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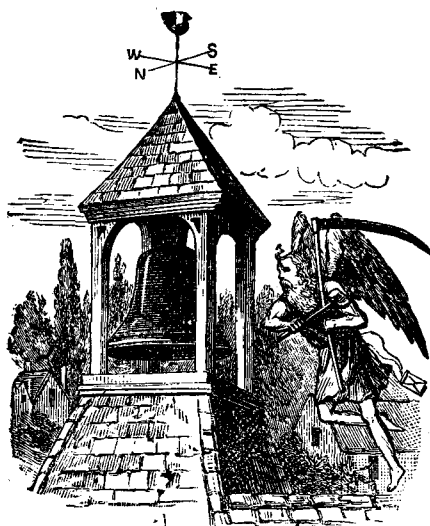
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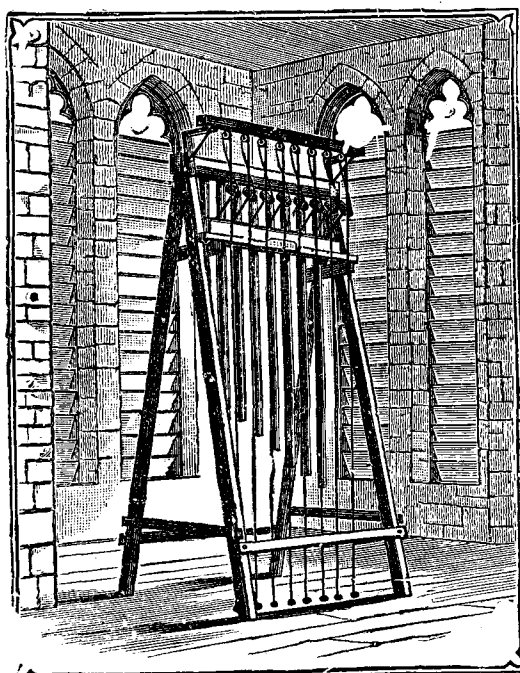
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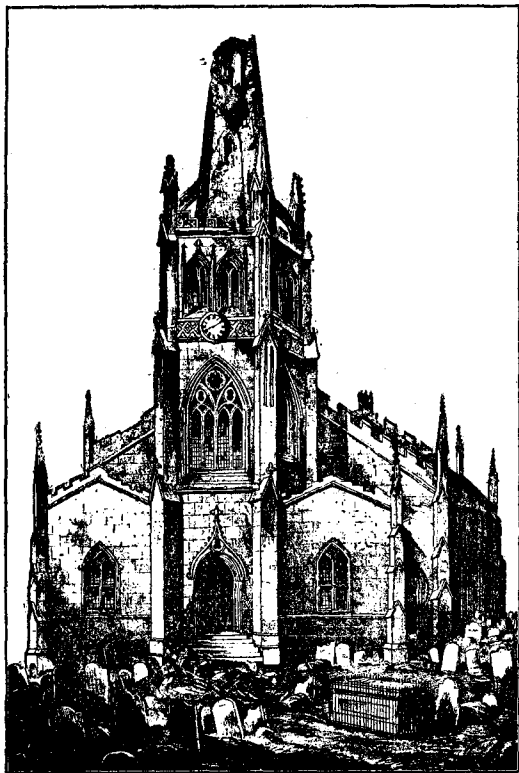
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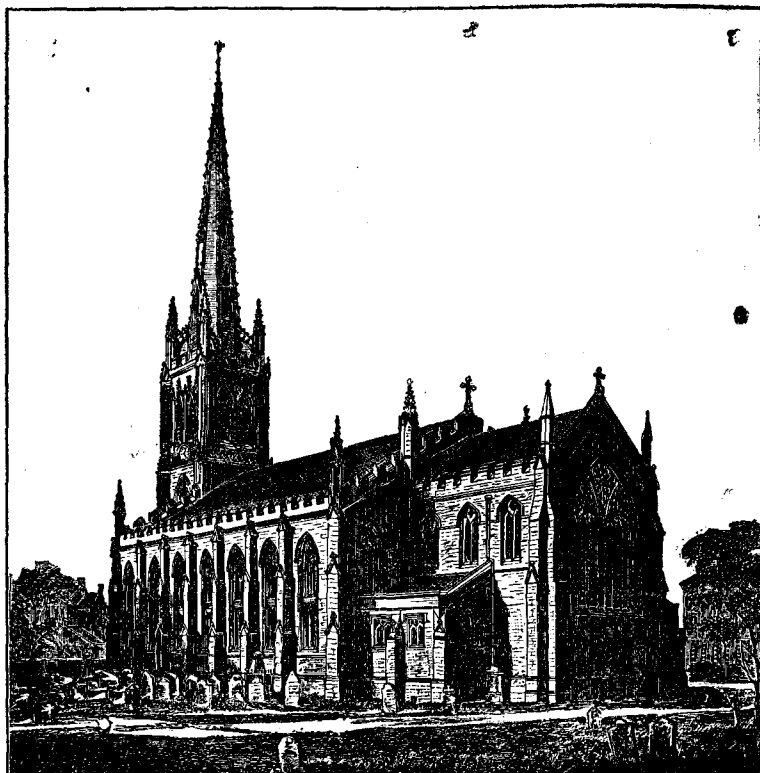
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ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, LEICESTER.



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*As it appeared when struck by lightning, Saturday,
August 1st, 1846.*



ST. GEORGE'S, LEICESTER.

August 1st, 1896.

THIS handsome edifice was erected in the year 1827, as a chapel-of-ease to St. Margaret's, and has experienced many vicissitudes. The entire building is a masterpiece of the mason's art, every stone being sawn smooth and bedded to perfection, and encrusted with the sculptor's handiwork.

In the early decades of this century, lightning conductors were not so much in vogue as at present, and the subject of our sketch managed very well without one until the eventful day chronicled in our illustration (No. 1), when the steeple was struck. A violent storm had raged from early morning, and towards noon had slightly abated, but not until the market stalls were wrecked, and their wares scattered in all directions.

The lull was only temporary, for towards evening the lightning was terrific, scarcely any one being able to venture out of doors. This increased in volume until, at eleven minutes past eight, a blinding flash struck the spire, and down it came with a mighty crash. The sexton, John Dye, whose grave is on the north side of the church, had just been up the belfry to ring the curfew, and was locking the church gates when the steeple fell. The stones were scattered a considerable distance, and two of them, weighing each about half-a-hundredweight, fell at the back of a house now occupied by the present steeplekeeper, Mr. William

Willson, and there they have lain for fifty years. The only bell in the tower fell through, and was smashed to atoms, and had it not been for the large churchyard, there is little doubt that many lives and much property would have been sacrificed.

A public meeting was called under the presidency of His Grace the Duke of Rutland, to take steps towards the restoration, and over £1000 was promised in the room. Eventually the whole sum of £2300 was raised, and the height of the spire increased by six feet. It now stands 172 feet from the ground.

The present ring of six bells was cast and hung in 1857 by the Loughborough firm; tenor 12½ cwt. in F. In 1876, at the demise of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Hill, the Rev. H. J. Fortescue was inducted to the benefice, and while Vicar made extensive alterations, being most lavish in his gifts to the parish. He built a new chancel, undertook the reseating of the whole church, making it free to all, and before leaving St. George's for Honiton in Devon, in 1825, practically completed the restoration of the interior by erecting a carved oak screen for the west end, but by his generosity made it most difficult for a less fortunate man to follow in his footsteps.

Unfortunately, all throughout the restoration the bells have been entirely overlooked or ignored. Only one peal has been

rung on them, viz.: a 5040 in seven methods, the first in the county of Leicester; and now it is the hardest struggle to ring for many minutes together. They have not been overhauled for forty years, the fittings and frames are in a shocking state, and thorough rehanging is necessary. With two trebles added to complete the octave, St. George's would be possessed of bells worthy of the church, and the cost of these could undoubtedly be raised. At present it is the only broken octave in the town of Leicester; and without doubt the worst-going ring. It is to be hoped that under the present Vicar—the Rev. H. E. Sherlock, M.A.—and the energetic Church Council, the stigma may be removed. If the clergy and churchwardens desire, the columns of this paper will be at their disposal for subscriptions at the proper time, and we trust that time may speedily come.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

Certainly one of the most enjoyable days ever spent by any Society was that of Thursday, September 17th, when the ringers of Saffron Walden took a trip to the old Sussex town of Horsham. For this we were principally indebted to the exertions and benevolence of the Master of the Society, Edward Taylor, Esq., whose arrangements for the happiness of his fellow ringers were most successful and highly appreciated. We may at once say that Mr. Taylor had selected this town for our annual outing on account of the many associations connected with his earlier life, for it was there that he wooed, won, and married one of the daughters of a former Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hodgson, who held the appointment upwards of forty-four years.

Forty miles to London, a promenade over London Bridge, thirty-seven to Horsham (the latter exhibiting some picturesque scenery), a walk down the principal streets, and the desired object, the goal of our excursion, the grand old church of St. Mary appears in sight, and with—

No delay in our admission,
Mr. Vaughan is there with keys;
With the Vicar's glad permission,
"Kindly walk in, if you please."

An admiring view of the interior, which contains many objects of great interest from an historical and antiquarian standard,—too many in fact to attempt to enumerate—but our desires were still unsatisfied until—

To the belfry we ascended—
Cast an anxious look around;
From the roof eight ropes descended
Fixed to bells all good and sound!

Soon the sound of the musical bells announced that we were enjoying ourselves, and the strains (not physical) of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court, Cambridge and Superlative Surprises, filled the air.

We were pleased to meet with the good old veteran, Mr. Burstow, whose name adorns the peal boards of the belfry, and whose anecdotal reminiscences were much enjoyed. The brothers Crisp, of Crawley, also honored us with their presence, and took part in the ringing occasionally. Then—

An inward monitor who would not be denied,
Warned us that Nature needed such repair
As angels wot not of—and to the "Dragon Green"
We were conducted—and our conduct there
Was such as well to warrant that a void
Has been discovered: but the goodly store
Would have sufficed young "Oliver" and many more!
Enough! so good a spread had been collected
Each face to face with pleasantries reflected!
The friendly glass—the good time-honored toast,
"The Bells of England," "The Master we boast,"
"Our Glorious Queen," of Sovereigns loved the most.

Dinner over, we repair to "Causeway House." Here the Misses Hodgson vie in their abilities as entertainers, making us at once happy in their genial society. An inspection of the gardens followed, each one having perfect liberty to stroll; but were at last all brought to a focus on the lawn, where was

stationed the magic lens, which, cleverly manipulated by Miss Ethel Hodgson, left an indelible souvenir of our visit, a good photo. of the party being obtained.

Once again we find ourselves in the belfry, and after some good and otherwise ringing, we return to "Causeway House," for—

There a good tea was awaiting,
With ladies presiding o'er it;
"Pray sit down, without hesitating,
You must be ready for it."

We did justice to the tea; but am afraid we could hardly thank the ladies sufficiently for their many kindnesses, and after a little handbell music, which evidently met with appreciation—

We bade our friends adieu,
With hopes another day
Our friendship to renew—
And thanks for a happy day.

On arriving in London, we visited St. Botolph's, Bishopgate (where permission had previously been obtained, and for which we heartily thank all concerned), and rang Stedman Triples, etc. Here we had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. Jacob and Foskett, who happened to be in the neighbourhood, and were attracted by the sound of the bells. These gentlemen took part in two touches.

