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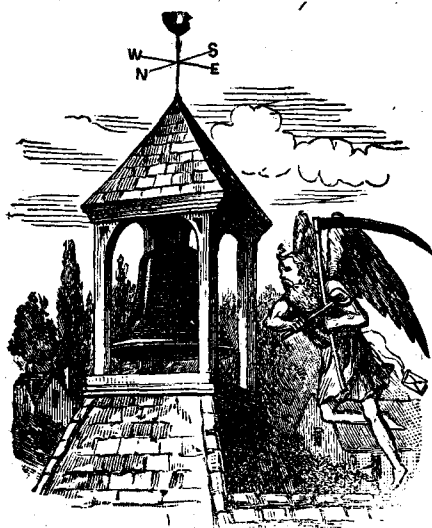
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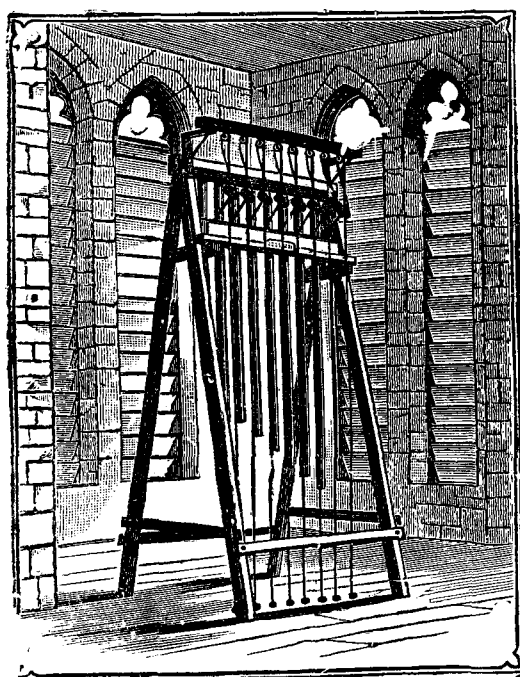
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Saturday last witnessed a "double event" at Bradford. On that day fifty years ago, the present ring of ten bells in the parish church tower were formally "opened;" and that day practically completed the twenty-first year of the Yorkshire Association. There was thus a jubilee and a coming of age to celebrate. The weather, unfortunately, was anything but favourable, heavy showers falling at frequent intervals. But that untoward circumstance did not prevent a large attendance of members, who came from Bradford, Shipley, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Brighouse, York, Wakefield, Armley, Hull, Bramley, Pontefract, Rothwell, Low Moor, Knaresborough, Tong, Doncaster, Birstall, Guiseley, Lightcliffe, Pudsey, Skipton, Heptonstall, Treeton, Bingley, Saltaire, Bolton and several other places.

First on the day's programme was a special choral service in the parish church, at which there was a large congregation. Service opened with the "Old Hundredth," and at the close "The Church's one Foundation" was sung. The Rev. T. W. Story, M.A., then preached an eminently practical sermon, taking as his text—"Oh, earth, earth, earth! hear the words of the Lord" (Jeremiah xxii. 29). The preacher made reference to the treatment of the subject of the bells by the poets, and quoted passages from Shakespeare, Tennyson, Moore and Cowper; and then alluding to the historical aspect of the occasion, he spoke of the services which had been rendered to bell-ringing by the Yorkshire Association. During the twenty-one years of its existence, he said, the Association had accomplished great reforms. The object of the promoters of the Association was not merely to promote change-ringing as a science, but also as a branch of church work. It was understood that the ringers were to consider themselves as church workers, ready to defend and help the Church, and valuing the work which the Church had at heart—that being nothing less than the advancement of the Kingdom of God among men. To set forth the history of the parish church bells would almost be to write the history of the town. They would all know how Bradford had changed during the period of fifty years; how green fields had given place to great piles of warehouses and shops. Amongst other indications of development was the fact that during the time referred to the number of churches in the town had increased from six to thirty, and the parish church bells had celebrated the completion of the erection of each of these additional churches. They had celebrated the incorporation of Bradford, tolled mournfully for many of the prominent citizens of the town, and had been a part of the life of Bradford in every way. It was significant that when they were first placed in the historic tower of that church the funds for that purpose were subscribed to not only by churchmen, but also by members of all denominations in the town. He would like them always to hear in the music of the bells the words of the text which he had chosen, for he was of opinion that to-day, as in the day of Jeremiah, the great evil of the times was not so much scepticism or the tendency to self-indulgence and vice as it was the indifference of the people. Though there were only churches and chapels in Bradford to accommodate as many hundreds as there were thousands of population, these places of worship were never filled except upon special occasions, and it seemed impossible to induce large masses of the people to find inclination to attend to anything beyond the matters of time and sense. He knew it was a busy age, and men's energies were taxed very greatly by the keenness of competition, but he urged upon them, as Jeremiah urged the people of his day, the paramount necessity of not being so absorbed in their material affairs that they neglected the attention which was needed for the things of eternity.

The singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past"

concluded the whole, and in the midst of a heavy downpour, a hasty adjournment was made to the schools, where Messrs. Read and Brown, of the Coffee Tavern Company, served a most excellent tea to the large number of guests. Before leaving the tables, a cordial vote of thanks to the churchwardens and school trustees was proposed by Mr. W. Snowdon, who expressed the regret, which was shared by every member of the Association, that the Venerable Archdeacon Bardsley was not there to welcome them; adding that by his lamented death the Church had lost an able and faithful minister, and ringers had lost a friend.

This motion was seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley, and carried amid loud cheers.

Mr. A. W. Ward, on behalf of himself and co-warden, acknowledged the vote and re-echoed the sentiments expressed by the President with reference to their late beloved Vicar, whose loss they felt so keenly.

By this time the rain had abated, and steps were retraced to the churchyard, where the members, with the clergy and other church officials were grouped in front of the venerable tower and photographed by Mr. George Whitaker, of Bingley, a member of the Association. This having been accomplished, the school was again visited for the business meeting, when the chair was occupied by Mr. W. Snowdon, president. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, it was resolved to place on record the vote passed at tea. Messrs. J. W. T. Holgate (Bramley), and James Cotterell (Halifax), were unanimously elected auditors. On the motion of Mr. W. Abbishaw (Rothwell), seconded by Mr. George Bolland (Tong), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. T. W. Story, M.A., for his able sermon; and to Mr. Coates, organist, and his choir for their assistance at the service.

Mr. J. Yeadon (Guiseley), moved, and Mr. F. Prince (Brighouse), seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the local branch for its generous arrangements, which was carried with loud applause, and acknowledged by Mr. Henry Raistrick, which concluded the business. The bells of the parish church were kept going till late in the evening, which brought to a close the interesting proceedings.

The *Bradford Observer* says it was a happy coincidence that Bradford, the birthplace of the Yorkshire Change-Ringers Association twenty-one years ago, should have been the chosen ground for celebrating the society's coming of age, and that the celebration should chime in with the jubilee of the bells at the parish church. The Yorkshire Association occupies a very different position to-day to that which it held during the first year of its operations. Only some twenty or thirty members found inclination to band themselves together in the first instance, and the society was looked upon with a very suspicious eye by clergy and church officials; but as time went on it was recognised that not only was valuable service being done to the Art of change-ringing, and an improvement being made in the social conditions of the ringers, but also a closer tie was being established between the authorities of the churches and these humbler servants of theirs, and the ringers were becoming more intelligently interested in the work of their churches as well as the bells. The association has now a membership of about 900, and its honorary members include all the principal church dignitaries in the county. The assembly on Saturday was the largest gathering of bellringers held in the town, and the excellence of the ringing was noticed by most of the people who crowded the streets in the evening.

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.

WALTON-ON-THE-WOLDS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The rector of St. Mary's, Walton (the Rev. M. B. Bird, B.A.), the churchwarden (Mr. W. Daft), and all those who have assisted, are to be congratulated at the result of the effort to secure for Walton-on-the-Wolds a peal of bells at which the parish may, with every justification, feel both pride and pleasure. The original intention when the subscription list was first opened, was to raise a fund sufficient for the re-hanging of the already three existing bells, which was rendered absolutely necessary in consequence of the decay in the old oak frame which had been doing duty since 1729. The response, however, to the appeal of the esteemed rector, from the landowners in and friends of the parish and the parishioners generally was so hearty, and contributions came in so freely, that it was considered advisable while they were having a new frame to obtain one that would be of sufficient capacity to accommodate five bells. The next development in the happy succession of events in connection with the bells of Walton-on-the-Wolds, was an offer from a landowner in the parish, Mr. J. W. Taylor (Messrs. Taylor, Founders, Loughborough), a few months or so ago, to give a treble bell if the money could be raised to provide a tenor bell. As may easily be imagined, the opportunity to secure the peal of five bells was seized with avidity, and Mr. Taylor was heartily thanked for his liberality, and the result was that the order for the other bell and the work in connection with the re-hanging was placed with Messrs. Taylor, who have satisfactorily completed their part of the contract, and Saturday week a service in connection with the opening of the bells took place, the function of their dedication and consecration being performed by Bishop Mitchinson. Unfortunately the weather was very inclement, and doubtless kept away many who would otherwise have been only too glad to have been present to witness the ceremony. Sufficient, however, of the parishioners were present, in spite of the unpropitiousness of the elements, to show the great interest with which those in the district regarded the undertaking.

The service, at which Mr. W. G. Taylor, Loughborough, presided at the organ, started at about four o'clock, the Bishop being accompanied on entering the sacred edifice by the rector, the Rev. E. Dalton (rector of Seagrave), and the Rev. T. Pitts (Loughborough). The first hymn sung was "We love the place O God," and the special psalms were numbers 145 and 150. The prayers were said by the rector, and the lesson from 14 Cor., was read by the Rev. T. Pitts, after which the Bishop, with the others officiating at the service, in procession, proceeded down the nave to the entrance of the church, from which point admission is gained to the belfry, for the purpose of discharging the gratifying function which was the occasion of his visit. After he had declared the bells to be "dedicated and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen," the procession retraced its steps, and the quartette forming it resumed their former positions.

The rector then announced that they had received £108 odd towards the bells fund, and they wanted about £57 more. They hoped within the next few weeks or so to collect another £25, which will only leave about £32 owing. They hoped to pay that off by the weekly offertories. The hymn "O praise ye the Lord" having been rendered,

The Bishop gave an interesting address to those present, basing his remarks on the first verse of the 81st Psalm, viz.:—"Make a joyful noise unto the house of Jacob."

After the sermon, the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung, and collections made, which realized £1 15s. 6d., was in aid of the bells fund, the concluding hymn being, "Now thank we all our God," and as the congregation were dispersing, the organist played a fugue in C minor by Bach.

A number of the Loughborough company, viz.:—Messrs. J. W. Taylor, sen. and jun., E. Denison Taylor, R. Lane, J. Hardy, E. Cartwright, Harriman, Inglesant, S. Smith, J. Smith, and W. Tyler, gave touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the peal of bells after the conclusion of the service.

The total cost of the undertaking amounted to £198, made up as follows:—The new treble bell, given by Mr. J. W. Taylor, £33; the new tenor bell, £65, and the new iron frame with steel

girders £100. After allowing for the collection at the service there remains about £55 to wipe out the debt on the bells fund.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—"A.M.D.C. The gift of the founder, John William Taylor, A.D. 1896."
2nd.—"God save the Church. 1656. Robert Blunt, James Blunt."
3rd.—"1853. John Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, founders."
This bell about 43 years since was cracked when utilised in ringing in the new year, and was sent to Messrs. Taylor to be re-cast.
4th.—"John Bryant, Hertford, fecit 1807. J. Shuttlewood, C.W.; Rev. Phillip Story, rector; J. Palmer, C.W."
Tenor.—"Andite et Venite, Venite et Andite. Montagu B. Bird, B.A., Rector. William Daft, Churchwarden. A.D. 1896."

