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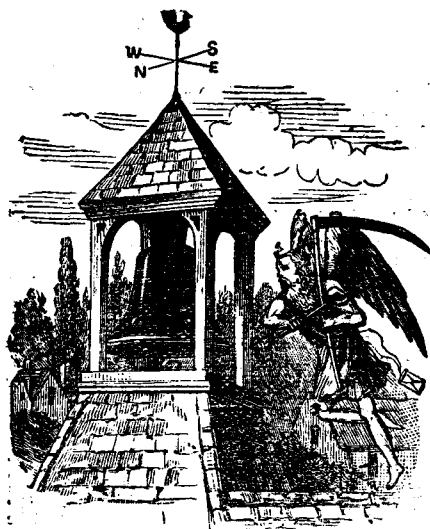
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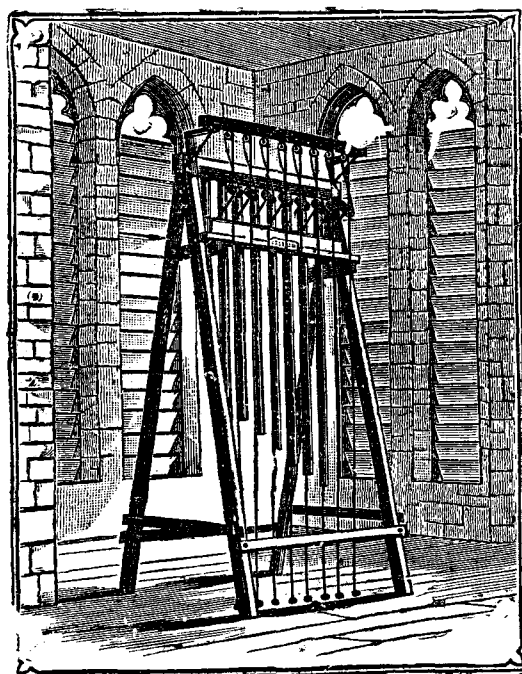
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| No. 267.—The Poachers of Lincolnshire—"It's My Delight on a Shiny Night." | .. | 1 | 6 |
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| No. 309.—"The Angels' Whisper," and "The Maid of Llangollen." | .. | 1 | 6 |
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thus: C D E F G A B C D E F G A | .. | 1 | 6 |
| No. 110.—The Ivy Polka | .. | 1 | 0 |
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arranged as per list 5 | .. | 3 | 6 |
| arranged as per list 7 | .. | 3 | 0 |
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CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

The Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, was the Parish Church of the old Ecclesiastical Parish of Chesterfield, (a parish formerly of large extent, but considerably reduced in modern times). The Church as it now exists is principally of the Decorated style of Architecture, and was probably erected about the year 1232; but previously to this date there must have been on the same site first a church of the Norman period, and subsequently one of the Early English style of Architecture. It is believed that there was a church erected on the same ground in the time of the Saxons. There are several pillars and corbels of the Early English period, still existing in the south-west and north transepts of the present church. And recently in excavating for a heating chamber, broken pieces of the old Norman arches were discovered. There is an old font which has recently been restored and placed in the south-west transept which is believed to date from Saxon times. The fabric of the Church has during the last two centuries fallen greatly into decay, and a fund is now being raised for its complete restoration.

The ancient fabric, with its time-worn walls, and twisted steeple, is fondly revered by all who live within the sound of its bells. It is a grand relic of an age departed, and has made the town famous throughout the world. Travellers from distant lands visit it, and wonder whoever put up the eccentric spire that Harrison Ainsworth once likened to the uplifted tail of the dragon of Wantley. Pilgrimages from out-of-the-way corners of the land, as well as from crowded cities, are made to the old church; and attenuated Americans, losing their superciliousness as they climb to the tower, scratch their heads in perplexity, and are obliged to admit that they have nothing like this wonderful steeple in their own marvellous country. It is dangerous to say anything in its disparagement to those who reside in the town, of which it is the greatest ornament. In his scholarly "Notes on the Churches of Derbyshire," the Rev. J. C. Cox says the proportions of the church are justly balanced, and would have, if it was not for the spire, a most symmetrical and harmonious effect; but the citizens of Chesterfield, who for generations have grown up within the shadow of the twisted spire of lead-covered timber, knew better than to sacrifice it on the altar of symmetry. The steeple, with its grotesque ridges, and flecks of black and grey and white, may be ugly to some eyes; but even as a mother lavishes her tenderest love upon her deformed child, so the inhabitants of the old town are sensitive about this crooked steeple, and see beauty in its shape, although it may be an architectural singularity.

Another authority says "The most rational theories adduced as to the cause of the steeple's crookedness are those so intelligently put forward by Mr. Cox, who argues that the clinging pressure of the lead may have caused an irregular subsidence in the timbers, which have also been powerfully warped by the action of the sun beating through the lead on to the green parts of the wood-work. That the action of the sun, he says, has been one of the most powerful agencies at work is further shown by the fact that the timbers are the most displaced and twisted from their original position on the south side—the side most exposed to the influence of its rays. It creaks sometimes, when the wind savagely assails it and makes the door of the crow-hole clatter; it quivers when the bells make gleesome riot; but the steeple is in no immediate danger of collapse. It will most likely stand for years yet; but, when it does decide to vacate its lofty position—may it fall gently!"

Various opinions, and innumerable arguments have been advanced for and against the spire being in a perpendicular direction. It appears to lean different ways according to the sides on which you approach it. The Rev. G. Hall says:—"It is built of wood and covered with lead, and no doubt was once straight and perpendicular; but the sun, at the time when its power is strongest, i.e., between one and two o'clock, has shrunk

the wood and warped the spire in the direction it now appears. By measurement in January, 1818, the ball on which the weather-cock is fixed, was found to lean towards the south six feet from the perpendicular of its base; and four feet four inches out of perpendicular to the west; therefore its greatest deviation from the perpendicular of its base, is nearly at the angle between these two points, or nearly south-west. If the sun continues to have influence on the materials of this spire, as no doubt it has, though in a very moderate degree in comparison to what it had when the timber was put up; yet if this be true at all, there will a time, when the deviation it now has from the perpendicular of its base will be so much increased, that it must inevitably drop to the ground. How many years may elapse before it thus gets beyond its balance, it is difficult to say; but there is no doubt but it will continue drooping more and more, even if there was nothing more than its own inclining weight to occasion it."

The following are the dimensions of the Church:—

	Feet	In.
Total length of the Church	170	11
The breadth of the body from north to south..	59	6
The breadth of the middle aisle, or nave ..	29	5
From pillar to pillar	15	0
The length of the transept from north to south	109	6
The breadth of the transept	27	4
The chancel from north to south.. ..	47	7
The breadth of chancel	39	9
Height of transept, church body, &c. ..	43	0

In the church is a fine-toned organ, built by Schnetzler, of London, a German, for the sum of £500. This organ was opened on October 21st, 1756.

In 1820 a new peal of ten bells was put up in the tower of the church; the cost was between £400 and £500. The bells are considered a very excellent and musical peal, and reflect the highest credit on Mr. Mears, the founder, and Mr. Hansell, the bell-hanger. The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt. 2 qrs. The opening took place on Monday, May 22nd in the same year, by the undermentioned societies, who each performed as follows:

1st.—The society from Oldham in Lancashire, rang a complete peal of 5147 Grandsire Caters.

2nd.—The society at the parish church, Sheffield, completed a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters.

3rd.—A miscellaneous band from the societies of Leeds, Wakefield, Sheffield Independents, and others, performed a complete peal of New Treble Bob Royal, consisting of 5200 changes; this finished the first day's ringing.

On Tuesday morning the Ashton-under-Lyne company ascended the tower, and rang a complete peal of 5000 and upwards of Grandsire Caters.

After them the Nottingham society of Sherwood Youths, performed a peal of 5364 Grandsire Caters; and lastly the society from Mottram, in Cheshire, performed a peal of 5000 and upwards of Grandsire Caters.

This concluded the whole; each party having completed their peal on the first attempt, which is an achievement never before performed in the annals of change-ringing.

The bells have the following inscription from the treble to the tenor: "T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1819; and on the tenor "Rev. George Bossley, vicar, Richard Dixon, John Wright, Churchwardens."

The slit windows under the belfry windows (louvres) are those of the clock-room, in which is a very large wheel, very much out of repair, which was formally used for drawing materials up into the tower from the church below. The ringing-room is twenty-one feet square. There are no practice-nights at present.

Chesterfield is a vicarage in the diocese of Southwell. The patron of the benefice is the Bishop of the diocese. Since 1893 the living (the gross income of which is given as £280 with house), has been held by the Hon. and Rev. Cecil James Littleton, M.A., of Christ Church, Oxford.



CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at Southgate on Saturday, October 10th. By the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Cyril Wilson, the belfry was thrown open to members of the Association at 5 p.m., and from that hour until 7.30 the bells were kept going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. At 7.30 p.m. an adjournment was made to The Cherry Tree inn, where an excellent tea had been prepared by mine host. Some forty members sat down to this repast, and ample justice was done to the good things provided for them. After tea a verse of the National Anthem was sung with the greatest heartiness and loyalty, and the Rev. D. W. Barrett, Rector of Barnet, was unanimously elected to the chair for the ensuing business meeting.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. T. King, read the annual report, which was duly received and adopted, and 200 copies were ordered to be printed. During the past year the number of members of the Association has, it appears, increased from eighty to upwards of 130, and although only four peals have been successfully brought round, a great many attempts has been within a measurable distance of being achieved. Mr. King gave a detailed account of the efforts he had made to bring the incumbents of churches within the county possessing peals of bells to identify themselves with the work of the Association, with the result that found two parishes, viz.: South Mymms and Edgware, upwards of twenty members, were enrolled. In other cases the Incumbents had expressed themselves more or less sympathetically with the aims and objects of the Association, and there can be little doubt but that the excellent work done by the Hon. Secretary in this direction will bear further fruit.

The chairman, in a humorous speech, commented at some length on the report, and strongly urged upon the members present their duties as churchworkers, and church defenders. The balance-sheet, which showed a balance of £7 5s. od. upon the right side, was next brought up and ordered to be printed along with the report; as also was an account of the Tottenham bells, kindly written for the Association by Mr. W. Pye English. The next business on the agenda was the appointment of a committee to meet a committee of the South and West Middlesex Association, and confer with them upon the question of amalgamating the two societies, or rather forming a Middlesex County Association, of which each Society would form a constituent part. Messrs. C. H. Martin, G. B. Lucas, F. A. Milne, A. T. King and J. Waghorn, sen., were unanimously elected to serve on the committee. Mr. C. H. Martin was unanimously re-elected Master for the year 1896-7, notwithstanding a struggle on his part to be excused that honour, and Mr. A. T. King and Mr. F. A. Milne were also unanimously re-elected to fill the posts of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

As the number of the Association now exceeds 120 it is entitled to send two representatives to the Central Council, and Mr. G. B. Lucas having expressed a wish not to be re-elected, it was resolved that Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham and Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., do represent the Association on the Council during the next three years. Twenty-four new members were enrolled, viz.: 12 from South Mymms; 8 from Edgware; 3 from Barnet, and 1 from Gospel Oak. It was agreed that the next quarterly meeting in January, 1897, should, if possible, be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar of Southgate for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. D. W. Barrett for so kindly consenting to occupy the chair. An adjournment was then made to the belfry, when several touches of Stedman, and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round, after which the ringers separated, all being agreed that the meeting had been the greatest success, and that the Association had, thanks to the unwearying efforts of the Hon. Secretary, been firmly put upon its legs again. It was hoped that nothing may arise to prevent the formation of the proposed county Association, whose work must necessarily be more effective and far reaching than that of two societies working independently of and without reference to each other.