"Nature" was again attended to; and now for the train. We reached home at 12.15 a.m., and thus ended a very pleasant day.
JOHN F. PENNING.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, September 26th, when the following towers were represented: Bramley, Tong, Rothwell, Leeds, Holbeck (R.C.), Armitage Bridge, St. Michael's, Headingley, Pudsey, and the local company. Tower ringing commenced a little after 2.30 by an attempt for a peal, which came to grief at an early stage; however ringing was continued at intervals until 9 p.m. in the following methods: Arnold's Victory, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Tulip, Violet, Oxford, and College Treble, all of which were successfully brought round by mixed companies. A business meeting was held at The Barleycorn inn, when there was a good attendance of members. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. A notice of motion was next given to grant an amount from the society's funds to open a subscription list in aid of a worthy and respected member, who has been suffering from a diseased hip for some two years; also that an appeal be made through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" to other ringers and friends. This was proposed by Mr. M. Broadbent, and seconded by Mr. J. Turner. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Binns, was unanimously elected as representative on the Central Council, being proposed by Mr. J. Thackray, and seconded by Mr. W. Chapman. Holbeck was then announced as the place for the next meeting, when the amateur society belonging to the parish church will offer two money prizes for the best touch on six and eight bells. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the vicar, wardens, and local ringers for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding. Handbell tinging followed, courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters, Bob Major, and Oxford Bob Minor being rung. About thirty members were present, all of whom seemed to enjoy themselves.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place at St. Martin's on Friday, September 11th. Mr. B. Foskett, *Master*; Mr. W. Baron, *Treasurer*; Mr. A. Jacob, *Secretary*; Mr. E. Frazer, *Senior Steward*; Mr. W. Nudds, *Junior Steward*. A vote of thanks was accorded to the officers for their services during the past year. The first three were all re-elected.

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News from Australia.

SIR,—The following is a resume of our work during the half-year ending June 30th, 1896. We are practising seven different methods with a view to getting a 5040 in the near future, and trust that by the time we accomplish it the Central Council will see their way clear to designate such a meritorious performance a peal.

On January 1st, at St. Mark's church, for midnight service, Darling Point, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Pope, 1; J. Waterman, 2; H. Davies, 3; M. A. Noble, 4; C. Porter (conductor), 5; A. B. Joyner, 6. On March 15th, for morning service, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. A. Pope, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; H. Davies, 3; J. Waterman, 4; A. B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. On March 19th, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Pope, 1; J. Waterman, 2; H. Davies, 3; T. Joyner, 4; M. A. Noble, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. This 720 was composed by Mr. A. Barnes, of the Victorian Society of ringers. On April 16th, 1896, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. C. Porter, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; H. Davies, 3; J. Waterman, 4; A. B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the ringers and the first on the bells. On April 23rd, for practice, a 720 Darling Point Minor, in 27 mins. J. Pope, 1; T. Joyner, 2; H. Davies, 3; M. A. Noble, 4; J. Waterman, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. On 3rd May, for practice, 564 changes, being a 180 of Darling Point, 144 of College Single, 144 of Plain Bob, and 96 College Single. On May 25th, for practice, a silent 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Pope, 1; T. Joyner, 2; C. Porter, 3; M. A. Noble, 4; J. Waterman, 5; A. B. Joyner, 6. This is the first silent peal by the society. On June 11th, for practice, a 720 consisting of Darling Point Minor and Plain Bob. Conducted by T. Joyner. On June 21st, for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Pope, 1; M. A. Noble, 2; H. Davies, 3; T. Joyner, 4; A. B. Joyner, 5; C. Porter (conductor), 6. On June 25th, for practice, a 360 of Yarranable. Conducted by T. Joyner. On June 25th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. H. Davies, 1; J. Waterman, 2; C. Porter, 3; M. A. Noble, 4; A. B. Joyner, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. On July 2nd, a 720 for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. J. Pope, 1; J. Waterman, 2; H. Davies, 3; M. A. Noble, 4; T. Joyner (conductor), 5; A. B. Joyner, 6. This 720 was also composed by Mr. Barnes, of Victoria.

A. B. JOYNER, Hon. Sec.,

St. Mark's Society, New South Wales.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, HAVERSTOCK HILL.—On Saturday, September 12th, the members of this society held their annual outing, Southend-on-Sea being the place selected. A start was made at 8.43 from Kentish Town by the Midland Railway, Southend being reached at 10.15 a.m., and after refreshing the inner man they parted for a stroll round, some going on the pier, others walking along the shore, all meeting at one o'clock sharp for dinner. After doing justice to the good things provided, a move was made to Prittlewell to have a ring on the fine peal of eight, permission having been previously obtained. Arriving there about four o'clock, a start was made for 308 Grandsire Triples, when they were joined by some Crayford friends, together with Mr. Judd, of Southend, and after a general welcome all round, the following touches were rung: 168 Grandsire Triples, 224 Double Norwich, 252 Stedman Triples, 288 Kent Treble Bob, 224 Bob Major, 224 Canterbury Pleasure Major, and 182 Grandsire Major, conducted by Messrs. Barnett, Wilkins, Smith, and Nixon, the following also taking part: Messrs. Alderman, Bevan, Smith, Nixon, Titchener, Young, Ellis, Watson, Judd, Barnett, Wilkins, Conyard, Saxby, and Coombes. Lowering the bells a move was made for tea, the Crayford friends having now to leave to catch their train. After tea a walk back to Southend for an hour or so before leaving for home, which was reached about 11.15. They wish to thank the vicar of Prittlewell for the use of the bells, and Mr. Bedwell for having all in readiness; also Mr. Judd and their Crayford friends for having assisted them.

THE GAINSBOROUGH SOCIETY.—On Saturday, September 19th, by the kind invitation of Lady Beckett, the members of this society paid a visit to Corringham, which was reached about 3.15 p.m. Arriving there the bells were very soon raised and set in motion. The first touch was a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Pattison, 1; F. S. Butler, 2; A. Wheeler, 3; J. Ladd, 4; G. Wilson (conductor), 5; R. Lakin, 6. Followed by a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles) in 27 mins. E. Credland, 1; J. Ladd, 2; A. Wheeler, 3; W. D. Tinker, 4; G. Wilson, 5; F. S. Butler (conductor), 6. By the time this was finished, Mr. Smithson, the captain of the Corringham ringers put in an appearance, and rang the treble through a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles in a creditable manner, considering the local company are not practical change-ringers. After other touches had been rung, the company adjourned to the house of Mr. Smithson, where a splendid tea was spread out for them, provided by Lady Beckett. After tea Mr. Pattison obliged the company with two interesting recitations, after which Mr. Butler proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Lady Beckett for her kind invitation and for the splendid tea provided for them by her; also to Mr. and Mrs. Smithson for the way in which they had arranged it for them; and to the Rev. J. F. Flowers (who to the regret of all present was away from home) for the use of the bells. This was seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and duly responded to by Mr. Smithson. The ringers then went back to the church, where a 6-score of Stedman Doubles was brought round. A. Wheeler, 1; J. Ladd, 2; W. Tinker, 3; H. Kirtton, 4; F. Butler (conductor), 5; R. Lakin, 6. A 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) which came to grief, was then attempted by C. Dunderdale, 1; F. Butler, 2; E. Credland, 3; J. Ladd, 4; A. Wheeler, 5; H. Kirtton (conductor), 6. Time drawing on, the bells were then lowered, and a start made for home, which was safely reached about 9.30 p.m., after an outing which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE ROMSEY SOCIETY.—On Monday, September 21st, the members of this society had their annual outing, Andover and Stockbridge being the places selected. They halted at the latter place and rang several 6-scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor. After staying 2½ hours they journeyed on to Andover, where they were welcomed by the vicar (the Rev. P. R. P. Braithwaite) and several of the local band. After ringing a few touches of Bob and Grandsire Triples, they done justice to a beautiful tea at the vicarage, provided by the vicar. After tea was over they returned home, a very enjoyable day being spent in spite of the heavy rain which fell at intervals. The visitors wish to thank the vicar for his kind hospitality.

ST. WOOLLS ASSOCIATION, NEWPORT, MON.—On a recent Monday the members of this Association had their annual outing, the places selected being Symons Yat and Monmouth, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful spots in the Wye valley, and therefore it would be hard to find a place more suitable, especially from a ringer's point of view. Leaving Newport at 8.5 a.m., we passed through the quaint old city of Caerleon (eight bells, tenor 7½ cwt.); Pontypool, Trevethin (eight bells, tenor 14 cwt.); Usk (six bells), then on to Raglan with its fine old castle. Arriving at the Yat at 9.45, and after visiting host Davies at The Rocklea hotel, we climbed the rock, from which a most charming view is obtained of Ross, Mitcheldean, and Cinderford. After descending we took to the boats and enjoyed a row as far as Whitchurch and back to dinner, which host Davies supplied at his best. After the customary toasts we took train to Monmouth, but unfortunately the four small pinnacles on the tower are condemned, so we could not have a pull there: but nothing daunted we wired off to our old friend J. Morley, at Chepstow, where we arrived in time for a start a 7 p.m. touches of Grandsire Triples being rung. After a most enjoyable day's outing we arrived home at 10.50 p.m. We wish to thank our Chepstow friends most earnestly for their kindness in getting things ready at such short notice, and for taking part in the touches.

F. A.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 20th, after evening service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; W. Nudds, 2; G. Haylett, 3; J. Tite, 4; A. Mann, 5; J. Saunders (conductor), 6.

PRACTICAL HINTS TO YOUNG CONDUCTORS
AND COMPOSERS.

CHAPTER IV.

A composer of very high standing has suggested an addition to my remarks upon "in and out-of-course." He asks me to add Shipway's observations upon the subject, as it was by their means that his eyes were opened. I hardly think this necessary for several obvious reasons, but the opinion of such an authority as my correspondent may not be disregarded. Omitting unnecessary parts, Shipway has the following:—

"It is of the highest importance to the composer and bob-caller (now termed conductor), that they be well acquainted with this part of the science, as it enables the one to ascertain the truth of his production, the other the truth of his peal; and if a conductor be not possessed of this knowledge, should the bells be out of course, he may often suffer his companions to ring a false peal; the bells, indeed, in many instances never could come round. An acquaintance with this is highly necessary to those practitioners who are learning to bring bells into rounds, which cannot be acquired without much study and practice. . . . It is already understood, that, on any number of bells, there are half in each course or part: thus, of 40,320 changes on eight bells, 20,160 are in course, and the same number out; which, according to the method, are variously blended together; some, one and one; others, two and two, etc.; and the effect produced is consequently as various. Now in many instances it is necessary that the courses of the bells should be turned; this is done by what we have termed a single, which, on five and six bells is a single change, but on seven and eight is double, and on nine and ten bells is a triple change, etc. The next object is to know what changes are in and out of course. Three bells are always a single change, one bell laying still, while the others make a change; they are therefore turned every change. On four bells, again, there is a double and single change alternately; the four changing at one time is a double change, which retains them in course; then, two bells laying still, the two middle ones make a single change; so they are turned every two changes. By three and four bells, any change can be known, if in or out of course, on any number of bells: thus, if two bells change, they are out of the course they were in; if four bells change, they continue in the same course. This is the case with five bells, as the odd bell can make no change. Six bells changing are out of course, there being four and two, which produce the effect of a single change; for, let the four lay still or change, they still are in course; then the two changing act the part of a single, whether the four lay still or not. Seven bells are a four and three: consequently they act as six, the four making a double, and the three a single change, as observed above. On eight bells there are two fours, that keep the bells in course; and so of nine, being two fours and an odd one. Ten and eleven bells are as six and seven in effect, containing two fours and a two. Twelve and thirteen are like eight and nine, containing three fours, which keep twelve and thirteen bells in course; as two fours keep eight and nine in. Thus the changing of four and five, eight and nine, twelve and thirteen bells, keeps them in course, whilst that of six and seven, ten and eleven, fourteen and fifteen, puts them out. By applying the round to any given change, it will, by the above method, easily discover whether it be in or out of course."

We now take leave of this part of the subject.

GRANDSIRE MINOR.