The rector, with several of the inhabitants of Walton, paid a visit to the Loughborough Foundry to witness the casting of the bells. The peal has been put into perfect tune, in the key of A flat, and all the bells are equipped with entirely new fittings, in which all the latest improvements are introduced, notably the iron girder head-stocks, the Heywood lubricators for the bearings, and the Hastings stays. The iron framework is of H shape, massive castings being bolted to stout steel girders, and it stands perfectly rigid while the whole peal is swinging.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

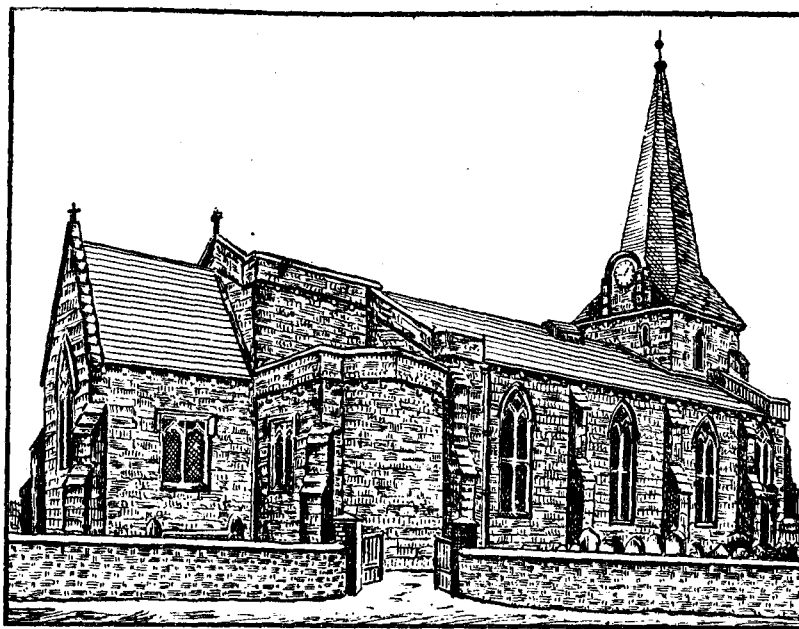
The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 12th, in the charming little old town of Wotton-under-Edge; but partly, perhaps, because it is rather a long way from a railway station, and partly, perhaps, because from morning till noon there was a regular tropical downpour of rain, there was rather a poor attendance of members. Most of these however, who put in an appearance set to work with the ropes soon after their arrival, and found that the bells went uncommonly well. At five o'clock evensong was said in the parish church, which is a fine edifice, in spite of the restoration not having been carried out as it might have been under a more judicious architect. A very sensible address was delivered by the Vicar, who subsequently presided at a substantial repast which had been prepared in the Church Institute, which was once, we believe, a cloth mill, and is admirably adapted for a its present purpose. Amongst the company were the Master, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary of the Association, past Master Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. C. D. Mason Cox, the brothers Howell, E. Duckham, and C. H. Horton. The Vicar proved himself a very genial chairman, and ample justice was done to the good things provided by Mrs. Eyles, who looks like the embodiment of good nature. A business meeting ensued, but the proceedings were devoid of public interest; and as soon as it was over the ringers repaired again to the belfry and rung 500 Stedman Triples in a most creditable manner.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Wingerworth on Saturday, September 5th. Owing to the wet and miserable weather, representatives only from Tibshelf, Wingerworth, and North Wingfield put in an appearance. Regret was expressed that more members did not attend to do justice to the splendid tea provided by Messrs. Burkitt and Barnes (churchwardens), the rector being very ill. The Rev. W. Calder (son of the rector, who is now over from Australia for his holidays), was voted to the chair, and gave some very interesting accounts of church matters in Australia, stating how our own countrymen when abroad miss the sound of the church-going bell, although they themselves when in England never heeded the call the bells gave. But once abroad, the old proverb "we never miss the water till the well runs dry," is forcibly brought home. They who till then never heeded the sound of the church bells, then long and crave for it, when it cannot be heard.

It was unanimously resolved to hold a special meeting at Ripley on Saturday, October 17th, when all members are invited (friends included).

Votes of thanks to the churchwardens for the tea, and also to the rector for the use of the schoolroom and bells, brought the meeting to a close. The bells were afterwards kept going till about 8.20.



THE CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS, UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT UCKFIELD.

A meeting was held at Uckfield on Saturday, September 12th, but only a few members put in an appearance, including Mr. Saker (the Eastern Divisional Secretary); Messrs. Goldsmith (Southover, Lewes); E. Butler (St. Nicolas, Brighton), F. Bennett (St. Peter's, Brighton); and G. Williams (Divisional Secretary). A capital tea was provided at The Maiden Head hotel, Mr. Saker, in the absence of the Rector, presiding.

Mr. Muddle, the captain of the local band, on behalf of the rector, gave the members of the Association a hearty welcome, and expressed regret at his (the Rector's) inability to attend the tea, owing to a previous engagement.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. Muddle for making arrangements for the tea.

The tower of the parish church was then visited, and the bells kept going till 8.30 p.m., when they were lowered in peal by the local company, who we are sorry to say are not at present members of the Association, but several expressed their willingness to join another year.

The bells, a fair ring of eight (but treble is rather badly cracked), bears the following inscriptions and dates:

Treble.—"These two trebles raised by voluntary subscriptions by Messrs. Lough, Markwick, and others, to make them a peal of eight." 4 cwt.

Second.—"I mean to make it understood, that tho' I'm little yet I'm good." 4½ cwt.

Third.—"You'll own my voice is sweet and clear. W. Mears fecit 1785." 5 cwt.

Fourth.—"If you have a judicious ear." 5½ cwt.

Fifth.—"Peace and good neighbourhood." 6½ cwt.

Sixth.—"Ye people all who hear me ring, be faithful to your God and King." 7 cwt.

Seventh.—"These bells were purchased by voluntary subscription by the inhabitants of Uckfield and their many friends." 9 cwt.

Tenor.—"While thus we join in cheerful sound, may love and loyalty abound." 12 cwt.

The back six date from 1779. The following is a copy of the tablet recording the first peal rang on them:—

"On Whit-Monday, June 4th, 1827, a true and complete peal of 5040 changes of Plain Bob Trebles was rung in this steeple by the Uckfield Youths in 3 hours and 3 minutes, being the first peal that was ever rung by them. Six of those Youths were pupils of Mr. Charles Welch. Mr. Willm. Wood, *Treble*; Mr. Edwd. French, 2; Mr. Chas. Farley, 3; Mr. Richd. Markwick, 4; Mr. John Pelham, 5; Mr. John Farley, 6; *Mr. Chas. Welch*, 7; Mr. Edwd. Markwick, *Tenor*."

As far as we could gather from the local ringers, Mr. Charles Welch came into the neighbourhood at the time of the building of Buxted House, and is supposed to have conducted this peal, his name being in italics.

We give above an illustration of the church of Holy Cross, Uckfield. The Rector is the Rev. Edward Sanderson, M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, who was instituted in 1880. Uckfield is in the Diocese of Chichester, and the patron of the benefice is the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rector is one of the Surrogates of the Diocese. The net value of the living is £41, with two acres of glebe and house.

CHARETON, DEVON.

The old bells of this church, four in number, two of which were cracked, have lately been restored. The two cracked ones have been recast, and the treble, which was a very light bell and a weak one in tone, has also been recast and made heavier. Two new bells, a first and second, have also been added, so as to make one of six. The two new bells, and the three recast ones have all been tuned from the old tenor, which weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. The new bells were dedicated by Canon Houghton, Vicar of Alvington, at a special service, before a crowded congregation,

and the bells were rung by bands of ringers from Kingsbridge Stokenham, and West Alvington. The whole work, which included new oak beams and floor and oak frame and fittings, and the fixing of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, church bell hanger, of Woodbury, who has carried out his work to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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SINGLES FOR SIX-BELL METHODS.

By J. J. PARKER, Farnham Royal.

There seems to be considerable doubt in the minds of many young composers and conductors as to the right kind of single that should be used for some of our plain six-bell methods. This is perhaps owing chiefly to the fact that in an old book ("Monk") in which there is a collection of six-bell methods, the singles in many cases are wrong. The same may be said of a collection which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" many years ago, which were compiled by Mr. Walker of Leeds. Now if the thing is put to the only practical test, there will be no difficulty, and the thing will decide the matter for itself. For instance, in Plain Bob and all such methods in which 2nds place is made at the plain lead, and 4ths at the bob, both of these places together with 3rds should be made at the single when the three different half-ways, together with the handstroke of the single, will be as follows:—

1 2 4 3 6 5	1 3 2 4 6 5	1 4 3 2 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6	1 3 2 4 5 6	1 4 3 2 5 6

Here it should be noted that the single in each case is made precisely the same way in each case, and that only two bells are out of place. Why the three half-ways are different, is because the single in the first case is a substitute for a plain lead, and in the second case for a bob, and the third case is where fourteen, twenty, or thirty-two bobs are employed. Now if in the first two cases 2 3 4 were allowed to run home, and 5 6 lie still thus:—

1 2 4 3 6 5	1 3 2 4 6 5
1 2 3 4 6 5	1 2 3 4 6 5

Here again only two bells are out of place, but it must be noted that the working of the bells is different in each case, and that each single suits its own particular case only, if otherwise used five bells would be thrown out of place. Thus it is clear that the kind of single used in the third case, and which suits the other two, must be the correct one.

Now in applying the above theory in the case of methods in which 4ths place is made at the plain lead, and 6ths at the bob, or 6ths at the plain lead, and 4ths at the bob, both of these places, together with 5ths, should be made at the single, when the three different half-ways, together with the handstroke of the single, will be as follows:—

1 3 2 5 4 6	1 3 2 4 6 5	1 3 2 6 5 4
1 2 3 5 4 6	1 2 3 4 6 5	1 2 3 6 5 4

Here it will be seen at a glance that this kind of single is objectionable, because it affects the 5-6s, and to get over this difficulty it has been the custom, in such as the first two cases, to cause 3-2 to lie still and allow 4-5-6 to run home. Here again no provision is made for the third case, and it is at this point that the young composer becomes confused, in the endeavour to use a kind of single that does not suit all cases. To get over the difficulty as regards the 5-6s the single should never be called at the half-way and home in these methods, but at some point as will leave them undisturbed. A good position is when they both come together in 2-3, or one may be in 2-3, and the other making the place at the plain lead or the bob, as the case may be. If a 720 is composed with the single at the half-way, it can always be transposed afterwards.

In the case of Double Court and Double Stedman Slow Course, when no bobs are used, a single that will allow the bells in 4-5-6 to work as at a plain lead, may be used with good effect, the bells doing their Treble Bob dodging in Court, and their slow work in Stedman, will then meet with less interruption. Our old friend H. Burstow has, I believe, always adopted this plan in ringing Court Bob round about Horsham.

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."

YORKSHIRE COURT.

