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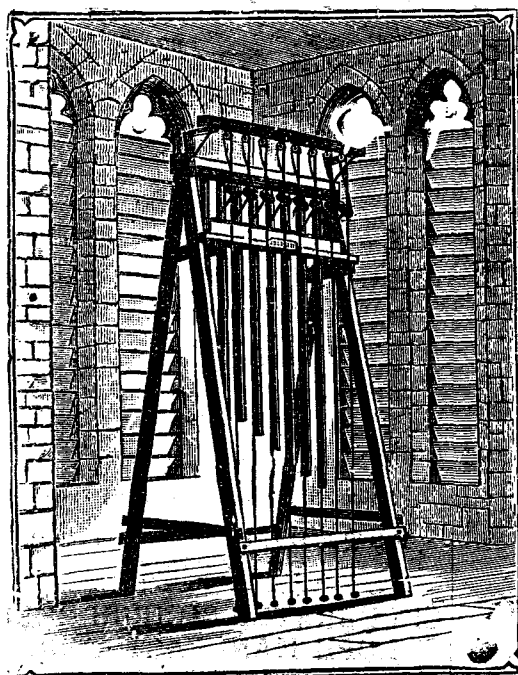
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of this Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, April 18, when the towers of St. Mary's, St. Giles', and St. Peter's, Caversham, were thrown open to the members, and a very enjoyable and profitable time was spent. Three courses of Stedman Triples were rung at St. Giles' and St. Mary's Churches, in addition to three courses of Grandsire Triples at the latter place. Later in the afternoon a touch of Stedman Caters was rung for service, which was held at five o'clock at St. Lawrence's, the preacher being the Ven. Archdeacon Pott. The Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Guilding, conducted the service, and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) read the lesson.

Archdeacon Pott took for his text Exodus xxxi. 2, "See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship." In the course of his sermon the Archdeacon said they were sometimes apt to forget that the various gifts of skill and workmanship were just as much God's gifts as they were what they called spiritual gifts and spiritual powers. Things which belonged to the common order of life and entered into the work of the six days of the week were quite as much God's service as was the direct worship of the Almighty on Sundays. Let them apply the thought to the object for which they were gathered there that day. That there was an anniversary of their bell-ringing guild, and he for one considered it a good sign of the present day that such guilds should be formed. Peopled talk a good deal, not without reason, of the evil there was in the days in which we live; but it was not a good thing for a person to be always dwelling on the worst side of things. There were evil signs no doubt, but there were good signs, too; and the inclination in the present day to form guilds, brotherhoods and unions, was, he thought, a good sign, and their guild was one of them; shewing men they had a common work, that no one liveth to himself or dieth to himself. He augured good things from that ringing guild of theirs. He saw himself the great improvement that sprang from it. He had had a large experience of parochial life, and he remembered the time when the bellry of a parish was one of the greatest possible difficulties with which clergymen had to deal. It was difficult to keep the bellringers under rule, and keep them from breaking out into what was really irreverence and profanity whilst engaged in their work. A great deal of that had passed, and he did indeed believe that those who had taken up the work as a duty and a pleasure, had learnt that there had been a great change for the better, and that the future of their brotherhood must depend a great deal upon its being founded upon a belief in God's service. The Church-worker, of whom they had so many now-a-days in their parishes, was a part of the Church just as much as the clergyman, and should be animated by the same spirit as the clergyman in his higher work. It was good to remember always that the ringing gallery of a church was just as much a part of God's house as the chancel, and the ringing of bells was just as much God's service as that which followed after. He had been told by those who understood ringing that change-ringing was one of the most excellent disciplines which a man could undergo. Gifts of character, such, for example, as patience, method, care and perseverance, were greatly needed in their craft, and they should also have that great gift of reverence, and the realisation that the art they were cultivating was not for themselves but for God.

At the close of the service the members, numbering about 40, proceeded to the "British Workman," where they had tea. The Master presided, and among those present were the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (hon. secretary and treasurer), vicar of Dunsden, and the Rev. E. Broome (Hurst), and Messrs. J. Ford

(Sonning), A. W. Pike (Caversham), W. Newell, F. W. Hopgood, J. Potter, — Ambrose, H. Tucker, J. Tucker, C. Giles, and — Holden (Reading), J. C. Truss, sen. and jun., A. H. Cocks, W. E. Yates (Great Marlow), E. Elburn (Amersham), T. Houlton and W. Houlton (Wokingham, St. Paul's), J. Pether, J. Sawyer (Hagbourne), W. H. Insell (Slough), R. Flaxman (Farnham Royal), W. Robbins (Henley), M. Steer (Hawley). Fisher and Cox (Shinfield), A. Thomas (Harwell), &c.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such a good gathering, and said he was glad that most of them went to the church and heard the practical and excellent remarks of Archdeacon Pott. He hoped that all present would determine to do better than they had done before. Having remarked upon the usefulness and object of holding those quarterly meetings, he referred to this year's annual meeting, which he said they proposed holding at Bletchley. There was no reason to doubt that the locality was well chosen, because although it was a long distance off, there were special reasons for going there. Proceeding, he said he had had the pleasure of ringing with most of them, and he hoped to do so again. Although he was better versed with eight or ten bells, yet he was able to manage to ring with six, and he should be pleased to ring with them at any time, if they would honour him with an invitation. Whilst alluding to the peals that had been rung by their members at Goring and Farnham, he referred in passing to the memorable performance in Yorkshire in 1816. He next remarked upon the great loss the ringing world had recently sustained in the death of Mr. G. Newson, who was formerly a member of their Guild, and was one of their most competent members. Many of them had rung with him, and had always found him a very pleasing man. As he was known so well and so much respected in the ringing world, it would be a very appropriate thing if a vote of condolence to his widow and children were passed by their Society. He trusted that the Guild would agree with him in this idea of his. Respecting the work of the Guild, he thought that their present state and prospect was very good indeed. In point of number they stood very well, their Guild being among the foremost of all the associations in the country. Last year they were second in regard to points in all England, and that he considered was very creditable. One of the most prominent associations in the Kingdom was the Sussex County Association. He hoped the members of their Guild would continue to do right good ringing for the glory of God and the service of His Church.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas, a vote of condolence with the Manchester District in the loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. John Thorp the eminent freble bob composer having been passed,

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (the secretary) said he had but little to add to what had already been said by the chairman. Having expressed regret at the absence of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, he alluded to the present position of their Guild, and said he hoped that their membership would number 1,200 at the annual meeting. It was however impossible to state anything definitely then: he could tell them how many members had joined, but he could not state what the leakage had been during the past six months. So far, this year they had made seventy members. That spoke very well for that quarter of the year. Shiplake had joined them, as also had Stanton Harcourt. They had rung thirteen peals, one of London Surprise, and two of Superlative Surprise. With regard to their peal-book, he might say that perhaps was a little unsatisfactory, as he had not sold so many copies as he should have liked. He had only sold just over a hundred out of the 300 printed. Their finances were in a very satisfactory state, the balance in hand being a little higher at present than it had ever been in their most flourishing days. He would like to express once more the gratitude of all the members to their venerable Master, who worked so hard amongst them.

On the motion of Mr. Newell, seconded by Mr. Pether, a hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Archdeacon Pott for his address; to the Rev. J. M. Guilding for the use of the church; and to the organist of St. Lawrence and choir.

Mr. Yates then moved that a vote of thanks be also given to the clergy and churchwardens of St. Giles', St. Mary's, and St. Peter's Caversham, for kindly allowing the ringers the use of the belfries.

Mr. Truss seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The thanks of the members were also accorded to the secretary (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), who suitably responded.

The company then broke up, a number of the members again visiting the towers of St. Mary and St. Lawrence, and ringing further touches.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Guild at The Great Western hotel, it was decided that the date of the annual meeting and festival at Bletchley be July 20th.

The report for 1895, which had been printed and circulated, stated that the chief event of the year had been the publication of 520 peals rung by members of the Guild between its foundation in 1881, and its festival at Chipping Norton on July 16th, 1894. The year 1895 had witnessed no flagging in any part of the Guild's work. Their membership had gone up from 1,115 to 1,150, and the proportion of probationers to change-ringers was still a diminishing quantity. There had also been a gain in the tale of towers in union, which were now eighty-six, as against eighty-four in 1894. They had lost Cropredy and Dorchester, but had enrolled Cuddington, East Hendred, Charlbury, and Enstone. Shiplake would join with the new year. The branches, as a whole, had maintained their ground, but to Chipping Norton the greatest praise was due. It was encouraging to see the good results of holding the Guild Festival there in 1894, in the subsequent energy of the chairman, the Rev. H. Barter, and of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. F. Barlow. The branch now had six towers in union instead of three, and its members had grown from thirty-seven to eighty-two. The Annual Festival was held at Wokingham, where the Guild met with a hearty welcome, and the arrangements for the service in the parish church, the business meeting in the Town Hall, and the dinner in a large tent, were, perhaps among the most successful of any hitherto carried out. Of the general Guild meetings, that in the spring at Henley was an immediate success, which had, unfortunately, not been followed by the return of Henley into union. As to the finance, it might be considered satisfactory that there was a balance in hand of £33 2s. 11d., notwithstanding the unusually heavy expenses of the annual festival, and also that £5 had been paid to the publisher on account of the peal-book.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The last monthly meeting of the above was held at Thornhall, on Saturday, April 25th, members being present from Brighthouse, Lindley, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, and Thornhill. The meeting took place to transact business at The Alma inn. Mr. F. Scholefield, President, occupied the chair. After the minutes had been read, Mr. F. Prince proposed, and Mr. J. Hardcastle seconded, that the entrance to the 6-bell contest be 1s. 6d. each company. Mr. M. Garforth proposed, and Mr. F. Prince seconded, that the practice close on May 17th. A vote of condolence was passed towards the widow of the late Mr. George Newson. After other business was transacted, the meeting closed, the remainder of the evening being spent as usual in ringing.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—PLYMOUTH BRANCH.

On Thursday, April 16th, the annual meeting of this branch took place in the belfry of Charles Church, Mr. J. J. Marshall, C.C., in the chair. Apologies were received from the President (Rev. N. Vickers) W. Banister, Esq., and others for non-attendance. After the usual routine business, the chairman in a witty and neat speech, presented Mr. Taylor, the leader of the band, on behalf of the members, with a handsome gold albert and bell pendant, suitably engraved, as a recognition of the efforts he has put forth for the last twenty years, to teach and advance the cause of change-ringing.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

A most successful meeting of the above branch took place at Walton Parish Church, on Saturday, April 11th. Members attended from Aughton, Garston, Huyton, Liverpool, Southport; also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 4 o'clock, and at 6.15 the members sat down to tea in the Old Girls' Schoolroom. Shortly after 7 o'clock, the business meeting was held. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Rev. R. Phillips presided. In his opening remarks, he said how pleased he was to meet those present, and gave the Association a hearty welcome to Walton. He also congratulated them on the excellent work which was going on throughout the diocese, and hoped that what they did would be done to the honour and glory of God. In his experience of choirs and ringers, he always found that ringers worked more harmoniously than choirs, and the clergy had not near so much trouble with the ringers as with the choir. They seemed to be more united, and consequently got on better. Although he was not a ringer, he once went into a belfry and pulled a bell, but never no more, as he found out that a certain amount of skill and knowledge was required before attempting anything of the kind. He also spoke of the good feeling that existed between the clergy and ringers at Walton, and he hoped it would continue. In his opinion bellringers ought to be paid for their services, and he was glad to say such was the case at Walton. The tea that had been provided that day, had been done at the expense of the Rev. Canon Leigh, and he knew from experience, that gentleman was most liberal and sympathetic in his manner. The rev. gentleman then read the following interesting anecdote:—"In the church tower of the little town of Grosslaswitz, in the north of Germany, hangs a bell, and on it is engraved its history, surmounted by a bas-relief, representing a six-eared stalk of corn, and the date, October 15th, 1729. This is the story of the bell:—At the beginning of the last century the only church bell at Grosslaswitz was so small that its tones were not sufficient to penetrate to the ends of the village. A second bell was badly wanted, but the village was poor, and where was the money to come from? Every one offered to give what he could, but the united offerings did not amount to nearly enough for the purchase. One Sunday, when the Schoolmaster, Gottfried Hayn, was going to church, he noticed growing out of the churchyard wall a flourishing green stalk of corn, the seed of which must have been dropped by a passing bird. The idea suddenly struck him that perhaps this one stalk of corn could be made the means of procuring the second bell they wanted so much. He waited till the corn was ripe, and then he plucked the six ears on it and sowed them in his own garden. The next year he gathered the little crop thus produced, and sowed it again, till at last he had not enough room in his garden for the crop, and so he divided it among a certain number of farmers, who went on sowing the ears until, in the eighth year, the crop was so large that when it was put together and sold, they found that they had enough money to buy a beautiful bell, with its story and its birthday engraved upon it, and a cast of the corn-stalk to which it owed its existence." The rev. gentleman then went on to say:—Coming nearer home and looking at Walton bells, I am sure it is a pleasure to hear the voice of the grand "Old Tenor," speaking from its pulpit in the upper air, and I should like that bell to make a speech on this occasion:—

Good ringers all, both great and small,
Just give me your attention;
There's many things I'd like to say,
But one or two I'll mention.

