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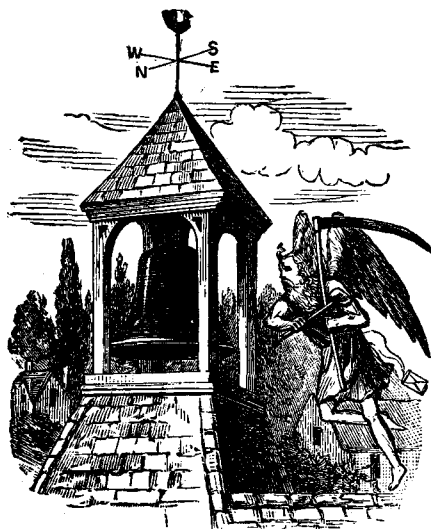
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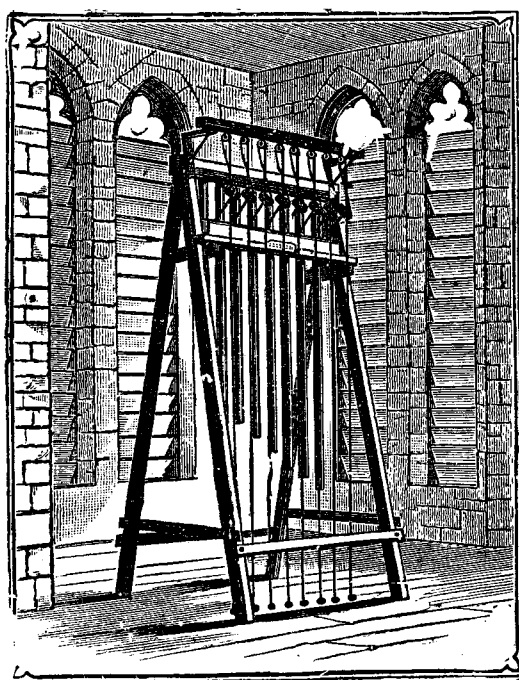
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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

The parish church of Crawley is a very ancient and interesting building. As early as 1100 A.D. there appears to have been a small church here, probably with a wooden tower and short spire. About the year 1450 a great alteration was made. The church was heightened and enlarged, a chancel was added, and a massive tower built. The roof of the church is of old carved oak, and curiously enough a roof almost exactly similar is still to be found in an old house not far from the church. For some years the church passed through a period of degradation and neglect; the tower was used as a common day school, and in the year 1879 the whole fabric except the tower was found to be in a dilapidated condition. About that year more than £4000 was expended in putting the church and churchyard into first-rate order. A north aisle and colonnade was added, a new chancel built, and the whole of the chancel fitted with carved oak, most of it the work of the present Rector, the Rev. J. B. LENNARD. In the year 1880 a ring of eight bells was placed in the tower, the founders being Gillett and Bland, of Croydon. Since that time the Crawley Society have rung upwards of fifty peals in all the well-known methods, including Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Cumberland Surprise and London Surprise: also the first peal of Alliance Major ever rung, as well as the first peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major ever rung in the county of Sussex. In this tower also was rung on December 26th, 1894, the longest peal of Superlative Surprise Major, consisting of 9312 changes. All these peals were recorded among the usual records in this paper.

Our very neat picture of Crawley church, though somewhat reduced, will be most interesting to readers as being the work of the present Rector, the Rev. J. B. LENNARD, M.A., himself a ringer. We have intentionally printed this separately, because it has been thought that many of our friends would be likely to preserve it either by a frame, or in a prominent place in their portfolios of "BELL NEWS" illustrations. The interest in the picture will be accentuated by the knowledge of the artist.

LEA GREEN, NEAR MATLOCK.

A new 8-day turret clock and bell has just been erected by Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, of Leeds and Newcastle-on-Tyne, clock manufacturers, at the residence of J. B. Marsden Smedley, Esq., J.P., which is great boon to the inhabitants of that locality, the bell being heard at a great distance. The time is shown upon two external dials, and the clock has got the compensation pendulum attached for variations of temperature, and all the latest improvements inserted.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKS.

RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

The re-opening of this church took place on Sunday, August 23rd, by the Bishop of Reading. The church formerly consisted of a nave, chancel, low tower, and north porch only, but it has been considerably more than doubled in size so as to meet the growing need of the parish, at the sole expense of Mr. R. Benyon, of Englefield Park, lord of the Manor of Mortimer. A new chancel, 26 feet 6 inches by 30 feet 9 inches, a semi-circular apsidal baptistry at the west end of the old nave, now forming a south aisle; a new nave, 25 feet 6 inches by 49 feet, and a new western tower containing a ring of six finely toned bells, tenor 8 cwt. in A, the "go" of the bells being all that could be desired. The ringing on the above occasion was entrusted to six members from the lower church, viz., H. Cox, T. Neville, K. Mason, H. Burson, W. Jerrom, and A. Pye, who rang some good Grandsire Doubles, etc. The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank. There are now two altars; the high altar is of oak, arcaded and richly carved, and over it is a large triptych, also of oak, carved, painted, and gilt, measuring over all 18 feet 6 inches, and 6½ feet high, containing in the centre the Adoration of the Magi, and Shepherds, treated as one subject; and on the shutters forming the wings, the Annunciation, the Presentation in the Temple, the Flight into Egypt, and our Lord among the doctors, with the arms of the Archdiocese of Canterbury and the diocese of Oxford in the upper portion, the whole painted with reverent care by Mr. N. H. J. Westlake, F.S.A. Above this is a window of five lights, with detached marble shafts tied to the wall window with moulded armulets, and carrying the inner order of arches. This is filled with the Crucifixion, with SS. Mary and John, David and Isaiah in the upper tier. In the lower tier the four Evangelists writing their Gospels; and in the centre, under the Crucifixion, the Agnus Dei and the four rivers of Eden, the work of Mr. C. E. Kempe, and the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fellowes, of Mortimer Lodge. Mr. S. Westlake has also painted, as a reredos, over the side altar, the "Supper at Emmaus." These paintings are on gold grounds, richly raised and diapered, within moulded and carved oak frames, tracery, and cusping, and are full of detail and colour decoration, from the designs of the architect. There is a handsome rood screen of oak, arranged on a double plane of shafts and traceries, and varied detail carried on a septum wall of stone, with gates of wrought iron and copper. The lectern, stalls, litany desk, and pulpit are also of English oak, the latter shafted, linen panelled, and carried on a base of red Corsehill stone, with steps of the same material. The whole of the work has been admirably done by Messrs. Wheeler Brothers, Builders, Reading, from the designs and drawings of Mr. E. Swinfen Harris, F.R.I.B.A., of London and Stony Stratford.

GORING, OXON.

On Bank Holiday, August 3rd, the wedding took place between Mr. Waring and Miss Dunn (an Assistant School Mistress at the National school). The ringers decided to ring, although in doing so, some had to put aside other enjoyments; but as Mr. Waring is one of the choristers, and Miss Dunn having been at the school ten years, the ringing could not be omitted, and so all the older members of the band rang a 720 of Bob Minor. And in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, the striking being perfect, and after a little more ringing, the bells were lowered. J. Carter, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; W. Aldridge, 3; J. Bower, 4; J. Alexander, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6. The wedding party left the village by a later train than the ringers had expected.



THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

MUSINGS

BY AN OLD CONTRIBUTOR.

I was very much pleased with "THE BELL NEWS" the week before last. During the seventeen years of its existence I do not remember to have seen any other single number from which I have derived so much pleasure in its perusal, not even excepting those that have contained within its columns one, and sometimes more than one, of my own crude efforts.