SIR,—In your issue of August 15th the interesting letter of Mr. J. J. Parker, pointing out the falseness of the above in Minor, calls for some expression of thanks from me as Jasper Snowdon's brother, and as editor of the last edition of "Standard Methods." Mr. Parker's praiseworthy investigation clearly sets forth the fact that too much reliance must not be placed on the accuracy of matters handed down to us, even when they come from distinguished experts. Those who have the early volumes of "Church Bells" will perhaps be interested in turning to page 595 of Vol. II. (1872), where they will find a letter signed by *A Yorkshire College Youth*. Therein mention is first made of this method. This letter had, by the way, been written and sent up for the editorial columns, as the *we* points out, but Mr. Ellacombe, wisely as matters now stand, turned it into a letter and added the *nom de plume*. My brother, giving the figures of a lead, etc., explained that Henry Hubbard had extended the work of Bob Minor by a simple step with a special view of encouraging learners to get out of the groove in which they often buried their talents, viz, out of the one method in which they had been taught.

Now that Mr. Parker has shown us the pitfall, it is not difficult to see the double danger that exists in a method or variation which not only has its rows of the same nature—whether *in* or *out* of course—when the treble is in a particular place both up and down; but which also has no neutral or central point, in its plain course, at, and from, which the work of a bell may be said to repeat itself backward, and so exhaust all the rows peculiar to that plain course (as it seems to me) without poaching on the preserves of another.

It is gratifying to find that the workings of the *ins* and *outs* in Yorkshire College Major render repetition avoidable, and even impossible, provided that, when used, the singles are carefully introduced. The truth of the method in Major makes one wonder whether Hubbard worked it out on eight, and afterwards threw it into Minor (in which form it is given, in the letter to which I have referred) without further examinations of the *ins* and *outs* which fall quite differently on six:—Otherwise Hubbard would hardly have been found tripping (with his special knowledge of the subject) nor my brother overlooking the point at fault.

It only remains for me to thank Mr. Parker for his able letter, and to express my regret that such an error should have appeared in "Standard Methods"—Jasper's first peal (and mine alongside) collapse as false, since this formed one of the seven Minor methods rung on the occasion.

Leeds, September 14th, 1896.

P.S.—Absence from home has prevented my thanking Mr. Parker earlier.—W. S.

WM. SNOWDON.

REPLY TO MR. J. W. COCKCROFT.

SIR,—In answer to the query by Mr. J. W. Cockcroft, of East Crompton, near Oldham, published in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 5th, I can give him the following particulars as to the Todmorden Society, where we have a fine peal of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank. Our company consists at present of eleven members. The length of time each has rung here continuously is as follows:—Four from January, 1869, or twenty-seven years and eight months; three from 1870; one from 1874; and the remaining three about nine years, so that we have a full company of eight who have rung together continuously for twenty-two years. In addition to the above, we lost one only a year ago through change of residence (having gone to reside in Blackpool), who had been with us since 1869; and another still residing in the town who commenced at the same date, who retired from active service a few years ago, but had rung regularly for considerably over twenty years. I think therefore that the Crompton ringers will have to allow us to have the record for the present, though I should not be surprised to hear of other competitors.

3, Raglan Street, Todmorden, Sept. 11th.

JAS. W. GREENWOOD.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, August 9th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen bobs and twenty-two singles). C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; A. Savage, 4; H. Percival, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Sunday morning, August 16th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two bobs and fourteen singles). C. E. Wilson, 1; J. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. In the evening 720 Plain Bob (sixteen bobs and eighteen singles). H. Percival, 1; J. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; A. Savage, 4; H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. All the above were composed and conducted by C. E. Wilson.

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MEN AND MANNERS.

What churchman of the working classes is there who has not been taunted that the clergy are against the workers? That the parsons in general preach that it is good to suffer here in sure and certain hope of a glorious hereafter? I say working class churchmen have borne this sneer for ages, but listen to the Dean of Ely. Speaking in St. Michael's church, Edinburgh, to congregations of trades union delegates and workers, the Dean, who is the author of "Christ and Democracy," took for his subject "The true ideal of the Church." In his opinion the attitude of the masses was not of hostility, but that the Church and Christianity had no interest for them—that it had done nothing in the way of a solution for our social problems, such as a living wage, and the abolition of women and child labour. If the Church would only take up the prophetic line like St. James she would denounce wrongdoing and oppression in whatever class. Says the Dean—"Prices should follow wages, and not the present contrary system." To the usurer and dividend taker, there might be some in his audience, he would say—"Does your business *deserve* to pay? Is your income derived from starvation wages and long hours? No money is legitimately earned which is got through the weakness or ignorance of your neighbour." Dean Stubbs at St. Mary's cathedral smote even harder. He says—"No one ought to feel that he has any right to pray 'Give us this day our daily bread,' unless he believes that in a Christian state (1) every citizen ought to have a subsistence, before anyone has a superfluity; (2) each and every citizen can and ought to enjoy equality of consideration, social opportunity and justice; (3) no wealth is honest wealth which is accumulated by taking advantage of the ignorance of the class with whom you deal. Such bread is not God's but the devil's, and the 'prosperity' that of swindlers." These sermons have been given under the auspices of the Christian Social Union, and to my knowledge they have borne good fruit by breaking down a considerable amount of bias against the Church in the minds of many. The C.S.U. is on the right track. If we were all Christians our social evil would not long exist. If we were all Christians there would not be thousands of our fallen outcast sisters walking under the lamps to satisfy the lust of those who in many cases have driven their victims to their horrible calling by the impossibility of an honest life with a starvation wage. If we were all *christians* we should not civilize the heathen at the point of the bayonet or by the Maxim gun, nor would the christian (?) employer lower wages on Saturday and raise rents on Monday. But we are not all christians, and the outlook is not bright, nor will it be until many of our clergy speak out as boldly as those I have quoted.

Variety is the spice of life, and that is the reason I have chosen to commence seriously this week. Whether our hobby be one of pleasure or no, we cannot always dwell on one theme, our minds will not always follow our will, and we feel at times that we must give vent to whatever weighs mentally upon us and cry with Charles Mackay:—

Come age, with experience fresh gathered from time,
Come youths in your vigour, come men in your prime;
From pleasure or slumber, from study or play,
Come forth in your myriads and aid us to-day;
There's a word to be spoken, a deed to be done,
A truth to be uttered—a cause to be won!

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft are evidently in fine form, seeing that the back ring of ten have been turned into Treble Bob Royal for two peals in a fortnight. The last peal being rung in the Oxford variation may be taken as even superior to the previous one of Kent. There seems no reason to doubt the statement made in the footnote, viz.: that the weight of the tenor is not 41 cwt. but 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs., but we all know that in villages if we take the word of the old timers, their tenors are always over a ton. Just a few pounds over—they can't tell to an ounce, but they are positive the tenor is over a ton. When the tenor tenor is weighed it is usually found about 13 or 14 cwt. In the last few years we have seen the weight of tenors grow, peal after peal; so I hope the big bell of Norwich will be weighed.

The tenor at Erith has been disputed more than once, and that of "Bonny Christ Church bells," Oxford, gradually rose at one time from 19 cwt., 20, 30, 40, to 45 cwt. The actual weight is 31 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs. bell metal. In regard to St. Peter's Mancroft, Hubbard states that "this fine-toned bell is 41 cwt. in C." Shipway also says it was 41 cwt. in 1816. What are we to believe?

The Derby branch of the Midland Counties' Association is still going ahead with their peals of Grandsire Triples on handbells, for which they are to be congratulated; but why not try another method or two? Surely our old friends Harry Woodward or Albert Thompson would take a pair. I mention this because I notice separate bands usually ring the Derby peals. The handbell band I notice do not do much on the tower bells. This is of course nobody's business but their own, but take this advice, my young men of Derby, don't let the handbell ringing occupy all your attention. The church should stand first, and although we hold that handbell peals rank higher for merit than those of the tower, remember your position as church workers should be your first consideration. I know what the handbell fever is, but better shun it if it results in keeping you out of the belfry.

Here is a glorious opportunity—a fortune awaits you, and all for doing simply nothing. From the land of the wooden nutmeg comes a brand new means of earning a livelihood when too old to work. A patent medicine vendor has hit on the idea of securing a number of thoroughly bald-headed men and renting their shiny poles as hoardings for advertisements. The men cannot complain (for they come coloured) as they are sent into places of amusement; and when they remove their hats there stands out in bold lettering on their craniums "Try Screecham's Pills." The pit and stalls simply roar with delight, and the uproar in the gallery can be better imagined than described. Henceforth I shall not worry about old age pensions, but simply wait with blissful nonchalance until the barber has gathered in his sheaves and gleaned to his satisfaction all the wool from the devoted head of

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

The coming of age of Mr. Ralph Waterer was celebrated on Monday, August 31st. Ringing was started between five and six o'clock in the morning, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Starting again at two o'clock, the bells were kept going at intervals till 5.30., several 360s and touches of Bob Minor being rung. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; O. Harding, 4; E. Spooner, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. At 6.30 the ringers were invited to dine with the tenants and tradesmen at The Fighting Cocks inn, where a capital spread was waiting them. After the cloth had been removed, Mr. Waterer appeared on the scene, and after his health had been drank, and "For he's a jolly good fellow" sung, two touches of Bob Minor were rung. Returning to the inn, Mr. Waterer was found there, and the handbells being brought out, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung, which delighted the company. T. Gould, 1-2; E. Collins, 3-4; B. Hawkins, 5; J. Corbett, 6; E. Spooner, 7-8. Afterwards Mr. Waterer called the ringers, and gave each ringer a present in the shape of a sovereign each. Returning back to the company several toasts were given and duly honoured. Mr. Waterer shook hands with all present, and returned home, while the rest of the evening was spent in touches on the handbells, and songs by Messrs. Corbett, Varndell, Gould, and Bond, which brought a pleasant day to a close.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Waterer's mother gave the ring of six to the parish church, tenor 21½ cwt., in memory of her husband, Mr. Michael Waterer, who died December 1st, 1880. Mrs. Waterer never lived to hear them rung, she dying in November 1881, before the building of the church was finished.

TONG (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, August 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. Z. Lord, 1; 1; P. Farrar (Tong), 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. Cockroft, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6.

PRACTICAL HINTS TO YOUNG CONDUCTORS
AND COMPOSERS.

CHAPTER II.

It was shown last week how to call a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with the 5th being the "fixed," or observation-bell. The same usage can be applied to the 3rd bell, *i.e.* she can be made the observation in the same manner, only that the calling will have to be commenced one lead earlier. The first half of such a 6-score is thus:—

1 2 3 4 5
1 4 5 2 3 -
1 4 3 5 2
1 5 2 4 3 -
1 5 3 2 4
1 4 2 5 3 S

This calling to be repeated, as before. The order of the bobs and singles can be varied in the same manner as was shown when the 5th was used as the observation.

To ring the observation-bell when calling is what every pupil should do at first, because not only is his work rendered easier, but he is better able to look about him and take soundings, as it were, of the work of the other bells. But he should soon be able to do without its aid, so far as ringing is concerned.

There is a process which is very useful to the bob-caller when he reaches the higher numbers of bells, and that is "observations by the bells before." As by this many peals are called, in other methods beside the one we are dealing with, it will be as well to see what it means. Every one who reads these lines should be aware for some time previous, when "thirds place and back to lead" has to be done. A ringer whose bell the treble has turned from behind knows full well that the treble is following it down, and will inevitably take it off the lead. In such case, when his bell is leading its first blow, the treble will be in 3rds. As he is leading this first blow let him call "bob," which will be calling his own bell "before." To call one's own bell before is very easy indeed, and in Grandsire Doubles it may be effected with any bell but the 2nd, and repeated until the bells run home.