Full many a year, have I hung here,
And swung up in this steeple;
They use me most of all the bells,
To gather in the people.

There's Wilson, C; he's fond of me,
I know it very well;
He often comes and views me,
The good old Tenor Bell.

I have a rhyme around my waist,
To you I must it tell;
And then you'll know like other folk,
What's on the Tenor Bell:

"I to the Church the living call,
And to the grave do summon all."
So now kind friends, with these remarks,
I'll bid you all farewell;
And don't forget when next you meet,
Old Walton Tenor Bell.

The rev. gentleman in conclusion urged upon the ringers to be true churchmen, so that by their example they would be a pattern to others.

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Liverpool were read and confirmed. Two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Aughton, on Saturday, May 9th. Should it be impossible to get the use of this tower, the meeting will then take place at Wootton, but due notice will be given in "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. H. Coley, the newly appointed Secretary for this branch, met with a hearty reception, and was spoken of very highly by one or two that were present.

It is earnestly desired that members will make a special effort to attend the monthly meetings, and gain knowledge of methods that are not rung in their own towers, so by that means they will be able to introduce them at home.

The Association are now issuing to eight bellringers diagrams and rules for ringing four Standard Methods, and thanks are due to Messrs. Halliwell, Shepherd, and Wreaks, for their untiring efforts in this respect. Our advice is—look up the rules, attend the meetings, and bring your subscriptions with you.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, also to the Rev. Canon Leigh, for the way in which he had entertained them that afternoon, and to the local company for their excellent arrangements, both in and out of the tower, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

Change-ringing was freely indulged in during the afternoon and evening, and the visitors departed highly pleased with the day's proceedings.

Methods rung—Doubles: Stedman, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. Minor:—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of this Association was held at Wolstanton on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and the bells were kept going till six o'clock, when they adjourned to the schools, and forty sat down to an excellent tea. The vicar (Rev. H. E. Butler), occupied the chair, and there were ringers representing the following towers: Bucknall, Hanley, Kidsgrove, Leek, Longton, Newcastle, Stoke, Tunstall, Wolstanton, Crewe, and Market Drayton. After tea the chairman welcomed the ringers to Wolstanton, and said it gave him great pleasure to be with them again. He could see many old faces, and also many new faces. He hoped that they would be spared many years to see one another at these meetings, and that the Association may keep on increasing and prospering. They as ringers were church-workers, and a great deal depended on them, in fact he did not know what they at Wolstanton would do without their ringers. The belfry was part of the church, and ought to be made as though it were. The vicar and churchwardens had just lately added to the comforts of their belfry by putting a little skirting with panels, and a little linoleum, which had been done because of this Association. He hoped that other churches which had not the requirements nor the comforts for the ringers would soon do the same. He said that their ringers had just had a meeting and drawn up fresh rules, by which the ringers were doing more ringing than they had done before. He said that they had been talking to Mr. Twigg, the Hon. Secretary, and he had told him that they had unveiled a peal-board at Bucknall lately. He said that he did not know what a peal-board was, but from what he could understand it was a board indicating the time, the number of changes, and the ringers' names, of a peal of Treble Bob Major or some other wonderful feat, and he hoped that when the next meeting was held at Wolstanton, that there would be a peal-board in their belfry.

Mr. Twigg (Bucknall), proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers for the excellent tea they had provided, and as regards the peal-board the chairman had mentioned, he should be very pleased

himself to see one in the Wolstanton tower. The ringers had plenty of peals to choose from, and he hoped the day was not far distant when they would have a peal-board.

Mr. G. Woods (Longton) seconded.

Mr. W. Miller, in responding, said that they had done as other towers had done, and they at Wolstanton were not going to show the cold shoulder. As to the alterations in the tower it only shewed that the vicar had a good memory, as their alterations had been mentioned some time back. He and another of the ringers went on Tuesday last to get permission for the bells and the use of the schools. The vicar with his usual readiness granted, and also said could we not have the flooring and the walls put in a better condition? He (Mr. Miller) said that he thought so, but he did not think there would be time against Saturday. The vicar said that he thought so, and with that he took the matter in hand, and of course it had been done. Now in former years Leek, then Stoke, followed by Newcastle, and lastly by Wolstanton, these towers have been made places of comfort to the ringers. He hoped that the other towers in the district would soon be renovated. If the ringers would mention the requirements of the belfry to the clergy and churchwardens, he had no doubt that as they saw their way clear, they would try and do their best for the ringers' comfort. He thought the clergy and churchwardens did not know what was really wanted in the belfry until it was pointed out to them.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the chairman for his presence that evening.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower and rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Triples, and Treble Bob Major until about nine o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH GUILD, NORTH SHIELDS.

The members of this Guild held their first outing on Easter Tuesday, the place selected being Tanfield. Leaving home about 11 a.m., they journeyed to Newcastle, where a change of trains had to be made. Rowlands Gill was reached about one o'clock, and a stiff walk of three miles brought them into Tanfield, the church being about the first building they came to, where one of the local ringers was on the look-out. The belfry was at once visited, and the bells were raised. Being one short for Triples, a 360 Bob Minor was rung. By this time a Tanfield ringer turned up, and kindly offered to take the tenor. A start was at once made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1490 changes it came to grief. After a touch of Bob Triples an adjournment was made for refreshments, which were kindly provided by the local ringers at The Peacock inn. After the table was cleared, two courses of Triples were rung by four of the visitors on the handbells. A very happy evening was spent in company with the local ringers, home being reached shortly after eleven o'clock. The visitors tender their best thanks through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to the vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Brewis, Local Secretary, for his able arrangements and entertainments.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, ANSTON, YORKS.

RINGERS' WEDDING.—On Easter Tuesday, April 7th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Robert Smith and Lilian Hudson Foulds, 720 each of Violet, Kent and Merchants' Return, also touches of Oxford, Duke of York, City Delight, Killamarsh and Anston Pleasure. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; J. Marshall, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6. The ringers were entertained to tea and supper, ample justice being done to both, no mis-calls being made, all coming round when the course was done. After the cloth was removed games and part songs were kept up till the small hours of the morning.

Mr. Stenton asked Mr. Smith to accept a teapot, engraved, as a present from the ringers as a token of their appreciation, wishing that both he and Mrs. Smith would long be spared to use it.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING OF THE FYLDE BRANCH.

There is nothing which tends to make the wheels of this work-a-day world run more smoothly than by combining duty with pleasure. At least, such is the notion of many members of the Fylde branch of the Lancashire Association, who met at Poulton-le-Fylde on a recent Saturday, it being the quarterly meeting. The Lytham ringers journeyed thither in hired carriages, the route comprising some capital rural scenery; the Kirkham men did likewise; whilst some of the Blackpool contingent "pedalled" the distance. Arriving at the ancient town they immediately went to the belfry of the parish church, but, unfortunately, owing to the bad repair of some parts of the belfry, nothing in the way of ringing was done. The members partook of tea at The King's Arms hotel, and after doing ample justice to the excellent fare provided, the business of the meeting was transacted. The chair was taken by Mr. Cookson, of Kirkham, who, in the course of a short address, commented upon the manner in which they had come to Poulton, and remarked that it was the right thing to turn it into an outing, and he hoped to see it continued.

The Secretary, Mr. J. Fell, apologised for the absence of the Rev. T. H. Guest, the esteemed Vicar of Poulton; the district committee-man, Mr. Mather, Higher Walton; and the Rev. R. Halstead, of Lytham. Speaking of the work during the past year, he said he thought it was desirable to have a representative out of each tower to form a committee for the furtherance of change-ringing. Although the branch had been established nearly five years he thought the ringing was far superior, and a larger variety of methods was practised to what was previous to the formation of the branch. If they thought such a committee required he would be pleased to nominate one belonging to the belfry of St. John's church, Lytham. He had pleasure in telling them that the President of the Lancashire Association had been appointed to a church in Bolton, at which there was a peal of eight bells. He was sure they would all wish him success in his new sphere of duty, especially now that he could take a practical part in the belfry. He was also glad to say that the respected vicar of St. John's church (Rev. G. Smart), was daily improving after his severe illness at Bath.

The report was received as read. Five new members were elected. The subject of a Ringing Master to conduct the quarterly meetings was next discussed, and on the proposition of Mr. Kirby (Kirkham), seconded by Mr. W. Bamber (Lytham), the honour was conferred on Mr. R. Clitheroe, of Blackpool, who expressed his willingness to accept the post.

The next meeting will be held at Lytham, when the three belfries will be at the liberty of the members.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable nature, the drives adding much charm to what would otherwise have been dull had the members travelled by rail.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—A very successful quarterly meeting of this district was held at Greenwich on Saturday, April 18th, and was attended by members from Bromley, Crayford, Woolwich, Erith, Lewisham, Chislehurst, Hayes, Lee, London, etc. Tea was served in the schoolroom, the arrangements being kindly made by Miss Airey, of Greenwich. The Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore (who has been appointed domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester) tendered his resignation as Secretary to the district. The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting desires to record its high appreciation of the services rendered by the Hon. Secretary of the district, the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth-Shore, congratulates him upon the important appointment recently conferred upon him, and heartily wishes him God-speed in his new sphere of labour."

Mr. W. Bedwell, of Lewisham, was elected District Secretary. Chislehurst was the place selected to hold the next quarterly meeting, which will take place on July 18th. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Miss Airey for arranging the tea. All communications respecting this district should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Grace Villa, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.

A meeting of this branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Sudbury on Easter Monday, and was well attended by members from the following places: Sudbury, Bury St. Edmunds, Rougham, Horringer, Fornham, Lavenham, Monks Eleigh, Preston, Hitcham, Glemsford, and Long Melford. The towers of all three churches were open all day to the members. Ringing began at St. Gregory's by a mixed band of the Association, who rang a well-struck peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob, which was duly reported in its proper place. Touches of Grand-sire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were also rung during the day, the most notable being a touch of five courses of Double Norwich, rang at St. Peter's, by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; Z. Slater, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; S. Slater, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. At two o'clock an adjournment was made to The Green Dragon, where a capital dinner was well served up by Host Viall, forty-three sitting down to the tables. The Rev. E. J. Teesdale, Rougham, General Secretary and Treasurer, occupied the chair, being supported by the Rev. B. S. Fryer (Rector of SS. Peter and Gregory), Rev. E. S. King (curate), Rev. C. J. Stower (Vicar of All Saints), the vice-chair being occupied by the Rev. W. H. Parker (St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds.)

The business meeting was held directly after dinner. A number of honorary and performing members were elected. An invitation was received from the Rector of Long Melford for the Association to hold its next meeting there.

Mr. C. Sillitoe proposed that the invitation be accepted with thanks, and that steps be taken to have the neighbouring towers of Glemsford and Stanstead placed at the disposal of members.

Mr. A. Symonds seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. S. Slater said he had no hesitation in saying that the Rectors of Glemsford and Stanstead would willingly place the bells at the disposal of the members.

On the motion of Mr. C. Sillitoe, seconded by Mr. A. Ambrose, it was resolved that the next meeting be held on the first Saturday in June.

Mr. A. Osborne proposed, and Mr. Sewell seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Revs. B. S. Fryer and C. J. Stower for granting the use of the bells for the day.

Both gentlemen suitably acknowledged the compliment, expressing the pleasure it had afforded them to meet the members of the Association, and to place the bells of their respective churches at their disposal. They looked upon bellringers as church-officers, and had much enjoyed the ringing that day, the latter gentleman specially complimenting the band who rang the peal at St. Gregory's. It was most excellent ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman concluded the proceedings, the members dispersing to the various towers for some more ringing.

CHAS. SILLITOE, District Sec.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday, April 15th, the ringers of St. Mark's, Winshill, journeyed to Repton, at the invitation of the St. Wystan's church ringers, to try for a 720 on their bells, which have just been rehung by the well-known founders, Messrs. Taylor and Sons, Loughborough. On arriving they were met by Mr. W. Bamford, the captain, who gave them a hearty welcome. They at once made for the tower and rang 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Plummer, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; J. Morley, 3; G. Wright, 4; J. Woodward (conductor), 5; F. Shepherd, 6. Also three 6: scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which Mr. Bamford, of Repton, and W. Plummer, of Winshill, took part. The "go" of the bells reflects great credit on the founders, and universal pleasure was expressed upon hearing their mellow chime once more. The above 720 was the first rung since they were rehung. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. G. Woodyatt, for the use of the bells; also Mr. Bamford, for having everything ready.

A CORRECTION.—In the report of the outing to Thirsk, the weight of the tenor should have been 19 cwt. not 11 cwt. as printed.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Ringers turned up from all parts of the county, and there were also some visitors from outside.

Tea was provided in the Oddfellows' Hall, to which 130 sat down.