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UNVEILING A PEALBOARD AND PICTURE AT TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday last the village of Tong was visited by several friends of the local ringing company, who were invited to witness the interesting event of unveiling a new peal-board and a picture of past and present ringers at Tong. At half-past five the visitors and local ringers were met by the vicar (Rev. C. Farrow) in the belfry of the Parish Church. Mr. Geo. Bolland (conductor of the Tong band) addressing the meeting, said that doubtless they were aware of the twofold object of their assembling together, first to unveil a peal-board recording the Tong Company's latest achievement—a peal of above 10,000 changes, and secondly to unveil a picture consisting of a collection of photographs of past and present ringers at Tong, framed in the old oak in which the bells originally stood, and presented by their friend, Mr. Maude. He had much pleasure in asking the vicar to unveil the peal-board and in requesting Mr. Maude to ask the vicar to unveil the picture. The Vicar expressed his pleasure in the performance of the task and said that many of the names were well known, not only in Yorkshire, but, he might say, in England, which made him proud of the tablets and picture in the belfry and of the Tong ringers. He saw old familiar faces in the picture of those who had gone to their rest, whose names and deeds would be recorded on higher tablets than these.

Mr. Maude, in asking the Vicar to uncover the picture, remarked that he had known the church and belfry of Tong for more than 20 years, and yet the idea of collecting these photographs of past and present ringers had only occurred to him quite recently, his one regret being that some of the past ringers were omitted as they had left no photographs. If it was a pleasure to the ringers to receive the picture, it was a pleasure to him to present it. The Vicar then ascended the ladder and removed the coverings from both. In the afternoon a half-peal of Oxford was rung by J. Thornton (Drighlington), 1; E. Keighley (Calverley), 2; Joe Thackray (Armley), 3; W. Hollings (Calverley), 4; John Thackray (Armley), 5; F. Hargreaves (Tong), 6.

Before tea a twelve-score of Cambridge Surprise was rung by the local company. C. J. Sallaway, 1; H. Oddy, 2; R. P. Farrow, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6.

A substantial tea was then provided by Miss Dennison, and when justice had been done to it the Vicar expressed his pleasure in seeing all the strangers present, and remarked upon the presence of Mr. McDonald, of Bradford, who was a ringer at Tong 50 years ago.

Mr. Geo. Bolland moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Farrow, their referee for the peal of 10,440 changes, who noted down the times of every peal and witnessed the whole thing through from the vicarage close by. This was duly seconded and responded to.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to Mr. Bolland for his services in the tower. Mr. Maude moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his presence and to Mr. C. Sallaway for giving his services in making the frame of the picture, at the same time presenting a copy of the photograph as a slight acknowledgement of his services.

The evening was enlivened by handbell-ringing in various methods, including a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by Mr. Keighley, of Calverley, and the Bros. Thackray, of Armley; of Bob Major; Grandsire Triples, Major and Royal by members of the Tong, Armley and Calverley Companies. A pleasant meeting was concluded by singing the National Anthem.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, WOOTTON, LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday, September 19th, the members of this Society held their annual outing, Conway, North Wales, being the place selected. The party included the Rev. E. Roberts, Messrs. G. Hislop, J. Roberts, P. Ball, H. Fyles, T. Kay, P. Leather, J. Bowstead and J. Edwards. They left Allerton (L.N.W.), at 8.55 arriving at Conway at 11.15. Dinner and tea were partaken of at The Harp hotel. Visits were paid to the Castle Picture Gallery, Conway Hill, etc., and the day was a very pleasant one, the weather, with the exception of one shower, being all that could be wished for. Allerton was reached shortly after ten o'clock, after an outing which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ST. WOOLDS CHURCH, NEWPORT, MON.

The funeral of the late Canon Hawkins took place on Wednesday, October 7th. Deceased had been vicar of St. Woolds for forty years, but owing to failing eyesight he resigned in the year 1883, but continued as Canon of Llandaff until within the last three years. He was ninety-six years of age (born with the century), having seen three kings and one queen of this country, and was supposed to be the oldest living clergyman of the Church of England in his day. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a start was made for Penning's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after a well-struck 3750 it unfortunately came to grief, after ringing 2 hrs. 21 mins. H. Russell, 1; E. Davies (conductor), 2; H. Millard, 3; J. Jones, 4; F. Atwell, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge, 7; J. Cox, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

BOB MAJOR.—By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The following peal, with its two reduced variations, contains the extent of the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place, and the 2nd never in 5ths at a course end; and they are the only peals yet published with these qualities in six equal and regular parts in the number of changes without parting the tenors:—

(a) 5184.	(b) 5088.	(c) 5088.
23456 W B M R	23456 W B M R	23456 W B M R
52364 - - - -	52364 - - - -	52364 - - - -
36245 - - - -	36245 - - - -	36245 - - - -
24365 - - - -	24365 - - - -	24365 - - - -
32654 - - - -	32654 - - - -	32654 - - - -
53246 - - - -	63254 - - - -	63254 - - - -
45236 - - - -	56234 - - - -	56234 - - - -
23564 - - - -	23645 - - - -	23645 - - - -

Each to be five times repeated, a single being substituted for the bob at w in last course of 3rd and 6th parts.

Several variations can be had of these compositions, among which are—

Omit all bobs save those at the "homes" in fourth and fifth courses of either first three or last three parts of peal (a) gives 5088.

Call both fourth and fifth courses of either (b) or (c) "R" only in either first three or last three parts gives 5040.

Call the s at end of third part of either peal and begin last three parts at the fifth course.

Of course the singles may, if preferred, be called half way and end, but that would put the second three times into fifths place.

(a) 5024.	(e) 5024.
2 3 4 5 6 W B M R	2 3 4 5 6 W B M R
5 2 4 3 6 -	4 5 2 3 6 -
5 2 3 6 4 - -	5 3 4 6 2 -
4 3 5 2 6 - - -	2 4 5 3 6 - - -
4 3 2 6 5 - - -	4 3 2 6 5 - - -
2 4 5 3 6 - - -	5 2 4 3 6 - - -
2 4 3 6 5 - - -	5 2 3 6 4 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -	3 5 4 2 6 - - -
3 4 5 6 2 - - -	3 5 2 6 4 - - -
2 5 3 4 6 - - -	4 2 3 5 6 - - -
5 4 2 6 3 - - -	4 2 5 6 3 - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -	5 4 3 2 6 - - -
3 2 4 6 5 - - -	5 4 2 6 3 - - -
5 4 3 2 6 - - -	3 2 5 4 6 - - -
4 2 5 6 3 - - -	2 4 3 6 5 - - -
3 5 4 2 6 - - -	5 3 2 4 6 - - -
3 5 2 6 4 - - -	3 4 5 6 2 - - -
4 2 3 5 6 - - -	2 5 3 4 6 - - -
2 5 4 6 3 - - -	2 5 4 6 3 - - -
3 4 2 5 6 - - -	3 4 2 5 6 - - -
4 5 3 6 2 - - -	4 5 3 6 2 - - -
3 2 4 5 6 - - - s	3 2 4 5 6 - - - s

These two peals to be repeated once. They have the sixth alternately each way throughout.

(f) 5472.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M R
4 5 3 6 2 - - - -
3 4 5 6 2 - - - -
2 5 3 4 6 - - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - - -
5 3 4 6 2 - - - -
2 4 3 6 5 - - - -
3 2 4 6 5 - - - -
4 3 2 6 5 - - - -
5 2 3 6 4 - - - -
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5 4 3 2 6 - - - -
5 4 2 6 3 - - - -
2 5 4 6 3 - - - -
4 2 5 6 3 - - - -

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

Each to be repeated once.

(f) has the sixth twenty-four times each way, and may be reduced to 5024 by omitting the braced bobs in both parts, also to 5120 by calling the eighteenth course of one part "R" only.

(h) 5008.	(i) 5008.
23456 W B R	62534 W B R
35264 - - - -	62345 - - - -
63254 - - - -	36245 - - - -
25634 - - - -	24365 - - - -
62534 - - - -	32465 - - - -

Call this part once.

46325 - - - -
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Call this part five times.

A single at end of fifth and tenth parts.

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Nine times repeated. Single half way and end.

FALL OF A CHURCH BELL.

A great deal of excitement was caused in the neighbourhood of St. Andrew's church, Leicester, on Tuesday evening, by the fall of a bell from the turret over the chancel roof. St. Andrew's does not possess a peal, but the single bell is of considerable weight. The cannon by which it was suspended from the horizontal beam supporting it had gradually worn through, and the bell fell with a crash on to the chancel roof, cannoning off there, and finding a resting-place in the church garden, this occurring about half-past seven o'clock. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and little damage was done. The clerk, who was in the church at the time, thought from the noise that the whole roof was coming through, but it stood the strain well, though a large portion of the coping and a considerable quantity of slates were carried away. The bell itself seems to have escaped injury.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—DEDDINGTON DEANERY BRANCH.—MEETING AT ADDERBURY.

The first Autumn Meeting of this newly-formed Branch was held at Adderbury on Saturday afternoon last. There was a very good attendance of members, who represented the following eight towers in the Deanery:—Adderbury, Bloxham, Cropredy, Deddington, Great Tew, Mollington, Swalcliffe, and Tadmarton. Unfortunately, a sufficient number of change-ringers could not be got together to ring any changes, but various touches of round ringing were done, some of the striking being creditable, when it is borne in mind that many of the ringers are young beginners, and have seldom or ever rung out of their own towers. A meat tea was provided in the girls' school, at 4 o'clock, when between forty and fifty sat down. There were present Rev. H. J. Gepp (Vicar of Adderbury), Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Dunsden, Reading, Hon. Sec. to the Guild), Revs. R. F. Mallam (Bloxham), T. Boniface (Deddington), A. E. Riddle (Tadmarton), W. B. Humphrey (Mollington), J. P. Malleon (Great Tew), Mr. W. Bradford (Bloxham, Hon. Sec. of the Branch), and about forty probationary members. After tea, a meeting was held presided over by the Rev. H. J. Gepp, in the unavoidable absence of the President of the Branch, Rev. Canon Wood, D.D., who was attending the Church Congress. The Rev. Chairman welcomed the members of the Branch to Adderbury, and referred to the formation of the Branch as an unexplored mine of interest in the neighbourhood. As Church people they had the command of the beautiful bells in the belfries, and he exhorted those present to make the most of the privilege.