To call any bell "before" requires some little thought. Before entering upon this the following scale may be looked at. Let us imagine the change given below to be a bob lead-end, *i.e.* a bob having been called this change is the back-stroke lead of the treble when the bob is made:—

Into the hunt.
Before.
Out of the hunt.
Right.

1 4 5 2 3

Here are the four places in which the bells fall at a bob. The observation for calling your own bell "before" we have just given; that for "right" was explained last week. To call your own bell "into the hunt" it must be in 2nds place going up with the treble just behind it, and the lead which will put a bell in that position is the one after it has dodged in 4-5 down. To get a bell out of the hunt the call must be given at the last blow of that bell behind.

Having gained an accurate knowledge of these positions, to call any bell "before" is plain. The chief thing is to know at what lead the bell required to be so called has to make 3rds through being taken off the lead by the treble. As a bell passes from front to behind its ringer should notice what bell he strikes upon immediately before he meets the treble; that is the bell which will make 3rds, and thus can be called "before" that lead. On any number of bells the same rule holds good. In ringing Cinques eight bells may be met with in going up behind previous to meeting the treble; the last bell of those eight will make thirds after leading, and is thus in a position to be called "before," as it leads the first blow. When the bell is discovered which has to be called before, and if not the bell the practitioner

is ringing, he will be able by a knowledge of the above scale to tell at once what position his own bell will be in at the bob, and call it accordingly.

In Grandsire Doubles either of the bells not in the hunt can only meet two bells (no more) in going up, before the treble is met with. Those two bells will be together in front if a bob is called, one being "before," and the other going into the hunt. It is obvious therefore that the last bell but one met before the treble, goes into the hunt at a bob.

If the foregoing remarks can be understood we can now proceed to examine a 6-score with nine calls instead of six. There is no necessity for more than one example, others may be obtained from the various works on ringing. The one here given is by observation of the 3rd, though after what has been written the pupil will be able to ring any bell and call this 120.

1 2 3 4 5
1 5 4 2 3 S
1 5 3 4 2
1 2 4 5 3 S
1 5 3 2 4 -

This 120 is in three parts, the above being the first. The 3rd is called "right" twice (by a single each time) and then "before" by a bob. This calling being twice repeated completes the 6-score.

The last lead of the above—15324, is for obvious reasons called the part-end, and it will be seen that the 3rd bell is at home there. In all cases when a peal or touch is divided into equal parts, all the parts being called alike, the bell or bells at home at the part-end do the same work in each part, and thus can be used as observation-bells if required.

In concluding Grandsire Doubles, a rule may be given to call the bells into rounds. This is very little trouble on so low a number. First call the 4th into the hunt, and if no singles have been made (or their equivalent) call the 5th "right." This is all that is necessary. But when about to call the 5th "right" it should be noticed whether the 2nd or 3rd will be called "before." If the 2nd should present itself for that duty, call a single; if the 3rd a bob, in either case the round is reached.

ALEPH.

(To be continued.)

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

A monthly ringing meeting of this Guild was held at Staines on Saturday, August 22nd, the vicar of St. Mary's (Rev. J. H. Armstrong), very kindly placing the bells at the disposal of the Guild from 5.30 p.m. There was a good muster of members and ringing friends from Isleworth, Hillingdon, Heston, and Ealing (Christ Church and St. Mary's); also some of the local company, whilst Messrs. Gutteridge (2), and T. Gosling journeyed from Windsor, and R. Flaxman from Slough. Mr. H. Simmonds, of Caversham, who happened to be in the town, also visited the tower. The "go" of the bells was considered good, and plenty of ringing indulged in by mixed bands, numerous touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Oxford Bob being brought round and conducted by Messrs. Basden, Taber, and Walsom (Ealing), and H. S. Reeves (Hillingdon). Some good practice was also obtained in Treble Bob Major. A touch of Plain Bob Major was also brought round. J. Gutteridge, 1; A. Taber, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; C. Edwards, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; H. S. Reeves, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

The bells having been kept going till close upon 9 o'clock, it was decided to bring the meeting to a close with a touch of Stedman. This was rung in a masterly style, and was undoubtedly the best striking of the evening. A. Taber, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Foster, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; C. Edwards, 5; F. Goddard, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; T. Beadle, 8. The members desire through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. A. Wicks, the steeple-keeper, for his kind attention.

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CRAMLINGTON, DURHAM. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Some months since Mr. Bodger, who is organist at this church, and who has always been distressed at the silence of this fine peal of bells, set to work to try to resuscitate their ringing, and for that purpose communicated with Mr. R. S. Story, of Whitley. The latter gentleman asked the Whitley ringers to accompany him to Cramlington, with a view to assist the ringers there, and this they willingly did at the time. The tenor of this peal is 20 cwt., and has been renowned as a very bad goer as long as any of the oldest ringers in the neighbourhood can remember. On arrival it was found to be quite as bad as was reputed, and it was quite impossible to ring a 720, Doubles being all that was possible, and that with difficulty, though strong men tried her. It was then suggested to Mr. Bodger that the bell being end-bound, a remedy might be applied in this direction, and it is pleasant to report that in this work which he at once took in hand, he was assisted by several of the old and new ringers, who lifted the tenor, and relieved the brasses at the end.

On the invitation of Dr. Hornsby, the Whitley ringers were invited to return in August to try the bells again, and enjoy the hospitality of Dr. Hornsby after ringing. This they did on Saturday, August 29th, when they found some improvement in the going of the tenor. It was still impossible to get her through a 720, though various ringers tried, the most notable attempt being one in which one in which W. Thompson took the tenor, and it was only lost when within a course or two of the finish through a change-course. After an examination of the bells, and further ringing, the local ringers and the visitors made their way to the schoolroom, where they were entertained to an ample tea. The vicar took the chair, supported by Dr. and Miss Hornsby, Mr. and Mrs. Ryder, Mr. H. Storey (churchwarden), Mr. R. S. Story (Whitley), and others; while Mr. Bodger, the honorary organist, who is taking such an interest in the belfry, occupied the vice-chair. Mrs. Bodger and several ladies assisted in attending to the wants of the company, so that the meal passed off most satisfactorily. After grace a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. and Miss Hornsby for their hospitality, and in returning thanks Dr. Hornsby referred to his old connection with the peal, he being one of the originators of the scheme for having them erected. He gave some excellent advice to the ringers as to the reasons why they should ring, and assured them of his support in the future to the best of his ability.

Mr. H. Story proposed the health of the visitors, to which Mr. R. S. Story and Mr. Ryder replied. Mr. Bodger proposed "The Ladies," their champion in replying in a very suitable speech, being the leader of the belfry. Mr. Ryder having brought a nice peal of handbells by Taylor, a course or two of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Gofton, J. Keen, W. Holmes, and R. S. Story. The local ringers then rang some call-changes on the tower bells, which, considering the bad "go" of the bells, was greatly to their credit, and it is satisfactory to note that there is every prospect of a good band of change-ringers being established here, as the men appear to be of the right disposition, and not the kind to be content to put up with any inferior method. At present the state of the bells stands greatly in the way of their advancement, but there is no doubt that Mr. Bodger, with such a band at his back, will not be long in getting them into ringing order.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

The peal of six bells at the church are about to be recast, with a new iron frame. Messrs. Allen and James, two of the local ringers, having recently inspected the old oak frame and reported to the vicar that it was unsafe; also suggesting that the bells be recast. A meeting having been called and a committee of gentlemen commenced to raise the sum of £400, intending to make a sound job of tower and bells. The subscription list has in a few weeks reached near upon £300. It is intended to entrust the work to Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough. E.J.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO RINGERS.

On Wednesday evening, September 9th, the ringers connected with St. James's church, Wigan, together with those gentlemen who have since the opening of the bells given their services in ringing for Divine Service twice each Sunday, were invited to supper on the invitation of Mr. Thomas Airey, of the Victoria Brewery. About thirty responded to the call, and assembled at the Eckersley's Arms, Poolstock, where a sumptuous spread had been prepared by Mr. and Mrs. James Paxton. Needless to say, the spread was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the host and hostess were highly complimented on the matter in which the toothsome delicacies had been placed upon the table. The post-prandial proceedings were presided over by Mr. R. O. Burland, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. R. Bannister.

The Chairman gave the toast of "The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was drunk in a most loyal manner.

The Chairman next proposed "Health to the donor, Mr. Thomas Airey," and in doing so said that his kindness on that occasion was actuated by a spirit of neighbourly feeling towards those who had, at great inconvenience themselves, come to St. James's belfry, Sunday after Sunday, and given their valuable assistance in ringing the bells. No monetary value could be placed on those services, but the hospitality of Mr. Airey that evening was conclusive evidence that the efforts of their ringing friends were appreciated in the district and that they added to their list of friends many of the "Islanders." The toast was vociferously received, and was accorded musical honours, the company singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The Chairman next gave the toast of "The Conductor" (Mr. John Meadow.) He said they in Poolstock ought to feel proud of the able manner in which he had brought St. James's ringers to their present state of efficiency in the short space of six weeks. Tuesday, this week, was the first time the bells had been rung "open" by them, and it was creditable both to the ringers and to the conductor. He dared say that not a man living could have improved on the work done in their tower. This toast also was received with musical honours.

Mr. Meadow, in responding, thanked those present for the manner in which the toast of his health had been received. Speaking of the new band of ringers, he said a more willing and kindly lot of men it would be difficult to find, and the results so far has been phenomenal, considering the "raw material," if he might use a metaphor, of which it is composed, and he had no doubt that in the near future they would be well grounded in the art of change-ringing. The kindly help afforded by ringers and substitutes (past and present) from All Saints had been very valuable; and he might add that they had occasional visitors from Aughton, Hindley, &c.

The Vice-Chairman proposed the health of the ringers who had occupied the belfry since the opening of the bells, and this was supported in a felicitous and vigorous speech by Mr. W. Wilson.

Responses were made by Messrs. R. Fisher, John Hall, and Gilbert C. Hall, the latter remarking that it was a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Nathaniel Eckersley, that brought them to their tower week by week, and the name of that gentleman, he trusted, would be engraven in their hearts for very many years to come.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Burland for presiding was proposed by Mr. Tom Taylor, this being seconded by Mr. Henry Hall.

During the evening some excellent songs were rendered by the following:—Messrs. F. Sheargold (late of the Wigan parish church), Henry Hall, Jos. W. Hall, H. Meadow, E. Horton, W. Major, J. Brown, T. Taylor, and J. Fisher. Mr. J. Taylor (organist of St. George's), and Mr. J. Fisher creditably officiated at the piano. A most enjoyable and social evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.

The ring of six at this place has been put in proper order with new ring gudgeons and gun metal bearings, and other repairs. The work has been done by Messrs. F. White and Sons, Church Bell Hangers, Appleton, Berks., and the "go" of the bells and the work gives great satisfaction to the parish.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1896.

A DISCOVERY has been made by Mr. JOSEPH PARKER which has resulted in the elimination of a well known method, so far as its Minor practice is concerned. The letter from Mr. WILLIAM SNOWDON in this number finally establishes this fact. Upon six bells, it is well known, methods are as plentiful as blackberries, and it is not too much to say that a great many of them would not bear the ordeal of examination by such an expert as Mr. PARKER. This gentleman has invited co-operation in an analysis of six-bell methods. If such an enquiry is entered upon, we think it would be well to determine to recommend to the Exercise as represented by the Council, the propriety of demolishing not only those methods which cannot bear strict and careful proof, but also those which have too close a resemblance to others well-established.

Methods should show some art and symmetry in their composition. Grotesque masses of figures thrown together without rhyme or reason were once thought a capital hotch-potch. In these days our method-masters are men of science, and fail not to throw the weight of their ridicule upon anything in the shape of a method which impinges upon their ideas of propriety and correctness.