A business meeting was held afterwards at which, in the absence of the Dean, Canon Andrews, of Claxby, presided. The Chairman was supported by the Bishop of Lincoln, Rev. G. F. Wilgress, Rev. Reginald Bond (Hon. Sec. of the Association), Mr. F. F. Linley (Gainsborough), and others. Letters were read from Rev. A. N. Claye (Vicar of Brigg), and Mr. S. F. Hood, of Nettleton Hall, expressing their regret at not being able to attend.

The Report showed that the balance in hand had been slightly increased during the year; also that there were more members on the books than there were a year ago: the numbers now being, 46 honorary members, 126 efficient, 108 probationary, and 47 non-resident life-members, making a total of 325, as against 316 last year. The Dean was unanimously elected President of the Association again for the coming year. The remaining officers were re-elected. The meeting then proceeded to elect representatives to serve on the Central Council during the next three years. During the past three years this office has been held by Mr. F. F. Linley, of Gainsborough, and Mr. Norman E. Snow, of Sleaford. Mr. Linley was re-elected without opposition. In the place of Mr. Snow, the names of Mr. Geo. Chester, and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, both of Lincoln, were proposed. On a show of hands being made, Mr. Chester was found to have the most supporters, and was therefore declared to be elected. Forty-four new members of the Association were elected; amongst them the Rev. Canon Bramley, Precentor of the Cathedral, as an honorary member.

The Bishop then gave the meeting a most helpful address, in which he said he had the greatest pleasure in speaking to the Church bell-ringers, because he regarded them as fellow-workers—fellow-workers in promoting the glory of God in bringing men nearer to God, and bringing men nearer to each other in Him. There was music in church bells that could be got in no other way, though at first there might seem discord and want of system, yet really there was a strange, sweet, lingering charm all its own, an underlying harmony in a higher sphere. A most valuable work was being done by the bells and bell-ringers. We are liable to be too formal, too stiff in our religion; more heart, more love is wanted. In this matter music does much, and so choirs, by their rendering of church music, have done great service in lifting up the thoughts and minds of the congregations, for music could reach where the sermon would not; men were won round by it, by its system and its charm, where arguments are of no avail, and so were encouraged and put in heart. And so with the music of the church bells, lifting men up to a higher sphere. The ringers were doing a great work in bringing hearts round again, where men would run away from the parson they had to listen to the church bells. So he and they were fellow-workers, doing the same work, and he heartily thanked them for their work. It was quite right they should be bright, pleasant-looking people, such as he saw around him. Many great things grew up silently, unnoticed until they were actually come. Such for instance were the railway men; they had gradually grown up to be a great body of men; having a great power and a great influence for good, and he rejoiced to see them. So, too, with the gradual growth of choirs during the past fifty years, by degrees training up a great body of sound, true church people, a great power in our village. So, too, there had been a gradual growth in the belfries. Time was when the parson would say "I've got the church and the choirs into order, but as to the belfry, there are some things I don't like there, people don't like to be pushed too far, it is best not to interfere, not to enquire too closely there." But now it is quite different, a work has steadily been going on, lifting up a great body of men in the ringers, taking away a great reproach and a great hindrance; so that now they did a great work, calling to men, "come and join us if you like the look of us, if you like the sound of us." "I," said

the Bishop, "because I like the look of you and the sound of you, am glad to join you, am with you heart and soul, my fellow-workers."

Mr. Heyhoe proposed that the next meeting in October be held at Grimsby; Mr. Lindoff seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

A letter was read from Mr. Snowdon, President of the Yorkshire Association, who was to have addressed the meeting, expressing his regret that an unusual press of business detained him from coming. A letter was also read from Miss Venables, thanking the Association for the message of sympathy with her family on the death of her father, the late Precentor.

Vote of thanks to the Bishop for his address; to Canon Andrews for presiding; and to the Incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

Touches in various methods were rung during the course of the afternoon and evening on the bells at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Bctolph's.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday evening last, May 5st, several members of the above Society met at "The Grosvenor Arms," Stepney, after ringing on the bells of the Parish Church in honour of the seventy-second anniversary birthday of the much respected and veteran ringer and host, Thomas Powell. The names of those taking part in this very pleasant relaxation were Messrs. James Pettit, E. Horrex, C. F. Winney, W. D. Smith, H. Springall, S. Hayes, E. Hall, A. Coles, J. Waghorn, jun., E. Barkus, and S. E. Joyce.

Mr. Thomas Powell will always be remembered by any of those who have had the good fortune to meet him, both as a ringer, and a man. His behaviour is of sterling quality. He is one of those whose nature makes it a pleasure to be in his company, and as steeplekeeper of Waltham Abbey he won, and deserved, the respect of every ringer. It is very pleasing to know that at the patriarchal age of seventy-two, he is fairly well and hearty, able to ring on the church bells, also to take part in double-handed performances, as he did on this occasion, to the tune of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Cinques. In replying to the expressions of the company present, wishing him many years yet wherein to pursue his favorite pastime, Mr. Powell stated that he was very pleased to meet his friends that evening, and he never felt happier than when in the company of ringers. The retiring unobtrusiveness of this relic of a fast disappearing class of ringer has such a fascinating influence upon those who are anyway sensitive of what good fellowship means, that one cannot help thinking what a different place this world of ours to-day would be if such a class was more abundantly and generously placed, both as regards our little ringing worlds, and analogous societies. Before closing, I am sure there are many ringers in England, to whom Mr. Powell is well-known, who would have been pleased to be present, but as force of circumstances has to be reckoned with, they will join with these last lines, wishing him health in his declining years, and many more happy returns of May 1st, and to live as he always has:

"Like a good old English gentleman,
"One of the olden time."

S.D.W.

HUGGLESCOTE CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A clock with three 6 ft. dials, and striking hours on a large bell, has been erected in the above church by John Smith and Sons, Derby, and was formally started on the 9th ult. by the donor, Mrs. Wills.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A large clock is to be placed in the tower of Cheltenham Training College, as a memorial to the late Rev. Principal Chamney. The committee have commissioned John Smith and Sons, Derby, to carry out the work.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. J. M. Hayes has met with a serious accident. Particulars are not yet to hand, but we hear that he is lying at the West London Hospital with several ribs fractured.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Leek on Easter Monday, April 6th. The attendance at the meeting was not very good, owing no doubt to the various other attractions of the day. The following towers were represented: Bucknall, Cheddleton, Hanley, Kingsley, Leek, Newcastle, Stoke, and Wolstanton. Ringing commenced about eleven o'clock with a touch of Grandsire Triples, and at twelve o'clock a service was held in the parish church, the prayers being read by the Rev. C. B. Maude (vicar), and a practical sermon was preached by the Rev. J. W. Alston, vicar of Cobridge and hon. clerical secretary and treasurer of the Association. After the service the members adjourned to the National Schools, where an excellent dinner was partaken of. The cloth having been removed, the annual meeting was held, the Rev. J. W. Alston presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the Annual Report was presented by the Hon. lay Secretary (Mr. W. Twigg), which shewed an increased balance in favour of the society.

After the meeting the members again made their way to the tower, where ringing was indulged in until six o'clock, at which hour they again made their way to the schools, where a substantial tea, provided by the ringers of Leek, was awaiting them, and to which ample justice was done.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar of Leek for so kindly placing the church and bells at their disposal, and also for the use of the schoolroom.

The rev. gentleman in responding said he was very pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Leek, and to do what he could to further the interests of the society.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. Turner and his fellow-ringers for the way in which they had provided for the comforts of the members.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Hon. Secretaries (who were again elected), for their past services. Ringing was indulged in until nine o'clock. During the day touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, and a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor was rung.

SOMERTON, OXON.

On the 16th of April last a sixth bell was added to the tower of St. James' church, Soberton, and was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Reading, who subsequently gave a most impressive address on the subject of church bells. The day was a very wet one, but the church was crowded nevertheless. Last year the Rector of the parish, the Rev. G. E. Barnes, restored the church tower, and this year had the five valuable old bells entirely re-bung. These bells bear the following dates: 1635, 1635, 1646, 1670, 1707, and were cast by Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, near Banbury. The new bell bears the inscription:—

"Venite Exultemus Domino,"
200 years 5 bells have here been rung,
To make a Peal I now the sixth am hung.
1896.

After the service the bells were opened by the Appleton ringers with a 720 of Grandsire Minor. S. White, 1; F. White, 2; H. Walters, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Oxford Guild), 4; R. White, 5; H. Tubbs, 6. Conducted by F. White. Subsequently the Appleton ringers gave an entertainment with handbells in the rectory barn, by special request.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Streatham, on Easter Monday, April 6th, and was well attended, members being present from Betchworth, Benhilton, Beddington, Cheam, Croydon, Epsom, Kingston, London, and Mitcham, together with the local company, making a total of nearly sixty. Unfortunately the bells of Immanuel church were not available until 4.30, owing to a temperance meeting being held close by, some members arriving at 3.0 p.m. being disappointed at the delay. However, the six bells at the parish church were made good use of in the afternoon, and various methods were rung at both churches in the evening.

At the business meeting after tea, which was held in the schoolroom, kindly lent by the rector, Dr. A. B. Carpenter

occupied the chair. On the proposition of the Hon. Sec. a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Canon Nicholl and the Rev. Canon Streatfield for granting permission for the use of the bells. The death of Mr. G. Foster, jun., late of Mitcham, was announced as having occurred since the last meeting. The local company rang the usual whole pull and stand, with muffled touches on the day of the funeral. Two ringing members and two probationers were elected, also three members, whose proposition had taken place in towers, had their election duly ratified at this meeting. Five peals were announced as having been rung during the previous three months, and a 5040 in seven different Minor methods. It was carried that these be entered in the Association peal-book. Some discussion took place as to the votes of the representatives at the Central Council meeting on the six-bell question, a proposition being made and seconded that the votes be in favour of the same. After some remarks by the chairman and Mr. Burkin, an amendment—"That the two representatives of the Association vote against the proposition on the agenda of the Central Council, re the six-bell question, was carried by twenty-six for eight against.

Mr. Brooker gave notice that at the next meeting he would move "That in future, performances on six bells be not entered in the peal-book."

The next quarterly meeting was decided by a large majority to be held at Epsom (Christ Church) early in July. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, April 25th. The peal band was the first arrival, and found a disappointment awaiting them, viz., an interment at four o'clock. However a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, followed by Minor ringing in Violet, Kent, and Duke of York. The business meeting was held at The White Swan inn, the new President, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley), presiding. The minutes of the previous ringing and committee meetings were passed as read. The place of the next meeting was fixed to be held at Addingham, near Ilkley, on Saturday, May 16th. The society's representative, Mr. Tom Lockwood, was called upon to give his views on the various topics dealt with by the Central Council. The chairman followed with a few remarks, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lockwood for his three years' assiduous duties to the society. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar, churchwardens, and local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements. Tower ringing was again commenced by the local band, who are taking the first opportunity of securing a peal-board offered by the society for ringing methods not previously recorded. The first part of a peal of College Exercise Major, 1120 changes, was creditably rung, and much enjoyed by all. Courses on the handbells followed, and at nine o'clock members began to disperse, having thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Central Council Notices.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY FARES.

The Committee have to report that the Railway Companies have again refused to grant additional facilities for ringers when travelling. After the resolution passed at the Brighton meeting, a letter was sent to the Secretary of the Railway Clearing House, naming a deputation of twelve gentlemen who were ready to attend the meeting of Railway Superintendents on April 21st, and asking at what time they would be admitted. The reply of the Secretary was a reference to his letter read by the Rev. H. A. Cockey at the Central Council meeting, in which he stated that no deputation would be required to attend their meeting.

A letter has been received from the Superintendent of the Great Northern Line, which will probably be followed by others to the same effect from the other companies, stating that "The question of issuing tickets at reduced fares to parties of less than eight bellringers was again carefully considered at a conference of Railway Superintendents a few days since, when it was decided to be undesirable to make any alteration in the existing regulation."

HERRERT A. COCKEY.

(for the Committee.)

Notices.

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Kent County Association. — Rochester District.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Upchurch, to-day, 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 to-day, 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 Cleeve, Washford.

Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, to-day, Saturday, May 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*
3, Rumsford Place.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting for 1896 will be held at Dorchester on Monday, May 11th. Service at St. Peter's church at 11.55, general business meeting immediately after. Dinner to follow. 2s. 6d. per head will be granted to those attending.

THOS. BLACKBOURN, *Hon. Sec.*
Southampton Road, Salisbury.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—A special monthly meeting will be held at The Butchers' Arms, Armitage Bridge, on Saturday, May 10th, at 5.30 p.m. Business important. All members requested to attend.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Leesfield, Lees, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

EDWIN B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*
14, Thomas Street, Lees.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A special ringing meeting of this society will be held at Addingham, near Bolton Woods (6 bells), on Saturday, May 10th. Bells at disposal all day. Meeting house, The Crown hotel. Half-day trip leaves Leeds Midland station at 1.45; Holbeck, 1.48; Armley, 1.23; Kirkstall, 1.28; Newlay, 1.33; Calverley, 1.58; Guiseley, 2.9. Return at 6.50 or 8.21. Return fares 1s. 6d. Members and other friends cordially invited.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Mission Room at 7 p.m.