Mr. Bradford (Hon. Sec.), announced that the Branch now consisted of over fifty members, seven towers being affiliated to the Guild. The Great Tew ringers, who had joined the Chipping Norton branch, prior to the formation of the local branch, would come over next year, and the Secretary had great hopes that Banbury, who already belonged to the Guild, would join the Branch. At the suggestion of the Secretary that an Auditor should be appointed, the Rev. R. F. Mallam (Bloxham) kindly undertook the duties. The Secretary also expressed his willingness to give one evening a week during the winter months to visiting the towers, for the purpose of teaching change-ringing. The offer was accepted with applause. In addressing the meeting, the Hon. Sec. of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), said that it gave him much pleasure to attend the meeting, and to have an opportunity of seeing the three famous spires in the neighbourhood. Speaking of the influence of the Guild for good and the progress made in change-ringing, he said he must not omit the names of "the grand old Master" of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson), and Mr. J. W. Washbrook. These two gentlemen, with six other members of the Guild, had lately accomplished a feat and beaten the record by ringing a peal of "London Surprise," consisting of over 11,000 changes, the peal being composed by Mr. Washbrook. The membership of the Guild last year numbered nearly 1,200, of which 850 were working men change-ringers. It was gratifying to find such a new Branch in so flourishing a condition, and he was glad to find that his old friend, Mr. Bradford, whom he well knew as a change-ringer, had undertaken the Secretaryship of the Branch. He wished the Branch all success. On the motion of the Rev. J. P. Malleon, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Adderbury for kindly permitting the meeting to take place there, and duly acknowledged.

Evensong was held in the church at 5. The Vicar intoned the service, the lesson being read by the Rev. T. Boniface. Tallis's responses were sung, and Psalms lii., liii., and cl., also Hymns 242, 292, and 274 (A. and M.). In the absence of Mr. Hadley, Organist, Mr. Bradford presided at the organ, and the adult members of the choir were drawn from among the ringers who were also choristers. The sermon was preached by the Hon. Sec. of the Guild, who took his text from Psalm lxxxi. 1—"Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob." The preacher dwelt particularly on the religious side of change-ringing, contrasting the science with the other arts having no religion. In the course of his admirable and appropriate discourse the rev. gentleman said:—"To any one who has from its foundation in 1881 taken an active interest in the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-Ringers, it will be allowable to

look back on the fifteen years with feelings of thankfulness and gratitude. It is always delightful to note any instance of the successful working out of the old saying that "Union is strength." The Club, the Association, the Trade Union, the Friendly Society, the Co-operative Society, each of these has its own peculiar use and office, and they must be few in the congregation who have not in some way or other thus associated with their fellows to attain some end which they could never have reached alone. But praiseworthy and excellent as are all such associations, they cannot by their very nature aspire to the highest excellence of all. They indeed affect a good work. They may tend to make us more secure against poverty, they may increase the comforts of life, they may add to our knowledge and wisdom, they may give us the unspeakable pleasure of feeling that we are helping one another and are doing something towards the relief of the world's miseries. They may do all these, but yet fail to be in the highest sense of the word *religious*. They touch two sides of human life, but they cannot reach its noblest side. Body and spirit feel their heating hand, but no ministration of theirs finds its way to the soul of man. We have joined the Guild, not as Bell-Ringers merely, but as Christians, as men whose desire is to be better Christians as the years pass over us, and to give to God as members of the Church to which we belong, a service ever fuller, more faithful, and more ungrudging. There stands at the head of the Rules of our Guild this sentence, marking the main object before us: "To recognise the true position of ringers as Church Officers." "Come, if you come at all," your Guild says to you, "as Christian men, who love Christ and His Gospel, who seek to do His will, to be manly, upright and pure, and who do not shrink to come forward in your place as office-bearers in the Church to lead others in worship and righteousness." And now, as a result of a good work done by the Guild, your office is duly recognised by the Church, and valued by you yourselves. There are numerous instances in which the clergy are not content merely to encourage their ringers but take an active part in the work. Here and there, and notably to one among ourselves, we may point to clergymen who have reached to the highest attainment of the art. The ringer who is influenced by the highest aims devotes his art to the service of God. But what is an art? I doubt if it can be defined better than this—to do faithfully whatever we do. Anything done perfectly well, becomes a work of art. Anything finished thoroughly in all its details affects the mind as art, and any high or beautiful work well done becomes fine art. It is the perfect finish of poetry, the exact proportion of architecture, the regular modulation of music, the delicate precision of painting and sculpture, which makes them works of art. Finish, proportion, musical rhythm, precision, all these are required in bell-ringing, to make the result a real work of art your desire. A work which shall be faithfully done for its own sake, for the sake of others, for the sake of God. Carry this aim with you whenever you enter the belfry, and you will have the highest satisfaction that work can bring, a new honour and dignity will be yours. Again, alluding to the progress of the Guild, the preacher remarked that so great had been its growth, that it has been necessary to appoint an assistant Hon. Sec., the work now being too great for any one man to manage who has necessarily many other duties to fulfil. In conclusion, he said: "In many ways the sound of the Church bells of England has been continuously heard in the historic and every day life of the nation speaking through the sanctuary. More need not be said to show that the bell-ringer has a real service to render, may he perform it—may all of you perform it—heart and soul for God and His Church. Let it be the very best service that you can give, a work of art, as perfect as you can make it, above all, let it be the service of Christian men, faithful to their Lord in the use of that talent with which he has constructed them."

After the service there was more ringing until about seven o'clock, when the various bands dispersed after a most successful and pleasant meeting.

W. B.

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.

WITH THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD IN HANTS.

On Saturday, October 3rd, members of the above Guild (including Messrs. G. Williams (Brighton), I. G. Shade (Greenwich), W. W. Gifford and T. Blackburn (Salisbury), H. White (Basingstoke), C. F. Hopgood (Reading), journeyed to Fareham, Hants., where the first peal of a short ringing tour was to be attempted. All arriving pretty well true to time, just after 4 p.m., we were met by Mr. Whiting of the local band, who with his usual hospitality entertained us all to tea. Arriving at the tower at 6 p.m., and being joined by Mr. Grafham, also of the local band, the bells were soon off in Double Norwich, and in 2 hrs. 53 mins. a well struck peal was the result. After spending a pleasant hour together, Messrs. Gifford, Blackburn and Williams left for an eight miles drive to Soberton, the rest of the band staying at Fareham the night, and coming on to Soberton in the morning, ringing for morning service at Wickham. Sunday evening, with the assistance of Mr. Chappell, of Wickham, a 576 and 448 of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. Peter's, Soberton, after which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the handbells. Monday morning we were astir early, seeing to ropes, etc., before breakfast, and at 8.50 "go" was called for Superlative, and at 11.52 a good peal had been accomplished. Coming out of the tower we were joined by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who had arrived from Botley in time to hear nearly the last hour of the peal. Dinner was the next order, at 12.30, which was capitally served by host Holmes as usual. Then again to the tower at 2 p.m., Oxford Treble Bob being the method, all going well for nearly two hours, when a slight trip occurred, and although only a few bad blows, stand was called a few bars later, the conductor having discovered a change-course. This put an end to our idea of ringing three peals in a day this time. However, after tea a first-rate peal of Stedman was tapped off with the Rev. F. E. Robinson at the helm.

Tuesday morning at 7.30 we were off for an eight miles' drive to Eastmeon. Arriving at the fine old Norman church of All Saints, we were met by Mr. Atwood, the sexton, who assured us everything was in readiness. As no Superlative had been rung here, that was the method chosen, but it seemed as if we were a bit "off" the method (although a good peal had been rung the day previous), when someone suggested a little refreshment, and start again. This was done and the bells were soon heard pouring out the beautiful music of Superlative, a peal seeming almost a certainty, but no, after 3 hrs. and 3 mins. good ringing, in the last course it was lost. The next item being dinner at the George Inn, after which, in the pouring rain, a drive of five miles to Petersfield was not very consoling after our failure in Superlative. But here another disappointment awaited us, no peal being able to be attempted as a parishioner living close was seriously ill. This left no alternative but to get on to Havant by first train possible, where we were booked for the night, in readiness for an early attempt for a peal there the following morning. Arriving at Havant about 7 p.m., we soon found arrangements had been made for sleeping, etc., by Messrs. Staples and Shirley, with whom during the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells.

Wednesday morning at 7.30 found us at the tower, where we were met by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who had driven over from East Marden. An excellent peal of Stedman Triples was tapped off here in 2 hrs. 52 mins. After partaking of the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Staples, a move was made for the station. Catching the 2 p.m. train, we were soon wending our way to the noble church of St. Mary's, Portsea, where the last peal in the programme was to be attempted and the fine ring of eight in this tower were soon sounding out the music of Oxford Treble Bob, but to the great disappointment of

all, after 45 mins. ringing, 'the treble rope came down in the belfry, leaving the bell set. This of course finished our ringing programme. After tea we dispersed to our various destinations Messrs. Gifford and Robinson accompanying Mr. Williams to Brighton, where peals had been previously arranged for each other evening during the week. This band one and all wish to thank all those who had been the means of making the outing a success, the Vicars for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Staples and Whiting for their hospitality. G. W.

A WONDERFUL FEAT IN PEAL-RINGING.

On looking over some of the old *Cambridge Chronicles* a short time ago, I found the record of a most wonderful feat in change-ringing; the following is a copy from the *Cambridge Chronicle* for Saturday, December 29th, 1770:—

"On Monday last, was rung at Great St. Mary's church in this town on twelve bells, a complete peal of Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 5610 changes, which was completed with ease in 3 hours and 50 minutes by Messrs. Young, *Treble*; Laughton, 2; Saunders, 3; Incarsole, 4; Gee, 5; Robinson, 6; Jones, 7; Hinkin, 8; Groves, 9; Crowther, 10; Day (who called the peal), 11; and Banyard, *Tenor*. It is very remarkable that Mr. Incarsole who rang the 4th bell, is quite blind."

The above is a wonderful feat in peal-ringing for a man to be quite blind, and to ring a working bell through a peal of Grandsire Cinques. There is a tradition in Cambridge that this most wonderful man, Mr. John Incarsole, was very remarkable for his great talent and hearing powers both in change-ringing and music. In the same paper for Saturday, March 7th, 1778, I found the following:—

"On Shrove Tuesday, a complete peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters was rung upon the deep melodious peal of ten bells at St. Mary's church in Nottingham, being the first and only attempt ever made for the same. The above performance continued 7 hours and 20 minutes, and was performed by eleven of the Nottingham Society. The tenor (as customary with bells that weight), was rung by two, and the other nine single-handed. St. Mary's bells are the heaviest peal of ten bells within one hundred miles of the place, York Minster only excepted."

SAMUEL SLATER.

Glensford.

THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of members in the two Archidiaconal branches of Ely and the Isle of Ely was held on Tuesday, October 6th, at Sutton, and was attended as well as could reasonably be expected, the afternoon being exceedingly wet and stormy. Several touches of Plain Bob were rung and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by the following members from Willburton: James Markwell, 1; Joseph Markwell, 2; Henry Markwell, 3; A. Hazell, 4; A. Sharp, 5; Arthur Markwell (conductor), 6. After tea in the vicarage room adjoining the church, the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. W. W. Crump, the General Secretary of the Association. Several fresh members from Sutton and Haddenham were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next branch meeting at Soham, near Ely, early next year.

BELL OPERATIONS IN ESSEX.

Rumour has been busy for some time past concerning the augmentation of the ring of eight at Waltham Abbey to ten and even twelve bells. The latter would be a splendid complement to the old historical edifice, and every one would rejoice at such a proposal being made a *fait accompli*. We hear that Messrs. Taylor have prepared an estimate. The ring of eight at the old parish church of St. Mary, Walthamstow, is to be graced by the addition of two new trebles, with an entire new frame for the ten bells. The Whitechapel firm are entrusted with this undertaking. This is a very happy restoration indeed. St. Mary's, Walthamstow, has for some years been a high-class ringing centre, being near to the city of London, and easy of approach by metropolitan and suburban ringers. It will now become a more favorite place than ever for ringing meetings.