Being the Adam of "Ringers' Outings," I was especially pleased to see the growth and virility of my numerous progeny. Being but a very youthful College Youth at that time, I felt very diffident, having produced my bantling, as to whether it would find sufficient favour in the eyes of so august a personage as an Editor, as to be thought worthy of the honours of print. I therefore suggested to my two fellow "outers," both of whom were "Ancient" College Youths, one alas! now no more, that the lucubration should be sent to "THE BELL NEWS" by one or both of themselves as being names likely to carry weight with the potentate alluded to. Both, however, for various reasons declined to do so, and with a becomingly, as I thought, modest and deprecatory note, I posted the MS.

I was gratified a post or two later by receiving an appreciative letter from the Ogre, thanking me, and saying that it was the very thing he was hankering for. The small seed thus sown has, happily, been succeeded by a very prolific and fruitful crop.

Moral.—If you have got anything that may possibly be of interest to other members of the Exercise, beyond your own immediate sphere, send it on to "THE BELL NEWS."

Though having visited a very large portion of the attainable parts of the world—I bar the North and South Poles—I have seen but little of my native land. I have, however, for long had a great desire to see Oxford, so on a recent Thursday took advantage of the splendid facilities offered by the G.W.R. Co., had a half day off the tread-mill, and at the modest expenditure of three shillings, was enabled to spend about seven hours wandering among the beauties of the historic seat of learning. Unfortunately, a sudden business engagement prevented a friend from joining me as pre-arranged, so I performed my pilgrimage solus.

It is not for me to attempt to describe those beauties of Oxford which are of course familiar to hundreds of my readers and is moreover far beyond my modest powers of description to do so. I can only express my very vivid pleasure and delight at all I saw, and the courtesy received from the several attendants, gate-keepers, and others whom I encountered.

My pleasure however, at the very full and interesting number of "THE BELL NEWS" I have alluded to was somewhat clashed when I saw that I had missed, by one day only, hearing the peal of Stedman Caters rung on Christ Church Cathedral bells on Wednesday; the pleasures of my visit would have been greatly enhanced had the two events happened to coincide.

I am sure the portrait of Mr. Edmund Chandler, the old Norfolk ringer, was received with interest and satisfaction for more reasons than one. Although the old gentleman is not an exponent of the higher branches of our Art, his great age and handsome presence, coupled with the fact of the kindly recognition of Her Majesty the Queen, renders him a very worthy member to receive the honours of our gallery.

Another notable point is that, I hear, this issue inaugurates a new departure, *i.e.*, the portrait number without, as hitherto, any extra charge. Heretofore the double price has been a matter of financial necessity, the cost of production hardly being recouped by the extra charge; but "THE BELL NEWS," moving with the times, has, at very considerable outlay, so improved its machinery, as to enable these beautiful portraits to be produced at home. In my humble opinion, the result fully justifies the expenditure, and also reflects much credit upon those members of the staff of our paper who are more directly responsible for the manipulation of the new machinery.

It may be permitted an outsider to hope that the enterprise

of the proprietors will meet with due reward by a corresponding increase of circulation.

I am glad to see "Plain Speaker" is again en evidence. His absence one week created a suspicion that his work was done. More power to his elbow, and may his—moral—shadow never grow less, though I think his physical shadow might be lessened, with some comfort to himself and advantage to his tailor.

The jinglings of "Jingle" fall very pleasant upon the ear, his first "touches" are, I think, very musical ones, evidently his own composition, and showing much merit for first performances. I hope he has plenty more such in store.

I am disappointed at the somewhat meagre dimensions of the George Newson Memorial Fund. I had anticipated that it would have been a "record."

The little woodcuts of Stockport Church and East Bergholt bell-house I also hail as a happy departure. I trust we may have many like them. Such small mementoes are as salt to the meat, increases, so to speak, the local flavour wonderfully. We all love our own, and shall look forward to our weekly banquet with increased zest, hoping that our own individual appetite may be tickled at the next spread.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held on Saturday, August 29th, at Drighlington, and was fairly-well attended by members and ringing friends from Rothwell, Wakefield, Tong, Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Leeds, Holbeck, Horbury, Coggeshall (Essex), Headingley, St. Michael's, and the local company. Tower-bell ringing was indulged in in the following methods: Bob Major, Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, and Killamarsh (Minor); during the last the tenor-rope broke, and stopped further ringing on tower bells. On adjourning to The Spotted Cow the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, and local company for the use of the bells, etc., was proposed by J. Whitaker, seconded by J. Naylor, and passed. Armley was announced as the place for the September meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing. Any members (six-bell ringers), wishing to join in a peal next meeting-day, the 26th inst., are invited to forward their names and methods desirous of ringing, to the secretary, at their earliest convenience.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL WINDOW.

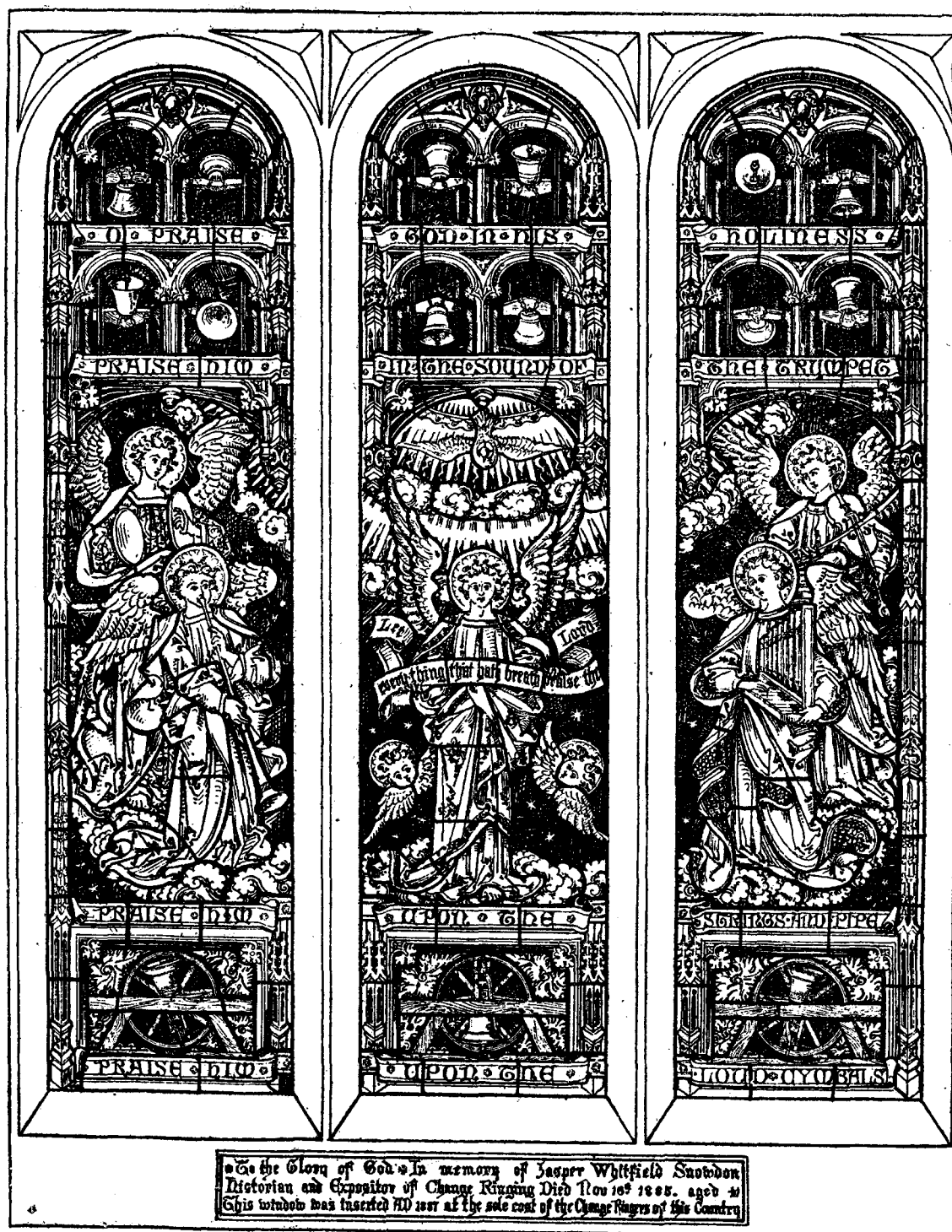
The bells in the canopy are shown swinging in almost every position, and their tongues, ropes, and wheels all carefully drawn in their correct places. Three transverse views of bells are given in the base, showing them "at rest," and when on the point of "setting" at "hand and back-stroke." A special endeavour has been made to correctly represent everything now in use in change-ringing, including even the "stays" and "sliders."