The method under treatment is not favorable for an even number of bells. The bell in 6th place having to lie four blows behind while the place is being made in front, and six blows at a bob, is not conducive to musical effect. But for all this, there are many to whom "Grandsire" under any circumstances is a great favorite. The method seems certainly to afford more entertainment than Plain Bob, but the fact remains that the bells lying behind is an immense drawback.

Minor is generally called by observation of the tenor. A 720 is obtained by calling a bob every lead except when the 5th or the tenor is in the hunt, when these bells have to remain there two leads. When, however, the 5th is called out, the part end must be allowed to run up when the tenors will be at home to-

gether. This to be five times repeated, calling a single midway in the third and sixth parts instead of a bob, in any one place where the tenors are not before. Below are three 720s from Shipway:

720.	720.	720.
23456	23456	23456
B 65243	B 65243	25364
64532	64532	B 46235
S 32654	B 23654	43652
B 45362	B 45263	B 25463
B 26435	B 36425	B 36245
B 53246	B 52346	B 54326
54362	54263	B 62534
B 25534	B 36524	63245
23645	32645	B 54623
24356	34256	52436

In the first the second call is a single; in the other parts, except the fourth, a bob must be substituted. The other two must be dealt with in the same way. Of course if the single is omitted the bells run home at 360 changes. Here is given the scale of positions of the bells when a call is made:—

Into the hunt.	Before.	Out of the hunt.	Wrong.	Right.
1	3	5	2	4
			6	

These are exactly the same as was pointed out in Doubles, with the exception of the observation "Right." This position is secured to a bell by calling the bob the lead after she has made thirds place. The bob must be called as the bell is making her first blow behind.

It is unnecessary to prolong the observations on Grandsire Minor. We may conclude by giving a rule by which to call the bells into rounds. The first thing is to get 5-6 at home, *i.e.* the 5th to be after (or behind) the tenor. This is done by calling the 5th into the hunt, and call her out when the tenor is before. Then call the tenor "right" until the bells run home. When the 4th gets into the hunt, the 2nd and 3rd must be looked after in the same way as was shown in Grandsire Doubles.

ALEPH.

(To be continued.)

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Wednesday, September 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. B. Paine, 1; J. Rice, 2; G. Attfield, 3; J. Newnham, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. Rice (conductor), 7; F. Merritt, 8. Also 504 in the same method, conducted by J. Rice, standing as before with the exception of G. Paice and R. Jordan changing places. Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen having reigned longer than any other sovereign.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, September 23rd, at the church of St. Mary and Nicholas, to celebrate the long reign of Her Majesty the Queen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mms. F. Kemp, 1; H. Wood, 2; H. Newnham, 3; C. Race, 4; A. Dean, 5; W. Crockford, 6; E. Hull (conductor), 7; W. Messum and T. Newnham, 8.

LLANDEGAI (North Wales).—On Monday, September 14th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Rowlands, 1; S. Taylor, 2; F. Taylor, 3; B. Broadbent, 4; P. Davies, 5; M. J. Morris (conductor), 6. B. Broadbent bails from Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest from Bangor. First 720 on the bells, which sadly require a thorough overhaul. The above was considered well-struck under the circumstances.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 20th, at St. Andrew's church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Tite, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; R. Haylett, 4; A. Mann, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. In the afternoon another 720 in the same method. W. Hensley, 1; J. Tite, 2; G. Haylett, 3; R. Haylett, 4; A. Mann, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Crewe Branch of the above Guild held a ringing meeting at Sandbach on Saturday, September 19th. At half-past four the usual meeting was held in the schoolroom, the President, the Rev. G. J. Howson, Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, presiding. The towers represented were Sandbach, Alsager, Crewe, Kidsgrove and Lawton, twenty-six members being present. After reading and passing of the minutes of the previous meeting the following gentlemen were elected hon. members: the Rev. W. O. M. Hughes, Rector of Tarporley, and the Rev. J. R. Armitstead, Vicar of Sandbach; Mr. Geo. Mason, of Sandbach, was elected as a ringing member. A vote of condolence was moved by the Rev. G. J. Howson, seconded by J. Stringer, Esq., sympathising with the relatives and friends in their bereavement through the death of the late Mr. F. R. T. Bolton, of West Kirby, who was Secretary of the Wirral Branch and a much-respected member of this Guild. After the meeting the members sat down to a splendid tea in the schoolroom kindly provided by J. Stringer, Esq. and the Sandbach ringers, which all thoroughly enjoyed. After tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to J. Stringer, Esq. and the Sandbach ringers for the kind and hearty reception they had given the visitors that day; also a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Johnson and the ladies present for so kindly making tea for them. The ringers then adjourned to the tower, and ringing was kept up till eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, and the ringers wended their various ways home, all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon with their Sandbach friends. Among the various touches rung during the afternoon were a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Harding, 1; R. Langford, 2; J. Davies, 3; P. Mason, 4; G. Harding, 5; T. Johnson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. Also another 504 in the same method. J. Mason, 1; T. Cartwright, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Cartwright, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Baddiley, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; R. Langford, 8. And a 350. J. Edwards, 1; J. Elsley, 2; J. Davies, 3; W. Cartwright, 4; G. Baddiley, 5; A. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Spooner, 8. Also two courses of Bob Major. J. Mason, 1; T. Cartwright, 2; A. Archer, 3; R. Langford, 4; H. Dean, 5; W. Cartwright, 6; G. Baddiley, 7; R. T. Holding, 8. And several touches of Treble Bob Minor by various bands.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

To-day, Saturday, October 3rd, a band of the above Association will attempt a series of peals at various places in Hants. To-day a start is to be made at Fareham; on Monday the intention is to ring two peals at Soberton; Tuesday—in the morning at East Meon, in the afternoon at Petersfield; Wednesday—in the morning at Havant, afternoon at St. Mary's, Portsea. We wish the company much pleasure and great success. In all probability a report of the proceedings will be found in our next.

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."

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me to intimate to the members of the Yorkshire Association that the "coming of age" photo, taken at the Bradford Meeting is now ready. It is not only an interesting, but a really creditable production, which, as a memento, ought to find a place in all Yorkshire belfries. The photo itself measures 15 in. by 12 in. It comprises about 150 faces, is handsomely mounted (with appropriate inscription), and enclosed in a most elegant oak frame with gold beading, the whole measuring 23 x 20. The price of the picture, framed complete, is 7s. 6d., and copies may be had on application to the photographer, Mr. George Whitaker, 4, Arthur Street, Bingley, a member of the Association. I hope to find that Mr. Whitaker's commendable enterprise in this direction has been well rewarded.

B. T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec. Y.A.C.R.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, September 27th, at St. Peter's church 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and twenty-six singles) in 29 mins. G. Maries (conductor), 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; E. Forshaw, 3; W. Gillett, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, September 26th. Upon arriving at Chesterfield, a great muster of ringers was seen, waiting for the train, some bound for Wingfield, others for the garden party at Duffield. During this period of waiting we were all able to have a friendly chat, and a hurried glance at our "BELL NEWS," one remarking that we should soon have a good photograph of the crooked spire, and as we were then in full view and close by the object of that picture all eyes were turned that way. Having wished our Duffield friends a pleasant day we took our seats and were soon at our destination.

The meeting was held at The Blue Bell inn, members being present from Norton, Killamarsh, Eckington, Staveley, Chesterfield, Clay Cross and Wingfield. The Rev. J. E. Ormesher, Curate-in-charge of Wingfield, presided.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. W. Biggin, seconded by Mr. Harris, it was arranged that the next quarterly meeting be held at Anston on the second Saturday in January, 1897.

The question was then discussed regarding a second prize at the cup competition. Mr. J. Harris (Staveley), spoke at some length, and, although he approved of the scheme, did not like the idea of taking the hat round for subscriptions, which was not a pleasant task to perform. Perhaps that gentleman may think such a course would clash with the Christmas boxes, which I am afraid many companies have to partly rely upon for their year's ringing salary.

The Rev. J. E. Ormesher said he should very much like to give them a good start, and had he been the man with the money he would have spent it in helping such a good cause. He promised to lay the matter before their new Vicar when he arrived, suggesting that if the clergy and squires in the respective parishes where the Association held their meetings gave their pounds, the meeting would easily gain their object.

Mr. Marsden and others having pointed out to the meeting that they would not only want a second prize, but also one in proportion to the second for the winners of the cup, Mr. Worthington said he was inclined to think that if such was not the case there would be more trying for the second prize than for the cup.

On the motion of Mr. Tarlton the matter was left over till the Easter meeting.

Mr. T. Allibone proposed, and Mr. Marsden seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Ormesher for presiding.

The rev. gentleman, in reply, thanked the meeting for their vote of thanks, remarking that it was very little he had done for them that day, but what little service he had been able to render it had given him great pleasure. He would convey the business of the meeting to their new Vicar, who he had no doubt would give his aid to the objects of the Association.

Several 720s were rung by mixed bands during the afternoon.

E. J.

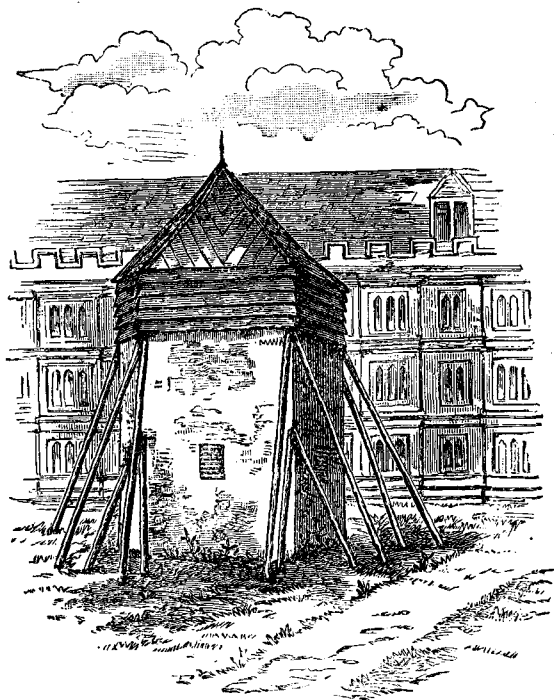
Obituary.

MARK LEONARD MYHILL.

The above ringer, who died at Romford last week, was some few years ago a promising young ringer. Having commenced during his apprenticeship in the printing trade to learn ringing at St. Edward's church, Dick, as he was familiarly called, made rapid progress, both on tower and handbells, and was soon at peal-ringing, even attempting to conduct. His interest in the Art however appeared to flag after leaving Romford, for with the exception of doing a little ringing during a short employment at St. Albans, the deceased does not appear to have practised the science but upon rare occasions. Although the possessor of a will of his own when shown that there were two sides to a question, Dick was generally convinced of that which was right, and was exact, and insisted upon having everything above board. In a peal or touch he was always willing to go to the heavy end, and at the first attempt for the printer's peal at Romford he rang the tenor; in the successful attempt he rang the 4th. He died at the age of 25 years 9 months, after having suffered eleven days from rheumatic fever. On Thursday evening the bells of St. Edward's were rung half-muffled.

THE DESTROYED BELL-HOUSE AT KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

VISITORS to Cambridge may observe in such a dry season as the summer of 1896 a peculiarly arid spot on the grass just to the west of King's College Chapel. This is the site of an ancient bell-house, or Clochard, as Bowtell (a great ringer in his day) calls it, erected about the time of King Henry VI., for the temporary reception of those five great bells which were intended to find a permanent home in the projected grand tower in the court to the north of the chapel. The troubles of that unfortunate king's reign prevented the completion of the design, and from various causes the bells remained in their habitation till it was pulled down in 1739, when they were removed to the floor of the chapel, where they stood till they were sold in the year 1754. The engraving here presented is from my *Church Bells of Cambridgeshire*,* p. 57, No. 73, and we are indebted to



the kindness of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society for the use of it. It consisted of two stories, of which the upper one in 1603 was called "le bell sollar." This word, from *Solarium*, a sunny chamber, is still in use in the Eastern Counties. In 1613 it was standing without struts to support it, as may be seen from Sir Henry Savile's *Chrysostom*, but by 1660 there were struts all round it, a local painter named Wisdom being employed to paint them.