PRACTICAL HINTS TO YOUNG CONDUCTORS
AND COMPOSERS.

CHAPTER VI.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.—(continued.)

The touch at the end of last week's chapter was given as a favorable example for practising to call any bell "before," without the conductor ringing that particular bell. If that touch is examined it will be found that every bell is called into the hunt in each part. Therefore the touch, or any part of it, could be called by the following observation: "Call every bell into the hunt, and out at five leads, until the 2nd comes in." The plan to find out what bell will go into the hunt at a bob is to notice on going up behind how such bell stands with the treble. I have said that the bell called "before" is the bell met with immediately before the treble; the bell called into the hunt will be the bell met with before that one. Therefore the bell going into the hunt at a bob is the bell you meet next but one before the treble. This observation can be practised in like manner to the previous one.

The advantages to be derived by not wholly depending upon the observation-bell for calling, *i.e.* so far as being compelled to ring it, has already been shown. Whoever depends upon that mode of calling only, is at a great disadvantage. He is obliged to ring that particular bell, and this is often an inconvenience, to say the least. The bell in question may be a bad-going one, or may be too heavy for the practitioner's strength, and other drawbacks may be present. In the plan recommended the bob-caller can ring any bell he pleases; and it looks much better in a strange tower, among strange companions, when he appears indifferent to what bell he rings. Here is a quarter-peal in this method:—

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

This is the first part, comprising 420 changes, to complete which it must be twice repeated. Now you will see that there are three bells at home (and only three) at the part-end. They are 4, 6, 7. Consequently those bells do the same work in each part, and thus either or all of them can be used to make up a lesson for calling without having to ring either. Here is an example of a calling lesson for this quarter-peal:—

"Call the 7th into the hunt and out of the lead after the 4th has made thirds. 7th into the hunt with a double (that is two running bobs). 6th into the hunt, and out the lead after the 7th has made thirds. 6th in with a double. The 4th in and out the lead after the 6th has made thirds."

The calling expressed by this lesson to be repeated, which brings up the second part-end—1354267; it is again repeated, and the third part-end being reached the bells are round.

Study and practice will enable the young beginner to shorten these calling lessons very considerably, but I think it best to begin something like the above.

It is hardly necessary to give many of these examples; this one ought to be understood sufficiently to enable my readers to compile a lesson themselves for any touch they may come in contact with. There is one thing however to which attention should be given. In peals of 5000 or more, the conductor ought to be able to inform himself at certain periods whether the peal is going on correctly; if he disregards such a condition, he is very likely to find himself in a predicament when he is looking for rounds to appear. Therefore it is well for the young conductor to commence this practice early. When going for a touch, or this quarter-peal, say, he should make himself acquainted with the positions of the bells at certain periods, and see that those positions come up. The

duties of a conductor is not merely to call out "bob," but also to carefully watch that what is being attempted is being accurately done. He should notice any particular changes that approve themselves to his eye or ear, and correctly ascertain beforehand at what period they ought to show themselves, and if they do not appear at the place expected, then some mistake has been made either by two or more of the ringers, or perhaps by himself. Having made this unpleasant discovery he should at once call "stand," or bring the bells round if he is able to.

Next week I will give a few more select touches, and point out their lessons for calling. I would do it now only that space is very valuable this week in our paper. But I think there is plenty of food for study and reflection in this week's chapter—for the young, of course.

ALEPH.

(To be continued.)

RINGERS' EXCURSION TO LEICESTER.

A MERRY MEETING IN THE OLD BOROUGH.

The October pleasure Fair at Leicester has for many years been looked upon as a good opportunity of meeting with old friends and faces, taking into consideration the facilities offered by the different railway companies; and Saturday's cargo bore numerous ringers from Lincoln, Derby, Yarmouth, Loughboro', Barwell, Coventry, and places too numerous to mention. At four p.m. a band was negotiating a peal of Double Norwich at St. Saviour's, but after 50 mins. ringing a deafening kicking at the belfry door disconcerted a few, and the bells were "stood." Investigation proved that the offender was a country visitor—a ringer of the old school, who "thought there was some ringing on!" The following was the band:—G. Lindoff, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. Clarke, 3; W. Willson, 4; R. Dawson, 5; G. Chester, 6; A. Craven (conductor), 7; C. P. Clifton, 8. Other ringers coming up, including the volatile Wm. Challenor, the bells were put through touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob, &c., and then lowered. Six-thirty found a goodly number at St. Margaret's; Grandsire Caters the order of the evening; 575 being brought round by C. Lomas, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; R. Dawson, 3; W. H. Inglesant, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; G. Chester, 6; W. Willson (conductor), 7; A. Craven, 8; C. P. Clifton, 9; W. Challenor, 10. Adjournment was then made to the clubroom of "The Sun," and a very convivial gathering was soon bent on making the proverbial welkin ring. The irrepressible Jonty W. Veasey sang "Pat and the Mermaid," in fine form, and the ball being thus opened, the following programme was gone through:—Stedman Triples: G. Lindoff, 1-2; G. Cleal (conductor), 3-4; W. Willson, 5-6; J. Buttery, 7-8. Song: "Baby," Mr. E. E. Smith. Treble Bob Major: A. R. Aldham (conductor), 1-2; A. Knights (Chesterfield), 3-4; G. Lindoff, 5-6; A. Craven, 7-8.

Song: "The Masquerade Ball," Mr. F. Cooke. Grandsire Caters: G. Bemrose, 1-2; J. B. Fenton, 3-4; A. R. Aldham, 5-6; G. Lindoff, 7-8; C. P. Clifton, 9-10.

Song: "Fine Old English Gentleman," Mr. J. S. Needham. Treble Bob Royal:—G. Cleal, 1-2; A. Knights, 3-4; A. Craven, 5-6; G. Lindoff, 7-8; A. R. Aldham, 9-10. Recitation: "Crazy Kate," Mr. Wm. Willson.

Song: "Wants and Means," Mr. A. R. Aldham. Train time came round all too soon for all concerned, but "companions" in the shape of long-necked bottles were provided for the return journeys, all being well pleased with the half-day's enjoyment.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening, October 10th, the Staveley branch of the above Association paid a visit to Chesterfield to test the "go" of the bells, which have been made quiet pealable for any company who may feel inclined to attempt a peal upon them. After ringing two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major 880 of Kent Treble Bob Royal was brought round in a very creditable manner. S. Palmer, 1; S. Price, 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Worthington, 5; W. Daffin, 6; S. Smedley, 7; J. Harris (conductor), 8; A. Worthington, 9; H. Madin (conductor), 10. First attempt at Royal by Messrs. J. Worthington, S. Smedley, W. Daffin, and S. Palmer. Hunt and Price belong to Chesterfield; the rest to Staveley.

MEN AND MANNERS.

How shall we write? How shall we begin? Events grave and gay, sunshine and shadows have mixed in indescribable confusion during the past week. William Morris, the greatest of modern, and shall we say human poets, has gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returns. The Czar is in Paris, feted and almost worshipped by a Republican but temporarily frantic French populace. Rockefeller—the American oil trust millionaire—after freezing into poverty all the smaller men, gives thanks at a bun and coffee prayer meeting because “God has dealt kindly with him!” Lord Rosebery has resigned, and everybody with an axe to grind has gone on the stump. The Church Congress has discussed the question of the Church and the drink traffic. Prebendary Denison, of St. Michael's, North Kensington, has taken a public house in Portobello Road, turned it into a club, and placed a curate in charge. Besides beer it will supply literature, skittles and whist. Du Maurier, the author of Trilby, is dead, and finally the Burton band has decided in grim earnest to go for a long peal of London Surprise.

There my masters is the bill of fare. Shall I sort them out for you or will you take 'em or leave 'em as you think fit? You will observe in the above items that virtue and hypocrisy runs pretty nearly their extent wrong and right so to speak. You will see that the men who do the most good either depart or play a very second rate fiddle to the whited sepulchres that remain. You will not need telling that Morris was the people's poet, a man who would not write to order, but wrote from his heart; and notwithstanding the fact that we live in the close of the 19th century, we have none too many folk who possess a solid heart. Alas, my gentle reader or otherwise, you cannot fail to observe that the French enthusiasm is only measured by their desire to get their two lost possessions back from the Germans. The next item I will leave you to nurse over and discover the humbug thereof, and we come to that of the Church and Drink. Truly the Bishop of Chester has not lived in vain, but whether Prebendary Denison has gone a step too far or not is a question. I will yield to no man in my desire for purity and temperance, but I cannot at present bring my mind to mixing of clubs and clergy. Not but what the presence of the clergy would most probably elevate the social side of life, but it seems to me somewhat sacrilegious to expect a curate to turn barman. I am no prude. I believe that houses of refreshment are an absolute necessity, and to raise higher the standard of them is a noble object well worth striving after; but many eyes will watch the experiment with anxiety.

On second thoughts I must refer to the cant and hypocrisy I mentioned previously. Laying foundation stones for a little Bethel will not save a man's soul. Donations drawn from the sweat and blood of hirelings will not please the God who is no respecter of persons—if we believe in the good old book. It is this smug, hollow, imitation religion that evokes many a sneer at the genuine. We find those too who wear their religion as they wear their Sunday clothes, or those who trade on it for a living.

Some of my notes may not suit a few of my readers, but I cannot help that. Wherever I see a sham I feel bound to expose it, and if a writer is wanted who will please everybody, you will wait until the millenium. A certain ringer called upon me a short time ago, and in the usual course of conversation on ringing matters, “THE BELL NEWS” came in for criticism. After remarking on the improvement in the paper, he said he liked reading the “Men and Manners” column, but “that there Jingle didn't wrap things up nicely; he hit out so hard and blunt.” I told him I would have it seen into, and he little thought he was talking to Jingle himself. I don't intend to “wrap things up nicely,” where there is a truth to be told, I shall tell it, however unpleasant it may be. I am told it is a welcome relief to turn from the drab sameness of ringing to something which may interest us all, although I don't expect

everybody's opinions to be the same as mine. I would not screen a man's wrong doing because of his poverty, neither whitewash a rich man for the sake of his position. There is a deal of cud that wants chewing in the following lines:—

How much is he worth? Let death declare,
For death will come for the millionaire,
And naked and poor lies he.
The gold will drop from his cold dead hand,
He holds no title to home or land;
But a narrow bed of clay or sand
Out under the graveyard tree,
A worthless life by the world forgot,
A worthless body to mould and rot;
And a worthless soul to the weighing brought
In the scales of God—and then?

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How much is he worth? Let us reckon who care,
A larder scant and a coat threadbare,
And a shilling or two has he.
How much is he worth? Tell us who can!
May be less in the purse, but more in the man
To count in the world of men.
For worth is not in the things possessed,
'Tis the wealth of the mind, 'tis the heart in the breast;
'Tis the goodness that blesses and is blest,
Not poor, but rich 'tis then.

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Seventeenthly, my brethren, if you don't like my style, you have the option of trying to go one better, or to turn over the page and read the advertisements, which are fine food for the most profound reflection.

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You will see in this week's peal record that the St. Paul's company, Burton-on-Trent have accomplished a 5184 of London Surprise. You may say that is nothing uncommon with them, but I beg leave to observe that there is something more to follow. What I know of the grit of the Burton band leads me to say that they are on the war path after the scalps of the Oxonians, and there is going to be some fun. It has not yet been proved impossible to get a longer length than 11,328, and you will probably smile when I say—but I don't think I will say it; but just keep your eye on “THE BELL NEWS.” *Verb sap.* By the way, an excellent photo. of the Oxford long peal band is in course of preparation and will appear shortly.