The Provinces.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qrs.

JAMES MAINWARING Treble.	ROBERT GEORGE LEWIS .. 5.
HARRY MOSTON 2.	FREDERICK THOS. SPENCE 6.
THOMAS BURROWS 3.	CHARLES REG. GREENALL 7.
SAMUEL HORSFALL 4.	JOHN W. BOOTH Tenor.
	JOHN E. ASHCROFT .. }

Conducted by FREDERICK THOMAS SPENCE.

The above all hail from Grappenhall. This is the first peal on the bells, first peal of Triples by all the band, and first by the branch. The ringers wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the Rev. G. E. Warburton, for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Leather for having everything in readiness.

TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK.

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

On Sunday, September 13, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN Treble.	GEORGE MOY 5.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
EDWARD WARD 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
WILLIAM ROUGHT 4.	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by the late OBADIAH LANG, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT.

The above was rung previous to the Harvest Festival services, and is the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Moy and Rought hail from Aylsham; the remainder from Norwich. The ringers wish to thank the steeple-keeper (Mr. J. Gower), for having everything in readiness.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, September 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK CLAYTON .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
JOHN DAY 4.	EDWARD BRYANT Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This is T. Reynolds' fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples. This peal was rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich. The ringers tender their best thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Grosvenor, tower-keeper, for having everything ready.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, September 14, 1896, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HERBERT Treble.	ISRAEL LOVETT 5.
W. H. INGLESANT 2.	ALLEN JACQUES 6.
JOSEPH C. NEEDHAM* .. 3.	WILLIAM DEXTER 7.
JOHN SHARPE 4.	*W. H. DAFT Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

*First peal. I. Lovett hails from Sileby; Jacques from Woodhouse Eaves; Daft from Rothley.

Next week a Portrait of Mr. THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, will accompany this paper.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows;

Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, College Treble, City Delight, Symphony, Imperial, and Arnold's Victory.

LEVI HOLT Treble.	J. H. SMITH 4.
Z. LORD 2.	J. S. LOMAS 5.
E. J. COCKROFT 3.	J. H. BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by J. H. BARNES.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

SEVEN 720s OF MINOR, as follows:

Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, and Three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN CLARKE* Treble.	WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM .. 4.
HENRY BROWN* 2.	*JOHN J. GARRATT 5.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 3.	HENRY BRIGGS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

This is the first 5040 on the bells. *First 5040.

SALWARPE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS BARBER Treble.	WILLIAM SHILVOCK 4.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	JOHN BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BARBER.

First 5040 on the bells. *First in seven methods away from the treble. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Rev. Canon Douglass for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality after the peal. F. Clayton hails from King's Norton; the rest from Clent.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, September 11th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. Banks, 1; W. Grundy, 2; R. Fiddies (conductor), 3; J. Makinson, 4; W. Hulme, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; T. Barlow, 8. Composed by F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough. Longest length by Messrs. Makinson and Barlow.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday, September 10th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. *A. Smith, 1; A. Headey, 2; H. Garfath (conductor), 3; A. Le Clercq, 4; J. Hawkes, 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Clapham, 7; H. Wright, 8. *First 500.

PRIVETT (Hants).—On Sunday evening, August 23rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Trimmer, 1; F. Read, 2; G. Holland, 3; L. Read, 4; A. Baker, 5; R. Hasted, 6; H. Sutton (conductor), 7; J. Baker, 8.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 19th, at the parish church, two 720s of Plain Bob. H. Tidy, 1; W. Whittington, 2; F. Francis, 3; R. Whittington, 4; F. Francis, 5; W. Tidy (conductor), 6.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, September 8th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the Festival of the Three Choirs, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 51 mins. B. Hill, 1; W. Cotton, 2; G. Hinton, 3; W. Bright, 4; G. Checketts, 5; W. Johnson, 6; L. Longney, 7; R. G. Knowles, 8; W. Page (composer and conductor), 9; T. Malin, 10. On Wednesday, September 9th, 1259 Grandsire Caters. L. Longney, (conductor), 5; G. Checketts, 6; W. Johnson, 7; the rest as before. Composed by C. Charge. On Friday, September 11th, 1259 Grandsire Caters standing as on the 9th, and conducted by R. G. Knowles, being his first touch of Caters as conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, June 30th, for practice at St. Stephen's church, 750 Stedman Caters. C. Horton, 1; W. Cave, 2; F. Elles, 3; W. Knight, 4; C. Gordon, 5; E. Duckham, 6; H. Pring, 7; J. Hinton, 8; F. Price, 9; W. Colston, 10. On Tuesday, September 2nd, for practice, touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Major. On Thursday, September 3rd, some well-struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, by J. York, W. Cave, Rev. Maitland Kelly, F. Ellis, H. Pring, C. Horton, C. Tomkins, C. Boutflower, F. Price, and W. Colston. The Rev. Maitland Kelly for whom the band was made up, hails from Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire. On Tuesday, September 8th, for practice, touches of Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Triples.

BITTON.—On Saturday, August 15th, a party of eight met at the parish church to have a pull on the fine ring of six, tenor 16 cwt. A well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round in 28 mins.; also 240 Kent Treble Bob, and several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The party consisted of the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Oldland), C. Tomkins (Hanham), C. Gordon, A. Bawn, J. Bawn, and W. Tyley (Stapleton), F. Elles and C. Horton (Bristol).

QUEBEGLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 13th, for Divine Service, 1008 Grandsire Triples. J. Lusher, 1; S. Knight, 2; W. Brown, 3; H. Ford (conductor), 4; T. Mansfield, 5; G. Condict, 6; C. Lyes, 7; C. Cox, 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—On Tuesday, for practice at St. Mary's church, 1008 Grandsire Triples in 36 mins. R. Grant, 1; H. Mountford, 2; A. Moreton, 3; J. Machin, 4; T. Guest, 5; R. Pickering (composer and conductor), 6; W. Bennett, 7; T. Thompson, 8. R. Pickering has just attained his twenty-first birthday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Monday, August 27th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Stuart, 3; T. Walton, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; T. Jackson, 6. H. Haigh hails from Retford, Notts. On Sunday evening, August 30th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-four bobs and ten singles) in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; C. Cushing, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 25 mins. J. Huddleston, 1; W. Dennison, 2; T. Townson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, September 6th, at St. Peter's church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Maries (conductor), 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; E. Forshaw, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire. In the evening 720 Grandsire Minor (forty bobs and eight singles). Composed by J. Parker, of Farnham Royal. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 8th, at the church of All Saints, 120 Bob Doubles. A. Lawrence (aged 12), 1; A. Phillips, 2; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 3; G. Carter, 4; J. Heady, 5; G. Phillips, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with W. Livings, 1; the rest as before. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 120 Bob Minor standing as above. This is the first touch of Bob Minor by a local band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, September 1st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six. G. Simpson, 1; J. Town, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling (conductor), 4; W. Ingham, 5; T. Groombridge, 6. On Sunday, September 6th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 3; P. Harman,

4; G. Durling, 5; F. Sanders, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; T. Durling, 3; G. Durling (composer), 4; J. Hack, 5; E. Dunn, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. Groombridge, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Sevenoaks.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, September 3rd, at St. Peter's church, 420 Stedman Triples. G. Head, 1; G. Smithers, 2; W. Pollard, 3; B. Wadmore, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. Stonestreet, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. G. Head, 1; S. Perkins, 2; W. Pollard, 2; G. Smithers, 4; H. Card, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Thursday, September 10th, 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelow, jun., 1; S. Perkins, 2; G. Smithers, 3; B. Wadmore, 4; G. Head (conductor), 5; H. Ford, 6; E. Mankelow, sen., 7; A. Walsh, 8. And 336 Stedman Triples. E. Mankelow, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Pollard, 3; B. Wadmore, 4; G. Smithers, 5; H. Head, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; A. Spice, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelow, jun., 1; W. Pollard, 2; J. Smith, 3; W. Latter, 4; E. Mankelow, sen., 5; G. Smithers (conductor), 6; G. Head, 7; A. Spice, 8.

CHARING (Kent).—On August 27th, for practice by the local band, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. E. Archer, 1; W. Good, 2; W. Spice, 3; H. Ward, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; J. Clifford, 6. Conducted by W. Spice. On September 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). Also 720 Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). R. Pain, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; A. Gower, 3; W. Spice, 4; G. Sharp, 5; T. Tabret (conductor), 6. First 720s by W. Spice.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 8th, at Christ church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, in 25 mins. S. Flint, 1; J. R. Park, 2; W. Benthams, 3; W. Fairclough, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6; J. Hale, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, September 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. G. Tomlin, 1; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earl, 5; C. Walden, 6; G. C. Tunnick, 7; W. Brooks, 8. First quarter-peal by G. Tomlin and L. Hollingworth. Composed by A. E. Bames, of Melbourne, Australia, and is now rung for the first time.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, September 12th, on handbells retained in hand, at 19, Church street, a 1120 Grandsire Triples. W. Willson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6; J. Buttery, 7-8. And a touch of Kent Major and Grandsire Major. On Monday, September 14th, at St. George's church, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Morris, 1; E. E. Smith, 2; J. Buttery, 3; F. Cooke, 4; J. W. Veasey, 5; W. Willson (conductor), 6. First in the method by 1, 2, 4, and first attempt. Rung in honour of the birth of a son on this day to the ringer of the 2nd.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, August 30th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, a 360 College Exercise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 Durham Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 6th, for morning service, a 720 York Surprise (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, August 15th, for practice, 672 Superlative Surprise. On Saturday, September 5th, 1120 in the same method, in 45 mins. A. Deards, 1; S. Hayes, 2; T. Faulkner, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; A. Hardy, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Longest length in the method by all.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." A. Pye, 1; E. Pye (conductor), 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; J. Dale, 5; A. J. Perkins, 6; W. Watson, 7; H. P. Vyse, 8. After service 768 Bob Major. A. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Pye, 6; E. Pye, 7; J. Dale, 8.

WRITTELE (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 9th, for practice at the parish church, a 1,008 of Stedman Triples. G. Sorrell, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; E. Davis, 3; A. Head, 4; W. Lincoln, 5;

W. J. Piper, 6; T. Lincoln, 7; F. Radley, 8. Longest length in the method by A. Head. Messrs. Edwards and Piper hail from Widford, the rest are local men.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—Recently a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; J. Livermore, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Franks, 5; J. Curtis (conductor), 6; T. Eldridge, 7; J. Linden, 8. On Tuesday, July 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; J. Livermore, 3; W. Eastland, 4; J. Carter, 5; R. B. Blanchard (Streatham), 6; W. Thomas, 7; W. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, September 8th, 350 Grandsire Triples. *W. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks, 2; F. Mathis, 3; *C. Carter, 4; C. Hyland (conductor), 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Sinden, 8. †Longest length with the treble. *Longest touch with a bob bell. Longest touch with the tenor by J. Sinden.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; T. Sparks, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; P. Etheridge, 7; T. Post, 8. This was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. F. Voice, a brother string. On Saturday, September 5th, at the marriage of Mr. Frederick William Dawson Siddall, of Waltham Abbey, to Miss Emily Blundell, of Benhams, Horley, a 504, 672 and 168 of Grandsire Triples. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; S. Kenward (conductor), 6; J. Taylor, 7; T. Post, 8. And a quarter-peal in 43 mins. A. Songhurst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; J. Taylor, 6; P. Etheridge, 7; T. Post, 8. On Thursday, September 10th, a 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Voice, 1; P. Etheridge, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; T. Sparks, 5; S. Kenward (conductor), 6; G. Apps, 7; T. Post, 8. This was rung on the presentation of a clock to Mr. F. Voice, as a wedding present, the band wishing him every happiness.

THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD.

ALLWALTON (Hunts).—On Saturday, August 22nd, at St. Andrew's church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Binks, 1; E. Baker, 2; C. Lilley (conductor), 3; J. Tirrell, 4; R. Rowell, 5. Also a 6-score of Grandsire. G. Head, 1; E. Baker, 2; R. Rowell, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; C. Lilley (conductor), 5. G. Head belongs to the local company, and it is his first 6-score; the rest hail from Peterborough. The ringers wish to thank the rector (Rev. C. W. Cleminger) for the use of the bells, and also Mrs. Cleminger for entertaining them. After ringing the ringers were invited to the rectory, and the handbells were brought into use, and a 6-score of Grandsire was rung. J. Binks, 1; J. Tyrrell, 2; R. Rowell, 3; E. Baker, 4; C. Lilley (conductor), 5-6. Afterwards refreshments were provided, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Thursday, September 3rd, for practice on handbells in the tower of St. John's church, 340 Bob Minor. G. Baker, 1; G. Martin, 2; E. Baker (longest touch), 3; R. Squires, 4; A. Johnson, 5; C. Lilley (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score standing as before.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON (Cams).—On Wednesday, August 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. James Markwell, 1; Joseph Markwell, 2; A. Hazel, 3; H. Markwell, 4; H. Sharp, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob in 24 mins. R. Croft, Esq., 1; Joseph Markwell, 2; H. Sharp, 3; H. Markwell, 4; A. Markwell (conductor), 5; J. Markwell, 6. On Sunday, August 30th, 720 Duke of York in 23 mins. James Markwell, 1; Joseph Markwell (first 720 in the method), 2; A. Hazel, 3; H. Markwell, 4; A. Markwell (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

ELY (Cams).—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering, in 29 mins. W. Sexton, 1; A. Pilgrim, 2; A. E. Pilgrim, 3; J. Southerill, 4; W. Southerill, 5; J. Vail, 6; A. Markwell (conductor), 7; R. Morder, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. A. Markwell hails from Wilburton; the rest belong to the local company.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, August 2nd, a 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. And for evening service 720 Kent. C. R. Greenall, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; the rest as before. On Thursday, August 6th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. H. Moston, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. And 720 College Single. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; H. Moston, 2; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6; rest as

before. On Sunday, August 9th, 720 New London Pleasure. C. R. Greenall, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; rest as before. On Tuesday, August 11th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. H. Moston, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; C. R. Greenall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth (first in the method), 6. On Sunday, August 16th, 720 College Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. And 720 College Exercise. H. Moston, 1; C. R. Greenall, 3; the rest as before. On Tuesday, August 18th, 720 Oxford Single. J. E. Ashcroft, 1; H. Moston, 3; rest as before. On Thursday, August 20th, 720 Kent. J. Mainwaring (350th 720), 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; W. Brammer, 4; F. Spence, 5; J. Booth, 6. A 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. W. Brammer, 1; H. Moston, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; the rest as before. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; W. Brammer, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6. On Saturday, August 22nd, 720 each of Braintree, London Scholars' Pleasure and College Pleasure. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; R. Lewis, 4; F. Spence, 5; C. R. Greenall (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 23rd, 720 City Delight. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; R. Lewis, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth, 6. And 720 Woodbine. H. Moston, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday, August 30th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; C. R. Greenall, 6.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday afternoon, September 6th, for Men's Service at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. F. C. Luck, 1; J. Basden, 2; E. J. Walsom, 3; J. Aldridge, 4; C. Edwards, 5; G. Ransom (conductor), 6; A. H. Taber, 7; A. Fryer, 8. Composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, September 6th, being the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, 672 Bob Major. A. W. Grimes, 1; W. Grimes, 2; E. Clarke, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Rowe, jun., 5; G. Rowe, sen., 6; G. Perry, 7; W. G. Crickmer, 8. Conducted by W. Grimes. Longest touch in the method by the ringer of the treble, and rung at the first attempt. Also a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Clarke (first attempt in the method), 1; G. Perry, 2; W. Crickmer, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Rowe, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; W. Ruffles, 7; W. Grimes, 8. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Major. A. W. Grimes, 1; W. Grimes, 2; E. Clarke, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Ruffles, 5; W. Rumsey, 6; G. Perry, 7; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 8. Messrs. Perry and Thurlow hail from Framdsen; Crickmer from Earl Soham; the rest belong to Debenham.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, September 5th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung as a last token of respect to the late William Hayward Culham, a member of the Pulham company. J. Tann (conductor), 1; R. Whiting, 2; C. Baker, 3; D. Ruth, 4; F. Surridge, 5; H. Adcock, 6; C. Tann, 7; F. Borrett, 8.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, September 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). H. Tarlton, 1; T. Day, 2; F. Knowles, 3; T. Clough, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Tubb (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Cornell, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service, a 720 of College Single. G. Miles (first 720), 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

ELSTREE (Herts).—On Monday, August 3rd, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; E. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And a 360 in the same method. E. Tubb, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Carroway, 4; G. Miles, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, September 2nd, at the parish church, 660 changes in eight different methods, being a plain course each of the following: Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and five

leads of Grandsire Minor. F. C. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Carroway, 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. On Sunday morning, September 6th, in honour of the wedding of Miss A. E. Crampton, daughter of Mr. Crampton, a local ringer at the above church for over twenty years, with Mansell Powell, of Kettering, Northamptonshire, a 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Turvey, 1; F. C. Jones, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt (conductor), 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; H. J. Martin, 6. And for morning service, a 240 Grandsire. J. Barrett, 4; F. Kirby, 6. And after evening service, a 720 Double Oxford Bob. E. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; R. Bevan, 5; G. Smith, 6. R. Bevan and G. Smith, hail from Haverstock Hill. On Wednesday, September 9th, a 240 Stedman Doubles. E. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Risby, 6. And 120 each of College Single and Oxford Bob. F. Turvey, 1; G. Crampton, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. E. Pratchett, 5; H. J. Martin, 6. And 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by E. E. Pratchett, F. Jones ringing the 2nd. First 720 of Double Oxford by R. Bevan and G. Smith. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, September 13th, at the residence of Mr. F. Hopgood, 50, Connaught Road, 504 Grandsire Triples. Also 350 in the same method, J. Tucker, 1-2; C. Giles, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; F. Tubbs, 7-8. Longest length double-handed by Messrs. Tucker and Tubbs.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service at St. Chad's church, several courses of Grandsire Caters. J. T. Wall, 1; G. Scarratt, 2; A. Harding, 3; G. J. Taylor, 4; A. Jarvis (conductor), 5; A. Bennett, 6; W. J. Taylor, 7; A. Fullick, 8; A. H. Espley, 9; A. W. Davies, 10. Tenor 43 cwt. A. Harding hails from Crewe. On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service, several touches of Grandsire Triples. J. T. Wall, 1; T. Burd, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; A. Bennett, 4; W. J. Taylor (conductor), 5; A. Fullick, 6; A. H. Espley, 7; A. W. Davies, 8. Rung on the back eight.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRAXALL (Somerset).—On Sunday, September 13th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. F. Winsor, 1; C. Winstone, 2; H. Chard, 3; J. Winsor, 4; I. Harvey, 5; W. Culley, 6; I. Bishop (conductor), 7; W. Clarke, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. This is H. Chard's and W. Culley's first quarter-peal with a bob bell, and I. Bishop's first as conductor, and the first-quarter peal by all local men.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, September 13th, for Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) in 30 mins. F. Cobb, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. West, 4; C. West, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On August 16th, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Warnes, 1; J. B. Martin, 2; J. Garrett, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. Houghton, 7; L. Chapman, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by J. George. G. Warnes, 1; J. Houghton, 2; C. Chasty, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; A. Tyler, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; L. Chapman, 8. And 320 Double Norwich. G. Warnes, 1; J. Garrett, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Pettit, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. Houghton, 7; J. B. Martin, 8. And 352 Bob Major. L. Chapman, 1; G. Warnes, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. Garrett, 5; J. Seemark, 6; W. Parker, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. On August 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Houghton, 1; J. Garrett, 2; W. Pettit, 3; J. B. Martin, 4; A. Tyler, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. And 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. H. Martin, 1; J. Houghton, 2; W. Pettit, 3; H. Sharp, 4; G. Brown, 5; A. Tyler, 6; W. Parker, 7; J. B. Martin (conductor), 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.—On Sunday, August 23rd, 464 Bob Major. W. Newman, 1; J. Garratt, 2; F. Stubbs, 3; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 4; W. Gilbert, 5; A. Tyler, 6; F. Kirk, 7; A. Perkins, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Newman, 1; J. Garratt, 2; A. Tyler (conductor), 3; A. Perkins, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; F. Kirk, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. On Monday, August 24th, 816 Bob Major. W. Newman, 1; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 2; J. Garratt, 3; W. Gilbert, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; F. Kirk, 6; W. Perkins, 7; A. Perkins, 8. On Sunday, September 6th, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor. J. Garratt, 1; A. Perkins, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W.

Clarke (conductor), 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; F. Hull, 6. On Sunday September 13th, 544 Double Norwich. W. Newman, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Houghton, jun., 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. And 416 Double Norwich. W. Newman, 1; J. Garratt, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; C. Newman, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Newman, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, sen., 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; W. Perkins, 7; J. Garratt (conductor), 8.

ASHSTEAD (Surrey).—On Thursday, September 3rd, for practice, 672 Oxford Bob Triples. C. Race, 1; H. Corbett, 2; J. Wyatt, 3; W. Crockford, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; C. Read (conductor), 6; E. Hull, 7; D. Anscombe, 8. And 504 Oxford Bob Triples. D. Anscombe, 1; H. Corbett, 2; C. Read, 3; W. Crockford, 4; E. Dodd, 5; J. Wyatt, 6; H. Wilkinson (conductor), 7; E. Hull, 8. And 280 Grandsire Triples. D. Anscombe, 1; J. Page, 2; C. Race, 3; H. Corbett, 4; J. Wyatt, 5; W. Crockford, 6; H. Wilkinson (conductor), 7; W. Farrell, 8.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, 720 College Exercise. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 27th, 720 each of City Delight and Arnold's Victory. A. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, July 31st, 720 Tulip. L. Holt, 1; F. P. Powell, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Shottin, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; J. Barnes, 4; J. Lomas (conductor), 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 720 Duke of York. A. Hardman, 1; F. Robertshaw, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Woodbine, for evening service. L. Holt, 1; F. Robertshaw, 2; G. Shottin, 3; W. Smith, 4; E. Cockroft, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 3rd, 720 each of Symphony and College Treble Bob. A. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, August 7th, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, August 14th, 720 College Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, 720 Primrose. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 College Pleasure. A. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 17th, 720 College Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. Also 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. A. Hardman, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. Cockroft, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 31st, 720 Merchants' Delight. W. Smith, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, August 31st, 720 London Treble Bob. A. Hardman, 1; Z. Lord, 2; E. Cockroft, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

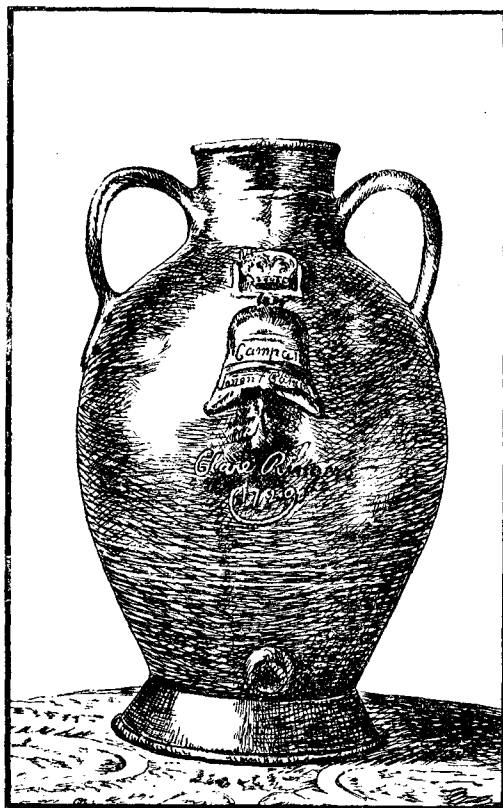
BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, September 3rd, for practice, 360 College Exercise. R. Bourn, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; J. Gasson, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Wedge (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Wedge, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 6th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 College Exercise. R. Bourn, 1; J. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Bourn, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; F. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Wedge (conductor), 6. Also 480 in the same method, conducted by J. Gasson.