Across the three lights run Gothic scrolls bearing the words—"O Praise God in His Holiness"—"Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet"—"Praise Him on the Strings and Pipe"—"Praise Him on the Loud Cymbals." The position of the concluding verse of the psalm—"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord,"—brings the eye to the group of angels who form the leading feature of the window. These are portrayed offering praise on trumpet, strings, and pipe, the central figure carrying the last-named text. In the upper part of the middle light the heavens are shown opening, and permitting the sacrifice of praise to ascend, whilst hovering above is the emblem of the Holy Spirit sanctifying the offering.

As already stated, this group of angels forms the leading subject of the Window from the ordinary point of view, but the various details of the "loud cymbals" carry the mind further, and give a double interest to the whole. The colouring is rich, and, with the quiet northern light, very effective.

The dedication brass, which is of solid bell metal, is strongly embedded in the stonework at the foot of the window, as shown on the engraving.

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THE "JASPER SNOWDON" MEMORIAL WINDOW.

We have much pleasure in giving our readers a view of this window, erected by the change-ringers of England in Ilkley Church, in memory of the late JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON. If we find that a request is being made for

copies of this picture on suitable paper for framing we shall be pleased to comply with such desire. A brief description of the details of this work of Art will be found on the opposite page,

Ringers' Outings.

THE MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Having promised to Ripon friends so far back as last year to look them up again soon, six members of the Middlesbrough branch of this association took advantage of the race-week holidays, and on Wednesday, August 19th, left Middlesbrough by excursion, reaching Ye Ancient City shortly after 11 a.m. Making at once for the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Wiltred, where it was expected to meet the local men, we found a band from Thorne, near Doncaster, in possession. On looking round, we found that the Thorne contingent were in full force, but were told several of their number were only novices in the Art. We, however, tried to raise sufficient for a course of Royal, which, after one or two attempts, had to be abandoned. Here another individual turned up, who, after looking on sometime, asked if we rang Stedman, saying that he came from Oxford, and, on being asked if he belonged to the well-known Diocesan Guild, replied in the affirmative. We thought we'd found a prize-packet, and as the men from Thorne did not seem inclined to prolong their stay, we solicited the last-comer to take a rope in Stedman, one of the Thorne men kindly volunteering to put the tenor in for us. Our latest arrival however began to excuse himself rather freely, which seemed strange after inspiring us with his peal-ringing exploits, and began to talk of "Stoney" being very nice. He at last consented to try a course on handbells, which soon convinced us he was not a ringer. As matters stood, it was useless remaining any longer in the tower with only seven men and a dummy. After getting into the Market place, this entertaining young fellow would have us sup with him, and of course, not thinking him so bad after all, consented, and finding a suitable place, refreshments were ordered and served, when, behold, our Oxford youth was heard to exclaim in a surprised tone, "What a fool I am, I've got no money, changed my trousers, left my purse!" Matters were now looking serious, our fellows began thinking that they were being had, but rather than have any unseemly behaviour, one of our band came to Mr. Welcher's rescue, and forthwith dispensed with him, who before going was very profuse in his apologies and promises to make it his duty to look us up in the afternoon and amend matters, but the sponge-cake and new-milk-reared young bantling didn't. Things were not going over rosy, so after losing our Thorne friend (who no doubt would have some spicy news for his companions) we consoled ourselves by having a jolly good tuck-out, and afterwards took seats by wagonette for Fountains Abbey. Here we were well repaid for our journey, although the weather was anything but sunshine. It would be interesting to note that the good people of Ripon had seized the opportunity afforded them by the commencement of the sixtieth year of the reign of our Gracious Queen Victoria and the synchronising with that event of the completion of the one thousandth and tenth year which has passed since the City was founded, the event being indeed a sort of procession of the ages from the time of the first Roman invasion to the Victorian era. This was a most brilliant and imposing sight, and somewhat allayed our depressed feelings. Bye-and-bye we came across our Ripon friends, and after making up a band for a 5000 of Major, were fain to drag ourselves away from such scenes as the Curtal Friar and Robin Hood, living whist, and hosts of other old English games about to be re-enacted, and had no sooner began to retrace our steps towards Ripon when a very heavy shower compelled us to seek shelter, and so incessant did it rain, that when we did get back we found time would not permit us attempting a peal. We however brought round a fairly well struck 1024 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and afterwards tried a touch of Stedman which unfortunately was lost near the end. The bells were then lowered, and after having tea, the rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, and in viewing the city which was gaily illuminated, whilst some of our younger members were busy tripping the light fantastic to the strains of a military band. Although our outing was rather disappointing from a ringing point of view, yet taking everything into consideration, the time passed only too quickly. The visitors wish to thank Messrs. Metcalfe and Pick for making arrangements; also the Dean for kindly allowing them to ring. B.

KETTERING, NORTH HANTS.—The ringers of this parish church had their annual outing on Saturday, August 29th, the rendezvous being Leicester. The party, ten in number, met at the station at 8 a.m. with the exception of one, who, in true ringers' style, had to do a "trot" to catch the train at 8.18. They reached their destination about 9.15., where they were considerably met by Mr. Stephen Cooper, on behalf of the Leicester ringers. Eleven o'clock found the party at St. George's church, where there is a peal of six, which were soon set going to the tunes of Treble Bob and Stedman. Their attention was then turned to courses of a different nature, which were rattled off in good style at Mr. Cooper's restaurant, in High street. From there they wended their way to St. Saviour's, a splendid peal of eight; tenor about 26 cwt., where they were met by Messrs. Cleal, Willson, Buttery and Cotton. Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major and Plain Bob Major, occupied the time till five o'clock, at which time the party set out for St. Margaret's, where Caters was the order. The evening was spent in conviviality with the local ringers, handbells being the chief amusement. Touches were rung in different methods, the most noteworthy of which was a course of Stedman Doubles with Mr. Cleal ringing 1, 2, 3 and 4. The company wish to thank the local ringers for making such perfect arrangements for their outing, and trust that it will not be the last spent with such genial companions.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, KILDWICK-ON-CRAVEN, YORKS.—The members of this Society had their annual outing on Monday, August 10th. Along with a few friends, they started from home about six a.m., going by Keighley and Oxenthorpe, where a short stay was made for luncheon. Thence a drive forward to Hebden Bridge, all being charmed by the grand scenery *en route*, another slight stay was had here and some handbell ringing was done. Thence we drove forward to Todmorden, where we stayed about two hours for dinner, and by permission of the ringers of the church, a 720 of Violet Minor was rung on the back six. W. Mosley, 1; S. Tillotson, 2; J. Boddy (conductor), 3; C. Brown, 4; C. Holmes, 5; J. Hill, 6. Then driving forward to Burnley, we stayed for another bait for the horses, and had our tea; leaving on our homeward journey about 8 p.m., by Nelson and Colne. We arrived home about 11.30 p.m., and gave a short course on the handbells, and then dispersed, all thoroughly well pleased with our day's outing. S.T.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.—The members of this society had a most successful outing on Saturday, August 29th, Great Marlow being the place selected. A start was made from Paddington at 9.15, arriving at Great Marlow punctually at 10.40. The party, twelve in number, were met at the station by Mr. W. Yates, who conducted them to the tower, where the bells were soon set going to touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. After an hour's ramble through Quarry Wood, a move was made to The Jolly Brewers, where host J. C. Truss had provided an excellent dinner. Afterwards Mr. J. Driver in a few chosen words, proposed the health of the President of the All Saints' society (Rev. W. C. Muriel), who with his usual generosity had provided funds for the dinner, the proposal meeting with a hearty response. Ringing and boating, etc., occupied the afternoon, and after tea a good touch of Stedman Triples was rung as a wind up, and the bells were then lowered in peal. The evening was devoted to harmony, Miss Truss presiding at the piano. Some good songs were well rendered. A vote of thanks to the vicar of Marlow for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Yates, Truss (2), and Cox for their efforts for the comfort of the party, was proposed by Mr. Elson, seconded by Mr. Green, and carried unanimously. Mr. A. W. Truss responded. The proceedings were brought to a termination by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the members arriving in London at 10.40.

