's inn, on handbells, retained in hand, 648 Stedman Caters. E. Pye, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye (conductor), 5-6; W. Lebbon, 7-8. W. Watson, 9-10. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; T. Faulkner, 5-6; W. Lebbon, 7-8.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Michael's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; H. E. Hammond, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And for evening service, 720 College Exercise. W. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. F. L. Bumpstead hails from Colchester.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Easter Monday, at St. Andrew's church, 720 College Exercise. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. Rung on the occasion of the district meeting of the above Association, and all (except Bumpstead, who hails from Colchester) hail from Braintree. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Clayton, 1; —, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; F. L. Bumpstead, 5; C. Elliott, 6.

GREENSTEAD GREEN.—On Easter Monday, at St. James' church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Calthorpe, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, March 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 768 Kent Treble Bob. J. Tucker, 1; C. Giles, 2; H. Tucker, 3; G. Foxell, 4; J. Hearn, 5; F. Watmore, 6; W. Newell, 7; E. Hopgood (conductor), 8. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. J. Tucker, 1; G. Foxell, 2; J. Potter, 3; H. Tucker, 4; J. Hearn, 5; W. Newell, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; R. Sawyer, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSTON (Lancashire).—On Good Friday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. J. Pye, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Banister, 3; W. Sumner (conductor), 4; R. Hough, 5; J. Ascroft, 6; T. Dalton (first touch with a bob bell), 7; W. Walton, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Saturday, April 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course occurred after ringing 1 hr. 4 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; J. Cantlow, 2; H. Coombes, 3; A. Peckham, 4; E. J. Reynolds, 5; R. Fuge, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. The ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Gosport. On Tuesday, April 7th, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Kemp, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; C. Stainer, 5; P. Long, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; E. Brett, 8. On Sunday, April 12th, 210 in the same method, standing as above.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service at St. Margaret's church, 720 Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; E. Wigg, 4; J. Button, 5; T. Bell, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 50 mins. W. Souter (conductor), 1; E. Diaper, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; J. Souter, 5; H. Mills, 6; J. Wade, 7; W. Rouse, 8. W. Souter hails from Diss; Mills from Colchester.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service at Christ Church, 240 London Scholars', 120 Armley Pleasure, 240 Duke of York, 96 Woodbine, and 72 Merchant's Delight. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; John Thackray, 2; B. Cowling, 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, April 15th, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway road, the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late George Newson, and the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major. W. Meads, 1; W. Nudds, 2; J. Miller, 3; T. Titchener, 4; H. Newby, 5; J. Bury, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; A. Jacob, 8.

THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, CLERKENWELL, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 18th, at the church of St. James, Clerkenwell, the usual whole pull and stand. C. Linstead, 1; H. Grimmer, 2; D. Haslam, 3; R. Matthews, 4; J. Bismire, 5; A. Linstead, 6; J. Barry (conductor), 7; E. Thorne, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late George Newson, the members expressing their sorrow at the loss of so good a member to the Cumberland Society, he also having performed many first-class peals at this church.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday evening, April 20th, ten members of the above society rang the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells deeply muffled, at the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, as a last mark of respect to the late George Newson, for many years a respected and valued member of this society. The loss of so grand a ringer, composer, and conductor, will be deeply mourned throughout the ringing Exercise. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; J. Mansfield, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; E. J. Comb, 5; J. Waghorne, sen., 6; T. H. Taffender, 7; W. F. Meads, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; J. Barry, 10. And 521 Grandsire Caters, with E. Burden, 6; rest as above.]

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ELY.—On Monday evening, April 6th, for practice, three courses of Bob Major. T. Seymour, 1; J. Heeler, 2; A. Pilgrim, jun., 3; J. Southerill, 4; A. Pilgrim, 5; W. Taylor, 6; J. Dace, 7; A. Markwell (conductor), 8. Messrs. Heeler and Taylor hail from Newmarket; A. Markwell from Wilburton; the rest belong to the local band.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—On Saturday, April 25th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Toseland, 1; J. Julian, 2; C. Newman, 3; W. Hensher, 4; T. Hensher, 5; J. Matthews (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Hensher, 1; T. Hensher, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. Matthews (conductor), 4; J. Julian, 5; J. Spence, 6. On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Toseland, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Julian, 3; W. Hensher, 4; E. Underwood, 5; J. Matthews, 6; T. Hensher (composer and conductor), 7; G. Spence, 8. First 720 of Minor by all except C. Newman. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at Charles Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Legg, 1; A. J. Richards, 2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3; E. Hendy, 4; W. H. Marsh, 5; H. Myers, 6; W. Ford, 7; J. Jones, 8. H. Harman hails from Bromley, Kent.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Thursday, April 16th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the usual whole pull and stand. J. Nelms (conductor), 1; W. Meads, 2; D. Lovett, 3; J. Barry, 4; J. Wheeler, 5; G. Watkins, 6; P. Gaymer, 7; W. Matthews, 8; J. Lewis, 9. A. Church, 10. Tenor 31 cwt. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late George Newson, a most prominent and useful member of this society, who died on Easter Tuesday, aged fifty-one years. The following also assisted in the ringing: Messrs. Moore, Haslam, Grimmer, Linstead, and others.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The following touches have been rung in memory of the late Colonel Troyte:—
PENZANCE.—Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on