The engraving is completed from Loggan, who gives only the south-east view of the structure.

On another occasion I hope to give some account of the wonderful five bells, the tenants of this bell-house, which was constructed of timber and plaster, with a leaden roof.

Fressingfield Vicarage.

J. J. RAVEN, D.D., F.S.A.

* This work is now out of print.

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.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The October General Meeting of this Association was held at Grimsby on Saturday, September 26th, and was well represented by members from Gainsborough, Barton-on-Humber, Market Rasen, Lincoln, Timberland, Branston, and the local company. A short service was held in the parish church of St. James in the afternoon, after which the members met at the Coffee Tavern for tea. The inner man being refreshed, the company soon settled down to the more serious duties of the business meeting, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon J. P. Young, vicar of St. James. In opening the meeting the chairman remarked he felt sure all the members would agree with him in expressing their congratulations upon the long and successful reign of Her Majesty the Queen, and in wishing that she may still enjoy good health to continue the government of such a prosperous nation.

Canon Young expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the members to Grimsby, and said he wished he knew more about the science of change-ringing and its mathematical problems. He encouraged the ringers to take an interest in the marks upon the bells, and to try to find out their history. He set the members a good example by giving them a most lucid and interesting description how he had traced the history of his own peal of bells, and concluded by suggesting that if such matter were put into the annual report, it would no doubt make the report useful as a reference, as well as instructive from an antiquarian point of view.

Mr. Chester (Lincoln) said he had to apologise for the General Secretary's absence, who was unavoidably detained in Lincoln.

The minutes of the Market Rasen meeting were read and confirmed, and a discussion arose as to the definition of a non-resident Life Member. The matter was referred to the Committee with a suggestion that the rule as regards Life Members should be more definite. The draft rules and regulations which had been drawn up by a special committee of the Lincoln District, were ordered to be embodied in the next report, so that each member should have an opportunity of considering them before their confirmation at the Annual Meeting. Four new honorary members were proposed from Timberland, together with two new honorary members from Barton-on-Humber. Mr. Heyhoe's (Grimsby) proposition that the Rev. E. Akenhead, vicar of St. Oswald, Scunthorpe, become an honorary member, together with his band of twelve ringers as probationary members, was received with loud applause. The fact that Scunthorpe possessed in addition to a beautiful church, a good ring of 8 bells, no doubt enhanced the popularity of the proposition. The total number of members elected were 7 honorary, 12 probationary, and one non-resident life member. The Acting-Secretary also remarked that through the activity of the Barton-on-Humber branch, two donations had been received from there. It was decided that peals of Minor rung during this year eligible for the peal book, be inserted in the next annual report. A request having been received from the Branston branch for an Instructor, it was agreed to grant the usual fee towards the cost, together with a similar arrangement with the newly-elected Scunthorpe branch.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, concluded the business meeting. The tower of St. James being near to the station was again visited, and various touches were brought round during the evening. In the early afternoon the members from Barton-on-Humber visited Waltham, a village near to Grimsby, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor upon the bells.

ALL SAINTS (FULHAM) SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 24th, at the usual weekly meeting of the above society, Mr. Driver presented Mr. E. H. Adams with a handsome clock, subscribed for by the members as a mark of their esteem, and congratulated him in their name on his wedding. Mr. Adams suitably responded.

A short time ago a presentation was made to Mr. Charge, to mark a similar event.

MEN AND MANNERS.

Good old scruffers, they are on their last legs, and a good thing too. This time they are "on strike" in a village not a hundred miles from Birmingham, and if the Rector's statement is correct it is to be hoped they will be superseded by a set of better men. It seems they never attend to ring except there is "something at the end of it." For chiming they have been paid, and they want paying to ring for the Harvest Festival. Most properly the Rector declines with thanks, and is setting about getting another band of ringers. I don't like this sort of thing, it means that those who come after are looked upon as usurpers, and the breach between the old and the new ringers is never healed. In ninety-nine cases in a hundred the men have only themselves to blame. There are times when ringing entails loss of time from employment, and in such cases services should most certainly be paid for, and none but unreasonable clergy or churchwardens would refuse payment; but for ordinary ringing for services of the Church the unreasonableness is on the other side. I know towers where it is almost impossible to raise a practice except for a few weeks before Christmas, and it is no wonder that an attempt is made to clear out a few of this school. It is true that the "go" of some bells is almost enough to make many of the band stop away until the fittings are overhauled, places where the *pleasure* of ringing is out of the question, and where it is simply torture to pull a bell through a five hundred or so. There are churches I know where the church authorities don't care a fig so long as the bells are chimed for Sunday services. In such places I would suggest to the ringers to draw up a letter to the Vicar and Wardens, setting forth the labour and distress it causes to ring in anything like form, and if no notice is taken of it they will have done their duty.

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This is a cruel world, it don't give a man a "chance." So said James Covey when hauled before the stipendiary at a London Police Court on a charge of stealing his employer's filthy lucre. It seems that Jeames borrowed the spare cash without asking permission. Of course Jeames meant to put it back—they all do—he simply took it as a loan, and I am ashamed of him. You see, Jeames, you ought to know better, this cold world don't give a Covey like you a ghost of a "chance." Not likely, you should develop your talents in another direction. For instance, there is money in a host of ventures. You might start in the corned beef trade—old cab horses are cheap—or you might go abroad and discover somebody; or again, seize a tract of land and you might get made a member of Parliament. You might look out for somebody who has started in business and getting fairly afloat, and all you have to do is to run an opposition shop in the same line. Never mind what trouble you may cause the man who has worked up the business, you can copy and imitate him and trade upon his name, and all this is considered honest and highly respectable, but stealing is low—very low. Besides, look at the risk of punishment. The man who rings the changes in your line, Jeames, must be an expert or nothing. The method don't run smooth, it runs quite the reverse to what you might expect. For your future guidance, Jeames, I append a table of rogue's course-ends. When the policeman takes you in the hunt—for a loaf, value 6d.—three months hard; for removing surplus cash or goods—two years; absconding with £1000—one year. Ditto with £30,000—two years as a first-class misdemeanant; salting a "Gold Mine" and vending it for £100,000—Member of Parliament and "friend of the working man." You see, Jeames, it is as well to know the method before starting to ring it. Good morning, mind the step.

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The Harvest Festivals are with us, although the weather is very unlike harvest time, in fact it seems as though we have exchanged the usual September weather for that of February. To my mind the harvest festival services seem the best of any in the year. It is then I get me away from the madding crowd in the towns to an old quiet village with a ring of five bells in the quaint old tower. What a contrast is there between the scanty decorations of a busy city church and the masses of fruit, flowers and corn to be found in that of the average village

where almost every parishioner considers it his duty to bring an offering. I love the village church; everything in connection seems more sacred and yet more homely. There is an absence of "starchiness" and finery so conspicuous in town churches, and it may be fancy, but even the stained windows and the simple service appeal to one more strongly than those of a cathedral. It makes me wish the service would never end, and methinks I would willingly exchange it if I could, the roar and bustle, for the quiet life of a villager.

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Eleven Thousand of London Surprise! Still I am not surprised. I told you a few weeks ago that there was very little doubt but what the Oxford giant would go for the extent; but I do think Mr. Washbrook might have published when the attempt was to be made, and Jingle would have been on the spot. However it is another record for J. W. W., and like Tennyson's *Wash* brook he seems to go on for ever. He needs no praise, his previous feats are so well known, but this will make history in Surprise ringing, and the band are to be congratulated, firstly on their magnificent performance, and secondly on being under the tutorship of such a magician in the art of peal-ringing. The Burton men are in sackcloth and ashes, their record of 6720 being smashed beyond recognition. By the way I notice Mr. Joseph Griffin (who called the 6720 from the 4th) has woke up again and called a peal of Stedman for the Ashby men. It was about time friend Joe did something. Since he retired from the secretaryship of the Midland Counties Association, in which office he worked like a Trojan, he seems to have lost his enthusiasm; and now he has come out of his shell it is to be hoped he will go on the war path again.

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The weight of Norwich tenor seems to be indisputable according to Mr. Trollope's letter, and I am glad he has given us the desired information. An autograph letter from the founders should be conclusive enough, and the mistake in the weight could easily be understood where two bells are involved. Nevertheless there are ringers who won't accept even the founder's version. The Erith tenor is stated to be 18 cwt., and yet if what another ringer says is true, he has a letter from the firm saying the bell is 15 cwt. Perhaps someone at Erith will oblige, for there can be no other reason in exaggerating the weight, except to make the peals which are rung shine brighter than they possibly might if the proper weight is given. I notice Mr. Trollope has been elected to represent the Norwich Association on the Central Council, and congratulate him on his success. He will be, I believe, the youngest member sitting, but Mr. A. J. T. is about as smart as the next man, though it does not seem many weeks since he rung his first 5040 (Bob Minor). Since then he has quickly mounted the campanological ladder, and holds the record I believe of the longest peal rung in hand, viz.: 11,200. Norwich has always been famous for its ringers, and the mantles of the Hurrys and Hubbards have fallen on some who will not disgrace them. The best performance of late years at Norwich was to my mind the wedding peal of Mr. F. Knights, who turned the great tenor in to a peal of Treble Bob Major, no mean feat with a bell upwards of two tons. It would be a splendid performance to ring Mancroft twelve to Double Norwich Maximus, but they must be quick about it, or Jemmy Motts will do the trick at Ipswich. I see they have been practising some time, and weekly I expect to see they have pulled it off.

JINGLE.

WEST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.

A large new clock has just been erected at the parish church here, which shows the time on three large dials, strikes the hours, and chimes the Cambridge quarters. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm made the clock in East Teignmouth church tower a few years ago.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1896.

THE minds of several of our readers have been exercised by the appearance of a story in one of the monthlies, wherein, in relating a scene in the belfry on New Year's Eve, the writer describes how one of the ringers proceeds to raise several bells simultaneously, ropes being affixed for this purpose to his arms, legs, and elbows—we forget whether he had one round his neck also. The narrative itself is a very tame commonplace affair, and without the episode of bell ringing athleticism, would hardly be noticed by readers who expect in their literary fodder something bold and striking, fresh, and highly seasoned withal. If we mistake not, the same magazine some years ago treated us to an effusion on bells and ringing from the pen of a well-known, if somewhat erratic reverend gentleman, which was regarded by all ringers quite as ridiculous as the story we are alluding to. We suppose no other pursuit of a recreative character has been sported with by uninformed writers so much as that of ringing. These people are practically ignorant of the alphabet of ringing; they seem to be under the impression that a rope or line

has merely to be pulled and the job is done. All this is very ridiculous we know, but the comical situation soon changes into contempt or disgust, with amazement how such stuff should find its way into print without enquiry. But we must endure these things. The Art will never become popular in a sense. We shall never get whole pages of bell-ringing intelligence in the daily papers. Golf, football, and even horse-racing before ringing. We can content ourselves, however, by the thought that the terrible evils of the latter will never enter our planet.

The reports of the Yorkshire and Worcestershire Associations are unavoidably held over until next week. With next number will appear the portrait of Mr. Charles Sillitoe, of Sudbury. The following week we hope to publish a photograph of Chesterfield Church, executed specially for this paper.

The Metropolis.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY).