THE PEAL "APPENDIX, 1895," PRINTED BY the Central Council Committee, may be obtained post free, with the Report on Calls, on application to the Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, enclosing 7½d. in stamps.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

"Bell Houses!" The name seems strange, but I suppose it is quite correct. The authority is enough to assure us of that. We are all obliged to the Rev. Dr. Raven for letting these nice little pictures appear, accompanied by such pleasant descriptive matter. Some of you wonder how they can ring the bells in such a place. The "performances" at East Bergholt I believe beggars description. They ring the bells, not with ropes from Bermondsey or elsewhere, but with "handles," a sort of half-grindstone operation, I suppose. They have to stand, or sit, upon the frame of the bells. The method they ring is known to outsiders as "East Bergholt Agony."

"Why it's Parson Robinson's church!" says one ringer to another just before ringing for service last Sunday morning at a village church. "Ever bin there, Joe, then?" "Bin there, yes; rung a peal of Stidman there. Fine old gentleman he is too—and knows something." "What do you think of the picture of the church, Joe?" "Nobby," replied the other. "How they gets it into the paper beats me hollow. But there it's out of our line; they fellows brown to it in London." Here we had to commence ringing, so I heard no more.

A friend asks that the following may be placed in this column:—

"The ringers of the Cathedral will be pleased to receive and accommodate any ringers who may visit this city during the festival held here on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, and wish for a touch. Meet at the west entrance at 8, and on the 20th at 12, and any company that may come will be welcome to the use of the bells; or should part of a company arrive, the cathedral ringers will make them up any time from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m., or from 6 till 9 p.m.' Such was the invitation given in a recent number of this paper from our Ripon brothers. I think it sounds as if brotherly love and ringing enthusiasm has a place amongst them, and no doubt any ringers visiting them would find it so—something different from what myself and a brother string experienced once, namely, on visiting a country town where is a splendid ring of twelve, and never having a chance for a pull on that number, thought it would be a treat indeed; and hearing that there would be some ringing at a certain time, made our way to the tower. On arriving in the belfry, we found one or two waiting. So after having inspected the bells and belfry, we waited patiently for what should come next; eventually, five or six turned up, all looking suspiciously at us as if we had come for the ropes. We still waited, and at last enough arrived—enough for them evidently! for they didn't seem to care for more than ten, not a word being spoken to ask us as to whether we should like a pull on twelve, which our fingers itched for. However, after having a few touches of Caters, and one or two of them setting their bell from some unknown cause, we were asked if we should like to ring, which of course we were very pleased to do, but not a word about twelve could we hear. Would that the spirit of the Ripon ringers prevailed in the country more than it does, and especially amongst those to whom we paid this visit."

Says the *Daily Telegraph*:—"Big Ben, it seems, has in no sense broken down. Messrs. E. Dent & Co. explain that the hammer connections in the belfry, which are ex-

posed to the weather and have suffered therefrom, are under repair, and this causes an interruption of the striking. 'At present,' they add, 'we are dealing with the hour part, and the work on this will be completed in a few days, after which we shall take the quarters in hand. The clock has been showing the time continuously. The hours, silent now, will be heard again shortly, and then for another period the chimes will be silent. After this all will go on again as usual.' "

I should like to inform the writer of the foregoing paragraph, and all whom it may concern, that he is laboring under a vulgar but common mistake. "Big Ben" is not a clock, it is a bell—the hour bell at the Houses of Parliament. The bell was so named after Sir Benjamin Hall, First Commissioner of Works at the time.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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."

SIX-BELL METHODS.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in this week's paper to say that I shall be very pleased to assist our worthy friend, Mr. J. J. Parker, in collecting up six-bell methods. I have nearly two hundred methods on six bells which I have collected, and hope to be able to publish them all before the close of the year, for the benefit of composers of new methods and six-bell ringers.

H. G. ROWE.

5, Foundry Terrace, Uxbridge.

SIR,—I notice in Mr. J. W. Washbrook's letter for August 29th that he states there are heaps of ringers who can ring anything on six bells, that even with the same amount of practice on eight would not be safe for a peal. Now I call this a slur on the six-bell ringers' talent. I am not a paid professional ringer, never professing to know more than others, but at the same time there are scores of six-bell men that could, if trained, like our friend J. W., and no doubt with less practice, strike and ring any method. Eight-bell ringers must not run away with the idea that because they are born with a silver spoon in their mouth that six-bell ringers are a lot of commonplace beings; if we are short of two bells, we are none the less short as regards ringing brains. Money makes the mare to go, likewise the bells.

E. J.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to inform my friends that I was not referring to eight-bell ringing; knowing the difference between the two, otherwise I should have distinguished it. I always acknowledge eight-bell ringing more interesting than six.

J. F. MALLABY.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—All communications intended for the society of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, should be addressed to the society, as a notice in last week's "BELL NEWS" seems very misleading. Mr. Brighton is not a member of our society.

J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

A QUERY.

SIR,—The writer is one of a band of twelve ringers at East Crompton Church, Shaw, near Oldham, where there is a beautiful ring of six bells. We have consequently two sets who ring on alternate Sundays. The senior, or first set, have rung continuously together without change for over sixteen years (three have been here over twenty years). The object of my writing is to ask if this constitutes a record, and if not, what complete set or band of ringers can claim to have rung together without change or loss for so long together. If you yourself cannot answer this, will you kindly publish this letter, so that we may see if such has been exceeded. We may not have done a great deal in this time, but we claim to be able to ring a peal of seven methods and to strike as well as any ringers (on our own bells); but what is more, we have all learned to know each other and to respect each other. There is not one of us, whatever his station, but would greatly regret anything happening which would take him from those pleasant practices and Sunday ringings which have been such a source of satisfaction to us all. If we fail to establish a record of time, we hope to establish one in the harmony of our working together.

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The Bell Rets & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1896.

A late arrival of peal records prevents the appearance of our weekly comment in this number. Next week "THE BELL NEWS" will consist of twenty pages. One illustration or more will also in the future accompany each number. Next week we shall issue a portrait of Mr. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Sen., of Dudley, a contemporary of the late Mr. HENRY JOHNSON and Mr. JOHN DAY.

Though we have on hand plenty of matter for illustration, we shall be pleased to consider at any time suggestions from our readers with regard to portraits of themselves and friends, and to carry them out if possible.