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Next week I shall stand down and give my colleagues a chance. “Plain Speaker” will trot to the front again, and “Free Lance,” having received a new coat of paint will once more be in evidence. “Old Contributor” may also smoke some strong navy cut and do some more musing what time I recuperate. So come out of your shells, my hearties, and do something, while I strike my harp ('tis rather the office gridiron, but t'will serve), and grind out some more copy and things for succeeding numbers. So for the time being I wave my hand, and away skips the fantastic
JINGLE.

WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE, ESSEX.

On October 8th the Bishop of St. Albans formally started a large new church clock here, which has four large dials, chimes the quarters, and strikes the hours. The clock has been made and fixed by John Smith and Son, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the general designs of Lord Grimthorpe. It is expected that the clock will go to great accuracy.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, September 13th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 26 mins. Jno. Crossley, 1; R. Hoyle, 2; Jos. Crossley (conductor), 3; J. Lingard, 4; R. Whittles, 5; J. Marshall, 6.

WITNESHAM (Suffolk).—Recently at St. Mary's church, 360 Bob Minor. F. Addison, 1; J. Sadler, 2; W. Webb, 3; T. Sadler (Treeton, Yorks), 4; W. Dye, 5; G. Potter (conductor), 6. Great credit is due to this young band for the excellent ringing of the above, and also to Messrs. Potter and Dye for instructing them.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1896.

A GREAT bereavement has, by the Divine will, been suffered by the whole Anglican Church throughout the world. On Monday last the community were startled and amazed by the tidings that the Archbishop of CANTERBURY had suddenly died on the previous day. The awful suddenness seemed to affect all who read or heard of the news. It may truly be said that the whole religious world felt a great shock at the intelligence, unexpected as it was surprising.

The particulars hardly need recapitulating. The Primate was a guest for a short time at Hawarden Castle, the seat of Mr. GLADSTONE. In the early morn of Sunday last he attended church, and received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Afterwards at the mid-day service he was among the worshippers, and it was while this service was proceeding that he had the attack which in a very short period culminated in death.

In apparent health and seemingly vigorous for his age, very few signs were present that could lead any one to think that the deceased Primate had not many years of

life before him. But the magnitude of his office; the constant strain, and anxiety that its duties should be performed accurately, religiously, and effectively; the continual inquietude and perplexity caused by hundreds of various subjects which absolutely necessitated his attention and care, would be sufficient to lead to a weakening of the vitality of any man. He is now at rest from his labours. The spot where, and the period when, he received the Master's call, create the most reverent and solemn thoughts. Not long before his death he had communed with his God in the highest and holiest ordinance of our Church; in God's own house, while worshipping Him shortly after, he received the summons—"Come up higher." We can picture the scene; and some of us perhaps would fain hope that our own last call may be similar, viz., while in the act of worshipping our Maker. Sudden death of this sort we cannot help thinking is sudden glory.

It is not necessary here to deal with the biography of the deceased prelate. We only need know, unfortunately, that our Church has lost a wise and kind leader, who occupied a position it is not very easy to fill. Our connection with the Church concerns us much with such unwelcome tidings. His Grace was not unknown to ringers, or the Exercise unknown to him. He was the President of the Surrey and Kent Associations, and had been so since his translation to the Primacy.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 3, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM NUDDS* Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM 5.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2.	FREDERICK DENCH 6.
HENRY DAINS 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

The performance was arranged by Mr. H. S. Thomas to commemorate the Harvest Festival. The composition is in three equal parts, and has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6. *First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Ward, Dench, and Parker formerly belonged to the Crawley band, Sussex, but are now resident in London.
[Mr. Parker, the conductor of this peal, very kindly explains the reason that the report of it was not sent earlier.]

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Friday, October 9, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BERRY Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
ERNEST HOLT NIXON* 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
JOHN HACK 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN Tenor.

Composed by the REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

*First peal with a bob bell. This is a five-part composition, and was published in "The Bell News" of January 12th, 1884.

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On Saturday, October 10, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

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

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble.	HARRY BARTON 6.
VICTOR W. WEST* 2.	*GEORGE CHARGE 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS 8.
HAROLD N. DAVIS 4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 9.
WILLIAM T. ELSON 5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*First peal of Royal. The above was rung on the occasion of the twenty-eighth birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 5th nine courses in 6ths place, and the 6th ten courses at home.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Monday, October 12, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN JAMES LAMB Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.
HARRY HOSKINS 2.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
ERNEST HOLT NIXON 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
JAMES CHARLES HARVEY 4.	*CHARLES LANGDON Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

*First peal. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of His Grace the late Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 8, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE PITT Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE 5.
JOHN BENSTRADE* 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
GEORGE P. BURTON 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. The figures of this peal will be found on another page.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, October 9, 1896, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. EDWARD BRYANT,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. 1-2.	*FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 5-6.
BERNARD WITCHELL .. 3-4.	*EDWARD BRYANT* .. 7-8.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

This is the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in the county upon handbells. *First peal of Stedman upon handbells. Referee—Mr. Henry Withers, of Northfield, who marked off every course as rung.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 9, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE A. KING Treble.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
KEITH HART 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

This is the fiftieth peal on these bells, being made up as follows: Grandsire, 11; Stedman, 12; Treble Bob, 2; Double Norwich, 8; Superlative, 7; Cambridge, 3; London, 3; New Cumberland, 1; Champion, 1; College Exercise, 1.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
HARRY WESTON 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. W. W. Gifford hails from Salisbury; F. Hopgood from Reading; J. S. Goldsmith and A. J. Turner from Lewes; the rest belong to St. Peter's, Brighton.

CHESTER.

On Saturday, October 10, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODS Treble.	GILBERT GERRARD 5.
CHARLES PRICE 2.	GILBERT GERRARD 6.
H. W. WILDE 3.	WILLIAM MOULTON 7.
JAMES SWINDLEY 4.	HENRY DEW Tenor.

Composed by HENRY H. WILDE and Conducted by HENRY DEW.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 11, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PAICE Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	EDWIN JORDAN 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Further reference to this peal will appear next week.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 12, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED GRICE Treble.	WILLIAM JONES 5.
THOMAS J. BRATTON 2.	WILLIAM MADDOX 6.
DAVID WILLIAMS 3.	THOMAS BARNES 7.
JOHN LLOYD 4.	FREDERICK S. JONES Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by T. J. BRATTON.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, and tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 13, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Treble.	ALBERT DUBBER 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 2.	HENRY WHITE 7.
FREDERICK WHITE 3.	CHARLES H. FOWLER 8.
CHARLES H. EXON 4.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 9.
FREDERICK EXON 5.	ANTHONY STRANGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

ALICE WHITE Treble.	FREDERICK G. WILSON 5.
HARRY LAWES* 2.	JOHN E. BALLARD 6.
THOMAS CURTIS 3.	HENRY WHITE 7.
CHARLES F. HANSFORD .. 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in respect to the memory of the late Archbishop of Canterbury. *First peal of Bob Major with a bob bell. F. Hopgood hails from Reading; the rest belong to the local band.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 10, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

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THOMAS BETTISON .. Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
HARRY GREAVES* 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5.
JAMES EMSEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

*First 5040 with a bob bell.

Date Touches.

HRCKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, September 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 changes, composed by J. George, of Rugby, and conducted by W. Dickinson. F. Warrington, 1; T. C. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. H. Clark, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; G. Ward, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts).—On Monday, October 5th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Dolton, 1; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. Stevens, 5; J. W. Ginns, 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 210 in the same method. J. Stevens, 1; A. Chidwick, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq. (conductor), 3; W. J. Dell, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; J. W. Ginns, 7; E. Dolton, 8. Also three courses Stedman Triples. H. S. Reeves, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq., 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; J. W. Ginns, 6; A. Belton, 7; E. Dolton, 8. And 224 Bob Major. F. A. Milne, 1; J. Cornell, 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; J. Stevens, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. Belton, 6; J. W. Ginns, 7; C. H. Martin (conductor), 8. Mr. C. H. Martin hails from Hendon, Messrs. Cornell and Reeves from Finchley, and W. J. Dell from Hadley. On Thursday, October 8th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2100 changes. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; A. Chidwick, 2; W. Dell, 3; J. Stevens, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. Dolton, 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. F. C. Cass, rector of Hadley, who was interred in Hadley churchyard on Friday, October 9th.

THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD.

OAKHAM (Rutland).—On Saturday, September 26th, at All Saints' parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles on the back six. J. Binks, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; E. G. Baker, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6; R. Rowell, 7; R. Squires, 8. The two trebles then being raised, 120 Grandsire on the front five, with 7-6-8 covering. R. Rowell, 1; C. R.

Lilley (conductor), 2; R. Squires, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; E. G. Baker, 5; F. Sewell, 6; J. Binks, 7; R. W. Baker, 8. And 360 in the following methods: 120 April Day, 120 Lincolnshire Singles, and 120 Plain Bob, standing as above. Also 480 as follows: 120 Lincolnshire Singles, 120 Grandsire, 120 Plain Bob, and 120 April Day. R. Rowell, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; R. Squires, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; G. Clarke, 6; J. Binks, 7; R. W. Baker, 8; 768 covering. And 120 Plain Bob and Grandsire, standing as before, except R. W. Baker, 6; and F. Sewell, 8. The bells were then lowered in peal by C. R. Lilley, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; R. Rowell, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; R. Squires, 5; — Dexter, 6; — Dexter, 7; R. W. Baker, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in F. The bells are a very musical peal, difficult for change-ringing on the eight, on account of the position of the ropes, the back six being a good circle, the treble rope coming between the 3rd and 4th, and the 2nd between 4th and 5th. The Dexters are local men, and Messrs. R. W. Baker, Sewell, and Clark belong to Langham, the remainder to Peterborough. It is supposed to be the first in the method on the bells of Lincolnshire Singles and April Day. There is no change-ringing company here. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. Baggallay, for the use of the bells, and the Churchwardens and local ringers for having everything in readiness.