DRIFHLINGTON (Yorks).—On Saturday, August 22nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Hardman, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. Cockroft, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service at St. Michael's church, 1008 Bob Major, in 35 mins. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; A. Read, 3; J. Self, 4; W. Flory (conductor), 5; H. Howlett, 6; S. Garnham, 7; W. G. Crickmer, 8. On Sunday, September 6th, for morning service, 672 Bob Major. W. Ostler, 1; C. Harper, 2; W. Flory, 3; J. Self, 4; A. Read, 5; H. Howlett (conductor), 6; S. Garnham, 7; H. Folkard, 8.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Saturday, August 22nd, 720 Woodbine. A. Hardman, 1; Z. Lord, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. Cockroft, 4; J. Lomas, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6.

AN OLD RINGERS' PITCHER.



Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, sends us this picture, which we willingly reproduce. He says: "I have made inquiries about this interesting old piece of earthenware, and I have gathered the following particulars: It was given to the company of Clare ringers (not bought by them), by some admirer of bell-ringing in the year 1729. Its size and inscription are as follows:—

CAMPANE SONANT
CANORE,
CLARE RINGERS,
1729.
Hold 16 Quarts.
3 Ft 3 ins. round.
18 ins. deep.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL
DIOCESAN BRANCH.

On Saturday, September 5th, a meeting in connection with the above took place at Farnworth, near Widnes, when ringers attended from Garston, Hale, Huyton, Liverpool, Prescott, Walton, Warrington, also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 4 o'clock, and shortly after that time the bells were in motion. At six o'clock, the members assembled in the old school-room and sat down to tea provided free of cost. After tea, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. Thatcher. In his opening remarks, he said how pleased he was to meet those present, and extended to all a very cordial welcome. He went on to say that various changes had taken place in Farnworth church, the old galleries being taken out, and alterations in the ringing arrangements, the bells now being rung from the ground floor. It was sweet to hear the bells on the Sabbath pealing forth, inviting old and young to join in prayer and praise, and he was glad to hear ringers took more interest in church work than they did formerly. There were various uses bells were put to in ancient times, such as decking the high priest's garments, &c., and there were different ways in which our church bells were used in modern times, such

as the wedding bells and the muffled bells. Tubular bells were quite a recent addition to our churches, but they were not to be compared with bells that were rung. There was also the Gospel bells, and he was a ringer of the Gospel message in telling out to mankind the sweet story of Jesus and his love. He was glad to say that previous to the bells being rung for Divine Service at Farnworth, the ringers held a short service. In conclusion, he hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting those present on some future occasion if they were spared. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Halewood were read and confirmed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wigan, on Saturday, October 3rd., and it was requested that members will do their utmost to attend. Mr. R. S. Mann, of Liverpool, was elected to serve on the general committee for the next two years.

Mr. E. Rimmer, of Huyton, spoke about the abilities of Mr. Mann, and hoped he would long continue to serve on the Committee, as he knew him to be a good ringer and a good "man."

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Rev. J. Wright-Williams for his extreme kindness in providing tea, etc., and to the local company for the admirable way in which they had carried out the arrangements, brought a very successful meeting to a close. After the meeting the following members rang on the bells a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Johnson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; J. Houghton, 3; W. Brammer, 4; J. Moston, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. This was conducted by F. W. Stout, and it was his 100th 720.

Change-ringing was freely indulged in during the afternoon and evening by mixed companies, in the following Minor methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single and Kent Treble Bob.

DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

DEATH OF MR. J. M. SHARP.—We regret to record the death of the above-named gentleman, farmer, of Great Doddington, which took place on Saturday after about a fortnight's illness. Deceased who was fifty-nine years of age, was highly respected by a large circle in the Wellborough district. For a number of years he had been churchwarden at the parish church, Doddington, and last year was a member of the Parish Council. He was a Conservative in politics, and took a keen interest in agriculture, occupying farms at Doddington and Wilbye. The funeral took place at Doddington on Thursday afternoon amid many signs of regret. Many people attended to pay their last token of respect to the departed, notwithstanding a heavy downpour of rain at the time fixed for the funeral, and much sympathy was expressed for the widow and three children. During the evening the ringers rang 720 Grandsire Doubles with the bells muffled. T. Thornton, 1; T. Sharp, 2; C. Chapman, 3; T. Bonham, 4; E. Chapman, 5. Mr. Sharp will be greatly missed both in Doddington and Wilbye. He was fond of the bells, and a good friend to the ringers. He made the members of the Central Northants. Association welcome at their quarterly meeting at Doddington last year, and became an honorary member. The project of a new tenor at the parish church loses a warm advocate by his death.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH CHURCH, LINDLEY, YORKS.

The ringers in connection with the above church, met on Saturday afternoon, September 6th, to celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the bells, by ringing a date touch, 1896 changes, in 1 hr. and 9 mins. A. Sykes, 1; S. Woolhouse, 2; T. Rhodes, 3; A. Crossland, 4; G. T. Turner, 5; G. W. Schofield, 6; J. A. Royston, 7; F. Schofield, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. The touch was composed by A. Sykes and conducted by F. Schofield (president of the Heavy Woollen Association). After the touch the ringers adjourned to The Globe inn, at the kind invitation of the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Burhouse), and partook of an excellent supper, to which full justice was done. After the cloth had been removed, a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Mr. A. Sykes, when songs were given by Mr. B. Shaw, and others, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Charles Harwood, who also gave a piano solo. The tower bells were rung at intervals. Votes of thanks to the host and hostess, and to the chairman, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Compositions.

PEALS OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5003.

6 2 3 5 4 7th in and out at 3 s.
 2 5 3 6 4 8th in three.
 3 2 5 6 4 9th in three.
 5 3 2 6 4 9th in three.
 3 6 2 5 4 8th in three.
 2 3 6 5 4 9th in three.
 4 2 3 5 6 9th in 3 s.

Five times repeated. Calling the first course of each part and the 6th course of the third and sixth parts 9th in three s produces—

2 3 4 5 6

6 3 4 2 5 1 s and 8-9 s
 3 2 4 6 5 8th in three.
 4 3 2 6 5 9th in three.
 2 4 3 6 5 9th in three.
 6 4 3 2 5 1 s.
 4 2 3 6 5 8th in three.
 3 4 2 6 5 9th in three.
 2 3 4 6 5 9th in three.

3 6 4 2 5 8th in three.
 4 3 6 2 5 9th in three.
 6 2 3 4 5 8th in three s.

Round by calling the 9th twice before—the second time with a double. This peal is in seven parts, and has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

5130.

4 2 3 5 6 1-3.
 3 4 2 5 6 9th in three.
 2 3 4 5 6 9th in three.
 5 3 4 2 6 1 s.
 3 2 4 5 6 8th in three.
 4 3 2 5 6 9th in three.
 2 4 3 5 6 9th in three.
 5 4 3 2 6 1 s.

6 2 4 5 3 8th in two.
 2 5 4 6 3 8th in 3.
 4 2 5 6 3 9th in 3.
 5 4 2 6 3 9th in three.
 4 6 2 5 3 8th in three.
 2 4 6 5 3 9th in three.

The last six courses to be five times repeated, calling an 8-9 in the first course, and calling the last course of the third and sixth parts 9th in three s produces—

3 2 6 5 4

6 2 4 3 5 1 s and 8-9.
 2 3 4 6 5 8th in three.
 4 2 3 6 5 9th in three.
 3 4 2 6 5 9th in three.
 6 4 2 3 5 1 s.
 4 3 2 6 5 8th in three.
 2 4 3 6 5 9th in three.
 3 2 4 6 5 9th in three.
 5 2 4 3 6 1 s and 8-9 s.

Round with bobs at 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1.

This peal is in eight parts, and has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th. If the eighth course is called 9th in three s, the ninth course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5004.

5076.

4 2 3 5 6 1-3.
 3 4 2 5 6 9th in three.
 2 3 4 5 6 9th in three.
 4 3 6 5 2 8-9.
 6 4 3 5 2 9th in three.
 3 6 4 5 2 9th in three.
 4 6 2 5 3 8-9.
 2 4 6 5 3 9th in three.
 3 2 4 5 6 9th in three s.
 4 2 6 5 3 8-9.
 6 4 2 5 3 9th in three.
 2 6 4 5 3 9th in three.
 4 6 3 5 2 8-9.
 3 4 6 5 2 9th in three.
 6 3 4 5 2 9th in three.
 4 3 2 5 6 8-9.
 2 4 3 5 6 9th in three.
 6 2 4 5 3 9th in three s.

3 5 2 6 4 8th in two.
 2 3 5 6 4 9th in three.
 5 2 3 6 4 9th in three.
 6 2 3 5 4 1 s.
 3 6 2 5 4 9th in three.
 2 3 6 5 4 9th in three.

3 5 6 2 4 8th in three.
 6 2 5 3 4 8th in three s.

The first twenty-five courses to be repeated, calling the first course 8th in two and substituting a single for the last bob in the 25th course, produces 56234. Round with bobs at 2, 2, 3, 2, 2.

5111.

4 2 3 5 6 1-3.
 3 4 2 5 6 9th in three.
 2 3 4 5 6 9th in three.
 5 3 4 2 6 1 s.
 3 2 4 5 6 8th in three.
 4 3 2 5 6 9th in three.
 2 4 3 5 6 9th in three.

6 2 4 5 3 9th in three s
 4 6 2 5 3 9th in three.
 2 4 6 5 3 9th in three.
 6 4 3 5 2 8-9.
 3 6 4 5 2 9th in three.
 4 3 6 5 2 9th in three.
 6 3 2 3 4 8-9.
 2 6 3 5 4 9th in three.
 4 2 6 5 3 9th in three s.
 6 2 3 5 4 8-9.
 3 6 2 5 4 9th in three.
 2 3 6 5 4 9th in three.
 6 3 4 5 2 8-9.
 4 6 3 5 2 9th in three.
 3 4 6 5 2 9th in three.
 6 4 2 5 3 8-9.
 2 6 4 5 3 9th in three.
 3 2 6 5 4 9th in three s.

2 5 6 3 4 8th in three.
 6 2 5 3 4 9th in three.

Repeated, calling the first course 8th in two, and the last two courses 9th in and out at two, and 8th in three. This peal is in two equal parts.

Both peals have the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th. The 5111 was first rung at Manchester Cathedral on October 1st, 1892, in 3 hrs. 14 mins., conducted by John Eachus.