Agreeably with suggestions made by several readers, we have gladly consented to the insertion, week by week till completed, of papers upon conducting and composing. These are intended chiefly for juniors in the Art, though we trust they will be welcomed by all. The writer of these papers will be glad to communicate with any of his readers who may wish for further explanations. It is thought that this feature will lead a great many to interest themselves in ringing more than they may have done hitherto.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

There will be a garden party at Duffield Bank, near Derby, on Saturday, September 26th, from 2 to 5 o'clock, to which Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD begs to invite ringers who are members of recognised societies. The bells of the parish church will be available from 2 till 9 o'clock.

The Provinces.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Monday, August 24, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOSIAH HARRIS Treble.	GEORGE CHAPPELL 5.
EDWARD C. NEWMAN* .. 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
GEORGE GRAHAM 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
CHARLES PRIVETT 4.	JAMES T. MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. Messrs. Harris, Newman and Matthews hail from Portsea; Chappell from Wickham; White from Basingstoke; the rest belong to the local band.

LINCOLN.—THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE DENT 5.
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2.	JOHN W. WATSON 6.
ROBERT E. CLARKE 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 7.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

G. Dent, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Harlow, Essex. This peal has the 6th six courses each way in 5-6, with all the 8-6-7s and 6-7-8s.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, August 27, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

JOHN ROLLISON Treble.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 5.
EDWARD WILLOUGHBY .. 2.	THOMAS WILLOUGHBY .. 6.
ALBERT E. MIDMORE .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
WILLIAM J. FISHER 4.	JAMES ANDREWS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

A note to this peal will be found on another page.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 27, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	EDWARD FRANCIS 6.
WILLIAM BALES 2.	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. 7.
ALBERT G. WARNES .. 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 8.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 4.	GEORGE SMITH 9.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN REEVES and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT.

The above was arranged for Mr. George, who hails from Rugby. The weight of the tenor has always been recorded as 41 cwt., but letters, written by the founder (the late Mr. Thos. Mears) to the churchwardens, have just come to light, in one of which the above figures are quoted as the correct weight.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, August 28, 1896, in Three Hours Thirty-seven-and-a-half Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184
CHANGES. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. BASTON .. 5.
CHARLES EXON 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
CHARLES FOWLER 3.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 7.
FREDERICK EXON 4.	JAMES WM. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th each nine courses in 6ths place, and is now rung for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS .. Treble.	THOMAS KING 5.
AMOR AMBROSE 2.	*ARTHUR KEEBLE 6.
ERNEST AMBROSE 3.	*ROBERT GRIMWOOD .. 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOP and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in the Norwich Diocesan Association Report for 1895, page 50. Messrs. Ambrose hail from Melford, Keeble from Monks Eleigh, Grimwood from Hitcham, Sillitoe from Sudbury, the rest are Lavenham ringers. *First peal.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
T. PERRY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

H. MOUNTFORD Treble.	T. GUEST 5.
A. MORETON 2.	R. PICKERING 6.
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T. MACHIN 4.	T. THOMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

First peal by all except T. Guest. Rung as a birthday peal for H. Mountford, who has just completed his 19th year.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WALTER PERKINS .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5.
JOHN B. MARTIN 2.	JAMES GARRATT 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
FRANK HULL 4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE

First peal in the method on the bells. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6ths place at the course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there, and the 2nd never in 5ths place. The ringers of 2nd and 7th hail from Higham Ferrers, 5th and 6th from Irthlingborough, 1st from Finedon, the remainder from Bedford.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALFRED WRIGHT .. Treble.	*ALBERT HARDY 5.
ALBERT DEARDS 2.	*THOMAS FAULKNER .. 6.
CALEB FENN* 3.	YORK GREEN 7.
ROWLAND FENN* 4.	SAMUEL HAYES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

†First peal on tower bells. *First peal in the method on tower bells, and first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANCIS LEES Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES 5.
EDWARD WALLIS 2.	C. L. ROUTLEDGE 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	FRED. J. HARRISON 7.
WILLIAM STORY 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal in this method on the bells.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Grand-sire, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALBERT ROBINSON Treble.	FRANK HULL 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 2.	HARRY TOLL 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	HARRY TYSOE Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First 5040 by H. Toll.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Witney, which appeared last week, the ringer of the 6th should have been E. Hims. It was rung on Thursday, August 20th.

Date Touches.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

BRAUBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, July 16th, in 1 hr. 6 mins., a date touch, in five methods; consisting of 66 Grandsire, a 6-score of Stedman, two of Bob, six each of Canterbury and St. Dunstan's, ten and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. E. Popple, 1; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 2; C. Harper, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; F. Dennison, 5. A dedication service was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a 6-score of Grandsire being rung for the opening touch by the above band. Two new trebles have been added, and the whole rehung on a new iron frame, the work being entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the "go" being all that could be desired. The above date touch was rung in the evening.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service at Holy Trinity church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. D. Campbell, 1; N. Townend, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; D. Heys (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 4th, 720 College Single. T. Mouncey, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; D. Heys, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys (conductor), 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; F. Towns, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman, 8. On Tuesday, August 11th, 720 Violet. N. Townend, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; D. Heys (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys, 1; N. Townend, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; F. Towns, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. For evening service 720 Violet (twenty-one bobs). T. Mouncey, 1; D. Heys, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; J. R. Werring, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, August 18th, 720 Violet (twenty-one bobs). D. Heys, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; H. Heyworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the

same method. D. Heys (conductor), 1; F. Towns, 2; N. Townend, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; H. Heyworth, 6. On Saturday, August 22nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Sharples (Oswaldtwistle), 1; J. Whalley (Oswaldtwistle), 2; J. R. Werring, 3; R. Parkinson, (Oswaldtwistle), 4; D. Heys, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Whalley, 1; C. Sharples, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Parkinson, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; J. R. Werring, 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 4th.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Monday, June 1st, 720 Oxford Singles, on handbells. J. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First in the method by all. On Wednesday, June 3rd, 720 Oxford Singles. J. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Tuesday, June 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson, 5-6. Also 720 Oxford Singles, standing as above. On Wednesday, June 31st, 720 Bob Minor. C. Sharples, 1-2; R. Parkinson, 3-4; J. Whalley, 5-6. On Sunday, June 21st, at the parish church, for anniversary sermons, 720 Bob Minor. W. Britcliffe, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Whalley, 3; W. Whalley, 4; R. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson, 6. First as conductor by W. Britcliffe. On Tuesday, August 25th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Britcliffe, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Whalley, 3; R. Sharples, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 12th, at Church-Kirk, for anniversary sermons, 720 Bob Minor. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; J. Whalley, 2; C. Sharples, 3; H. Hayes, 4; T. Duxbury (Padiham), 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATIONS.

ANSTON (Yorks.).—On Wednesday, August 5th, at the church of St. James, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure, in 24 mins. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; C. Fowler (conductor), 5; J. Marshall, 6. First in the method by all except C. Fowler, and rung at the first attempt. On Sunday evening, August 16th, for service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. H. Turner, 1; R. Smith, 2; H. Stenton, 3; J. Marshall, 4; C. Fowler (conductor), 5; T. Silvester, 6. On Thursday, August 20th, as a birthday touch to H. Stenton, 1800 changes; comprising 720 each of College and New London Pleasure, and 360 Duke of York, in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Foulds, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; C. Fowler (conductor), 5; J. Marshall, 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 16th, after afternoon service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; A. Ambrose, 2; E. J. Ambrose, 3; J. Moore (first touch in the method), 4; A. Symonds, 5; S. Ford, 6; T. King, 7; O. Garwood, 8. And for evening service, 704 in the same method. A. Symonds, 1; S. Slater, 2; E. J. Ambrose, 3; H. Smith, 4; R. Grimwade, 5; S. Ford, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; O. Garwood, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks.).—On Friday, August 7th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woffenden, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, August 9th, 720 Tulip. W. H. Giggles, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Friday, August 14th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Carr, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; E. Brooke, 3; G. Hunt, 4; H. Rowley (conductor), 5; G. F. Pickles, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. First 720 on tower bells by E. Carr and J. Woffenden.