WALTER BROWN, *Branch Sec.*
54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

The South and West Middlesex Guild.—Notice.—Owing to Hillingdon Fair being held on May 10th, the meeting which should have taken place by above Guild on that date, has been cancelled. Members please note.

E. J. WALSOM, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Wallasey, on Saturday next, May 10th. Tea at 6 p.m. (free). Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, May 11th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Braeside, West Kirby.

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. WALSOM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Annual meeting at Brighton on Whit-Monday at 9.30 a.m. Towers of St. Peter and St. Nicholas open for ringing. 12 noon, special service at St. Nicholas' church, when all ringers are expected to attend. 1 p.m., luncheon at the Royal Pavilion (charge to members, 1s. 6d.), followed by business meeting. 9 p.m.—closing of towers. All notices for the Agenda should be received by the Hon. Sec., not later than Monday, May 10th.

J. W. G. LODER-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. A short service, specially arranged for the Association, will be held at 11.30, to which we earnestly invite all ringers; Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Essex. Business meeting at 12.30 in the Charity School. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, price 1s. each to members who signify beforehand their intention to be present. The towers of St. Mary, Chelmsford (10 bells), Galleywood (8), doubtful, Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Boreham (6), and Springfield (6), will be open. Return tickets for the day to Chelmsford at reduced fares will be issued by the G.E.R. The receipt for the current year's subscription must be shown at the booking office, and notice must be sent to me on or before May 20th from what station members propose to start. Tickets issued from Liverpool Street will be available from Saturday to Monday.

H. T. W. EYRE,
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 25th. St. Peter's and other towers will be open. Luncheon at 2 o'clock at 1s. 6d. per head. All ringers are cordially invited. Notice from intending visitors should be sent to Mr. F. H. Knights, The Eagle, St. Gregory's, not later than May 21st.

The Devon Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 25th, at Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth. Tea in the Vicarage garden, 4.15 p.m.; Meeting, 4.45 p.m.; Service, 5.15 p.m. A grant of will be made to each member of your band attending the meeting. An excursion train will run from North Devon to Exmouth on that day, returning from Exeter at 8.50 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at Withycombe, St. David's, St. Edmund's, Exeter (8 bells); St. Sidwell's (10); St. Thomas' Exeter, Clyst St. George, Topsham, East Budleigh (6).

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*
The Vicarage, Ottery St. Mary.

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.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Hexham on Whit-Monday, May 25th, when the bells of the Abbey (a ring of 8, tenor 21 cwt.), and of Corbridge church (a ring of 6, tenor 7 cwt.), will be at the disposal of the members during the day. More particulars next week.

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

THE "BARNETT" MEMORIAL.—FARNHAM, SURREY.

The following sums have been received:		£	s.	d.
Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Master of Winchester Guild	...	0	10	0
Rev. C. E. Matthews, Shere	...	0	10	0
J. J. Jones, Guildford	...	0	5	0
Rev. C. T. P. Edwards, Petersfield	...	0	2	6
T. Cole, Petersfield	...	0	2	6
Basingstoke Band, per H. White	...	0	10	6
Portsea band	...	0	6	6
Gosport band	...	0	5	0
Swanmore band	...	0	4	6
Wickham band	...	0	3	0
Ryde band	...	0	3	0
G. W. Graham, Fareham	...	0	2	6
J. W. Whiting, Fareham	...	0	2	6
C. Privett, Fareham	...	0	1	0
H. Tucker, Reading	...	0	1	0
C. Giles, Reading	...	0	1	0

Total 3 to 6

This sum I have forwarded to the Rector of Farnham.
CHARLES E. MATTHEWS,
Hon. Sec. Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Handbells for Sale.

FOR SALE.—Set of 103 handbells. Low C. In good condition. For price and particulars apply to Mrs. Wilson, Dusty Miller, Miffield.

FOR SALE.—Complete set of Handbells in good condition, fully up to pitch, the property of the Birkby Baptist Chapel. For particulars, apply to J. Wood and Sons, New Street, Huddersfield.

HANDBELLS.—A peal of Fifty-six for sale—F 26 to C or—in excellent condition; also Portable Padded Table, 14ft. long, and hangings trimmed with gold braid and fringe. A bargain.—F. Masefield, Albert Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

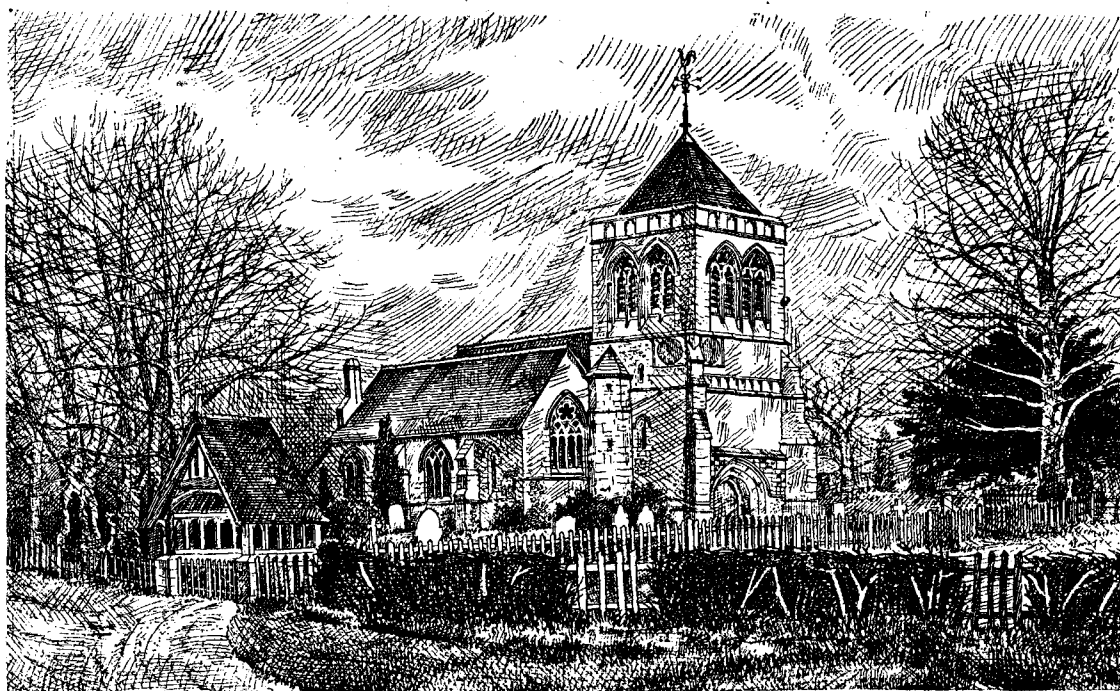
Ringers Wanting Situations.

WANTED.—Situation as under-gardener. Age 20. Member of the Salop Guild.—Apply, A. Bennett 1, Portobello, Abbey Forge, Shrewsbury.

COMPOSITOR, news, piece, or jobbing, seeks situation; used to the routine of a newspaper and jobbing office. Ringer of Standard methods. N. M. S., care of the Editor.

TO JOINERS AND BUILDERS.—Situation wanted by a young man, age 20 years. Has been five years' in small shop. Can ring Standard methods. R. H. Fenwick, 8, Gloucester street, Middlesbrough-on-Tees, Yorkshire.

WANTED Situation as improver to the fitting. Age 22. Four years' reference from present situation. Distance no object. Disengaged May 4th. Change-ringer. E. Prince, Galleywood, Chelmsford, Essex.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

As a compliment to our brethren who are six-bell ringers, we have selected for our first pen-and-ink sketch the parish church of St. Mary, Farnham Royal, at which that notable composer—MR. JOSEPH J. PARKER—is the presiding genius. The parish of Farnham Royal is about three miles from the nearest railway station—Slough, on the Great Western Railway, about twenty-one miles from Paddington terminus. It is situated in the midst of a lovely country, within speaking distance of those renowned woodlands known as "Burnham Beeches," whose fame is both near and far. The village itself is of a quiet and most unassuming character; and being the distance above-mentioned from that point of civilisation which is represented by a line of railway, the sojourner within its pale is apt to imagine that he has at last reached a kind of dreamland where the *dolce far niente* can be enjoyed to the very full. Burnham Beeches is a grand hunting ground for artists of all kinds, both of foreign and domestic growth. The constant visits thereto of these gentlemen of the brush has been the means of enlivening to some extent the village of Farnham, for they have led to the running of a service of "'busses," right through the village, all the way to "the Beeches." It is not to be wondered at, perhaps, that the good folk of Farnham look upon such facilities for travel with mixed feelings. But if vehicular advantages must be had, the rough has to be taken with the smooth, and it is said that there is too much of the former for the peace of the quiet villagers.

It is on the Sabbath—in the morn—when the delights and charms of the village are at their best. Then the place seems accurately to fulfil the description of the day of rest portrayed by the poet:—

How still the morning of the hallow'd day!
Mute is the voice of rural labour,
Hush'd the ploughboy's whistle and the milkmaid's song.
Sounds the most faint attract the ear.

We are sorry that space prevents us from giving these lines in their completeness.

The church of Farnham Royal is a modern structure, and for a village church is very neat and commodious. As all know, it has a ring of six bells, upon which has lately been rung their first 5000. Our friend Joseph and his compatriots are severely regular in their attendance upon ringing for Divine Worship, and there is also no complaint about non-attendance of the ringers at that service to which they have previously invited the congregation. Various efforts have been made by Mr. Parker to get his ring of bells augmented to eight, but unfortunately without success. One would imagine that being so near to Windsor Castle, and the village enjoying in its name a truly royal appendage, such a small matter as two additional bells would be soon got over. Hitherto, as we have said, attempts in this direction have not been met with favour. "Try again" is a very good maxim, and perhaps those concerned will not be behindhand in taking the hint.

The edifice of which we give a sketch, is situate some short distance from what may be termed the village proper, the only building near being the National School-room. Admission to the belfry is from the inside, through the principal entrance to the church, the staircase being on the left of the worshippers as they pass into the nave. This can be seen by the engraving. The ringing-chamber is a pleasant and roomy apartment, and though somewhat close to the bells, there is no excess of sound, at any rate none sufficient to make the ringer uncomfortable. The ringing visitor here is made most welcome, all the locals vieing with each in making a brother-string feel at home. He can be accommodated with almost every six-bell method known, and when these are exhausted, friend Joseph is able to oblige him if he requires something new in this way. The living of Farnham Royal is a rectory, in the patronage of Eton College.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The account of the annual meeting of the Hertfordshire Association is a page and nearly another half of most interesting reading. First, as was right and proper, there was Divine Service in the grand old Abbey, where an address was delivered to the ringers present by the Ven. Archdeacon of St. Albans; then a tea at the Town Hall, to which fifty sat down, the Mayor of the city presiding. Then the business meeting at which the indefatigable secretary read a very cheering report, and placed before his hearers the position, prospects, and hopes of the Association. If this Association has not done much in the way of peal-ringing during the past year, it shows a great deal in the way of cohesion. It appears a close, well-knit, and compact body, and this splendid condition of things is beyond doubt owing to the exertions of the officers of the Association. If peal-ringing will augment the satisfaction of the members, I wish them a good blow-out of it during the year.

The excursion to Bedale, a little place in Yorkshire, was disappointing, because the visitors did not bring back a peal with them, which was of course their great desire, and this, too, in spite of the "Brown's Mixture" with which they anointed the gudgeons. Whatever is this compound? I have heard of Prince's Mixture, but I think that was an invention of the celebrated Lundy Foote, but this is not for bell-gudgeons. "Brown's Mixture!" Who was Brown, and from where does he or did he hail? We shall soon be hearing of Smith's Delight, Robinson's Elixir (no pun intended), and Jones's Cordial.

Ah! the presentation to a worthy member of the College Youths recalls vividly to my mind a somewhat similar ceremony, in which my old and lamented friend, George Newson, was the recipient. How the time flies. It seems but the other week since this latter event happened. How strongly does the idea come to us that our life is only a brief pilgrimage. A few more years and we shall be gone too, all of us who will read these lines. I am afraid that most of us shirk such thoughts as these.

Well after all it is not good to be misanthropical. [That's a long word, but a correct one, I hope.] Our Maker did not place us here to be miserable, but to be happy; to make the best of the life that now is, in fact. Therefore, while we can't help feeling a little low when death is busy among those whom we have loved, and honored, it does not become us to dwell too much on such themes.

The Editor has received the following letter:—

A CORRECTION.—SIR,—Kindly inform "Plain Speaker" that the first and only peal, "all by clergymen," one of Stedman Triples, was rung at Drayton, October 2nd, 1884. The seven working bells of Holt's Original were rung by clergymen at Prestbury, October 14th, 1886, a most worthy Cheltonian layman ringing the tenor. These are the only clerical peals to date.—I am, yours truly, F. E. ROBINSON.