LANGHAM (Rutland).—On Saturday, September 26th, by invitation from Mr. R. W. Baker, six members paid a visit here, and rang at SS. Peter and Paul, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Binks, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; H. Hodgson, 6. A date touch was also attempted and lost through the tower door being opened. And 860 changes in the following methods: 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, and 260 Grandsire Doubles. R. Rowell, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; R. Squires, 5; R. W. Baker, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. And two courses of Grandsire Minor. J. Binks, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; R. Rowell, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. The ringers then visited Mr. Baker's house and sat down to another peal, "go" being called, and all coming into rounds. After the cloth was removed, the handbells were brought into use; then another visit to the tower, and 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. R. Lilley (conductor), 1; R. W. Baker, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; F. Sewell, 5; R. Squires, 6. And 480 in the following methods: 120 April Day, 120 Lincolnshire Singles, 120 Grandsire, and 120 Plain Bob. R. Rowell, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; R. W. Baker, 6. Also 120 Grandsire. R. Squires (conductor), 1; R. W. Baker, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; R. Rowell, 5; A. Buttrey (Oakham), 6. The bells being lowered in peal, a visit was then made to Oakham. Messrs. R. W. Baker, Sewell, and Hodgson belong to Langham, where there is a very sweet peal in the key of G. Tenor 16 cwt. This is supposed to be the first in the methods of Lincolnshire Singles and April Day on the bells. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Baker for his kindness in making all arrangements and having everything in readiness, also to the Vicar (Rev. F. Baggallay) and Churchwardens.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, September 29th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. G. J. Martin, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; A. Johnson, 5; W. T. Johnson, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. This is the first 720 by the Guild, and longest length in the methods. First 720 by E. G. Baker and first on an inside bell by R. Squires. On Thursday evening, September 24th, for harvest festival, 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Squires, 1; G. Baker, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; J. Binks, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; G. T. Martin, 6. And touches of Bob Minor. W. Johnson, 6; the rest as before. After service, 120 Grandsire. G. Martin, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; E. G. Baker, 3; G. Baker, 4; R. Squires, 5; J. Binks, 6. On Sunday, September 27th, 120 in the same method. G. Baker, 1; R. Squires, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; G. Martin, 5; G. Terrell, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFELD (Berks).—On Saturday, October 3rd, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Lucas, 1; E. Bruce, 2; F. Richardson, 3; H. Keal, 4; W. Horne, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob, in which Messrs. Giles, and Tucker (Reading), and E. Holloway (Bradfield), took part. Also 120 each of College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure. W. Lucas, 1; W. Horne, 2; F. Richardson, 3; H. Keal, 4; E. Bruce, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6.

MORTIMER (Berks).—On Tuesday, September 1st, the Beenham ringers visited this place to have a pull on the new bells at St. John's, and also on the fine peal of eight at the parish church. Time would not permit going for a 720 at the new church, owing to a service being held there, so touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the bells lowered in peal. On arriving at the parish church, where Mr. H. Cox

the foreman, was in waiting, an attempt was made for a 720 of Plain Bob, with 7-8 covering, which came to grief after ringing over half-way. Afterwards a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor was rung on the back six. W. Lucas, 1; F. Richardson, 2; W. Horne, 3; H. Keal, 4; E. Bruce, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob standing as before. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with F. Wigmore at the tenor.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, September 15th, at St. Giles' parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; A. Cullum, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; J. Hands, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; A. Cullum, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 5; W. Higgs, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; C. Howse, 8. Also 560 Bob Major. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. E. Reeves, jun., 3; A. H. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; J. Hands, 6; W. Newell, 7; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; W. Higgs, 8. For evening service 546 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; G. L. Boddington, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; C. Howse, 8. On Wednesday, September 23rd, being the anniversary of the re-opening of the church, 1092 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. H. Evans, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; C. Howse (longest length), 8. On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. H. Evans, 5; W. Higgs, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; C. Howse, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. On Wednesday, September 30th, at St. Lawrence's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. R. Sawyer, 1; J. Tucker, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; F. Hopgood, 4; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 5; C. Giles, 6; H. Simmonds, 7; — Nelson, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Monday, October 12th, the parish ringers met at the church and rang 672 London Surprise Major with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. Truss, of Great Marlow. H. Simmonds, 1; R. Hibbert, 2; E. Munday, 3; E. W. Munday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. This is the first touch in the above method by the Caversham ringers. Also 400 Stedman Triples. E. Munday, 1; J. Tucker, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Munday (conductor), 4; C. Giles, 5; R. Hibbert, 6; J. Hands, 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. in F sharp.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 3rd, at St. George's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Moss (first 720 in the method), 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3; G. F. Woodhouse, 4; J. Cockcroft, 5; J. Barnes (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt. Wilson hails from Walton-on-the-Hill; Woodhouse from Manchester; Cockcroft from East Crompton; Barnes from Bacup.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.—On Thursday, October 1st, at St. James' church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. Marshall, 1; H. Needham, 2; H. Jenkins, 3; W. Southwick, 4; F. Moulson, 5; D. Brown (conductor), 6; F. Drabble, 7; D. Marshall, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. This touch was arranged from Parker's twelve-part peal by substituting a bob for a single at the seventeenth lead of the third part, the bells running round at the part-end.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Wednesday, October 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples in 17 mins. S. Churton (conductor), 1; T. Allen, 2; A. Brindley, 3; T. Austin, 4; T. Mountford, 5; A. Clewes, 6; E. Davis, 7; T. Rose, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 22nd, for practice at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from *Troyte*, in 48 mins. W. States, 1; J. Rumble, 2; E. Mathews, 3; A. Collins, 4; E. Bray, 5; F. Pates (conductor), 6; W. Hill, 7; J. Talbot, 8. First quarter-peal by all in the method with the exception of Messrs. W. States and F. Pates.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Tuesday, October 6th, at St. Mary's church, on the Harvest Festival, 518, 168, and 42 Grandsire Triples were rung, assisted by two friends from Peterborough. On Wednesday, October 7th, 120 Stedman Doubles. *E. Gale, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper,

3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. Law James, 5; J. Smith, 6. On Sunday, October 11th, 120 Stedman Doubles. Rev. H. Law James, 1; R. Cox, 2; C. Harper, 3; C. Lilley, 4; F. Dennison, 5; J. Smith, 6. *First 6-score of Stedman.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 27th, for harvest festival and hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten 6-scores, each called differently, and three bobs. E. Andrews, 1; H. Nettle, 2; J. H. Nettle, 3; T. Curtis, 4; S. Moore (conductor), 5; S. Andrews, 6. This is the first quarter-peal by H. Nettle and the first conducted by S. Moore. Shorter touches were rung for morning and evening service. For morning service: E. Andrews, 1; H. Nettle, 2; H. Midwinter, 3; S. Moore, 4; H. C. Bond, 5; T. Curtis, 6. For evening service: E. Andrews, 1; H. Nettle, 2; J. H. Nettle, 3; T. Curtis, 4; S. Moore, 5; S. Andrews, 6. On Monday, September 28th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins. H. Nettle (first in the method), 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. Gardner, 3; H. J. Midwinter, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. C. Bond (conductor), 6; H. T. Gardner, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Recently touches of Grandsire Triples have been rung, in which Mr. Foskett, Master of the "Cumberland," Mr. Tarrant, Reading, and Messrs. Menday and H. Simmons, of Caversham, took part. On Wednesday evening, October 7th, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples, as a token of respect to the memory of the late John Pontin, for upwards of fifty years a ringer at this church, and whose funeral took place in the afternoon. H. Nettle, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. Gardner, 3; H. J. Midwinter, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. C. Bond (conductor), 6; H. T. Gardner, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8.

THE ELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; F. Symonds, 2; H. Poulson, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; W. Hollocks, 5; R. Grimwood, 6. Messrs. Symonds (2) hail from Lavenham; Grimwood (2) from Hitcham; Poulson and Hollocks belong to Preston.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, September 24th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Mankelaw, jun., 1; W. Latter, 2; E. Mankelaw, sen., 3; G. Smithers, 4; S. Perkins, 5; H. Ford, 6; G. Head (first 500 in the method as conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. W. Latter, 1; S. Perkins, 2; H. Ford, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelaw, 5; H. Porter, 6; H. Card (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. *First 500 as conductor in the method. On Sunday, October 4th, 700 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. H. Card (conductor), 1; W. Pollard, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; A. Welsh, 4; H. Porter, 5; G. Head, 6; W. Latter, 7; A. Spice, 8.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—Recently, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Beach, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; E. Day, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On September 20th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Sellen, 1; G. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; E. Day, 6. On October 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; E. Day, 6. On October 11th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 360 Oxford Single Bob Minor. C. Sellen, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood, 6. For evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before, conducted by H. Wood.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday morning, October 11th, for Harvest Thanksgiving at St. John's Church, 1050 of Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. W. C. Dawe, 1; J. Rose, 2; F. Davis, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; J. Law, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; C. Venables, 8.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, for Divine Service at St. Alfege church, 1299 of Stedman Caters in 55 mins. F. W. Thornton, 1; H. Hoskins, 2; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 3; H. J. Skelt, 4; J. J. Lamb, 5; W. Howell, sen. (Sudbury), 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; F. S. Bayley, 8; W. Bedwell, 9; W. Foreman, 10.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BLACKBURN.—On Tuesday, September 1st, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Sharples (conductor), 1; I. Whalley, 2; J.

Bentley (first 720), 3; T. Holden, 4; R. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson, 6. On Sunday, September 7th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Britcliffe, 1; J. Haworth, 2; J. Bentley, 3; T. Holden, 4; I. Whalley, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor, J. Haworth, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Bentley, 3; T. Holden, 4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5; I. Whalley, 6. On Tuesday, September 16th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Parkinson (conductor), 1; J. Haworth, 2; J. Bentley, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; I. Whalley, 6. On Sunday morning, September 20th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Britcliffe, 1; J. Haworth, 2; J. Bentley, 3; R. Parkinson, 4; C. Sharples, 5; I. Whalley (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples (conductor), 5; R. Parkinson, 6; the rest as before. On Tuesday, September 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Bentley, 1; J. Haworth, 2; I. Whalley, 3; T. Holden, 4; C. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, September 29th, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Bentley, 1; J. Haworth, 2; I. Whalley, 3; T. Holden, 4; R. Sharples, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, October 10th, an unsuccessful attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, the rope of the 6th breaking after 1 hr. 40 mins. good ringing. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; E. Horrex, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; W. Burkin, 6; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 7; F. W. Thornton (Greenwich), 8; H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10; E. P. O'Meara, 11; W. Prime, 12.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 896 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Tann (conductor), 1; F. Borrett, 2; C. Baker, 3; D. Ruth, 4; F. Surridge, 5; J. Betts, 6; C. Tann, 7; E. Poppy, 8. On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Tann (conductor), 1; H. Matthews, 2; F. Borrett, 3; D. Ruth, 4; C. Baker, 5; S. Smith, 6; C. Tann, 7; G. Smith, 8. For evening service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. Surridge, 2; C. Baker, 3; D. Ruth, 4; J. Allen, 5; J. Tann, 6.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, October 10th, the following attempted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 5000 changes. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; D. Ruth, 3; F. Borrett, 4; E. Poppy, 5; F. Smith, 6; S. Smith, 7; G. Smith, 8. S. Smith and G. Smith hail from Norwich.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On Thursday, September 17th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Mary's church, 210 Grandsire Triples. T. Price, 1; R. W. Dolman, 2; A. Bennett, 3; G. T. Taylor, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin, 7; G. Wynn, 8. On Sunday evening, September 20th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. Scarratt, 1; A. Bennett, 2; G. J. Taylor, 3; T. Burd, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; J. Barker, 6; A. Fullick, 7; J. Wynn, 8. Conducted by W. J. Taylor and G. Byolin. Also touches of Major and Caters were rung. J. Barker hails from Wigan. On Friday, October 9th, 840 Grandsire Triples. G. Scarratt, 1; G. J. Taylor, 2; W. J. Taylor, 3; A. Bennett, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; A. Fullick, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service at St. Chad's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. T. Wall, 1; G. Scarratt, 2; A. Jarvis, 3; G. J. Taylor, 4; W. J. Taylor (conductor), 5; A. Bennett, 6; F. W. Taylor, 7; A. Fullick, 8. Tenor 43 cwt.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, October 4th, for Divine Service, 720 College Treble. For evening service 720 each of London Surprise and Wells Surprise in 48 mins. H. Greaves, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 720 Tulip, and 120 London Surprise. H. Greaves, 1; G. Burnham, 2; T. Bettison, 3; W. Turton, 4; C. Severn, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. W. Lambert hails from Treeton; the rest belong to the local company.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On October 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Robinson, 1; M. Lane, 2; E. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. Cyril Herbert (conductor), 1; W. Chibnall, 2; C. Chasty, 3; Rev. W. C.