On Thursday, September 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FREDERICK EXON 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 4.	JAMES MOGRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This was Thurstan's' peal rung without extras or omits, using six singles. It was rung while the Oxford company were on a visit to London and they beg, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for the use of his fine peal of bells, a treat which was much enjoyed.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, September 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

ANDREW S. OUGH Treble.	WILLIAM T. ELSON 6.
JOHN G. GREEN 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER 7.
GEORGE R. FARDON* .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS 8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 9.
HORACE ADAMS† 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD and

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal. Rung in commemoration of Her Majesty's long reign.

The Provinces.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 21, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

F. DAY Treble.	A. MARKWELL 5.
G. MURTON 2.	G. FORD 6.
E. BROOME 3.	J. NOLLER 7.
H. SHARP 4.	C. PALMER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by F. DAY.

This peal contains the extent of 4, 5, 6 in 6th place. Messrs. Markwell and Sharp hail from Wilburton, Isle of Ely, and are members of the Ely Association.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK WINSOR Treble.	JAMES HARVEY 5.
CHARLES H. HORTON .. 2.	ALBERT WATERS 6.
HERBERT CHARD 3.	JOHN WINSOR 7.
JOHN BISHOP 4.	CHARLES WINSTONE .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT WATERS.

Rung in commemoration of Her Majesty Queen Victoria having reigned longer than any other monarch on the British Throne. After the peal was rung, Queen's and firing were kept going for some time. This is F. Winsor's (aged 15) first peal; also first peal with a bob bell by H. Chard. C. Horton hails from St. Stephen's, Bristol; Waters from Barrow Gurney; the remainder are local men.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN CHIVERS* Treble.	WILLIAM STEED 5.
ALFRED LAURENCE 2.	GEO. A. CARD 6.
GEO. H. STONESTREET .. 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
B. WADMORE, ESQ.* .. 4.	*JOSEPH SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6.
GEORGE MOY 2.	ALBERT ROUGHT 7.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 3.	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGTON .. 4.	*FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. 9.
WILLIAM ROUGHT* 5.	CHARLES ED. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 6th, 8th and tenor belong to Norwich; and, 5th and 7th to Aylsham; 4th to Cambridge; 9th to Newcastle. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, 9 and 10 are members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. *First peal of Grandsire Caters.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 24, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

WALTER S. EVANS† .. Treble.	GEORGE PEACEY 5.
HENRY W. ALLEN† 2.	*CHARLES LAYTON 6.
CHARLES GREENING† .. 3.	†JAMES FIELD 7.
THOMAS WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM SMART Tenor.

Conducted by C. LAYTON.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No 2. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	WILLIAM J. FREAKES .. 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 2.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 6.
GEORGE HAWKINS 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL 4.	CHARLES W. EADES .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. J. I. P. Wyatt for the use of the bells; and also Mr. Steer for having everything in readiness.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HALL Treble.	HENRY DAWKES.. .. 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 2.	*GEORGE BURROWS 7.
HENRY A. HALL 3.	AARON GRIFFITHS 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
WILLIAM SMITH 5.	FARRINGTON JONES Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Caters, B. Dalton hails from Tettenhall; W. Smith from Darlaston; the rest belong to the local band.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 27, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	RICHARD STAINES 5.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 2.	CHARLES MILLWAY 6.
STANLEY HUTSON 3.	WILLIAM TASSELL 7.
GEORGE H. KITE 4.	WILLIAM WALKER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

G. Willshire belongs to the Quex Park company; the rest hail from Borden, Kent. P. G. Powell Cotton, Esq., owner of the estate, and others heard the peal, and congratulated the ringers on the excellent striking.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Treble.	CHARLES EXON 6.
ERNEST E. YATES 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
FREDERICK EXON 3.	THOMAS PAYNE 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 9.
JOHN JAGGAR 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Yates belongs to Great Marlow, Bucks., and it is his first peal on ten; Austin to Gloucester; Jaggar to Burton-on-Trent.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

L. BENNETT* Treble.	H. TUBB 6.
R. WHITE 2.	F. S. WHITE 7.
F. WHITE 3.	G. HOLIFIELD 8.
F. TUBB* 4.	H. WOODWARDS 9.
F. BARRETT 5.	R. BENNETT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

*First peal. All the above are Appleton men.

TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK.

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

On Sunday, September 27, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	JOHN MOY 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	JOSEPH GOWER 6.
CHARLES E. BORRETT 3.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 7.
ALBERT ROUGHT 4.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by FREDK. J. HARRISON.

Messrs. Hoy and Rought hail from Aylsham; Harrison from Jarrow-on-Tyne; Gower is of the local company; the remainder belong to Norwich.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

CHIPPING.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 23, 1896, in Three Hours and One and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR

METHODS as follows:

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lbs.

RICHARD KENYON Treble.	EDWIN TIMBRELL 4.
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL .. 2.	THOMAS SEED 5.
JOHN T. KENYON 3.	FREDERICK TIMBRELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

First 5040 in seven methods by all the band. This was an Oddfellows' peal; all the ringers being members of the Order. The first Oddfellows' peal by the above Association.

Date Touches.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, September 26th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to several ringers of the parish church, Wednesbury, and also for Mr. J. Tinsley, of Darlaston, who died on August 17th last, who took part in many peals, and also rang in the longest peal of Grandsire Major (7056 changes) at Darlaston on February 28th, 1870, in 4 hrs. 40 mins., conducted by W. Johnson. Time not permitting to start again a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rang in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Goodchild, 1; H. Tinsley, 2; S. Pitt, 3; D. Chapman, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Hamilton, 8.

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE.—On Saturday, September 26th, at St. Martin's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins., by ringers from Kendal parish church. R. Dennison, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Graham, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker (conductor), 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, September 15th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earl (conductor), 5; C. Walden, 6; G. Tunnickliff, 7; F. Hollingworth, 8. Also 434 Grandsire Triples. G. Tunnickliff, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; H. Snape, 4; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 5; A. Lee, 6; J. Warren, 7; H. Brooks, 8. Longest touch with a bob bell by G. Tomlin. On Sunday afternoon, September 20th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 434 Grandsire Triples. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; C. Walden, 4; W. Earl (conductor), 5; F. Hollingworth, 6; J. Warren, 7; W. Brooks, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; C. Walden, 4; W. Earl, 5; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 6; J. Warren, 7; W. Brooks, 8. Composed by William James Fisher, of Eastbourne.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON.—On Tuesday, September 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Frankum, 1; A. Frankum, 2; W. Buckland, 3; W. Nash, 4; R. Frankum, 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6. First 720 by all the band, and the second on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 23rd, in honour of the long reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 25 mins. J. Bovington, 1; C. Clarke, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; J. Parker (conductor), 5; A. Crook, 6. Also 720 Court Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker. This method is taken from "Shipway," and is the first by all the band. The number of 720s for the half year ending September 27th, are twenty-one, made up as follows: 11 Oxford Bob, 5 Grandsire, 4 Canterbury and 1 Court. Twelve were conducted by J. J. Parker, four by J. Elderfield, two by J. Parker, and one by A. Crook. G. Basden and R. Bovington took part in the ringing.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, September 16th, at the cathedral

church of St. Peter, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Mann, 1; J. Moore, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; T. Hammond, 4; G. Fisher, 5; H. Coley, 6; J. Martin (conductor), 7; C. Hallwood, 8. Tenor 27 cwt.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720, being 240 each of Lincoln, Ely, and Rochester Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg, 6; conducted by W. Twigg and J. C. Wheeldon. And for evening service, a 720, being 240 each of Coventry, Carlisle, and Chester Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; the others as before, and conducted by D. Preston, C. Preston, and W. Wheeldon. On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 1st, for practice, 720 Violet. D. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; J. E. Wheeldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 6th, for morning service, 720 Kent. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; *G. Hobbs (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. And for evening service, 720 Woodbine. D. Preston, 1; J. Naylor (Norton), 4; the others as before. On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, 720 Lichfield Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; J. E. Wheeldon, 2; C. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; *G. Hobbs (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Tuesday, September 15th, 720 Worcester Surprise. C. Preston, 2; the others as before. *First in the methods as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

GREAT NESTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, September 6th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Molyneux, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Mealon, 3; J. Sutton, 4; W. Williams, 5; H. Grundy, 6; W. Briscoe (conductor), 7; T. Evans, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, September 20th, at St. Peter's church, 448 London Surprise Major. J. Whiting, 1; E. Merriitt, 2; F. Bennett, 3; G. King, 4; F. Bayley, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; J. Frossell, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. James' church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Doble, 1; H. Pearce, 2; H. Poole (conductor), 3; E. Burgess, 5; J. Maddock, 5; G. Yandell, 6. On Thursday, September 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. F. Millard, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; E. Burgess, 4; G. Yandell, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; A. Doble, 2; G. Yandell, 3; E. Burgess, 4; H. Poole, 5; W. Thorn (first 720 of Oxford), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Gillard (first 720), 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Poole (conductor), 3; F. Millard, 4; G. Yandell, 5; W. Thorn, 6.

BARROW GURNEY (Somerset).—On Wednesday, September 19th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. G. Clements, 1; J. Young, 2; C. H. Horton, 3; J. Harvey, 4; J. Bishop, 5; A. Waters (conductor), 6; J. Wuiser, 7; C. Winstone, 8. Started for as a compliment to C. H. Horton, on his 21st birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Afterwards the same band rang a quarter-peal, in 48 mins. E. Horton hails from Bristol; the ringers of 4, 5, 7 and 8 from Wraxall; the rest are local men.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY.—On Tuesday, August 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. *T. Mouncey, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; D. Heys, 3; *R. Ashworth, 4; *H. Heyworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also 720 College Single. N. Townend, 1; D. Heys, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; R. Ashworth, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. D. Heys (conductor), 1; F. Towns, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 6th, for morning service, 720 Kent. J. W. Stirk, 1; F. Towns, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Mouncey, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Redman, 3; F. Towns, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; J. R. Werring, 7; D. Heys (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, August 8th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Mouncey, 1; F. Towns, 2; R. Ash-

worth, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 13th, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. D. Heys (conductor), 1; N. Townend, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; F. Towns, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman, 8. Also, for evening service, 768 in the same method. D. Heys (conductor), 1; D. Campbell, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; F. Towns, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman, 8. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Stirk, 1; F. Towns, 2; J. R. Werring, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also, for evening service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Mouncey, 1; J. R. Werring, 2; J. W. Stirk, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 22nd, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Mouncey, 1; *F. Towns, 2; D. Heys, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; *N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. *First in the method.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RICHMOND (Yorks).—On September 17th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. T. Rushton, 1; R. Briscoe, 2; R. Borrows, 3; W. Phillips, 4; T. Kirby, 5; G. T. Langley (conductor), 6. On September 27th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. T. Rushton, 1; J. Kirby, 2; J. T. Frenchman, 3; R. Borrows, 4; T. Kirby, 5; W. Phillips (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor by W. Phillips. First 720 with a bob bell by J. Kirby.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, September 21st, at 19, Church Street, on handbells, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal, but a change-course occurred after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 5 mins. J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; W. Willson, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6; J. Buttery, 7-8. On Saturday, September 26th, at St. Saviour's church, 3600 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. *J. Morris, 1; J. Jarvis, 2; *E. Smith, 3; W. Willson (conductor), 4; G. Cleal, 5; J. Veasey, 6; W. Inglesant (Loughborough), 7; J. Buttery, 8. *First attempt. †Longest length with a bob bell. Tenor 27 cwt. On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Margaret's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 719 Grandsire Caters. T. Morris (longest in the method), 1; J. Jarvis, 2; S. Cooper, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. Cooper, 5; G. Cleal, 6; J. Buttery, 7; J. Veasey, 8; W. Willson (conductor), 9; C. Biddles, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, September 6th, at St. John the Baptist parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 240 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. G. Baker, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; E. F. Read (conductor), 3; T. Measures, 4; R. Squires, 5; J. Binks, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; J. Palmer, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Also, for evening service, an attempt for 720, but after ringing 380, came to grief. Standing as for morning service. And 168 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. E. F. Reed, 1; A. Johnson, 2; G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; J. Binks, 6; T. Measures, 7; G. Peagood, 8. This is E. G. Baker's longest length. On Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, 447 Grandsire Triples. E. F. Read, 1; R. Squires, 2; A. Johnson, 3; G. Baker, 4; W. Johnson, 5; T. Measures, 6; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 7; J. Palmer, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On Saturday, September 15th, on handbells, 240 Bob Minor. A. Johnson, 1; R. Squires, 2; G. T. Martin, 3; E. G. Baker, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; W. Johnson, 6. On Monday, September 17th, on tower bells, 120 April Day and 120 Grandsire. J. Binks, 1; G. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; W. Johnson, 5; G. Peagood, 6.