I am much obliged to the reverend gentleman for setting me right. There is this advantage in having Mr. Robinson's correction, viz.: the young members of the Exercise now possess information they have not had before with regard to clerical peals. And the incident also shows that no less a person than the Master of the Oxford Guild enjoys reading my "topics."

The Secretary or the Committee of the Midland Counties Association has found it necessary to perform the operation known as "putting the foot down" upon laggard correspondents. Those who now fail, either from forgetfulness or anything else, will smart in their pockets for their indifference, or whatever name it goes by. That such a notice is at all necessary, seems to detract from the qualifications of ringers as men of business. The truth seems to be that ringing, and all that appertains to it, is made too much of the fag-end of our existence. It is pushed too far into the background, and until we practice greater spirit, until in short, our interest becomes *practically* absorbed in the pursuit, I am afraid we shall always deserve the charge that we are apathetic.

May I again record a hope that the various advertisements by ringers in want of situations are taken notice of. It is not in the power of a great many of us, perhaps, to give employment to those in need of it, but we can be taking observations now and then, and be on the lookout when a job is likely to be "moving." The state of the labour market is shewing an improvement, and those who honour me by reading these lines may hear of something in the way of employment to be had. May I ask such as these to peruse the "situations wanted" column, so as to be ready with a recommendation if it should fall into their hands. Several of these advertisers, I am pleased to hear, have found good situations through the medium of "our" paper.

I hear we commence another volume of "THE BELL NEWS" this week—volume fifteen. That's a good period of time—the same number of years. I hope the same amount of usefulness will accompany the paper during the next fifteen years, and that like old wine it will improve with age. This it will be sure to do, I am confident.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at East Markham, near Tuxford, on Easter Monday, April 6th. The day being fine, there was a large attendance of members and friends, making this meeting the most successful in point of numbers that has been held for some time. The bells at East Markham church were augmented from four to six a short time since by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the weight of the tenor being 10½ cwt. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and the ringing-chamber roomy and convenient, a fact which no doubt attracted members to this meeting. The neighbouring tower of Tuxford was also open to members of the Association, and a good many touches were rung at both places in the course of the day. This being the first meeting held at East Markham since the tower was added to the Association, Mr. Coulshaw, one of the churchwardens, most hospitably entertained all the ringers at tea at his own expense, whilst Mr. Crawford, his brother churchwarden, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Harrison, and other friends did all in their power to give the members a hearty welcome. In the absence of the rector, owing to ill-health, the business meeting which took place before tea, was presided over by the Rev. J. D. Cannon, formerly curate of the parish, and there were also present the Rev. B. Darley, Hon. Secretary, and about forty members. Hearty votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the rector and churchwardens of East Markham and Tuxford for the use of the bells in their respective towers; to Mr. Coulshaw for his generous entertainment of the members; and to the Rev. J. D. Cannon for kindly presiding. Several 720s were rung during the day, reports of which will appear next week.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1896.

THIS week "THE BELL NEWS" enters upon another year of its existence. We have completed the fourteenth volume of the weekly issue, and commence, with strong hopes and prospects, upon the fifteenth.

For the first time a new volume is commenced with an heading on the first of its news pages. This we have done so that when the yearly volumes are bound, a more appropriate beginning to each will appear on the first page. A feature upon which we shall be glad to hear the opinion of our friends is indexes. When we formerly published a yearly index, not an occasion passed without hearing from many quarters that they were not required; that they made this journal look more like a magazine than a newspaper; and other similar objections. On the other hand, we had less than a dozen advocates for their continuance. But the subject has come to the front once more, and owing to the representations made during the past three months, we have determined to re-commence them, and in due course we shall therefore issue an index,

with title-page for the volume just completed, which plan will be followed year by year.

Another feature we intend to introduce into our paper, is sketches, not only of churches interesting to ringers, but pictures of other subjects, having a close and important affinity with the ringing Art. The nature of these particulars will be made plain in due course. Occasionally, as the necessity arises, we shall add another four pages to the paper without increasing the price of publication; this will be done in order to avoid the collection of arrears of reports sent for insertion. Now and then we shall issue a double number, but these numbers will in the future contain two or more illustrations; and this feature will, we hope and believe, commend itself to our readers. On the 30th inst. we shall issue a Portrait Number. This will contain a portrait group of the performers of the silent peal of Stedman Triples at Leicester, with the referees in attendance.

The Metropolis.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, May 2, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES NICHOLLS Treble.	*ARTHUR R. DAVIS 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 2.	*HARRY BARTON 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN* .. 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER 8.
ARTHUR HARDY* 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 9.
HAROLD N. DAVIS 5.	†CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by H. N. DAVIS and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*First peal of Royal. †First peal of Royal as conductor. This was also H. N. Davis's 100th peal.

The Provinces.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Thursday, April 30, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED SUMNER* Treble.	FREDERIC CLAYTON 5.
ALFRED PRITCHETT* 2.	J. S. PRITCHETT 6.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 3.	†W. S. PRITCHETT 7.
W. H. BARBER 4.	GEORGE COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. †First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman rung in the tower by a local band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, May 1, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE SMITHERS Treble	GEORGE H. STONESTREET .. 5.
WILLIAM H. CARD 2.	EDWARD MANKELOW 6.
WILLIAM LATTER 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
STEPHEN PERKINS 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles Chapman, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

WALTER SMITH Treble.	*HERBERT KNIGHT 5.
HORACE SADDLER 2.	*AARON GRIFFITHS 6.
PERCY SADDLER 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
GEORGE ASHLEY 4.	JOSEPH CLIFFE Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method. The ringers of the 5th, 6th, and 7th hail from Wolverhampton; the rest to the local band.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THOMAS REYNOLDS Treble.	JOHN T. ELTON 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
HARRY MASON 4.	HENRY HIPKISS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

T. Reynolds hails from Acton; W. H. Godden from Handsworth; H. Mason from Old Hill; J. T. Elton from Bloxwich; the rest are local.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday, May 2, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

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J. WOLSTENHOLME 2.	J. S. TAYLOR 6.
J. B. TAYLOR 3.	G. APPLEBY 7.
J. H. HAYDOCK 4.	J. BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by J. B. TAYLOR.

This peal was rung in honour of R. Leach's birthday and the marriage of J. H. Haydock, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns. J. B. Taylor hails from Waterfoot, the rest belong to Ramsbottom.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 2, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble.	SAMUEL ANDREWS 6.
CHARLES BANCE 2.	*THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 7.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS 8.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	*EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 9.
FRANK BUCK 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by J. RILEY and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Treble Ten.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK 2.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 6.
WILLIAM DYER 3.	*WALTER LADHAMS 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT, JUN.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ARCHDEACONRY OF SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL SLATER.. .. Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE 5.
ERNEST J. AMBROSE* .. 2.	ARTHUR H. OSBORNE .. 6.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3.	*GEORGE DEBENHAM 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	OLIVER GARWOOD Tenor.

Composed by T. Lockwood and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Smith and Symonds are from Lavenham; Slater and Garwood from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; Ambrose from Melford; Debenham from Horringer; Osborne belongs to Bu y.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3rd, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 1, BUCKINGHAM TERRACE, ST. ALBANS,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

HERBERT SHARP 1-2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Umpire, Mr. Wm. Hy. Buckingham. The band desire to thank Mr. F. Carroway for kindly lending them his fine peal of bells.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WYNDHAM LOCKYER* .. Treble.	†C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER .. 5.
GEORGE ATKINS.. .. 2.	JOHN PUGSLEY 6.
JOHN LYDDON 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 4.	JAMES GRABHAM.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN PUGSLEY.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal in the method, and hails from Bristol.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER 5.
EVERED J. WALSON.. .. 2.	JOHN J. PRATT 6.
REV. H. G. BIRD* 3.	†H. S. REEVES 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	A. T. DAMPIER Tenor.

Conducted by ALLEN H. TABER.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal in the method. The Rev. H. G. Bird is President of the Guild.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

ALFRED J. TURNER* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH* .. 2.	*CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 6.
GEORGE BAKER 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
HARRY WESTON.. .. 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Superlative. This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6. Mr. Brice hails from London; Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith are local men; the rest belong to St. Peter's, Brighton.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

F. DAY.. .. Treble.	G. MURTON.. .. 5.
A. OAKES 2.	G. FORD 6.
E. BROOME 3.	J. NOLLAR 7.
S. ROSE 4.	C. PALMER Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, of Birmingham, and Conducted by F. DAY.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

HAYES, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, April 29, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Four of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN HACK.. .. Treble.	WALTER SMITH.. .. 4.
HENRY BROWN 2.	T. PERCIVAL RICHARDS, Esq. 5.
JOSEPH TOWN* 3.	†HENRY READER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY READER.

*First 5040 with a bob bell. †First 5040 as conductor. Messrs. Richards, Smith, and Town hail from Fenge; the rest belong to the local band.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:

London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, College Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY ELLIS.. .. Treble.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	THOMAS FAIRS 5.
ALFRED D. MILLS 3.	*ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

*First 5040 as conductor. A. D. Mills hails from Crawley; Messrs. Akehurst and Fairs from Capel; the rest belong to the local band.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, May 4, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF DOUBLES, as follows:

Ten each of Plain Bob, April Day, and Old Doubles; and twelve of Grandsire.

FREDERICK LAMBERT .. Treble.	*WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD .. 3.
JAMES HOWARD 2.	WILLIAM PIERCE 4.
	EDWARD EASTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK LAMBERT.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 on the bells, which have recently been re-hung, and give perfect satisfaction.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On Easter Sunday morning, at the parish church, a date touch of 1896 changes, in the following methods; 120 Cambridge Surprise, 120 Superlative Surprise, 48 Grandsire, 60 Canterbury Pleasure, 108 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Saturday, April 25th, for practice, a date touch of Bob Minor (1896 changes); in 1 hr. 5 mins. E. Dyson, 1; W. Hills, 2; E. Dixon, 3; C. Young, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WISSETT (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 20th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 600 April Day, 600 Old Doubles, and 696 Grandsire Doubles. S. Kerrison, 1; J. Howard, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Pierce, 4; C. Kerrison, 5. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service at the church of St. Nicholas, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Puttock (longest length), 1; J. J. Jones, 2; F. Blondell, 3; W. Freaks, 4; W. Page, 5; C. Eades, 6; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 7; F. Woods, 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 20th, a date touch, 1896 changes, comprising 240 each of Arnold's Victory, College Exercise, College Treble Bob, City Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Imperial Symphony, and 214 Tulip. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Saturday, April 25th, at the church of St. Botolph, a 6-score of Plain Bob. W. Hackney, 1; J. W. Jackson, 2; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 3; E. Clayton, 4; A. Alload, 5. And a 6-score of Grandsire. A. Alload, 1; J. W. Jackson, 2; J. Trussfield, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; E. Clayton, 5. At St. Peter-at-Gowts, an attempt was made for 360 Bob Minor, but was lost after ringing 336, owing to a change-course. A. Alload, 1; A. O. Barber, 2; J. Wells, 3; E. Clayton, 4; C. Crawford, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. At the Cathedral, 224 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Wilson, 1; Rev. R. Bond, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. T. Ladd, 4; J. R. Markman, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 7; E. Clayton, 8. On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service at St. Peter-at-Gowts, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. O. Barber, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Maiden, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. W. Jackson, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. Barber hails from Frieston, Maiden belongs to the Cathedral company, the rest to St. Peter-at-Gowts.