OSSETT (Yorks.).—On Sunday, August 23rd, at Holy Trinity church, on the back six, 720 Duke of York. G. Crawshaw, 1; E. Brooke, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 26½ cwt. On the front six, 360 Violet Treble Bob. W. H. Giggles, 1; the rest as above.

HULL (Yorks.).—On Sunday, August 23rd, at Holy Trinity church, three courses of Stedman Triples were rung, for morning service by the following: G. F. Marshall, 1; G. T. Miller, 2; J. Highfield, 3; F. F. Lambert, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; F. Merrisson, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. And 336 Stedman Triples, was rung for evening service by the same band. At the house of Mr. Jackson courses of Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells by W. Southwick, H. W. Needham, C. Jackson, F. Lambert and T. Stockdale. F. Lambert hails from Halesworth, Suffolk.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts.).—On Monday, August 10th, for practice, 503 Grandsire Triples. F. A. Milne, Esq., 1; J. Stevens, 2; A.

Chidwick, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; A. Belton, 5; A. Miller, 6; J. Ginns (conductor), 7; J. Miller, 8. On Monday, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles with 6-7-8 covering. J. Sumpter, 1; C. H. Martin, 2; A. Belton, 3; J. Stevens, 4; W. Ginns, 5; F. Crack, 6; H. Newby, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 350 Canterbury Pleasure Triples. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; J. Sumpter, 2; F. Milne, Esq., 3; W. Dee, 4; J. Stevens, 5; H. Belton, 6; J. Ginns, 7; A. King, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Stevens, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; W. Dell, 3; F. Milne, Esq. (conductor), 4; H. Newby, 5; C. Martin, 6; A. Belton, 7; F. Crack, 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING (Northants).—On July 22nd, 84, 672, 336, 1050 Grandsire Triples. G. Toseland, 1; C. Newman, 2; E. Underwood, 3; J. Julian, 4; G. Lewis, 5; W. R. Hensher, 6; J. D. Matthews, 7; J. Spence, 8. On July 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Robinson, 1; C. Newman, 2; G. Lewis, 3; J. Julian, 4; W. R. Hensher, 5; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 6. First 720 by A. Robinson and first attempt. On August 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Julian, 1; E. Underwood, 2; Rev. W. H. Abbot, 3; C. Newman, 4; J. D. Matthews, 5; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the 3rd and 4th, and first on the bells. Also a course of same with A. Robinson, 1; the rest standing as before. And 224 Plain Bob Major. A. Robinson, 1; C. Newman (conductor), 2; W. R. Hensher, 3; E. Underwood, 4; G. Lewis, 5; J. Julian, 6; T. R. Hensher, 7; J. D. Matthews, 8. On August 16th, quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Rev. W. H. Abbot, 1; C. Newman, 2; E. Underwood, 3; W. R. Hensher, 4; J. Julian, 5; J. D. Matthews, 6; T. R. Hensher, 7; J. Spence, 8. Composed and conducted by T. R. Hensher. On August 17th, 272 and 672 of Plain Bob Major. A. Robinson, 1; Rev. W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Newman, 3; E. Underwood, 4; G. Lewis, 5; J. Julian, 6; W. R. Hensher, 7; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 8. On August 22nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Robinson, 1; Rev. W. H. Abbot, 2; G. Lewis, 3; E. Underwood, 4; J. Julian, 5; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 6. On August 24th, 1040 Plain Bob Major. A. Robinson, 1; Rev. W. H. Abbot, 2; C. Newman, 3; E. Underwood, 4; J. Julian, 5; W. R. Hensher, 6; T. R. Hensher, 7; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 8. On Saturday, July 28th, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). E. Wonfor, 1; A. Robinson, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. Julian, 4; W. R. Hensher, 5; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 6. Great credit is due to A. Robinson and E. Wonfor, the former only starting ringing in March, and the latter in April. On August 30th, 882 Grandsire Triples. A. Robinson, 1; J. D. Matthews, 2; Rev. W. H. Abbot, 3; E. Underwood, 4; J. Julian, 5; T. R. Hensher, 6; W. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; J. Spence, 8. And 112 Grandsire Triples, standing as above. On August 31st, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Robinson, 1; E. Underwood, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. Julian, 4; W. R. Hensher, 5; J. D. Matthews (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHERE (Surrey).—Recently, at the church of St. James, after the Annual Festival of the Guild, 240 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. W. Graffham, 1; J. Hewett, 2; C. Giles, 3; H. Weston, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; G. Williams, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Wilson, 1; J. Staples, 2; C. Giles, 3; G. W. Graffham, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; H. Weston, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; H. White (conductor), 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, August 10th, at the parish church, for practice, on the heavy eight, 448 Grandsire Triples. F. W. Bond, 1; A. E. Edwards, 2; F. Gardner, 3; H. J. Midwinter, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. C. Bond (conductor), 6; H. T. Gardner, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. And 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Nettle, jun., 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. J. Midwinter, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. On Monday, August 17th, 196 Grandsire Triples. H. Nettle, jun., 1; H. J. Midwinter, 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; F. W. Bond, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. On Sunday morning, August 23rd, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for Divine Service, five 6-scores Grandsire Doubles. H. Clutterbuck, 1; H. Nettle, jun., 2; F. W. Bond, 3; H. J. Waters, 4; S. Moore (conductor), 5; T. Curtis, 6. On Monday, August 24th, at the parish church, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. W. Bond, 1; H. Nettle, jun., 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; S. Moore, 5; C. Bartlett, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Also 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Nettle, jun., 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. J. Midwinter, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. H. Nettle, jun., is a member of the Watermoor band and honorary member of the parish church band. He will be a candidate for membership of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at the next meeting.

BANGOR (North Wales).—Recently, at St. David's church, an attempt for Carter's peal of Union Triples came to grief in the 21st part. J. Gayton, 1; Rev. T. Lewis Jones, 2; E. Jones (Oswestry), 3; D. Davies (Oswestry), 4; F. W. Taylor, 5; M. J. Morris (conductor), 6; P. W. Davies, 7; W. Crane, 8. On Tuesday, August 25th, an attempt was made for J. Carter's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was unfortunately lost in the 9th part. J. Cole, 1; Rev. T. Lewis Jones, 2; S. Taylor, 3; J. Gayton, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; F. W. Taylor, 6; P. W. Davies, 7; W. Crane, 8. J. Cole hails from Llandudno; J. George from Rugby.

CANTERBURY.—On Thursday, August 27th, at St. Alphege Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Fox, 1; E. H. Beney, 2; G. G. Jenkins, 3; F. G. Brett, 4; F. T. Marriott, 5; D. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

EDMONTON.—On Monday, August 24th, at All Saints' Church, with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss E. Ellis, for many years a church-worker in this parish, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. H. Nix, 1; P. Darlington, 2; R. C. Goodchild, 3; G. Pightling, 4; H. Barnett (conductor), 5; A. Darlington, 6; L. J. Darlington, 7; W. Darlington, 8.

HARROGATE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, August 23rd, for service at St. Mary's church, 460 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Benson, 1; H. Dickinson, 2; J. Holden, 3; J. Mann, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Turner, 6. For Divine Service in the evening a 720 in the same method, standing as before, with the exception of the 5th, which was rung by T. Durdy. J. Holden hails from Saddleworth. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob by J. Mann.