GLINTON (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday evening, September 19th, an attempt was made for 720 Bob Minor, but was lost after ringing 350, owing to a stranger coming in the belfry, and stand had to be called. G. I. Martin, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; E. F. Read, 3; R. Squires, 4; A. Johnson, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Another unsuccessful attempt after ringing 660 Bob Minor. G. I. Martin, 1; G. Baker, 2; R. Wyche, Esq., 3; E. F. Read, 4; A. Johnson, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. And two short touches of Minor. C. R. Lilley, 4; E. F. Read (conductor), 6; the rest standing as before. Tenor 16 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, September 20th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Knight, 1; F. Ellis, 2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3; W. A. Cave, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; C. Boutflower, 6; F. Price, 7; W. Colston, 8. On handbells, in 36 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Ellis, 1-2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; C. Tomkins, 7-8. On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Stephen's and St. Thomas's churches, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, touches of Stedman Triples were rung.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Croucher, 1; C. Drake, 2; E. Holladay, 3; E. Bridges, 4; W. Willis, 5; H. Burling, 6; W. Holdstock, 7; J. Austin, 8. And on handbells a 6-score of Doubles, with the Rev. H. P. B. Chubb on the treble. On Sunday, September 27th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. S. Croucher, 1; H. Baker, 2; W. Willis, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; J. Austin, 6; W. Holdstock, 7; A. Loyns, 8. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stevens, 1; H. Baker, 2; E. Bridges, 3; H. Burling (conductor), 4; W. Willis, 5; J. Austin, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOLLINGTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 20th, for the Harvest Festival, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Bollington (conductor), 1; W. Matthews, 2; J. Truman, 3; T. Wright, 4; A. Bowers, 5; J. D. Wheelton, 6; W. Mayers, 7; W. Smith, 8. W. Matthews hails from Macclesfield; Messrs Bowers, Wheelton, Mayers and Smith from Prestbury; the rest belong to the local company.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Burn (conductor), 1; F. P. Powell, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; J. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; J. Nowell, 6. On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Woodbine. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). T. Robertshaw, 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Burn (conductor), 1; T. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; J. Nowell, 6. And 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; J. Robertshaw, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of Mr. J. Miles, for practice, 1200 Bob Major. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; J. A. Trollope (conductor), 7-8. Also touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure Triples. And 560 Bob Major. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. Also 720 St. Simon's Minor (non-conducted). J. Miles, 1-2; J. Howes, 3-4; A. Howes, 5-6. And 720 Bob Major. J. Warren, 1; J. Miles, 2; J. Lawrence, 3; R. Etteridge, 4; S. Daniels, 5; E. Etteridge, 6; A. Howes (conductor), 7-8. J. A. Trollope hails from Norwich and J. Howes from Kingston-on-Thames.

BESTHORPE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 27th, at All Saints' Church, for Divine Service, two 6-scores of Grandsire, and one each of Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, and Bob Doubles. F. Standley, 1; A. Howes (conductor), 2; W. Cook, 3; J. Miles, 4; J. Cook, 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hensley, 1; J. Woods, 2; J. Lawrence, 3; R. Haylett, 4; J. Killington, 5; A. Howes (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; A. Howes, 2; R. Patrick, 3; J. Lawrence, 4; J. Woods, sen., 5; J. Saunders (conductor), 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, September 27th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Leigh, 1; T. Chapman, 2; A. Bramall, 3; A. B. Shepherd, 4; W. H. Heyhoe, 5; F. W. S. Butler (composer), 6; H. W. Kirton (conductor), 7; F. Howden, 8. Messrs. Butler and Kirton hail from Gainsborough, the others are local company. On Sunday, September 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. John Baker, 1; H. Fuller, 2; H. Rushby, 3; G. Weldon (conductor), 4; T. O. Nixon, 5; James Baker, 6; W. Hollingsworth, 7; C. Taylor, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, September 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 13th, for morning service, 360 London Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T.

J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watson, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 17th, for practice, 720 College Single. H. Little (first 720 in the method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 360 Chichester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Julia Gertrude Swift, of Stansted, to Mr. Herbert James Carstairs, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Worcester Park, Surrey, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Worcester Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, 720 College Exercise, in 25 mins. T. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Jordan, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also, for afternoon service, 720 Superlative Surprise. T. Jordan, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Sunday, September 30th, for Divine Service, 528 Bob Major, in 22 mins. G. Clayton, 1; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; H. Haigh, 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8. Also in the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, from Rope Sight, in 48 mins. G. Clayton, 1; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Clayton and Metcalfe.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Thursday, September 17th, the newly formed Treble Bob company rung a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, in 25 mins. A. Street, 1; R. Potter, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by R. Potter. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor, (twenty-six singles), in 26 mins. H. Merrills, 1; A. Street, 2; G. Clark, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; H. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. White, 6.

WEST RETFORD (Notts).—On Wednesday, September 16th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Street, 1; G. Clark, 2; W. Drake, 3; R. Potter, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; H. Lambert, 6. This is Mr. Drake's first 720 in the method. On Thursday, September 24th, for practice, 720 in the same method (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. J. Hurst, 1; A. Street, 2; W. Drake, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Lambert (conductor), 5; H. Wilson, 6. This is Mr. Wilson's first 720 in the method. Messrs. Street, Clark, Blagg, and Lambert hail from Ordsall, the remainder belong to the local company.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Tuesday, September 29th, at St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church (after an unsuccessful attempt for peal of Grandsire Triples), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. Alice White, 1; H. Tucker, 2; T. Curtis, 3; C. Giles, 4; F. Wilson, 5; J. Tucker, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; J. Ballard, 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and the first by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and tenor; and the first as conductor in the method by H. White.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Wednesday September 23rd, being the anniversary of the longest reign of any English monarch, the local company rang the last half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 39 mins. A. Grist, 1; E. T. Green, 2; A. Barnes, 3; C. W. Goodenough, 4; M. Steward, 5; J. Bristow, 6; J. G. Bennett, 7; T. Belbin, 8. Conducted by E. T. Green. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

BRISTOL.—Recently at St. Stephen's church 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Knight, 1; F. Elles, 2; C. Milland, 3; J. York, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; W. Cave, 6; F. Price, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8. Rung in honour of the record reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. It was intended to ring a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, but the band turned up one short, and the above was rung instead. Longest touch in the method by Messrs. Knight, Milland, Tomkins, and Cave.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 27th, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before and after Divine Service in the morning. R. Sewell, J. Drewitt, G. Foster, W. Short, A. Calver, J. Fayers, J. Currell, G. Welling, W. Smith, and F. Butler. For Divine Service in the evening, eleven courses of Stedman Triples, R. Sewell, J. Drewitt, J. Lambert, W. Smith, A. Calver, F. Butler, G. Welling (conductor), and J. Fayers. After service 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Foster, J. Drewitt (conductor), R. Sewell, J. Lambert, J. Fayers, F. Butler, A. Calver, and G. Welling. The above was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival services, and also to celebrate Her Majesty's long reign.

Notices.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of above at Prittlewell to-day, 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.

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 to-day, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Breewood. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Nearest railway station, Four Ashes, on the L.N.W.R. Tea 1s. each.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Halifax and District Association.—A meeting will be held at Brighouse to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. Business meeting at 4.0 p.m.

F. P. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Longton to-day, Saturday, October 3rd.

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

Bedfordshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley, to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. The bells at Aspley Guise will also, it is hoped, be available.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Horsham to-day, Saturday, October 3rd. Tea at 5. Service at 6 o'clock.

REV. J. W. LODGE-COTTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

Ely District Association.—A local meeting will be held at Sutton, on Tuesday, October 6th. All ringers are invited to attend.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. George's Church, Bristol, on Thursday, October 8th, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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, or at 6d. to those members notifying to the Hon. Sec. their intention to be present, not later than October 8th. Members and friends 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.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead, on Saturday, October 10th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tea at the Coffee Rooms, Epsom Road, Banstead, at 6 p.m. Local Secretaries are requested to send word how many intend being present at tea not later than Wednesday, October 7th, to

R. B. BLANCHARD, *Hon. Sec.*
13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at

All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. It is specially requested that all members will attend that can make it convenient.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Autumn Meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, October 17th. Seven towers open for ringing. Tea in schools at 5.30 p.m., price 6d. Evensong at 6.30. Preacher—Rev. Canon Norris. Apply—Rev. H. J. Scott, Witney. Rev. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

East Derbyshire Association.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Ripley, on Saturday, October 17th. All members and friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at the school-room, Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, October 17th, at 3.30. There will be a short service at St. Cadoc's Church at 3 o'clock.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, } *Hon. Secs.*
H. G. WHITE,
Salisbury Road, Cardiff.

Waterloo Society, London.—The meetings at Vassal Road, Brixton, have been recommenced on every alternate Tuesday. Meeting time 8 o'clock sharp. Members are earnestly requested to attend as often as possible.

H. BARTON, *Hon. Sec pro tem.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held in November, of which due notice will be given.

HENRY COLEY, *Branch Sec.*
3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT TONBRIDGE.—This peal was rung in commemoration of the long and glorious reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria; and to enable Mr. Wadmore and the other new peal-ringers to score their first peal. After the bells were lowered the ringers were very kindly entertained by Mr. Wadmore at a neighbouring hotel, a very pleasant evening being spent. The toasts of "The Queen," "The Conductor," and "The New Peal-ringers," were enthusiastically drunk, and it is hoped this is the first of many more peals that might easily be scored by the numerous ringers in and around Tonbridge. All the ringers in this peal are resident in Tonbridge, except the Messrs. Card, who kindly came down from Southborough to conduct and assist.

THE DUFFIELD GARDEN PARTY.

Last Saturday was unpropitious in weather, yet a numerous body of ringers accepted Mr. Heywood's kind invitation to a garden party at his residence, Duffield, as announced in the pages of "THE BELL NEWS." The visitors were delighted with the journey round the estate on Mr. Heywood's railway. They came from many of the towns in the neighbourhood, and before leaving accorded a hearty vote of thanks to their kind entertainers. The bells of Duffield Church were made good use of afterwards.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

The four bells of this ancient parish church, having been for a long time in an unsatisfactory condition, have been taken down to be re-cast. Two new trebles are to be added, and the ring of six will be rehung in a cast-

iron frame. The oldest bell had the inscription "Ave gratia plena," and is said by a competent authority to date between 1275 and 1300. The other three bells bear dates 1675, 1628, and 1769. The work is being carried out by T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, and is to cost about £270, most of which has been raised locally.

Handbells for Sale.

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

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

Ringers Wanting Situations.

SITUATION Wanted as under Gardener, or single-handed; am not particular as to any other sort of work. Age 21. Five years good character. Change ringer. Member of St. Mary's Society, Beddington.—A. Clayton.

WANTED by married man, age 28, situation as Fireman, used to Engine and Boilers. Ten years' experience. Can ring Grandsire Minor and Triples, or conductor. Apply—W., care of the Editor.