GRIMSBY (Lincoln).—On Sunday, April 5th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Rushby, 1; H. Fuller, 2; G. Weldon, 3; J. Baker, 4; John Baker (first quarter-peal), 5; J. Chapman, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; C. Taylor (first quarter-peal), 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On April 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. T. Marshall, 1; G. T. Miller, 2; J. Highfield, 3; F. Merrison, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson, 6; J. Dixey (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. This was F. Merrison's first quarter-peal, also J. Dixey's first (as conductor), in this method. Two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major were also rung, in which W. T. Verity took part.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—On Easter-Day, for Divine Service at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Moulson, 1; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 2; E. Farrar (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; D. W. Brown, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; W. Southwick, 6; F. Drabble, 7; W. Marshall, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 5th, 360 Grandsire Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And 720 Violet Treble Bob, standing as above. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; T. Robertshaw, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And 720 Woodbine. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, April 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Wednesday, April 15th, at St. John's church, a bob-and-single quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. *W. Jeffries, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; F. Davis, 3; J. Rose, 4; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 5; J. Laws, 6; W. Jeffries, 7; *F. Peckham, 8. *First quarter-peal. Rung on the fifty-fourth birthday of Joseph Laws.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, April 19th, St. Alfege's day, at the church of St. Alfege, for morning service, a bob-and-single quarter-peal

of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. H. Wells, 1; W. Berry, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; W. J. Jeffries, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; C. Venables, 8. And for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples. J. J. Lamb, 1; W. Berry, 2; W. Foreman, 3; W. J. Jeffries (longest length), 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; H. Hoskins, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. H. Wells, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, April 12th, 464 Bob Major. W. Pollard, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; G. Head (late of Ashford), 3; S. Perkins, 4; H. Porter, 5; G. Smithers, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Smithers, 1; W. Pollard, 2; G. Head, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Latter, 6; H. Porter (conductor), 7; A. Spicer, 8. And 336 Bob Major. W. Pollard, 1; S. Perkins, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Head, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; G. Smithers, 6; J. Muggridge, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On Thursday, April 23rd, 336 Stedman Triples. G. Smithers, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Pollard, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; S. Saker, 5; W. Latter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; A. Spicer, 8. And a course of Treble Bob Major. W. Pollard, 1; S. Perkins, 2; G. Smithers, 3; S. Saker, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; C. Chapman, 6; A. Welsh, 7; W. Latter, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, March 3rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Dunn, 1; T. Durling, 2; J. Emery, 3; W. Fright, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Durling, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 41 mins. G. Simpson, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. Harman, 4; J. Hack, 5; W. Smith, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Wednesday, April 22nd, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. Gibbs and Mr. S. A. Smith, a quarter-peal in the same method in 43 mins. G. Simpson, 1; P. Harman, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; G. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Harford (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans', in 42 mins. A. L. Preece, 1; G. S. Brown, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Robinson, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6; R. Richards, 7; G. Ball, 8. A. L. Preece hails from Gloucester.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, March 15th, at St. Stephen's church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Millard, 1; C. Horton, 2; H. Pring, 3; W. Cave, 4; F. Ward, 5; C. Boutflower, 6; J. Hinton (conductor), 7; W. Colston, 8. F. E. Ward hails from Cheltenham. On Monday, March 16th, at St. Peter's church, 503 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. J. Palser, 1; C. Horton, 2; G. Colston, 3; H. Pring (conductor), 4; J. Richmond, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Gooding, 7; T. Donaldson, 8. On Sunday, April 5th, at St. Mary Redcliff, 685 Grandsire Caters. P. Cawes, 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Horton, 3; G. Colston, 4; F. Gooding, 5; W. Gifford (Salisbury), 6; J. Hinton, 7; W. Emery, 8; H. Porch, 9. — Short, 10. On Monday, April 6th, at St. John-on-the-Walls, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. H. West (Swansea), 1; W. Gifford, 2; C. Horton, 3; G. Colston, 4; J. Hinton, 5; F. Price, 6. On Sunday evening, April 12th, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. W. Cave, 1; C. Gordon, 2; J. Hinton, 3; C. Tomkins, 4; F. Price, 5; C. Boutflower (first 720 as conductor), 6. At the church of St. Stephen, 750 Stedman Caters. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; W. Cave, 2; C. Horton, 3; W. Knight, 4; C. Gordon, 5; C. Millard, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; C. Boutflower, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. On Tuesday, April 14th, for practice, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Knight (longest touch), 1; C. Horton, 2; E. Duckham, 3; W. Cave, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; C. Boutflower, 6; F. Price, 7; J. Hinton (conductor), 8. On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. W. Knight, 1; C. Horton, 2; H. Pring, 3; W. Cave, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; C. Tomkins, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Monday, March 16th, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, several courses of Bob Major. R. W. Dolman, 1; A. Bennett, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; F. W. Taylor, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. H. Espley, 6; G. Burrows, 7; G. Byolin, 8. On Friday, April 24th, for practice, 320 Grandsire Major. R. W. Dolman, 1; W. H. Owen, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; F. W. Taylor, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. H. Espley, 6; G. Burrows, 7; G. Byolin, 8.

BIGTON (Salop).—On Sunday, April 26th, ringers from St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, paid a visit to this place and rang at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor, in 20 mins. A. Bennett, 1; W. J. Taylor, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; F. W. Taylor, 4; A. H. Espley, 5; G. Burrows, 6. Conducted by W. J. Taylor. Tenor about 12 cwt. First 720 by A. Bennett.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 49 mins. H. Snape, 1; A. Lee, 2; J. Warren, 3; C. Walden, 4; W. Earl (conductor), 5; F. Hollingworth, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; W. Brooks, 8. Also 448 Grand-sire Triples. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; A. Lee, 3; C. Walden, 4; W. Earl, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; J. Warren, 7; W. Brooks, 8.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, March 22nd, by the St. Lawrence's Society, 420 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; J. Bailey, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; W. R. Hexter (conductor), 7; A. C. Makins, 8. On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, 204 Duffield Major. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. R. Ward, 6; J. Bailey, 7; J. Poxon (conductor), 8. And 336 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; J. R. Ward, 2; W. Hexter, 3; W. R. Hexter, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; A. C. Makins, 8. On Sunday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; J. R. Ward, 2; J. Bailey, 3; J. Poxon, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; A. Ricketts, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by F. C. Wicks.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, April 5th, at St. Mark's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Wright, 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Jaggar (conductor), 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; T. Holmes, 6. After evening service 720 Bob Minor. J. Plummer, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; J. Morley, 3; G. Wright, 4; J. Woodward (conductor), 5; F. Shepherd, 6. On Sunday, April 19th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Plummer, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; J. Morley, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 5th, at All Saints' church, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Scott, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; A. Taber, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; E. Edwards, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; F. Goddard, 7; G. Gladman, 8.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 12th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Luck, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; F. Goddard, 3; J. Basden, 4; G. Ransom, 5; F. Coulson, 6; A. Taber (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8. On Sunday, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Luck, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; F. Goddard, 4; A. Scott (first with a bob bell), 5; F. Coulson, 6; A. Taber, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, April 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3; C. Green, 4; C. Grimwood (first 720 in the method), 5; A. Keeble (conductor), 6. C. Grimwood hails from Hitcham; the rest are local men.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Taylor, 1; H. J. Button, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; R. Wells (conductor), 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Button, 6. R. Wells hails from Benhall, the others from Leiston. The above formed part of the ringing upon the occasion of the quarterly district meeting of this association held at Saxmundham on the above date.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 25th, eight of the local company rang upon the bells of St. Margaret's church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; E. Wigg, 4; C. Samson, 5; J. Button, 6; T. Staulkey, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, which was lost through the 6th rope slipping wheel, and time not permitting to start again. T. Staulkey was elected a member of the association, previous to the commencement of the ringing.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 Stedman Doubles, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob, and 300 Grandsire Doubles. A. Took, 2; W. Pierce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. Lambert, 5-6.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, April 9th, for practice, 500 Grandsire Triples. S. Meadows, 1; W. Miller, 2; F. Meadows, 3; W. Whiting, 4; G. Perry, 5; H. Last, 6; C. Sharman, 7; H. Crookford, 8. Also 300 in the same method. W. Weedon, 1; the rest as before. On handbells a course of Grandsire Caters. G. Perry, 1-2; H. Last, 3-4; F. Meadows, 5-6; W. Whiting, 7-8; H. Last, 9-10. Also another course in the same method. Miss C. Meadows, 1-2; G. Perry, 3-4; F. Meadows, 5-6; W. Whiting, 7-8; H. Last, 9-10.

OTLEY (Suffolk).—On Monday, March 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Mortimer, 1; F. Meadows, 2; R. Dowsing, 3; T. Dowsing, 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6. On Monday, April

6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Wightman, 1; S. Wightman, 2; J. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 4; W. Ruffles, 5; G. Wightman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. P. Meadows, 1; S. Meadows, 2; H. Mortimer, 3; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 4; W. Miller, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. Also 720 Oxford. S. Meadows, 1; R. Dowsing, 2; W. Whiting, 3; F. Meadows (conductor), 4; T. Dowsing, 5; F. Dowsing, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 19th, at the church of St. Nicholas, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Jay, a member of the St. Nicholas band, 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Neves, 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; R. S. Cherryman, 4; E. Randall, 5; J. Fox, 6; H. Rann (conductor), 7; J. Waghorn, sen., 8; G. Williams, 9; W. Palmer, 10. And for evening service, 395 Grandsire Caters. J. Neves, 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; E. Randall, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; J. Fox, 6; H. Rann (conductor), 7; G. Smart, 8; W. Palmer, 9; W. Davey, 10. J. Smart and W. Woolgar hail from Steyning.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. P. Woods, 1; W. Chantler, 2; R. S. Cherryman, 3; J. Newman, 4; J. Voice, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. In the evening, 720 Bob Minor. H. Feist, 1; J. Newman, 2; R. S. Cherryman, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Voice, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. Cherryman hails from Brighton, the rest are local men.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—On Friday evening, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins, by J. Kirby, R. Briscoe, J. T. Frenchum, W. Phillips, T. Kirby, R. Borrowes (conductor). Tenor 13½ cwt. This is the first 720 on the bells by the local company.

THE NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Tuesday, March 31st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. Potter, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Haigh (conductor), 4; C. Crawford, 5; H. Blagg, 6. First 720 in the method by R. Potter. On April 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Street, 1; H. Merrills, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 21st, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. G. Clark, 1; J. White, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; R. Potter, 5; H. Blagg, 6. First 720 in the method by R. Potter. On March 18th, for practice, several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles by the following. Messrs. Joynes, Winter, Lambert, Blagg, Haigh (conductor), and Metcalfe. First 120s by all in the method, and first on the bells.

THE SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, in the early morning, at the church of St. Gregory, 720 Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Brackett, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. For evening service at the church of St. Peter, 640 Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. B. Ransom, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. After service, a touch of Stedman Triples. On Wednesday, March 25th, on the occasion of the funeral of Miss Brown, with the bells half-muffled, 1008 Kent Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—At the Holy Trinity church, on Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, 416 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; D. Heys, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service, 704 in the same method. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; D. Campbell, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; D. Heys, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 15th, for morning service, 224 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Heyworth, 1; N. Townend, 2; D. Heys, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; J. R. Werring, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; J. K. Werring, 2; F. Towns, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Burslem, 5; H. Heyworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. N. Townend, 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; F. Towns, 5; D. Heys, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; H. Heyworth (conductor), 8. On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Mouncey, 1; J. W. Stirk, 2; N. Townend, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; H. Heyworth (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. W. Stirk, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T.

Redman (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 8th, for Confirmation Service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service, 640 in the same method. D. Heys, 1; N. Townend, 2; F. Towns, 3; T. Redman, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, April 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Heyworth, 1; F. Towns, 2; H. Bannister, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Ashworth, 1; F. Towns, 2; T. Redman, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; D. Heys (conductor), 6. For evening service, 640 in the same method. H. Heyworth, 1; D. Campbell, 2; D. Heys, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, April 28th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Holden (conductor), 1; H. Tomlinson, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman, 6; H. Heyworth, 7; —, Mills, 8. And 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Mouncey, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, March 1st, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 City Delight. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Exercise, standing and conducted as in the morning. On Sunday morning, March 8th, for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. And for evening service 720 Imperial. Z. Lord, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Saturday, March 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Smith, 1; T. Walbrook, 2; J. Smith, 3; J. Lomas, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. On Monday, March 30th, 720 Arnold's Victory. L. Holt, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, April 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. Z. Lord, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Plain Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; Jos. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Lomas, 5; E. Cockcroft (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 10th, 720 Tulip. Z. Lord, 1; F. Powell, 2; J. Smith, 3; E. Cockcroft, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. And 720 Merchants' Delight. G. Shottin, 1; J. H. Smith, 2; E. Cockcroft, 3; J. Barnes (conductor), 4; J. Lomas, 5; F. Powell, 6. F. Powell hails from Heptonstall, Yorks.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, April 16th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Smith, 1; W. Talbot, 2; E. Hampton, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. First in the method on the bells and by all the above. On Wednesday, April 22nd, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Prestidge, 1; J. Townsend, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; R. Round, 6. On Sunday, April 19th, 720 Oxford Bob in 25 mins. J. Prestidge, 1; E. Hampton, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Talbot, 4; J. Smith (conductor), 5; J. W. Smith, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PANGBOURNE (Berks).—On Monday, April 6th, the Theale ringers visited this place and rang 720 of Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. H. Stevens, 1; J. Abery, 2; F. Clark, 3; W. Horne, 4; T. Herridge, 5; W. Clark (conductor), 6. And six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 24 mins. H. Stevens, 1; J. Abery, 2; W. Horne, 3; F. Clark, 4; W. Clark (conductor), 5; W. Abery, 6.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Thursday, April 16th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Wigmore, 1; W. Lucas, 2; E. Bruce, 3; H. Keal, 4; F. Richardson (conductor), 5; W. Horne, 6. This is F. Richardson's second 720 as conductor, aged 16.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. E. Genna (first 720), 1; W. G. Hall, 2; B. Dalton, 3; J. H. Rowe, 4; H. Knight, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. E. Genna, 1; H. Knight, 2; B. Dalton, 3; H. A. Hall, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Easter Sunday, for early service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. J. Nicholson, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. For morning service 720 Morning Exercise. J. H. Brothwell, 5; the rest as above. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th. For evening service 240 Violet. A. Woofenden, 1; T. Whitworth, 2;