These two peals of UNION CATERS are also by MR. KNIGHTS.

5076.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 2 3 6

4 3 5 2 7 6 8 9 - s -
 5 4 3 2 - - -
 3 4 2 5 - - -
 2 3 4 5 - - -
 4 2 3 5 - - -
 3 2 5 4 - - -
 5 3 2 4 - - -
 2 5 3 4 - - -
 3 5 4 2 - - -
 4 5 2 3 - - -
 2 4 5 3 - - -
 5 2 4 3 - - -
 2 5 4 3 - s -
 4 2 5 3 - - -
 5 2 3 4 - - -
 3 5 2 4 - - -
 2 3 5 4 - - -
 5 3 4 2 - - -
 4 5 3 2 - - -
 3 4 5 2 - - -
 5 4 2 3 - - -
 2 4 3 5 - - -
 3 2 4 5 - - -
 4 3 2 5 7 6 8 9 -

Repeated.

This peal contains the twenty-four 7689s and 6789s.

6281.

2 3 4 5 6 2 3 6

4 5 2 6 3 - 1 s 3 6
 2 4 5 6 3 - - -
 5 2 4 6 3 - - -
 2 3 4 6 5 - - -
 3 5 4 6 2 - - -
 4 3 5 6 2 - - -
 5 4 3 6 2 - - -
 4 2 3 6 5 - - -
 2 5 3 6 4 - - -
 3 2 5 6 4 - - -
 5 3 2 6 4 - - -
 3 4 2 6 5 - - -
 4 3 2 6 5 s - - -
 2 4 3 6 5 - - -
 3 2 4 6 5 - - -
 2 5 4 6 3 - - -
 5 3 4 6 2 - - -
 4 5 3 6 2 - - -
 3 4 5 6 2 - - -
 4 2 5 6 3 - - -
 2 3 5 6 4 - - -
 5 2 3 6 4 - - -
 3 5 2 6 4 - - -
 5 4 2 6 3 - - -

Repeated, calling the first course 9th in three, produces 42653, round by 9th in and out at two, and single at 2.

If the 2nd course is called 2, 6, the 11th course-end is brought up, and the peal reduced to 5147.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths.

The numerals of the first course denote the number of leads between the calls.

The singles used in these peals are those recommended by the Central Council, the bells in 3rds, 4ths, and 5ths places lying still.

Notices.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch.—A meeting of members will be held at Monks Leigh to-day, Saturday, September 19th. Tea at The Bull inn, at 4.30. C. SILLITOE, Div. Sec.
East Street, Sudbury.

South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Twickenham to-day Saturday, September 19th. Ringing from 5.30, for a limited time only. Members please note. H. F. G. LUCK, Hon. Sec.
7, Warwick Place, Ealing.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next meeting will be held at Batley Carr to-day, Saturday, September 19th, at 5.30. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms, above the church. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday, September 22nd. Special Service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45. Address by the Rev. W. Pelham Burn, Vicar. Dinner at the Conservative Club, St. Giles' street, at 1.30. Hon. members and friends, 2s. 6d., company members, 1s. 6d. 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. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

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

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.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, September 26th. Church (six bells), ten minutes' walk from station. EDWIN JAMES, Hon. Sec.
Park View, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; tea 5 p.m. (free); business meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM,

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, September 26th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. at the Church Cottage.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.
Hursley, Winchester.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above at Prittlewell on Saturday, October 3rd. The tower of Prittlewell (8 bells) will be open for ringing. The bells at Leigh will not be available through illness. Tea will be provided at The Beehive inn at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must signify their intention and the station they are proceeding from, not later than the previous Monday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec.
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, at Breewood. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Nearest railway station, Four Ashes, on the L.N.W.R. Tea 1s. each. A brake will start from Wolverhampton, L.N.W. Railway station yard, at 3 o'clock, if a sufficient number send in their names not later than September 30th. Fare for the return journey, 1s. 6d.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Christ Church, Armley (6 bells), on Saturday, September 26th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn. Members and friends please note the change of Secretary's address.

R. BINNS, Sec.

*4, Kirkland Square, Kirkland Street,
Beeston Road, Leeds.*

The Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, October 10th. The tower of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 5 p.m. The business meeting will be held at The Cherry Tree inn at 7.30 p.m., where tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend, the business to be transacted being of more than ordinary interest.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

Sarum, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The death took place on Saturday last, after a lengthy illness, of Mr. James Wallis, who for many years had been the parish clerk. Mr. Wallis, who was in his 74th year, had been a ringer for upwards of half a century, and is the last of the half-dozen "old ringers," the other five (William Bailey, William Moon, Jerham Cooper, James Bailey, and Thomas Wright) having pre-deceased him. At the death of the last-named, thirty-five years ago, the office of parish clerk became vacant, and Mr. Wallis received the appointment, performing his duties in a manner which gave satisfaction to everyone with whom he was brought in contact, until about two and a half years ago, when a nasty fall which he sustained at that time resulted in an illness which has since prevented him from following any employment. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, who were widely known and respected, celebrated their golden wedding, and by the death of Mr. Wallis, Finedon has lost a familiar link

with the past history of the parish. The funeral took place on Wednesday amid many signs of esteem in which the deceased was held, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar (Rev. G. W. Paul), assisted by the Rev. W. E. Fletcher. He was carried to the grave by four of the senior ringers—Messrs. Manning, Baker, Elson, and Tompkins. By desire of the widow the bells were not rung muffled in the evening.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. R. Binns, Secretary of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society is now 4, Kirkland Square, Kirkland Street, Beeston Road, Leeds. —The address of Mr. T. Groombridge, late of Chislehurst, is now 2, Mount Villas, The Vine, Sevenoaks, Kent.

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Coming Events.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

A Meeting of the Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association at Monks Eleigh.

Monthly meeting of the South and West Middlesex Guild at Twickenham.

Meeting of the Heavy Woollen District Association at Bailey Carr.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Annual General Meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Annual Meeting of the Lancashire Association at Manchester.

A Committee and Quarterly Meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association at Evesham.

Quarterly meeting of the Old East Derbyshire Association at North Wingfield.

Meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild at Hindley.

Quarterly meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild at Basingstoke.

Monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society at Armley.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

District meeting of the Essex Association at Prittlewell.

Quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Breewood.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Annual meeting of the Middlesex Association at Southgate.

TWO PEALS OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

5 4 3 2 6 - -
3 6 5 2 4 - -
2 5 6 3 4 - -
6 2 5 3 4 - -
3 5 2 6 4 - -
2 3 5 6 4 - -

Twice repeated.

Single at the end of the third part produces—

3 2 4 5 6 W M H

5 4 2 3 6 - -
2 6 5 3 4 - -
5 2 6 3 4 - -
3 6 2 5 4 - -
2 3 6 5 4 - -
6 2 3 5 4 - -
5 3 2 6 4 - -
2 5 3 6 4 - -
3 2 5 6 4 - -

This part twice repeated.

Single at the end of the third part.

Only the 4, 5, 6, in sixth place at the course-ends.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

5 6 4 2 3 - - -
4 6 2 5 3 - - -
2 6 5 4 3 - - -
3 5 4 2 6 - - -
6 3 4 2 5 - - -
2 4 3 6 5 - - -
3 2 4 6 5 - - -
4 3 2 6 5 - - -
6 2 3 4 5 - - -
3 6 2 4 5 - - -
4 2 6 3 5 - - -
6 4 2 3 5 - - -
2 6 4 3 5 - - -
4 6 3 2 5 - - -
2 3 6 4 5 - - -

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 6 7 5 2
5 6 2 4 2 7 3
2 7 5 4 6 3 1
6 3 2 4 7 5 1
4 3 6 2 7 5 5
2 3 4 6 7 5 5
4 7 2 5 6 3 4
6 3 4 5 7 2 1
5 3 6 4 7 2 5
4 3 5 6 7 2 5
5 7 4 2 6 3 4
6 3 5 2 7 4 1
2 3 6 5 7 4 5
2 5 3 4 6 7 3 PL

Twice repeated, with an extra bob on 67 last lead of the third part produces—

5 3 2 4 6 7

3 2 5 6 7 4 2
5 7 3 4 6 2 4
6 2 5 4 7 3 1
4 2 6 5 7 3 5
5 2 4 6 7 3 5
4 7 5 3 6 2 4
6 2 4 3 7 5 1
3 2 6 4 7 5 5
4 2 3 6 7 5 5
3 7 4 5 6 2 4
6 2 3 5 7 4 1
5 2 6 3 7 4 5
4 3 2 5 7 6 3 s

Repeat the whole.

1st single.

3 1 4 5 2 6 7
1 3 4 5 2 6 7
1 4 3 2 5 7 6

2nd single.

3 1 2 5 4 7 6
1 3 2 5 4 7 6
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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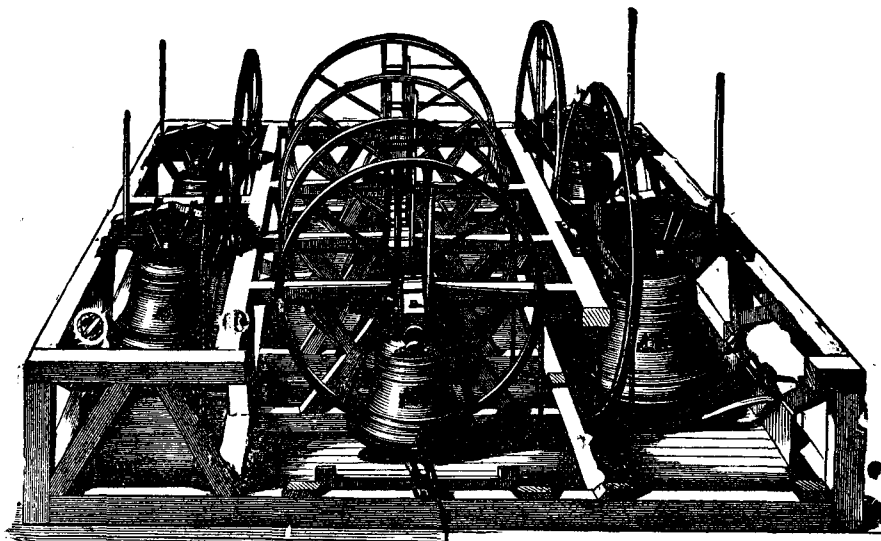
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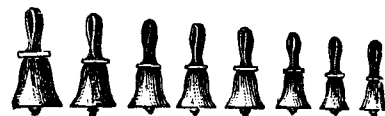
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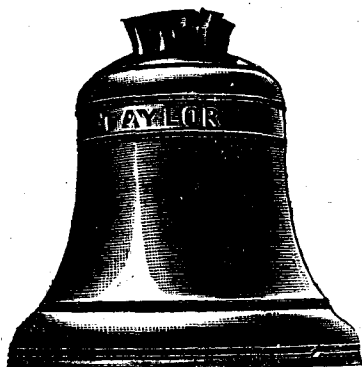
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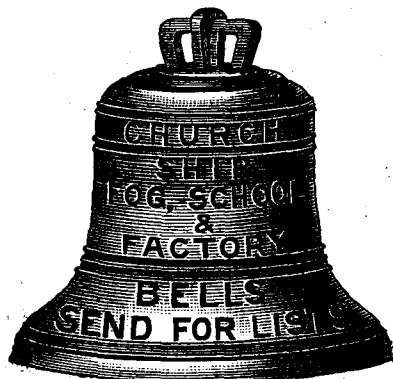
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