HASTINGS.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Lock, 1; S. Saker, 2; W. Thomas, 3; H. Franks, 4; H. Elliott, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. H. Franks hails from London, and W. Franks, W. Thomas, and H. Elliott from Battle. On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service, five 6-scores Bob Doubles, called differently. L. Stone, 1; A. E. Quaife (age 16, longest touch with a bob bell), 2; S. Saker, 3; J. Livermore, 4; F. Lock (conductor), 5; W. H. Swain, 6. On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, five 6-scores Grandsire Doubles, called differently. A. E. Quaife, 1; J. Livermore, 2; F. Piper (longest touch), 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; F. Lock, 5; W. H. Swain, 6.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 23rd, 503 Grandsire Caters. J. Kamp, 1; A. Dean, 2; W. Crookford, 3; H. Woods, 4; H. Newnham, 5; G. Hoad, 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; F. Hoad, jun., 8; E. Hull, 9; W. Messam, 10. Tenor 20 cwt.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, August 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Saunders, 1; H. Creed, 2; J. Cridland, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Creed, 6. And for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, all standing as above. First 720 in each method by F. Saunders, to whom great credit is due. Both were conducted by J. Creed.

SÜDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 15th, at the church of St. Gregory, 560 Grandsire Triples. C. Sillitoe, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Howell, 3; E. Herbert, 4; E. J. Ambrose, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. On Sunday, August 16th, for service at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. After service, 672 Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Friday, August 21st, 768 Treble Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1; W. Howell, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; H. Smith, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Symonds, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. And 480 in the same method. F. Tolliday, 1; E. Herbert, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Sylvester, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Herbert, 1-2; Cyril Herbert, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6. All the above were conducted by C. Sillitoe. On Monday, August 17th, 1008 Bob Major. C. Herbert, 1-2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8.

WHITWICK (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, August 23rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. J. Rawson, 1; S. W. West, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; W. West, 4; H. Partidge, 5; B. West (conductor), 6; J. A. Moulton, 7; A. Fern, 8. Also on Sunday, August 16, for Divine Service, 504 in the same method, conducted by J. A. Moulton.

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A DIAGRAM OF A SYSTEM OF PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES: In imitation of Shipway's peal, with the bobbing of three hundred peals of the system, and directions for getting from the diagram the bobbing of fifteen hundred more peals of the system.—By W. H. THOMPSON, Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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MEN AND MANNERS.

Some time ago, I stood in St. Mary's churchyard, Nottingham, over the grave of Doubleday Crofts, a well-known composer and conductor of the last century. The stone slab which marks his last resting place, lies face upwards, and being thus exposed to the elements, the lettering is not easy to decipher. The inscription might be recut for a trifle, and were I a ringer of Nottingham, nothing would prevent me collecting a few pence from the ringers in the town for the purpose. Don't let my Notts. friends think for a moment that I infer lack of interest in these things, for I know they receive no encouragement from the incumbents who have bells under their control. In the borough of Nottingham there are two rings of eight and one of ten, and yet, with plenty of willing ringers, no peal can be rung. I am told that if only a short touch is attempted, the usual grumblers make themselves heard. I cannot see any reason why a peal should be forbidden at St. Mary's, except in cases of illness in the immediate vicinity. I have stood at different points around the church while the bells have been going, and could not detect the slightest dissonance. Moreover, if the respected Vicar and wardens would brick up on the inside part of windows in the bell-chamber, the objections could not exist only in the most bigoted persons, for by this process, the sound in the neighbourhood is reduced to a minimum. In regard to All Saints, I believe the same objections exist, and if so, the same course might be pursued. The cost would be nominal, and if the church authorities desire, the columns of this paper shall be at their disposal for a subscription for the purpose I have suggested. The Vicars are Honorary members of the Midland Counties' Association, and the Rev. H. A. Gem, of All Saints, honoured the last annual meeting by his presence. Will the reverend gentleman move in this matter, with his brother-clergy, for the sake of the Art of ringing, in which Nottingham once stood most prominent, and for the men who needs must travel elsewhere to ring that which might be done at home. This applies to other towns besides the one mentioned, but if the clergy will only hold out one hand, the ominous motto, *Ichabod*, will be removed from many belfries in the days which are to come.

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The Home Secretary's decision to release several notorious dynamitards has caused a sensation, seeing that his predecessor in office ignored the many appeals made on their behalf. Evidently Sir Matthew White Ridley stands on the motto—"Be just and fear not." We are told in the comic papers that man is like an egg: To keep him in hot water a little while will be sufficient, but keeping him in hot water too long will make him hard. There may be a deal of truth in this. I believe it is possible, nay, highly probable, that continuous punishment instead of softening a prisoner, will have the contrary effect, and will incite his worst passions with the result that on his release he plunges back into his old haunts and crimes. The prison chaplain and The Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society are the only stepping stones for the gaol bird, and the reforms they effect are incalculable. We have it on record that cases have been known where the employer of a discharged prisoner has been visited by the police and warned of the man he employs, with the obvious result of his loss of his situation, and then finding all honest avenues are closed against him, he drifts back again to his companions in crime. There could scarcely be two opinions of police zeal of this kind, or of the system of re-arresting a prisoner for other offences on his release, thereby dashing to the ground any good motives and intentions of a fresh start in life. The Home Secretary rebukes such vindictive tactics, and advises that if any other charges are to be made,

they should be stated at the time or during his imprisonment, and that if necessary he can serve his terms at one and the same time, knowing that when once more he looks on the outer world, he will be free from interference. Sir M. W. Ridley stands out as one of the most humane ornaments of any Government.

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My colleague Plain Speaker does me honour. When we meet he will hear something drop. I had not blushed for a dog's age till I read that little tit-bit in Current Topics, and it made me "swell visibly." P.S.—I'll take a pinch of snuff, nothing stronger; snuff-taking is not a nice habit I know, that is the reason I never buy any, but beg it, and I have sampled some rare kinds in my time. For instance, sand, ginger, and pepper, and by the way, if you want anything that *will* bite, just try cayenne pepper. It will make you shed tears of joy, particularly if you get hold of it by mistake as I did, and your nostrils will burn with indignation in more sense than one.

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Passing through a village a short time ago, I noticed a "house of refreshment within the meaning of the act," facing the old church, and in the windows were written "good ale for ringers!" Now I wondered what *that* meant. Did the Publican and Sinner actually insinuate that ringers would drink ale? Malediction! the thought maddened me. Hitching up my breeks and expectorating on my hands I rushed in—not that I am accustomed to do so—and demanded to see the scurrilous knave who wilfully insulted the Exercise. The said scurrilous knave could not be found, so after testing the refreshment to see if it was good, I severely told the landlady that it was no better than it ought to be. She implored me to stay my avenging hand, and I consented, furthermore, that they should not lose the license on condition that the offending bill was removed. On my way out, a man's face white as a ghost and eye starting out of his head, appeared over the top of a meal-barrel where the landlord was in hiding. He was a little man, and on hearing my stentorian voice, he had ran and hid himself, well-satisfied that he was in for a good trouncing at the hands of JINGLE.

FUNERAL OF A NOTED RINGER.