WANTED Situation as Wool Sorter. Age 26. Can ring Treble Bob methods on six bells. Member of the Yorkshire Association. Good reference if required. Apply—S. H., care of Editor.

PLUMBER, Gasfitter, Bellhanger, with slight knowledge of Tinsmithing, wants a situation. Can ring Stedman, Double Norwich, etc. Willing to instruct a band of ringers. Age 21. Apply—J. K., care of Editor.

GARDENER (Head Working), age 27. Good practical experience inside and out; excellent characters for fifteen months and eight years previous; single; disengaged; change-ringer on eight or ten bells.—Apply, A. Rought, Cawston road, Aylsham, Norfolk.

SITUATION Wanted as Foreman or Manager of Rubber Works. Thoroughly understands the business. Twenty-three years' experience in England and America. Can ring Standard methods.—John Wright, King's Norton, Birmingham.

WANTED, Situation as Sexton (understands duties), or any place of trust. Good change-ringer in all Standard Methods. Married; age 32; good testimonials. Member of Kent County Association and College Youths Address, B.Y., care of Editor.

SITUATION Wanted as Under Gardener. I am not particular as to any other sort of work. A ringer at Frindsbury church.—Address—C. Winsor, 37, Quarry cottages, Frindsbury Hill, Stroud, Kent.

WANTED, by good change-ringer, employment in a painting and decorating business. Member of Norwich Diocesan Association. Experienced, with good references.—Apply, G.A., care of the Editor.

WANTED by married man, age 30, situation as Bread Baker, First hand or Good Second; Change-ringer in three Standard methods; Excellent references Apply, H. Blake, Fornham St. Martin, Bury St. Edmund's, Suffolk.

SITUATION Wanted.—Gardener (under), 18 years of age. Can ring the Standard methods.—Apply, W., care of Editor.

CHANGE-RINGER (used to gardening), would be glad to hear of a situation. Well recommended. Disengaged.—H. S. Reeves, Hillingdon Heath, near Uxbridge.

WANTED, Situation as clock jobber, or any other light employment; good change-ringer; age 28, married.—Address, Jarvis, 25 Baring street, New North road, Islington, N.

WANTED.—Situation as Oil Sheet Maker and Tent Repairer; age 25; married; change-ringer in Grandsire and Plain Bob; member of the Salop Guild; would be glad to hear of something. Good reference if required. Apply—F. W. Taylor, 17, St. Alkmund's square, Shrewsbury.

WANTED by young man, age 19, situation in bake-house. Good bread baker, used to smalls. Seven years experience. Good character; change-ringer; and member of the Sussex County Association.—I. J. Attwater, Church street, Cuckfield, Sussex.

PAINTER wants a job on builders' firm or on estate. Can ring Treble Bob on six and eight.—Apply F. Ewhurst Green, near Cranleigh, Surrey.

PLAIN METHODS WITH TWO GUIDING BELLS.

BY JOHN CARTER.

Several members of the Exercise have asked me to publish all methods I have by me. This would hardly be wise, because several already published do not run the whole peal, while of others I cannot say whether they run the whole peal or not without giving them a considerable amount of study; in fact there are several methods of Triples that run only one, two and three leads to a course, and therefore cannot be called complete methods.

On five bells there is only one method on this plan—Grandsire—and it is so well known that it is unnecessary to give it. Minor is certainly unsuited for methods with two guiding bells.

Turning to the triple-change methods on this plan, it will at once be seen that the plain hunt bell can be arranged to travel up and down in front of the treble by starting two changes earlier, as was done by Solomon Biddlestone in his "New Grandsire," therefore such are actually the same method, and need no further comment.

Methods I have been able to collect, and which have been published, I have placed first with their names, while I have numbered the others and arranged them thus—1 to 7, containing Grandsire lead-ends; 8 to 11, Union lead-ends; 12 to 18, Darlaston lead-ends; 19 to 23 other lead-ends. It will be seen that 2 reverse, 14 reverse, 15 reverse, 19 reverse, 20 reverse, 23 and 24 reverse contains the Whittington change (12753468) at a treble-lead in the plain course.

If any reader can point out either of the numbered methods as occurring in any ringing paper or books, will he kindly do so; or having any other method on this plan send it to me so that I may make the collection complete, before October 31st, since I intend to publish the calls which I consider most suitable to each in the number of our paper of November 28th.

It will be seen that several of these methods are termed variation of something else (as Grandsire of Plain Bob), but as the work and ringing is entirely different they really ought to bear another name.

The methods which have no name now become public property, and those who first ring a peal in either of them are entitled to christen it as they think proper.

Grandsire.	Reverse.	Double.
1234567	1234567	1234567
2135476	2143657	2135476
2314567	2416375	2314567
3241657	4261735	3241657
3426175	4627153	3426175
4362715	6472513	4362715
4637251	6745231	4637251
6473521	7654321	6473521
6745312	6745312	6745312
7654132	7654132	7654132
7561423	7561423	7561423
5716243	5716243	7614235
5172634	5172634	7162453
1527364	1527364	1726543
1253746	1253746	1275634

Union.	Reverse.	Double.
1234567	1234567	1234567
2135476	2143657	2135476
2314567	2416375	2314567
3241657	4261735	3241657
3426175	4627153	3426175
4362715	6472513	4362715
4637251	6745231	4637251
6473521	6457321	4376521
6745312	4675312	3467512
7654132	6457132	4376152
7561423	6541723	4731625
5716243	5614273	7413265
5172634	5162437	7142356
1527643	1526347	1724365
1256734	1253674	1273456

Oxford Bob.	Reverse.	Double.
1234576	1234567	1234567
2135467	2143657	2135476
2314567	2416375	2314567
3241576	4261735	3241576
3425167	4627153	3425167
4352617	6472513	4352617
4536271	6745231	3456271
5463721	6457321	4365721
5647312	4675312	3456712
6574132	6457132	4365172
6751423	4651723	3461527
7615243	6415273	4316257
7162534	6142537	4132675
1726543	1624357	1423657
1275634	1263475	1246375

Court Bob.	Reverse.	Double.
1234567	1234567	1234567
2143657	2143657	2143657
2416375	2416375	2416375
4261357	4261357	4261357
4623175	4627153	4623175
6432715	6472513	6432715
6347251	6745231	4637251
3674521	6457321	6473521
3765412	6543712	6745312
7356142	5634172	7654132
7531624	6531427	6751423
5713264	5613247	7615243
5172346	5162374	7162534
1527364	1526734	1726543
1253746	1257643	1275634

Darlaston Bob.	Reverse.	Double.
1234567	1234567	1234567
2143576	2143657	2143576
2415367	2416375	2415367
4251376	4261735	4251376
4523167	4627153	4523167
5432617	6472513	5432617
5346271	6745231	4536271
3564721	6457321	5463721
3657412	4653712	4567312
6375142	6435172	5476132
6731524	4631527	4571623
7613254	6413257	5417263
7162345	6142375	5142736
1726354	1624735	1524763
1273645	1267453	1257436

Yorkshire Court.	Reverse.	Sowerby.	Reverse.
1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567
2135476	2143657	2135476	2143576
2314567	2416375	2314567	2415367
3241576	4261735	3241576	4251637
3425167	4627153	3425167	4526173
4352617	6472513	4352617	5462713
3456271	6745231	3456271	4567231
4365721	7654321	4365721	5476321
4637512	6745312	3467512	4567312
6473152	7654132	4376152	5476132
6741325	6751423	4731625	4571623
7614235	7615243	7413265	5417263
7162453	7162534	7142356	5142736
1726543	1726543	1724365	1524763
1275634	1275634	1273456	1257436

No. 1.	Reverse.	No. 2.	Reverse.
1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567
2143657	2143657	2143576	2135476
2416375	2416375	2415367	2314567
4261357	4261735	4251637	3241657
4623175	4627153	4526173	3426175
6432715	6472513	5462713	4362715
4637251	6745231	5647231	3467251
6473521	7654321	6574321	4376521
6745312	7563412	5647312	3475612
7654132	5736142	6574132	4357162
7561423	7531624	6751423	4531726
5716243	5713264	7615243	5413276
5172634	5172346	7162534	5142367
1527364	1527364	1726543	1524637
1253746	1253746	1275634	1256473

No. 3.	Reverse.	No. 4.	Reverse.
1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567
2143576	2143657	2143657	2135476
2415367	2416375	2416375	2314567
4251376	4261735	4261357	3241657
4523167	4627153	4623175	3426175
5432617	6472513	6432715	4362715
4536271	6745231	4637251	4637251
5463721	6457321	6473521	6473521
5647312	4653712	4637512	6745312
6574132	6435172	6473152	7654132
6751423	4631527	6741325	6751423
7615243	6413257	7614235	7615243
7162534	6142375	7162453	7162534
1726543	1624357	1726543	1726543
1275634	1263475	1275634	1275634

No. 5.	Reverse.	No. 6.	Reverse.
1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567
2135476	2135476	2135476	2143657
2314567	2314567	2314567	2416375
3241576	3241657	3241576	4261357
3425167	3426175	3425167	4623175
4352617	4362713	4352617	6432715
3456271	4637251	3456271	4637251
4365721	6473521	4365721	6473521
3456712	4637512	4637512	4637512
4365172	6473152	6473152	6473152
4631527	4671325	4671325	4671325
6413257	6417235	6417235	6417235
6142375	6142753	6142753	6142753
1624735	1624735	1624735	1624735
1267453	1267453	1267453	1267453

No. 7.	Reverse.	No. 8.	Reverse.	No. 15.	Reverse.	Double.	No. 22.	Reverse.	No. 23.	Reverse.
1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567
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2314567	2415367	2314567	2416375	2314567	2416375	2314567	2314567	2416375	2415367	2415367
3241657	4251376	3241657	4261735	3241657	4261357	3241576	3241657	4261357	4251637	4251376
3426175	4523167	3426175	4627153	3426175	4623175	3425167	3426175	4623175	4526173	4523167
4362715	5432617	4362715	6472513	4362715	6432715	4352617	4362715	6432715	5462713	5432617
3467251	5346271	3467251	6745231	4637251	6347251	4536271	3467251	6347251	4567231	5346271
4376521	3564721	4376521	7654321	6473521	3674521	5463721	4376521	3674521	5476321	3564721
3475612	5346712	4735612	6745312	6745312	6347512	4536712	4735612	6347512	4573612	5367412
4357162	3564172	7453162	7654132	7654132	3674152	5463172	7453162	3674152	5437162	3576142
3451726	3651427	7541326	7561423	6751423	3761425	4561327	4751326	3761425	4531726	3751624
4315276	6315247	5714236	5716243	7615243	7316245	5416237	7415236	7316245	5413276	7315264
4132567	6132574	5172463	5172634	7162534	7132654	5142673	7142563	7132654	5142367	7132546
1423657	1623547	1527643	1527643	1726354	1723564	1524763	1724653	1723645	1524637	1723564
1246375	1265374	1256734	1256734	1273645	1275346	1257435	1276435	1276354	1256473	1275346

No. 9.	Reverse.	No. 10.	Reverse.	No. 16.	Reverse.	No. 17.	Reverse.
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2416375	2416375	2415367	2314567	2314567	2416375	2415367	2416375
4261357	4261735	4251376	3241657	3241576	4261735	4251376	4261735
4623175	4627153	4523167	3426175	3425167	4627153	4523167	4627153
6432715	6472513	5432617	4362715	4352617	6472513	5432617	6472513
4637251	4675231	5346271	4637251	4536271	4675231	4536271	4675231
6473521	6457321	3564721	6473521	5463721	6457321	5463721	6457321
6745312	6543712	5346712	4675312	5647312	6745312	5647312	6745312
7654132	5634172	3564172	6457132	6574132	7654132	6574132	7654132
7561423	6531427	3651427	4651723	6751423	7561423	6751423	7561423
5716243	5613247	6315247	6142537	7615243	5716243	7615243	5716243
5172634	5162374	6132574	6142537	7162534	5172634	7162534	5172634
1527643	1526347	1623754	1624357	1726354	1527643	1726354	1527643
1256734	1253674	1267345	1263475	1273645	1256734	1273645	1256734