the half-muffled bells of Penzance and Gulval during the week following the decease of their much lamented and highly-esteemed President, by the local members of the Guild.

EXETER.—On Wednesday, April 15th, at St. David's church, a knell was rung by the members of the local company as a token of respect to the late Colonel Troyte, President of the Devonshire Guild from its formation, whose death took place at Torquay on Saturday, April 11th.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devon).—On Wednesday, April 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. G. Godfrey, 1; J. Godfrey, 2; L. Wilson (first 500), 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; E. Peek, 5; J. Baker, 6; A. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8.

[Muffled touches at Thorverton and other places in the county have also been rung, but details of these have not come to hand.]

BILSTON (Staffordshire).—On Easter Sunday, after the evening service at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Allport, 5; J. A. Brown (composer and conductor), 6; J. Adams, 7; W. Eyre, 8.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Thursday, April 9th, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Southwell, 701 Grandsire Caters. A. Knights (conductor), 1; G. Day, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; G. Mee, 8; F. Day, 9; J. Goodwin, 10. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. Knights, 1; G. Day, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; *G. Mulley (Eye), 4; J. H. Bell, 5; F. Day, 6; *W. J. Thyng, 7; J. W. Thompson (Derby), 8; J. Hunt, 9; A. E. Thompson (Derby), 10. *First touch of Royal. Also touches of Grandsire Triples, and Canterbury Pleasure Major. These were the first touches on the bells since they were rehung. On Sunday evening, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes), in 49 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1; S. Price, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis (conductor), 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; G. Mee, 8; A. Knights, 9; J. Goodwin, 10. Tenor 2½ cwt.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 5th, for early service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). For Matins, 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs six singles). And for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six bobs twelve singles). J. Green, 1; T. Millington, 2; W. Goodge, 3; J. Maycock, 4; F. Marshall, 5; J. J. Cook, 6.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Saturday, April 4th, at St. Saviour's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, 1; W. Vernon, 2; W. Siggs, 3; A. Midmore, 4; H. Garfath, 5; J. Billings, 6; F. Harding (conductor), 7; E. Willoughby, 8. On Sunday, April 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunnisset, 1; W. Siggs, 2; Sergt. A. Smith, 3; Colour-Sergt. H. Garfath (conductor), 4; W. Avann, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; Colour-Sergt. G. Mansfield, 7; T. Deadman, 8. Also another 504 with the same band with the exception of Corporal H. Dobinson, 2; and W. Avann conducting. H. Garfath hails from Farnham; Dobinson from Dorking; Mansfield and Smith from Godalming, and are members of the 2nd V.B. West Surrey who took part in the Easter Manœuvres at Eastbourne.

FREESTON (Lincolnshire).—On Easter Sunday morning, a 6-score of St. Simon's Doubles. E. Clayton, 1; A. O. Barber, 2; H. Staffurth, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. Sharpe (conductor), 5. And a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure. W. Copping, 1; E. Clayton, 3; the rest as before. C. R. Lilley hails from Lincoln, the rest belong to the local company.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, April 6th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Superlative Surprise. G. E. Mellor, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Saturday, April 11th, 720 each of Violet and Duke of York. W. H. Giggie, 1; the rest as before. And 720 Arnold's Victory. In the afternoon, 720 Tulip. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. And 720 Duke of York. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow (conductor), 2; H. Rowley, 3; G. Hunt, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; W. Birchall, 6. And 720 College Pleasure. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. Hunt, 5; W. Birchall, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. E. Mellor, 1; Rev. C. B. D. Farrow (conductor), 2; E. Brooke, 3; H. Rowley, 4; G. Hunt, 5; W. Birchall, 6. Messrs. Mellor, Birchall, and the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow hail from Darton.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, April 14th, at St. Mary's church with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, as a token of respect to the late George Newson. Followed by 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Ward, 1; W. Dixon, 2; H. Newby, 3; J. Hannington, 4; J. Miller, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday morning at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles) in 27 mins. G. Maries (conductor), 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; E. For-