On Saturday, August 22nd, was interred in Kirkheaton churchyard the remains of Mr. John Green Hardy. He formerly belonged to the Kirkheaton company, but latterly he had joined the Almondbury company. He was one of the famous company formed in 1871, called the All England Company, who won many prizes, and notably the Great Prize given at Saddleworth in 1875, when twenty-five companies competed. He has won eight first prizes on church bells, besides numerous others, and also a great many prizes on handbells. No man ever lived who loved ringing better than he did. Nature having formed him physically weak, he was mentally strong, and it was a saying among his friends that if ill, and any ringing were proposed to him, it would cure him better than a doctor, and although his last illness was of a most distressing nature, his friends never gave him up till the last moment, he bore illness like a man without complaint, and it was characteristic of him, that on Whit-Monday last he won the first prize at Armitage Bridge with the Almondbury company in the Heavy Woollen competition, and then went home ill, from which he never recovered. His friends were legion, and to show in what esteem he was held in his native village, he was elected a member of the Urban District Board, and was also chairman of the Lepton School Board, in fact he was a most useful member of society, and could ill be spared. Friends attended from all the surrounding churches and the Kirkheaton company rung a muffled peal at his funeral. Age 61 years.

THOMAS STEAD.

Notices.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wingerworth to-day, Saturday, September 5th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's church, Farnworth, near Widnes, to-day, Saturday, September 5th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*

3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The twenty-sixth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District will be held at Aldeburgh to-day, Saturday, September 5th. The bells of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 until 9 p.m. Business meeting in the upper parish room at 5.30, when the Rector will preside. All members and friends cordially welcome.

H. J. BUTTON, *Hon. District Sec.*
Valley Road, Leiston.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday September 5th, at Cheadle.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The election of officers of this society for the ensuing year will take place on Friday, September 11th. All members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

Hornsey. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, September 12th. Divine Service at parish church, with address by Vicar, 5 p.m.; meat tea, 5.30 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Sixpence allowed to each member who sends shilling postal order on or before Tuesday, September 8th, to

C. H. JOBERNS, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Flixton, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting in schoolroom at 7 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Leesfield, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock. I hope that all members will try to make it convenient to attend, as the Rochdale meetings are the worse meetings in the Association. All ringers invited—members or non-members.

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

The Yorkshire Association.—The general meeting will be held at Bradford on Saturday next, September 12th, this day being the 50th anniversary of the opening of the parish church bells. Service at 4, with sermon by the Rev. T. W. Story, M.A. Tea in the school, Captain street, at 5.30, business meeting after. The local hon. sec. is Mr. Sidney Clark, 39, Knowsley street, Leeds road, Bradford.

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Sussex County Association (Central).—Meeting at Uckfield on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Maiden Head hotel at 5.30.

G. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—The Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 26th, at Manchester. Service in the cathedral at 3.30 p.m. Preacher—The Hon. and Rev. A. T. Lyttelton, M.A., vicar of Eccles. Nominations for the offices of President, Treasurer, Corresponding and Financial Secretary should be sent at once. Rossendale, Blackburn, Liverpool, and Preston branches are called upon to nominate members for the Committee. All matter for the above, any additions or alterations for the report, should be sent to J. Redford. New compositions of peals rung during the year send to A. E. Wreaks, 41, Gibbon Street, Bolton.

J. REDFORD, } *Hon Secs.*
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Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday, September 22nd. Address by the Rev. W. Pelham Burn, Vicar. Dinner at 1.30 at the Conservative Club, St. Giles' street. Hon. members and friends, 2s. 6d., company members, 1s. 6d. Entrance in Norfolk Hotel yard. Business meeting after dinner, when the Annual Report will be read, and officers for the ensuing year elected; also four representatives to the Central Council, for which nominations in writing, signed by two members, should be sent to the Hon. Secretary at least one week before the meeting. Notice should be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, September 17th, of the numbers intending to be present, stating if reduced rail fares are required, with station of departure. Attention cannot be guaranteed to late notices.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Evesham, on Saturday, September 26th. The Rev. G. Napier Whittingham, M.A., Vicar, has kindly promised to preside over same in the Parish Hall at 5.30 prompt, and placed the tower and bells at our disposal.

JNO. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. L. Routledge's address in the future is 8, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Secretaries of Societies please note the change.—Mr. William Holmes has removed to 16, Bath lane terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NOTE TO EASTBOURNE PEAL.—This peal was rang at the third attempt, the 1st and 2nd ones failing through the 7th rope breaking, and an error in the ringing after one and two hours' duration respectively. The band desire to thank the vicar and churchwardens for the frequent use of the bells in one week. After the peal Mr. J. Andrews kindly invited the band to a substantial supper at The Lamb hotel (which had been twice ordered and postponed) and were joined by our two friends and host, W. Greenfield, also a ringer. Mr. Andrews in the chair and Mr. Fussell, vice. There were no toasts, but success to the Royal Cumberland Youths was expressed, this being the first peal rang by that Society in Eastbourne. The company included H. Vernon and Thomas

Lewis, who were in the attempts. The thanks of the company was conveyed by Mr. Fussell to the chairman for his hospitality and also for his generous promise to erect a marble tablet recording the peal in the belfry, of course subject to the approval of the vicar, whose son, Mr. Ottley, visited the tower to wish good luck to the attempt. The band are all residents of the town excepting the conductor. W. H. F.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JERRY.—We think the writer was Eugene Sue. Certainly the author of the poem was not Dickens, but Southey.

ALADDIN.—You will see it announced in this number.

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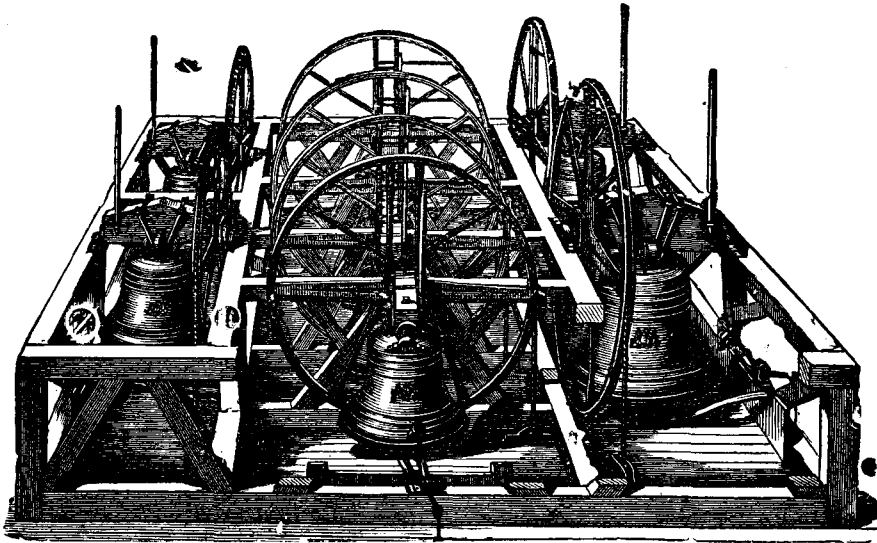
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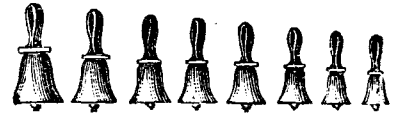
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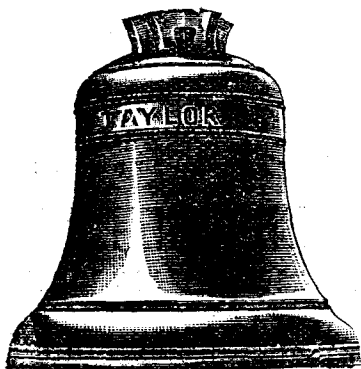
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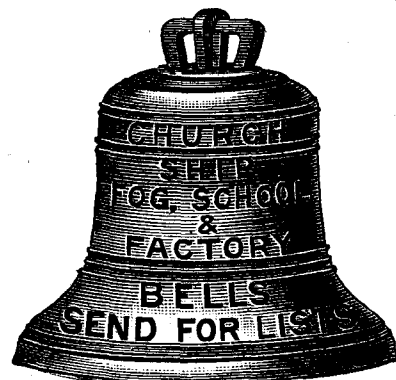
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