No. 11.	Reverse.	No. 12.	Reverse.	No. 18.	Reverse.	No. 19.	Reverse.
1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567
2143576	2143657	2143576	2135476	2143576	2135476	2135476	2143576
2415367	2416375	2415367	2314576	2415367	2314567	2314567	2415367
4251376	4261357	4251637	3241657	4251376	3241576	3241576	4251376
4523167	4623175	4526173	3426175	4523167	3425167	3425167	4523167
5432617	6432715	5462713	4362715	5432617	4352617	4352617	5432617
5346271	4637251	5647231	4637251	4536271	4536271	4536271	4536271
3564721	6473521	6574321	6473521	5463721	5463721	5463721	5463721
3657412	4675312	5647312	4675312	4536712	4567312	4567312	4536712
6375142	6457132	6574132	6457132	5463172	5476132	5476132	5463172
3671524	4651723	6751423	6541723	4561327	4571623	4571623	4561327
6317254	6432715	7615243	5417263	5416237	5417263	5417263	5416237
6132745	6142537	7162534	5162437	5142673	5142736	5142736	5142673
1623754	1624357	1726354	1526347	1524763	1524763	1524763	1524637
1267345	1263475	1273645	1253674	1257436	1257436	1247356	1256473

No. 13.	Reverse.	No. 14.	Reverse.	No. 20.	Reverse.	No. 21.	Reverse.
1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567	1234567
2143576	2143657	2143657	2143657	2135476	2135476	2135476	2135476
2415367	2416375	2416375	2416375	2314567	2314567	2314567	2314567
4251637	4261357	4261357	4261357	3241576	3241576	3241576	3241576
4526173	4623175	4623175	4623175	3425167	3425167	3426175	3425167
5462713	6432715	6432715	6432715	4352617	4352617	4362715	4352617
5647231	4637251	4637251	6347251	3456271	4536271	3467251	3456271
6574321	6473521	6473521	3674521	4365721	5463721	4376521	4365721
6753412	4675312	3765412	3765412	3456712	4536712	3467512	3456712
7635142	6457132	7654132	7356142	4365172	5463172	4376152	4365172
6731524	6541723	6751423	3751624	3461527	4561327	3471625	4631527
7613254	5614273	7615243	7315264	4316257	5416237	4317265	6413257
7162345	5162437	7162534	7132546	4132675	5142673	4132756	6142375
1726354	1526347	1726354	1723564	1423765	1524637	1423765	1624357
1273645	1253674	1273645	1275346	1247356	1256473	1247356	1263475

Coming Events.

TO-DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

District meeting of the Essex Association at Prittlewell.
 Quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Breewood.
 Meeting of Halifax and District Association at Brighouse.
 Meeting of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association at Longton.
 Quarterly meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Husborne Crawley.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

A local meeting of the Ely District Association at Sutton.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8.

A meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Bristol.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Annual meeting of the Middlesex Association at Southgate.
 Quarterly Meeting of the Surrey Association at Banstead.
 Meeting of the Lancashire Association at Rochdale.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Harvest Festival at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal. Ringing all day.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Autumn Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Witney.
 Quarterly Meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association at Caerleon, Mon.
 A special ringing meeting at Ripley.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Annual Meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. WILSON.—Thanks for your words of approval. We will attend to the matter you mention this week.

TANN.—Next week.

GILBERT.—You will see it in due course.

ROCK SMALL.—When?

A DURHAMITE.—When the letter reaches us. We have not received it yet.

WOBURN.—Dr. Howson was Dean of Chester.

THE LONG PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT DRAYTON, BERKS.

On Thursday, September 10th, the Oxford Society arranged to journey to Drayton, with the express idea of ringing 11,328 of London Surprise. Well, thought we, it is a bigish order; we had better get off early in the morning and have the day at it. So according to arrangement the Oxford men met at the City Building at 9 sharp, and started on their journey of nine miles in good spirits and good form. Arriving at Drayton at 10.15, they were soon doing justice to the good things provided by their worthy host and Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. That finished, they were soon in the belfry and on with the peal. Magnificent striking for 2½ hrs., then down went "Father's" bell. "Right," says he, "I know where I am." Every eye was on "Father's" rope, and lo! and behold! to the dismay of all, down the rope could be seen stealing; a portion of the fittings that should properly have remained in the fillet of the wheel in the shape of a rubber tube, no sooner was that noticed by the conductor than "stand" was called, it being utterly useless to proceed further. Thus ended the first attempt. "Well," says we, "let us put things to rights, and let us have another start." So after some more refreshment another start was made, the result being 2 hrs. good ringing, but we soon began to find that 11,000 of London was not going to be rung after so much dodging about, and as several mistakes occurred, it was again abandoned, and the enterprising band returned home under the parental care of "Father" Hounslow, much disappointed, but very determined to try again.

"When are we to try again?" is the question often sifting the different opinions. It was finally settled to go again that day a week hence, but after a few days we were again disappointed by our 7th man (Mr. Smith) not being able to go. "Well, what is to be done now?" "Get another one of the young ones in my place" says he, "and have a good go for it; for if you don't do it now you never will, perhaps; don't study me personally, study the company." "That is true brotherly love, Bill," says we, and therefore chartered C. Exon to take his place. Off to Drayton again, by train to Abingdon this time, for we could only spare half a day for the job. 2.25 brought us together at Oxford station. "Shall we go or not?" was the next thing, for it was pouring in torrents of rain, and nearly three miles walk for us from Abingdon to Drayton, and only just time if everything goes right, to ring the peal and rush back to Abingdon for the last train home. It was however decided to face it, and luckily when we arrived at Abingdon it held off. We arrived at Drayton at 4.10, got the bells up, and after a few minutes waiting for "Father" who could not get along so fast, we were off into rounds at 4.18, and changes at 4.19. Not a word of any description except "bob" was spoken for the first 1½ hrs., then a very slight trip occurred which was soon rectified, and on we went again till 7.40, when we had another little trip, then we did tap them, for from 7.40 till 9 o'clock

the striking was by far the finest ever heard in this method by any concerned, and called forth the admiration of the natives, who know good ringing when they hear it. At 9 o'clock we had what we considered the only real uncertain place in the peal, for while the bells were going like clockwork, a trip up behind nearly upset our equilibrium. It broke our time for us, which is of such importance in all ringing; but the culprit was soon detected, and sent to his 3rds 6-5-6-4th lead, but it unsettled us. For a few courses the striking was slower, but as soon as we got into the last hour we made up for it, for it was London Surprise of the very best sort, both the music and the striking was as good as could be. The bells came round admirably at 10.25. Now come the trouble: the rain poured down again, and we had just 33 minutes to get to Abingdon. "Can we do it?" says we "Yes; but you will have to run for it." Off we go, the ringers of the 3rd and tenor taking the lead, and managed to get to the station at 10.59. They kept the train till three more came up; "Father" stopped at Drayton, and the other one had to walk the whole distance to Oxford—nine miles. We had to do all this without any refreshment, as there was no time to spare for that.

J. W. W.

HOLY TRINITY GUILD, WEST HAM, ESSEX.

On Saturday, September 26th, the members of this Guild paid a visit to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent. Arrangements had been made to meet the local company. After inspecting the church which was being decorated for the Harvest Festival, we made our way to the belfry. After having a view of the surrounding country from the top of the tower, the bells were raised, and some call-changes rung by the visitors, the young members not having attained to the Art of change-ringing. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 24 mins. H. Davis, 1; W. Doran, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Waits, 1; F. Hayes, 2; R. Munn, 3; B. Spinner, 4; W. Doran, 5; W. Dallimore (conductor), 6. Also a 6-score of Grand-sire Doubles. R. Munn, 1; G. Hayes, 2; J. Waits, 3; B. Spinner, 4; W. Dallimore (conductor), 5; T. Hadley, 6. The members of the Guild were Messrs. Waits, Sturton, Thomas, Atkins, Hadley, Dallimore, and Doran.

W. H. D.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 23rd, in commemoration of Her Majesty's long reign, 720 Violet in 26 mins. J. Smith, 1; E. Hampton, 2; W. Talbot, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; R. Round, 6. On Thursday, September 24th, in honour of the birthday of Mr. J. Townsend, 720 New London Pleasure in 25 mins., standing as before. First 720 in these methods by R. Round.

Compositions.

A VARIATION OF A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By T. YATES, Eccles, Lancashire.

752634	725634	724653	723645
347265	437562 s	357462 s	547362 s
523647	254637	243657	235647
475362	372465	572364	472563
234675	453672 s	345672 s	534672 s
752463	724365	723564	725463
347652	537624	457623	437625 s
253764 s	245763	234765	524763 s
472653	372645	572634	375624
534267	453267	345267	423567 s

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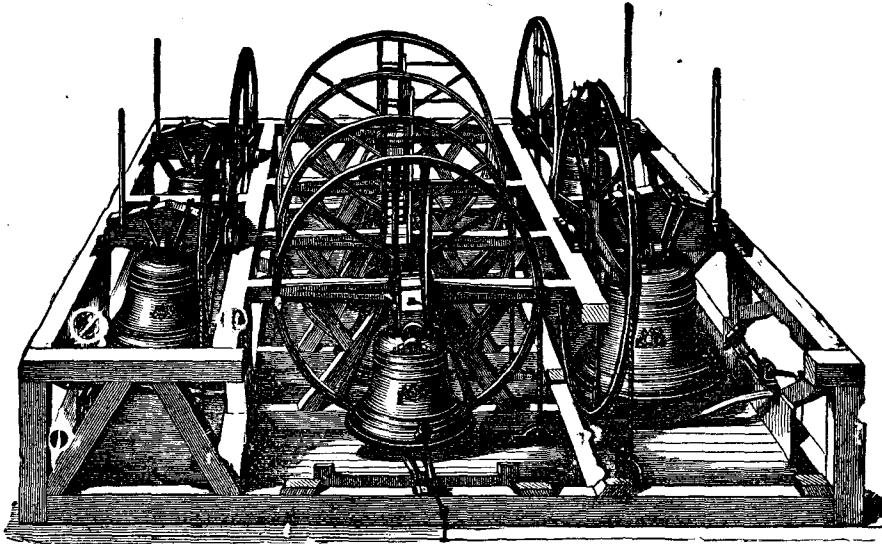
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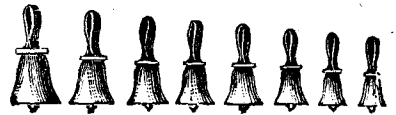
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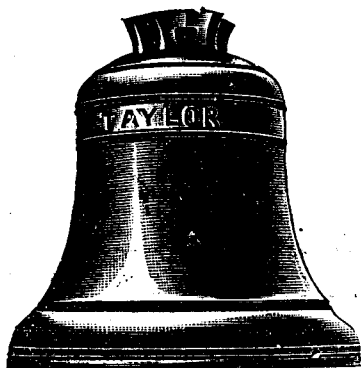
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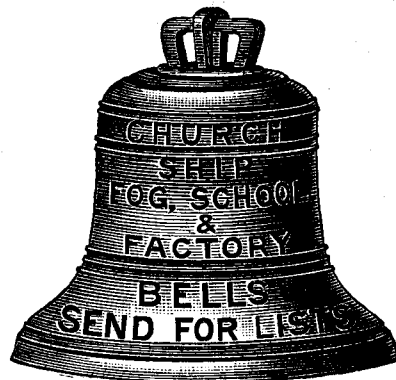
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