S. Walker, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; H. Turton, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Treble. T. Whitworth, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; S. Walker, 3; T. Sadler, 4; H. Turton, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. And 240 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Lambert 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; S. Walker, 3; J. H. Brothwell, 4; H. Turton, 5; W. J. Nicholson, 6. H. Turton hails from Killamarsh.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Wednesday, April 22nd, at the church of All Saints, a 6-score each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 5; A. Smith, 6. And 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late George Newson, of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).—Recently, at the church of St. Cadoc, in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Colonel Mansel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Brooks, 1; E. Davies, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; J. Butler, 4; H. Russell, 5; H. Millard, 6; F. Atwell (conductor), 7; G. Watkins (Barry), 8. And 210. E. Davies, 1; L. Brook, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; F. Atwell (conductor), 4; H. Russell, 5; H. Millard, 6; G. Watkins, 7; J. Butler, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, April 20th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Dolton, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; W. Dell, 3; J. Stevens, 4; A. Belton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; J. W. Ginns (conductor), 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. On Tuesday, April 21st, on the occasion of the marriage of J. Headington, Esq., and Miss C. McTorley, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles), with 6-8 covering. A. Chidwick, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; W. Dell, 3; J. Stevens, 4; A. Belton, 5; E. Dolton, 6; J. W. Ginns (conductor), 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. On Monday, April 27th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Miller, 1; A. Chidwick, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; F. A. Milne, Esq. (conductor), 4; J. Stevens, 5; J. Miller, 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Stevens, 1; H. W. Newby, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq. (conductor), 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. Miller, 5; A. Miller, 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 168 Bob Triples. W. Dell, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; J. Miller, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; H. W. Newby, 5; A. Miller, 6; A. Belton, 7; F. Crack, 8. Also 168 Canterbury Pleasure Triples. W. Dell, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; F. A. Milne, Esq., 3; J. Miller, 4; H. W. Newby, 5; A. Miller, 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. Also 224 Bob Major. A. Chidwick, 1; J. Stevens, 2; J. Sumpter, 3; W. Dell, 4; J. Miller, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; A. Belton, 7; C. H. Martin (conductor), 8. Tenor 23½ cwt. F. Crack and W. Dell hail from Hadley, A. and J. Miller and H. W. Newby from Southgate.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 19th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) in 22 mins. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Tubb (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 180 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday morning, April 12th, for Divine Service 720 Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. E. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Tubb, 3; W. Russell, 4; F. Sparkes, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Mulley, 1; W. Tubb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, March 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Oxford Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin (conductor), 1; C. H. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, April 12th, for morning service, 120 Stedman Doubles. C. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; T. Card, 5; F. Turvey, 6. T. Card hails from Speldhurst, Kent. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). F. Turvey, 1; C. Crampton, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, April 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. C. Jones (first 720 in the method), 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Rung in honour of the conductor's 29th birthday. On Wednesday, April 29th, an attempt for a 540 in seven methods was called round in the third 720, after ringing one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; F. Carroway, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; H. J. Martin, 6. Tenor 15½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, April 12th, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. C. Jones,

1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; T. Card, 7-8. On Friday, April 24th, an attempt for a peal of Canterbury Major came to grief after ringing 1000 changes, owing to the umpire falling asleep while ticking the calls. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (composer and conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. Afterwards a course of Stedman Triples was rung by the same band. On Sunday, April 26th, 720 Plain Bob. F. C. Jones, 1-2; H. J. Martin (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6. On Wednesday, April 29th, a course each of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. H. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Friday, May 1st, an attempt for a peal of Canterbury by the same band was lost after ringing upwards of 1000 changes.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Easter Monday, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Rogers, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6. And 360 Cambridge Surprise. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; T. Luckey, 5; W. Watts, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, April 27th, at the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6; W. Ladhams, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at St. Leonard's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Overton, 1; W. Maund, 2; H. Hammond, 3; J. E. Overton, 4; W. Richards, 5; H. W. Overton, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Darlaston Bob Triples in 45 mins. W. Maund, 1; J. E. Overton, 2; J. Howard, 3; H. Hammond, 4; W. Richards, 5; H. W. Overton, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; J. Maiden, 8.

WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire).—On Wednesday evening, April 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Grice, 1; W. Maddox, 2; D. Williams, 3; J. Lloyd (conductor), 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; F. Jones, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of sincere respect to the memory of the late Richard Tallis, who for many years was a member of the Welshpool company, and sexton of the parish church.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Saturday, April 18th, on the occasion of a Confirmation held by the Bishop of Southampton, 360 Grandsire Minor. W. Singleton, 1; G. Downes, 2; W. Langford, 3; W. Churcher, 4; S. Cummins, 5; G. Chappell, 6. After evening service 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; G. Grafham, 4; G. Chappell, 5; J. Whiting, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Churcher, 1; W. Cooper, 2; S. Cummins, 3; G. Grafham, 4; G. Chappell, 5; J. Whiting, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Cooper, 1; J. Whiting, 2; S. Cummins, 3; W. Churcher (first in the method with a bob bell), 4; G. Chappell, 5; G. Grafham, 6.

PRIVETT (Hants).—On Sunday evening, April 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Trimmer, 1; G. Ayling, 2; W. Read, 3; L. Read, 4; R. Hasted, 5; H. Bright, 6; R. Sutton (conductor), 7; J. Baker, 8. R. Hasted hails from Winchester.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On April 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Headey, 1; H. Garfath (conductor), 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; F. A. Barnett, 4; J. Hawkes, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; H. Wright, 8.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, April 15th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. Alice White, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; H. Lawes, 3; C. Harnsford, 4; F. Wilson, 5; T. Curtis, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; J. Ballard, 8.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, April 5th, before the early morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And before the 11 o'clock service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And before the 3 o'clock service, 240 College Pleasure. E. Holloway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And before the evening service, 720 London Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, April 14th, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Saturday evening, April 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; E. C. Boniface, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On

Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, 360 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. C. Boniface, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. For the evening service, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; C. Taylor, 3; G. Huggett, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method. R. Arnold, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; the rest as before. Messrs. Huggett and Arnold hail from Betchworth, and this was their first attempt at Superlative.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 3rd, at Christ Church, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. Joe Thackray (conductor), 1; Jno. Thackray, 2; J. Summersall (Pateley Bridge), 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. F. Blackith, 1; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 2; J. Summersall, 3; M. Broadbent, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—At St. Nicholas' church, on February 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Stevens, 1; W. Collis, 2; J. Netley, 3; J. A. Rutland, 4; W. Short, 5; E. Ede, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; H. Pitlow, 8. On Sunday, April 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Stevens, 1; H. Evans, 2; W. Collis, 3; C. Hills, 4; D. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Netley, 8. Both quarter-peals by mixed bands.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Saturday, April 18th, at the parish church of St. Botolph, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. A. Avis, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; E. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Checkley, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. And 360 in the same method. S. A. Avis, 1; W. Smith, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; E. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Grice, 1; G. Wakefield, 2; S. Buckingham, 3; W. Wilson, 4; G. Thompson, 5; W. Mannering, 6; W. French (conductor), 7; A. Tawney, 8.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, May 1st, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor. F. Nudds, 1; R. Patrick, 2; W. Nudds, 3; J. Tite, 4; A. Mann (first 720), 5; J. Saunders (conductor), 6.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Easter Sunday, for afternoon service, 464 Bob Major and 377 Grandsire Triples. Alice White, 1; C. Holdaway, 2; H. Lawes, 3; C. Harnsford, 4; F. Wilson, 5; J. Ballard, 6; G. Griffin, 7; H. White, 8. G. Griffin hails from Hornsey.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Tidey, 1; J. Burkin, 2; J. Cooper, 3; L. Killick, 4; W. Burkin, 5; G. Bourne, 6; W. Hawkins (conductor), 7; F. Hawkins, 8. Mr. J. Burkin attained his 77th year on the above date. All the above ringers are pupils of Mr. J. Burkin, and hail from Nutfield. Also a plain course of Stedman Triples, in which the veteran took part.

BLOCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, April 25th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. N. Baldwin, 1; G. Bull, 2; W. Bovington, 3; C. W. Arkell, 4; W. Page, 4; W. Page, 5-6. And on church bells, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. N. Baldwin, 1; G. Bull, 2; W. Bevington, 3; C. W. Arkell, 4; W. Page, 5; H. Sheen, 6. On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. N. Baldwin, 1; E. W. Arkell, 2; W. Bevington, 3; W. Page, 4; H. Sheen, 5; G. Bull, 6. And several courses, with J. W. Rowley, 4. Also for afternoon service, two 6-scores. J. Sheen, sen., 1; W. Page, 2; W. Bevington, 3; E. W. Arkell, 4; H. Sheen, 5; J. Sheen, jun., 6. The above are the first touches by a local band on the bells, and this was only the second visit of their instructor, W. Page, who hails from Worcester.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Easter Day, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. C. Thomas, 1; C. Layton, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; A. Layton, 4; F. Smith, 5; C. Watkins (conductor), 6.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, March 1st, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). W. Short, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; J. Barber 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 5th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Boughton, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; H. Martin, 4; W. Huxley, 5; W. H. Barber (conductor), 6. On April 9th, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, as a last token of respect to the late George Newson. W. Short, 1; W. Boughton, 2; W. Shillock, 3; T. Barber, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

DEAL (Kent).—On Thursday, April 23rd, at the church of St.

Leonard, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs twelve singles). A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; S. Mockett, 3; E. Potter, 4; W. Ongley, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. E. Potter hails from Dover, the rest are local men.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Easter Eve, for Divine Service in the evening, 1344 Stedman Triples. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; T. Elliott, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Tudball, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; J. Pugsley, 6; J. Grabham, 7; J. Payne, 8. On Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. And after service 840 in the same method, Mr. E. Bishop, of Swindon, ringing in the place of J. Pugsley.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, April 21st, at St. Saviour's church, 516 Grandsire Triples. W. Ticehurst, 1; W. Lawrence (conductor), 2; W. Siggs, 3; J. Billings, 4; H. Vernon, 5; F. Harding, 6; E. Willoughby, 7; J. Osbourne, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ELY (Cambs).—On Monday, April 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 540 Bob Minor, on the back seven. R. M. Croft, Esq., 1; T. Seymour, 2; J. Southerill, 3; A. Markwell (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; J. Vail, 6; R. Morden, 7. Also 216 in the same method, with 6-8 behind. R. Sexton, 1; T. Seymour, 2; J. Southerill, 3; H. Sharp, 4; A. Hazel, 5; R. Morden, 6; J. Vail, 7; A. Markwell (conductor), 8. And three courses of Bob Major. T. Seymour, 1; A. Hazel, 2; A. Pilgrim, jun., 3; J. Southerill, 4; A. Pilgrim, sen., 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. Vane, 7; A. Markwell (conductor), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Messrs. Hazel, Sharp, Markwell and R. M. Croft, Esq., hail from Wilburton; all the rest belong to the local band.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Martin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Cyril Herbert, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; E. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnal, (conductor), 6. And a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Herbert, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; W. Chibnal, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. M. Lane, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Chibnal, 3; H. D. Harris, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 6th, 720 Bob Minor. H. E. Sewell, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. W. R. Grimwood, 3; W. Greene, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; H. Diggins, 6. Sewell and Grimwood hail from Hitcham; Parker, Greene, and Keeble from Monks Eleigh; Diggins from Waldingfield.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 23rd, at the church of St. Martin, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 23 mins. H. Ellis, 1; J. Nixon, 2; T. Titchener, 3; W. Burrows, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On March 1st, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs two singles), in 22 mins. H. Ellis, 1; E. Young, 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Bevan, 4; T. Titchener (conductor), 5; G. Smith, 6. On March 8th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-bobs ten singles), in 23 mins. H. Ellis, 1; T. Titchener, 2; J. Nixon, 3; E. Young, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 22 mins. E. Young, 1; R. Bevan, 2; J. Nixon, 3; T. Titchener, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 9th, with the bells muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Burrows, 1; G. Smith, 2; T. Titchener, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Ellis, 1; E. Young, 2; G. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Nixon, 4; N. Alderman, 5; J. Hannington, 6. These two touches were rung after the whole pull and stand to the memory of our late respected friend and conductor, G. Newson. On Saturday, April 25th, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins. H. Ellis, 1; E. Young, 2; R. Bevan, 3; J. Nixon, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. These two touches were rung in honour of the visit of H. J. Allcroft, Esq., the patron of the church, it being his first visit to the place. On Sunday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. H. Ellis, 1; N. Alderman, 2; T. Titchener, 3; R. Bevan, 4; W. J. Nudds, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. W. H. Sumner, 1; F. Sumner, 2; J. S. Pritchett, 3; F. Clayton, 4; W. S. Pritchett (conductor), 5; T. Pritchett, 6; W. Palmer, 7; G. Cooper, 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, April 6th, for practice, 360 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Wakeman, 1; T. J. Salter, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; E. C. Hunt, 4; J. Bennet, 5; N. Davis, 6; J. Pagett, 7; W. H. Barber (conductor), 8.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine Service at the church of St. Margaret, 1008 Bob Major. A. Button, H. J. Button, G. Wilson, C. Whiting, J. Button, C. Samson, T. Staulkey, and A. Lincoln. For evening service 1056 Bob Major with A. Lincoln, 2; H. Button (conductor), 8. C. Whiting hails from Chatham.