shaw, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire. First 720 in the method by all, and first in the method on the bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND (Kent).—On February 25th, 720 Duke of York, in 25 mins. G. Butler, 1; S. Romans, 2; R. Munn, 3; H. Davies, 4; L. Silver, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. First 720 Duke of York by all the band. On March 3rd 720 Duke of York, in 26 mins. J. Avis, 1; J. Smith, 2; F. Hayes, 3; B. Spinner, 4; L. Silver, 5; R. Munn, 6. On April 14th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. J. Avis, 1; J. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; H. Davies, 4; L. Silver, 5; F. Hayes, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob, in 24 mins. J. Avis, 1; J. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; H. Davies, 4; L. Silver, 5; F. Hayes, 6. And 720 Plain Bob, in 26 mins. G. Butler, 1; A. Line, 2; H. Davies, 3; — Cornford, 4; B. Spinner, 5; L. Silver, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Butler, 1; J. Smith, 2; R. Munn, 3; W. Martin, 4; L. Silver, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. Line, Cornford and Martin belong to Swanscombe; the rest to the local band.

NORTHFLEET (Kent).—On April 9th, 720 Plain Bob, in 28 mins. J. Avis, 1; — Cornford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; R. Munn, 4; F. Hayes, 5; L. Silver (conductor), 6. G. Hayes and Cornford hail from Swanscombe; the rest from Milton.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, March 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. F. Jones, 1; J. Rowe, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. Gabb, 4; H. Knight, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Saturday, April 11th, at St. Mary's church, 120 Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. H. Percival, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Barker, 4; A. Jakeman, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Also 120 Plain Bob Doubles. H. Percival, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Harrison, 3; G. Somerville, 5; H. Barker, 5; T. Johnson, 6. On Sunday morning, April 12th, three 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Barker, 4; A. Jakeman, 5; H. Harrison, 6. And in the evening three 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. A. Savage, 1; the rest as before. All conducted by C. E. Wilson.

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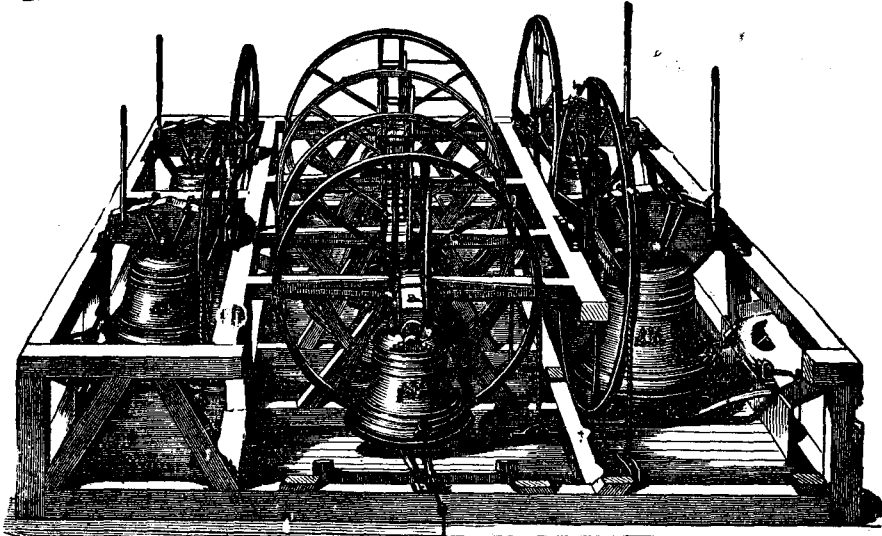
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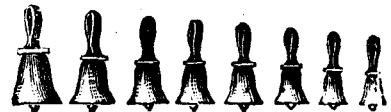
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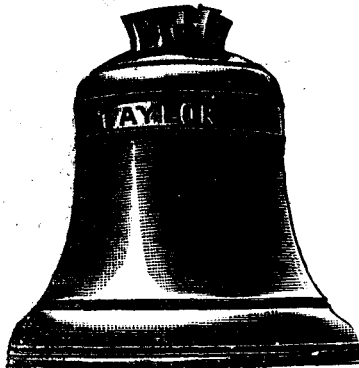
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