Baker, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 Double Court. C. Herbert, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; M. Lane, 4; H. Toll, 5; F. Smith, 6.

BEDFORD.—On August 29th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Robinson, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; S. Lowe, 3; H. Sharp, 4; H. Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On August 30th, 720 Woodbine. C. R. Lilley, 1; F. Lowe, 2; S. Constant, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Parrott, 1; F. Hull, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; A. Robinson, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. C. R. Lilley hails from Peterborough. On September 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Hull, 1; A. Robinson, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; S. Lowe, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On September 17th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Parrott, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Lowe, 3; S. Lowe, 4; A. Robinson, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise. A. Robinson, 1; F. Hull, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Tysoe, 5; S. Constant, 6. On September 20th, 720 Woodbine. S. Constant (conductor), 1; A. Robinson, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; S. Lowe, 4; C. Chasty, 5; H. Tysoe, 6. On September 24th, 720 Double Court. F. Parrott, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. Lowe, 4; C. Chasty, 5; I. Hills, 6. On September 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Woodbine. I. Hills, 1; W. Hall, 2; F. Lowe, 3; F. Hull, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. On September 22nd, 720 College Exercise. W. Hall, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Shimmons, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6.

KEMPSTON (Beds).—On September 30th, 720 Woodbine. A. Robinson, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Hull, 4; H. Toll, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY (Beds).—On Saturday, October 3rd, on the occasion of a quarterly meeting of the Association, the following 720s were rung on the fine ring of six, tenor 22 cwt. in E: 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Robinson, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Hull, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Court. A. Robinson, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Hull, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Sunday morning, July 12th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hawse, 1; W. Smallwood, 2; T. Naisby, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; R. Miller, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. On Sunday morning, August 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smallwood, 1; J. Hawse, 2; R. Miller, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; T. Naisby, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. For evening service 672 Plain Bob Triples. R. Miller, 1; J. Hawse, 2; W. Smallwood, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; T. Naisby, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. On Sunday morning, August 30th, for Divine Service, 420 Plain Bob Triples. T. Nanson, 1; J. Hawse, 2; W. Smallwood, 3; T. Naisby, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; R. Miller, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. On Sunday evening, September 20th, for Divine Service, 420 Plain Bob Triples. W. Smallwood, 1; J. Hawse, 2; T. Naisby, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; R. Miller, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. On Tuesday, September 22nd, for the Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hawse, 1; W. Smallwood, 2; R. Miller, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; T. Naisby, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 1st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin for practice, 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 4th, for Divine Service, 720 York Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 8th, for practice, 720 Huddersfield Surprise (nine bobs) in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all the band, and was rang at the first attempt without ringing a change of the method before the 720 was rung. This makes W. Watts' 1300th 720. Also 720 Wells Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Tuesday, September 29th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Frankum, 1; A. Frankum, 2; W. Bucklaud, 3; R. Frankum, 4; G. Paris (first 720), 5; A. Frankum (conductor), 6.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for

Divine Service at the parish church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Collison (Littlehampton), 1; H. Evans (Goring), 2; D. Baker, 3; C. Hills (Angmering), 4; E. Lindup (Worthing), 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Netley, 8. Messrs. Baker, Blackman, Balchin, and Netley belong to Arundel.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Thursday, October 8th, at St. Botolph's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Chibnall, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Herbert, 3; W. Mynard, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; Mark Lane (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Checkley, 1; W. Smith, 2; Cyril Herbert, 3; M. Lane, 4; E. Herbert, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also 300 Bob Minor. M. J. Matthews, 1; H. Checkley, 2; W. Smith, 3; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 4; Mark Lane, 5; E. Herbert, 6.

BINGLEY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, September 30th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Ambler and Miss Sharp, a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. R. Eccles (Saltaire), 1; B. Emmott (Saltaire), 2; T. Lawson, 3; T. Whitaker, 4; H. Butterfield, 5; J. Perfect, 6; H. Gill, 7; T. B. Kendall (Shipley, conductor), 8. Tenor 17½ cwt.

BLACKBURN.—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, September 2nd, at the residence of Mr. C. Sharples, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Wednesday, September 16th, 720 Oxford Single. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Wednesday, September 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD.—On Monday, October 12th, the members of the recently formed band rang the usual whole pull and stand with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop Benson. T. Meredith, 1; T. Otley, 2; W. Mee, 3; E. Allsopp, 4; G. Allsopp, 5; G. Sharp, 6; E. Woodman, 7; G. Whapples, 8.

CHARLTON KINGS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 4th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. W. T. Pates, 1; F. Townsend, 2; G. Hamlett, 3; W. Brinkworth, 4; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 5; W. Dyer (conductor), 6; W. James, 7; W. Bush, 8.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, September 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Allsop, 1; W. Stone, 2; T. Chapman, 3; W. Taylor, 4; H. Paulson, 5; E. R. Hallows (conductor), 6.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 4th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Smith, 1; T. Verry, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; B. Starkey, 4; T. Westwood (conductor), 5; R. Faux, 6; W. Verry, 7; R. Spackman, 8. Composed by the late Henry Johnson. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Godden and Starkey.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 30th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 504 Grandsire Triples. *J. Webb, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Deal, 4; C. French, 5; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6; T. Ellis, 7; A. Bass, 8. Also 168 in the same method, conducted by G. Dent, the 6th and 7th ringers changing places, the rest as before. *First touch of Grandsire. On Thursday, October 1st, at Potters Street, on handbells retained in hand, 120 Bob Doubles. P. Tucker, 1; C. Pestell (conductor), 2; G. Dent, 3-4; *J. Welch, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. *First 6-score on handbells.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, September 6th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples. F. Warrington, 1; S. C. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. H. Clark, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8. On Sunday, September 13th, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples. F. Warrington, 1; S. C. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. H. Clark, 4; J. T. Holmes, 5; W. Dickinson (conductor), 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8. For evening service, 476 Grandsire Triples. F. Warrington, 1; S. C. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. H. Clark, 4; E. Houlden, 5; J. T. Holmes, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; G. Ward, 8. On Sunday, September 20th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Warrington, 1; S. C. Skinner, 2; T. Hilton, 3; W. Dickinson (conductor), 4; T. H. Clark, 5; J. P. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8. On Thursday, October 8th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing 1 hr. 5 mins., it came to grief owing to the conductor missing a bob. Also a peal of Union Triples was attempted, but it was lost after 1 hr. 35 mins. ringing. These two attempts were in honour of Miss Minnie Godson's wedding. Ringers as follows for both attempts: F. Warrington, 1; S. C. Skinner, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. H. Clark, 4; T. J. Holmes, 5; W. Dickinson, 6; E. Houlden, 7; G. Ward, 8. Skinner conducted the half-peal and W. Dickinson the peal.

MATLOCK (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, September 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Paulson, 1; C. A. Carter, 2; W. Taylor, 3; W. Stone, 4; E. Hallows, 5; T. Chapman

(conductor), 6. On Monday, September 28th, at the house of Mr. Paulson, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. Chapman, 3-4; W. Stone (conductor), 5-6. Messrs. Chapman and Stone hail from Nuneaton; the rest from Darley Dale.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, October 4th, at the house of Mr. H. Argyle, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Stone, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5-6.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Monday, October 5th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Gratrix, 1; A. Percival, 2; J. Brooks, 3; W. Stevens (conductor), 4; H. Percival, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Gratrix. The ringers afterwards adjourned to The Ring of Six Bells inn, where the rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner in handbell ringing, each one wishing their brother-ringer many happy returns of the day.

RUSHDEN (Northamptonshire).—On Monday, September 28th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Bailey, 1; C. West, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; L. Chapman, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; L. Chapman, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; C. Green, 4; H. Clayton, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 1st, for harvest thanksgiving service, 360 College Single. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; C. West, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; L. Chapman, 6. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor. L. Chapman, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6; the rest standing as before.

WOBBURN (Beds.).—At St. Mary's church, on Monday, September 14th, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Jones, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; S. A. Avis, 3; E. Herbert, 4; Rev. W. Baker, 5; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 28th, 720 of Bob Minor. M. J. Matthews, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Mark Lane (conductor), 6. A 252 of Bob Triples. W. Jones, 1; M. Lane, 2; S. A. Avis, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; Cyril Herbert, 7; H. D. Harris, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. W. Jones, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; S. A. Avis, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; E. Herbert, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; M. Lane, 7; R. Marshall, 8. And 336 Bob Triples. S. A. Avis, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; M. Lane, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; E. Herbert, 7; L. Paine, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. W. Jones, 1; E. Herbert, 2; S. A. Avis, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. Baker, 7; Cyril Herbert, 8. On Monday, October 5th, 504 Bob Triples. W. Jones, 1; E. Herbert, 2; M. Lane, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; Rev. W. Baker, 6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. Also 336 Bob Triples. W. Jones, 1; M. Lane, 2; Rev. W. Baker, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; H. D. Harris, 5; Cyril Herbert, 6; E. Herbert, 7; M. Lane (conductor), 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, October 10th, at 20 Bedford Street, a course of Bob Royal. H. D. Harris, 1-2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8; H. D. Harris, 9-10. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. M. J. Matthews, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8; H. D. Harris, 9-10. And 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major. M. J. Matthews, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; H. D. Harris, 3; C. Wild, 4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 7-8.

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."

Re THE RINGING AT A CHURCH IN THE EASTERN EXTREMITY OF THE CITY.

SIR,—Your contributor is a man who has gained all the knowledge he requires, and therefore don't care a button as regards a young ringer. I am a member of a Church situated as above, and all are anxious to learn half-pull ringing; but when we have such men in the ringing world as your contributor, how can you expect young ringers to get on? We have often asked ringers to come and help us, but our meeting night falling on one of the principal meetings of a larger Society, we have to put up with Extremity Surprise. But if your contributor will condescend to lower his dignity and come and help instead of passing remarks, we shall deem it a most gentlemanly action.

W. CLOW.

43, Anthony Street, Commercial Road, E.

Obituary.

FRANK MUMFORD.

It is with regret that the members of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society have to report the death of one of their members, viz., Mr. Frank Mumford, who died on September 29th, of pneumonia, aged 32 years. Deceased began ringing with the above Society in the Jubilee year, and scored his first peal on November 21st, 1891, as a Midland Counties Association peal at Rowley Regis, and conducted by John Carter. Since then he has rang the tenor in several peals of Caters and Triples, also the treble in peals of Caters; in all he has rang about fifteen peals. Frank was always acknowledged a good striker, and was in regular attendance at the service ringing at St. Philip's church, where he will be missed very much. He was interred at his native village parish church, Harford Bridge, near Shipston-on-Stour, on Saturday, October 3rd, and by his own wish was borne to the grave by three of his brother strings, Messrs. Sparker, Hitchman, and Jennings, and also an old friend—Mr. Walter Hughes. Deceased was conveyed by road from Birmingham, a distance of thirty miles, and the coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths from Birmingham friends, including one in the shape of a bell from his brother ringers of St. Philip's church. An attempt was made on Tuesday, October 6th, for a peal of Stedman Triples at Harborne (it being the tower where deceased rang his last peal on August 15th, and conducted by Mr. John Jennings), with the bells muffled, but it came to grief after 50 minutes ringing, owing to a change-course. The bells of St. John's, Deritend, were also muffled on Friday, and arrangements are being made to attempt a peal at St. Philip's, Birmingham.

JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN.

Mine host of The Two Brewers, Great Marlow, Bucks, died on Thursday evening, last week, after an illness of eight weeks, from which there was little hope of his recovery from the first. The deceased was a well-known member of the Society of College Youths, London, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, attending most of the meetings of the latter society; and was an excellent caterer for many ringing societies from London and the neighbouring counties who visited this river-side town for their annual day's outing, accommodation being provided in a spacious room, which may be termed a change ringers' parlour, containing a fine peal of handbells, its walls hung with pictures, portraits and records of peals in which the deceased (and his two sons John and William) have taken a part. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the vicar, the Rev. H.O.F. Whittingstall officiating. During the procession to the church a muffled peal (whole pull and stand), was rang by the Marlow company, under the mastership of A. H. Cocks, Esq. The coffin bore the inscription:—

JOHN CLARK TRUSS, Died October 8th, 1896, Aged 63 years.

It was covered with wreaths of flowers from sorrowing relatives and friends, and was followed to the grave, situated beside the belfry door, by the widow and five children, a brother and sister, a nephew and niece, and several other relations, brother-tradesmen and friends, amongst the latter several ringers from Wooburn and Slough.

Immediately after the funeral, the last 720 of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples was rang by the following members of the District Guild: C. Green, 1; H. Collins, 2; E. Jones, 3; J. Garrell, 4; H. Collins, 5; A. E. Nye, 6; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 7; W. E. Yates, tenor; and the bells lowered in peal.

The Truss family is an ancient one in the parish of Marlow. The father of deceased was sexton for 34 years, and succeeded in the office by a brother. Needless to say they were all ringers, and their sons after them, a band of six Trusses frequently meeting for a spell at the old system of call changes, and in later years half a band for Grandsire or Stedman Triples being provided by the family. John Clark Truss was a man big and strong of stature with a jovial face and a good heart, was a keen ringer and fond of good striking, a constant lover of bells and ringing of any kind. He learned to ring at a very early age, but not till he was turned 50 did he attempt change-ringing. So much was his determination and energy at his advanced years, that he took part in 17 peals in all, including Triples, Caters and Major, ringing two peals in one day in his 56th year. His first was rang October 20th, 1883, and his last, an event he has often been heard to say was the greatest ambition of his life, was a peal by all natives of the town of Marlow, rang December 5th, 1894. He was one of the old Society who resigned office owing to a reduction of their fees, with the curtailing of other church expenses, not agreeable to the old hands, but, he was soon a member of the new society formed in 1881 under the then vicar, the Rev. A. Fearon, and he eventually was the first Marlow man to ring a peal of 5000 changes. He was looked upon as a father of ringers in the district around, and his death removes a strong link connecting the old school with the new, a link which has helped to support bell-ringing in its lowest and its most flourishing times.

W. H. F.

Notices.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Autumn Meeting will be held at Witney to-day, 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 to-day, Saturday, October 17th. All members and friends invited. The tower will also be open on Saturday, October 24th.
T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at the school-room, Caerleon, Mon., to-day, Saturday, Oct. 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.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Pevensey to-day, Saturday the 17th inst. Bells available, Pevensey, 2.30 to 9; West Ham, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9. Service at 5. Meat tea gratis, by the kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Lewes.
S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

101, Braybrooke Road, Hastings.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Radcliffe, to-day, Saturday, September 17th. Tower open 4 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Institute adjoining the church, at 6.30 p.m., when the Rev. Stanley Swinburn will preside. A good attendance expected.
WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec.

54, Wenlock Street, Manchester.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting will be held at Brighouse to-day, Saturday, October 17th. Meeting house Ring of Bells.
GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Lewisham to-day, Saturday, Oct. 17th. The tower of St. Mary's church will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. A tea will be provided in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. A service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., with short address by the vicar, Rev. S. Bickersteth, who has also promised to preside at the meeting.
W. BEDWELL, Hon. Sec.

Albavore Crescent, Lewisham.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th, at St. Margaret's, at 7.45 p.m., when members are requested to attend.
H. BARTON, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Bury, on Saturday, October 24th. The rector will provide teas in the Hill Street schools to those sending their names to Wm. Bracewell, 44, Rochdale Road, Bury. Names to be sent in by the 21st. Tea on the table by 5 o'clock. **J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.**
Industrial Terrace, Helmshore.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The 19th annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, October 26th. Committee meeting in the vestry of the cathedral at noon. Divine service

at the cathedral in the Lady chapel at 1 o'clock, with address by Rev. Canon Gough. Dinner at the White Hart hotel, Cloth market, at 2; members, 1s. 6d.; non-members, 2s. 6d. each. The bells of the various churches in the city will be at the disposal of members. Those intending to be present at the meeting should inform the secretary of their intention not later than Friday, 23rd. N.B.—Three representatives on the Central Council will be chosen at this meeting.

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—Members are requested to take notice that owing to the death of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the district meeting advertised to take place at Chiddingstone to-day, Saturday, October 17th, is postponed until Saturday, October 24th, by request of the Rector. Arrangements same as advertised last week.

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

Royal Cumberland Society.—On Friday, October 23rd, at Society's head-quarters, Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, members are invited to attend, as the business to be transacted is of special importance.
A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday afternoon, October 24th. Usual arrangements. Yardley Hastings is 3½ miles from Castle Ashby Station.
Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. All members who can in any way make it convenient are earnestly requested to attend.
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall (8 bells), near Bristol, on Saturday, the 31st inst. Service in the parish church, with an address by the Rector, the Rev. H. Vaughan, at 4 p.m. Meat tea (free to all the members of the Association), with business meeting to follow at The Battle Axe.
R. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec.

Old Cleeve, Washford, Somerset.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at the Manchester Town-hall, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 7.
S. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.
35, Uxbridge Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at St. Francis church (r.c.), Manor Road, Holbeck, on Saturday, October 31st. Ringing from 2 till 7 p.m. Any company (members of the Society) ringing the best struck touch at this meeting on six and eight bells, will be awarded some suitable present for each number by the local amateur society. The conditions almost similar to those used at contests. The number of changes in each method will be forwarded on application to the undersigned. A prompt start is urgently requested, as ringing beyond 7 p.m. cannot proceed under any circumstances this day. Business meeting in the school adjoining at 7.30. Handbells provided at The Bellmount hotel, close by.
4, Kirkland Square, R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.
Kirkland Street, Beeston Road, Leeds.

Midland Counties Association.—The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, October 31st. Parties of eight or more can obtain fare-and-a-quarter tickets by giving three days' notice at any station. Full particulars in next week's issue.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec.

22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

Hertfordshire Association.—A district meeting will be held at Great Berkhamstead, on Saturday, October 31st. Further particulars next week.
E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 259th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each. Can be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, W. Burkin, F. M. Butler, F. E. Dawe, G. Dorrington, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, T. Mash, G. T. McLaughlin, G. Muskett, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, W. Prime, S. Saker, C. F. Winney, or
W. T. COCKERILL.

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Hon. Secretary will feel obliged if those local secretaries who have not yet returned their subscription sheets for the current year, will do so at their earliest convenience.
St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.—This gentleman's address is now 3, Bath Street, St. Clements, Oxford.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL.—This peal, which was rung at the first attempt, is the first peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal of Bob Major ever rang in this city, on tower bells. The composition is a reduction of a 5376, containing all the combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place at the course-ends. The figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for May 18th, 1895. W. Woods, G. Gerrard (5th), G. Gerrard (6th), and H. Dew, belong to the Cathedral Society; C. Price, J. Swinley and W. Moulton to St. Mary's (without the walls) Society; H. W. Wilde, late of Duffield, Derbyshire.

AN APPEAL.

We are asked to insert the following copy of circular:—

GENTLEMEN,—We beg to appeal to your Society on behalf of David Wilson, who has not followed his employment for the last ten months, being afflicted with hip disease. He is in need of your sympathy and generous support. His abilities as a change-ringer, and his willingness to take part in all that tends to promote the Art of change-ringing, is too well known to need any special mention here. Hoping you will place this before your company as soon as possible.—We remain, yours,

G. THORNTON, W. SMITH,
W. BANHAM, W. STAINTHORPE.
F. W. CROSSLEY, J. WEST,
W. RHODES, W. H. HOLMES.

Contributions must be sent to John West, Bradford Road, Birstall, near Leeds.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WELL WISHER.—Send a report yourself, but let us have your name and address.

W. (Oswestry).—We are making enquiries.

Coming Events.

TO-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.

Meeting of the Sussex County Association at Pevensey.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Meeting of the Royal Cumberland Society at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24.

Meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association at Bury.

Meeting of the Kent County Association at Chiddingstone.

Quarterly meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association at Yardley Hastings.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Meeting of the St. Martin's Guild at Birmingham.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31.

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Quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society at Manchester.

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By GABRIEL LINDOFF, *Lincoln.*

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By WILLIAM FLORY, *Framlingham, Suffolk.*

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By JOHN BEAMS, *East Grinstead.*

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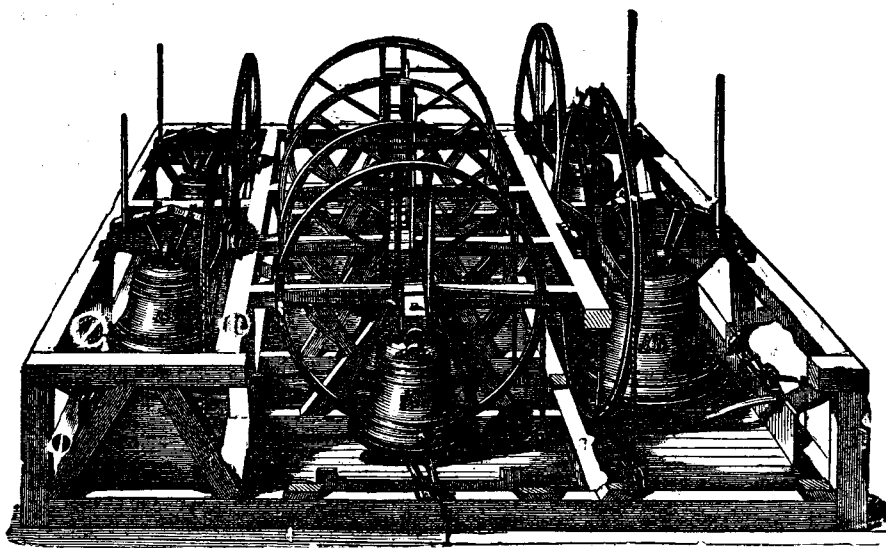
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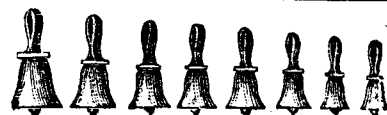
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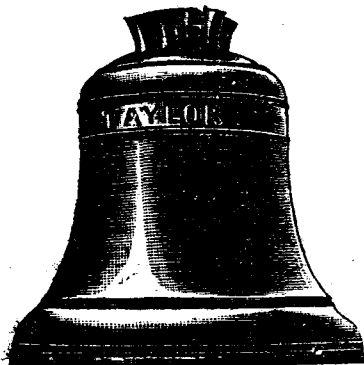
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