LONDON.—On Monday, April 20th, at the church of St. Andrew Undershaft, on the occasion of the devotional meetings of Messrs. W. Brown and Co., Ltd., St. Mary Axe, the members of St. Paul's

society, Homerton, rang two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles before evening service, and 360 Bob Minor after service. H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; G. Bean, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire. W. Lewin, 1; the rest as before. On Saturday, May 2nd, at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. J. Pettit, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; A. Cole, 5; S. Joyce, 6; H. Page (conductor), 7; C. Davidson, 8. The conductor of this last hails from Stoke-on-Trent.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Easter Day for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; G. Atkins, 2; J. Pugsley, 3; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 4; J. Parkman, 5; E. Bishop (Swindon), 6; H. Moore, 7; W. Lockyer, 8.

MATHON (Herefordshire).—On Easter Day 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Thomas, 1; C. Thomas, 2; C. Watkins, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Layton, 5; F. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Thomas, 1; F. Smith, 2; D. Greening, 3; A. Layton, 4; J. Thomas, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Thomas, 1; C. Watkins, 2; F. Smith, 3; A. Layton, 4; H. Pritchard, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 26th, at the church of St. Andrew, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; J. Tite, 2; F. Nudds, 3; R. Hailot, 4; W. Killington, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, April 28th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; F. Nudds (first 720), 3; G. Hailot, 4; J. Tite, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, April 5th, 168 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Pollard, 3; C. Chapman, 4; G. Smithers, 5; H. Ford, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; A. Spicer, 8. And 550 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Pollard, 1; A. Welsh, 2; H. Porter, 3; S. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Muggridge, 5; G. Smithers, 6; E. Mankelow, 7; H. Wood, 8. And 288 Treble Bob Major. A. Welsh, 1; S. Perkins, 2; G. Smithers, 3; H. Porter, 4; W. Latter, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; C. Chapman, 7; H. Card (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. Smithers, 1; W. Latter, 2; W. Pollard, 3; A. Welsh, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; H. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

TONG (Yorks).—On Sunday, May 3rd, for afternoon service, 180 Bob Minor. G. Bolland (conductor), 1; S. Oddy, 2; J. Summersall, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, April 20th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; C. Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6. On Monday, April 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Avis, 1; E. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; C. Herbert, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6. Both were conducted by Cyril Herbert. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*** It is impossible to guarantee the appearance of touches in the current number. They will be taken in order of date as far as possible, and in the future efforts will be especially made to prevent their undue postponement.

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."

WORK FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SIR,—The Central Council would render good service to the science of bell-ringing if it found some way of diffusing an elementary knowledge of the Art amongst the general public. At present only in localities where the Art has been maintained at a high standard for generations do the inhabitants have even a crude idea of what this Art consists of. Everything relating to it is regarded as mysterious, and its nomenclature as something clean outside the mental capacity of an ordinary mortal who has not gone through some strange process of initiation, and hence what has become the motto of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, *Ars incognita contemnitur*, is only too generally appropriate. This certainly need not be. An elementary description, which was well to the point, concise, and historically interesting, if inserted in encyclopedias and the like publications, and perhaps in the *Church of England Year-Book*, would do a great deal to enlighten the general public on rudiments of the Art, and it need scarcely be added that a correspondingly increased general interest in its music and exercise could not fail to result in the long run. Our Central Council is undoubtedly the proper body to see that this is done.

Stokton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON.

NOTES FROM OBSERVATION.

I must congratulate the Yorkshiremen on their recent six-bell achievement, but oh! that "Kent Variation." My good Yorkshiremen, wake up and mix it a little.

G. F. A. hit you very hard a few weeks ago, but never mind, perhaps the next annual report will be more acceptable to that gentleman.

Now I feel convinced in my own mind you are quite capable of giving us a bit of "Oxford," and one or two evening's careful study out of the tower would put you right. Will you try it?

You Lancashiremen can also take the hint.

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So the first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples has been scored in Wales. Go on, my ancient Britons! and let us hear of you scoring the first peal of Major also.

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A week or two ago I attended a meeting in connection with one of our big Associations. Among the veterans I came across "Old Jack," and right glad I was to see him. When I heard him speak, his voice seemed weak and not so strong as when I knew him first. Ah Jack, you are not as young as you used to be, but I hope you will be spared to handle the strings for many years to come.

I also saw "Bob-Caller Tom," and little "Curly." They looked remarkably well, and were as eager as any of the younger ones to have a pull. Eh Tom, in days gone by I always felt the peal was safe when you were calling the "Roberts."

After the business meeting, I wended my way towards the tower, but before I arrived the bells were in motion. I stood and listened, and must confess was overjoyed with what I heard—regular striking and clear, open leads. I was curious to know who had been pulling the ropes, and upon enquiry found out the performers were two men and the remainder youths; but they would put to shame many of you older ringers who pride yourselves on knowing how to handle a bell.

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Well Joseph, I am glad you have scored a 5000 on your peal of six; I know it has been your ambition for a long time, and I heartily congratulate you.

But Joe, it's only in four methods; how do you account for it? Never mind, it's all the same. If it had been in seven or fourteen, it couldn't have appeared in the "peal column." Don't you know according to recent "rules and regulations" it only comes under the heading of a "performance"?

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Oh! shame upon you Central Council to ignore our six-bell ringers. I say shame, thrice shame upon you.

I'll be bound if it was put to the test; that very few of you could boast of having accomplished a 5000 in a variety of methods. And yet you are the judges of this important question. With all respect to you gentlemen as a collective body, I say you are not the men to pronounce judgment in this matter.

What's wanted is a fair representation of six-bell ringers—men who have rung a variety of methods—to enable the question to be fairly discussed.

Don't think, gentlemen, the decision you have arrived at has settled the question. No, the six-bell ringers of England will be a thorn in your side, and if they can't get justice in Parliament, then the only course left open is to agitate and go in for Home Rule.

OBSERVER.

Birth.

On the 29th ult., at 25, Childebert-road, Balham, S.W., the wife of John C. Mitchell, of a son.

Obituary.

SAMSON BURTON.

It is with feelings of the deepest sympathy that we have to record the death of Samson Burton, of Nottingham, which took place at his house, 17, Haydn Road, Sherwood, on Wednesday, the 29th April, and was buried in Carrington Churchyard, on Saturday, May 2nd. The deceased rang his first peal, which was one of Grandsire Caters, at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on March 18th, 1870, and took part in several peals before the formation of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers (of which he was one of the first members), since which time he has taken part in thirteen peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Treble Bob Major. He was in the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung by the Midland Counties Association, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and his last peal was one of Stedman Caters, at Loughborough. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and rang a peal of Stedman Triples with them, we believe, at All Saints, Fulham. He had had a very severe and long illness, extending close upon two years, and for the last 12 months had not been able to do any work. He often expressed his most sincere thanks to the Exercise generally for the noble response made by them on his behalf last August. He was borne to the grave by four of his fellow ringers, viz.:—Messrs. S. Wilkins, E. H. Holroyd, W. Flinders, and H. Wooding, and in addition to these we noticed also Messrs. G. Middleton, E. Robinson, W. E. White, H. W. Abbott, E. Hughes, A. Archer, S. Simpkin, etc. The coffin bore the inscription:—"Samson Burton, died April 29th, 1896, aged 57 years." At All Saints' church, after the funeral, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by Messrs. S. Wilkins, 1; E. Robinson, 2; S. Simpkin, 3; H. Wooding, 4; E. W. Holroyd, 5; J. Hickman, 6; R. Gee, 7; W. Flinders, tenor. The ringers could only get permission for half an hour's ringing, or otherwise an attempt would have been made for a peal. May he be at rest, will be the wish of every ringer who knew Sam. Burton, for wherever he went his genial disposition made him beloved by every one.

WILLIAM CHARLES GEORGE.

On Sunday, April 5th, the above died suddenly at his own residence in Cromford Road, Ripley, Derbyshire, shortly after leaving choir practice. He was a native of Norfolk, but for over 40 years had been a member of All Saints' Choir, Ripley. He was in his 80th year. On Sunday, April 12th, at All Saints' Church, Ripley, was rung with the bells deeply muffled, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Allen, 1; W. Houlty, 2; B. Fletcher, 3; F. H. Kay (conductor), 4; W. Wigginton, 5. An attempt was made for 720 of Doubles, but after ringing 580, it was lost through a rope breaking. T. Allen, 1; G. Brown, 2; B. Fletcher, 3; W. Houlty, 4; F. H. Kay (conductor), 5. On Monday evening, 720 Grandsire and Manchester Doubles:—*T. Allen, 1; W. Houlty, 2; B. Fletcher, 3; †F. H. Kay (conductor), 4; W. Wigginton, 5; with bells half-muffled. *First 720. †First 720 as conductor. The funeral took place in the General Cemetery, when a large concourse of people assembled to witness the mournful ceremony, and to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, who was highly respected, not only as a churchman, but by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. A flag, hoisted half-mast high, was to be seen floating from the tower of All Saints' church. Several muffled peals were rung on the bells of All Saints' church during the day, and the Vicar at both morning and evening services alluded in suitable terms to the excellent services rendered in connection with the church by the deceased.

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63254	64253	7,8.	54362
23456	24356	8,9.	34265
43652	34652	8,9.	24563
36452	46352	7,8.	45263
64352	63452	7,8.	52463
34256	43256	8,9.	42365
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The above composition has the 5th and 6th bells exclusively and equally behind the 9th bell, and the least number of calls, forty-nine, any peal in this method ever has or will contain. First rung at All Saints, West Ham, on February 22nd, 1896, by the Essex Association, conducted by H. Randall.

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2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2			I
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Twice repeated.

This is a peal I have had for several years, but don't know if it has been rung.

5120.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
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Repeated.

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5024.

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5392.

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

These twelve courses repeated, omitting the calls at wrong and before, produce:—

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

These twelve courses repeated, omitting the call at M, complete the peal.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, in the least possible number of changes without parting the tenors. If the bobs braced are omitted in one part it will reduce the peal to 5168. First rung at Armley, Yorks, on March 31st, 1896, on handbells, in 2 hrs. 37 mins., conducted by Harry Williams.

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234567	continued—	continued—
234567	572643	3 472635
243576	365472	I 354267
423756	723546	2 673425
247365	657423	I 476532
243756	456372	5 764532
234576	234756	I 567243
235476	732645	5 745632
	247356	3 267345
	752463	3 742653
462375	3 637245	2 537264
754236	2 526437	I 425637
437562	3 265437	4 374562
254637	I 532674	3 573246
542637	4 635427	5 625473
765342	I 746235	I 736542
427536	2 637452	3 257436
654327	I 436275	5 732564
426573	3 364275	4 457632
354726	I 523764	I 734526
543726	4 235764	4 267453
265374	2	

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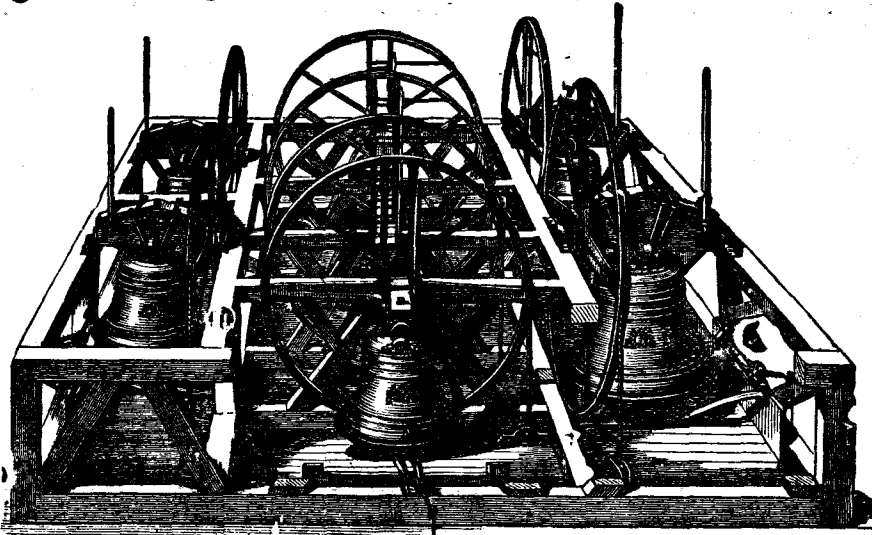
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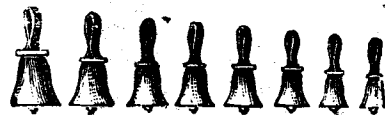
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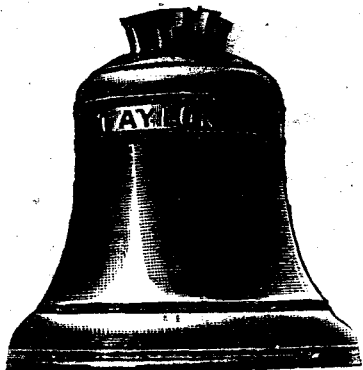
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