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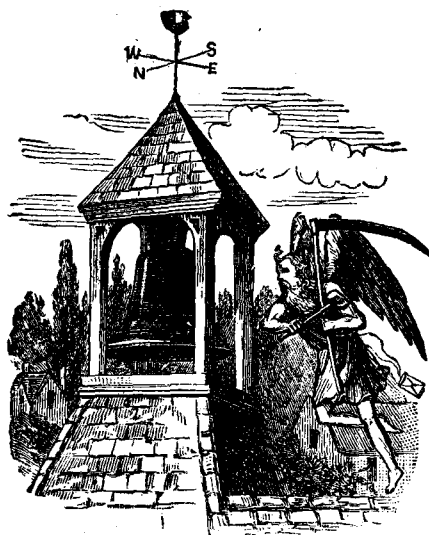
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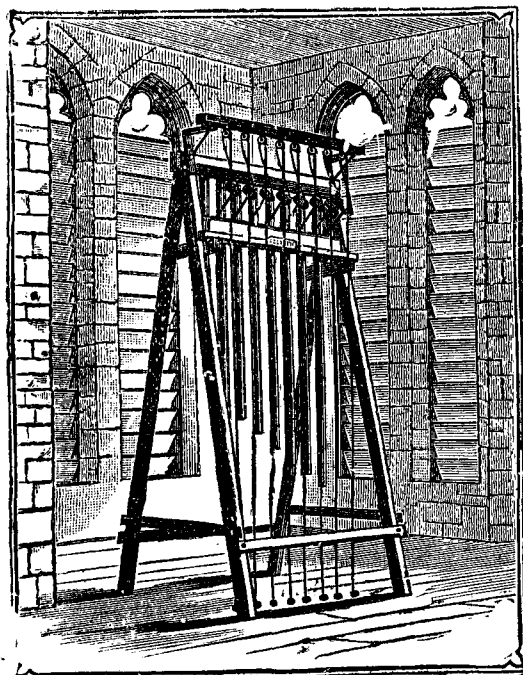
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MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, OF NORWICH.

[Vide Portrait.]

Mr. JABEZ ARMIGER TROLLOPE was born at East Dereham, Norfolk, on January 8th, 1876, and has consequently not yet completed his 21st year. He was educated at King Edward VI. Middle School, Norwich, and while there he passed the Cambridge University Local Examination with honours in both Junior and senior sections, and was placed fifth in all England in English subjects. At school he made the acquaintance of George and John Burton, and with them developed a hobby—the climbing of church steeples—which had as its natural result the display of an interest in the occupants of these steeples—the bells. He learnt to pull a bell at St. Giles', Norwich, and shortly afterwards his two friends and he manufactured a small peal of six handbells, from half-a-dozen door bells, picked out with some trouble from a large stock at an ironmonger's; they were fitted up with leather handles and suitable brass tongues. This peal was afterwards increased to ten by the addition of four larger bells, supplied by Messrs. Warner, of London.

The first plain course of double-handed Minor was rung on Saturday, April 30th, 1892; on the following day Mr. TROLLOPE rang the treble to his first 120 on five bells, at Intwood, near Norwich, scoring his first 720 a week or two later on the middle six bells at St. Peter Mancroft. The first double-handed 720 was rung on September 30th, 1892, conducted by George P. Burton.

Besides the handbell ringing, which was persevered in, a good deal of practice was had at St. Peter per Mountergate, Norwich, where, during 1892—3, regular meetings were held, and where at length a 5040 was rung. But ere this, Mr. TROLLOPE and his friends had secured a peal on handbells, viz., seven 720s of Bob Minor, on January 19th, 1893, rung just after Mr. TROLLOPE's 17th birthday, and conducted by himself; this was rung on the handbells above mentioned.

Major was then taken in hand, and a new peal of handbells (15 size in E) was bought, and a 5040 of Bob Major rung on them, and during that year, 1893, and the next, fifteen peals were rung in various methods from Minor to Royal, including the 11,200 of Bob Major, the longest length yet rung in hand; this was a reduction of a 13,440, which could not be rung owing to a late start.

Besides the methods in which peals were rung, touches and courses were rung in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Royal, Cinques, and Maximus, Duffield Major, Forward Major and Royal, Bob Caters, and Canterbury Pleasure Triples, besides about a dozen six-bell methods, and an odd course or two of Stedman Triples; peals were proposed in all these methods, and some, doubtless, would have been accomplished, had not the handbell band come to an untimely end.

Just before the band broke up, Bob Maximus and Grandsire Cinques were taken in hand, with a view to the accomplishment of a 5040 in each, but the attempt was frustrated by the departure of one of the band, and the illness of another; however, several touches were rung, including 1584 of Bob Maximus.

Mr. TROLLOPE rang his first tower-bell peal, Bob Major, at St. Peter Mancroft, on June 8th, 1893, and has since rung twenty-

two in various methods. This list is not a lengthy one, but his business prevents him from ever ringing a large number of peals.

Mr. TROLLOPE's peals are as follows:—

	Tower.	Hand-bells.	Conducted.	Total.
Seven methods on five bells	1	—	—	1
Five methods on six bells	1	—	1	1
Bob Minor (seven 720s)	—	1	1	1
" Triples	1	1	2	2
" Major	4	8	5	12
" Royal	—	1	—	1
Canterbury Major	1	1	2	2
Grandsire Triples	1	1	1	2
" Major	—	2	—	2
" Caters	3	1	1	4
" Cinques	1	—	—	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	—	—	1
" Royal	1	—	—	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	5	—	1	5
" Royal	1	—	—	1
Stedman Triples	1	—	—	1
	22	16	14	38

Two of these peals, both of Bob Major, on handbells, exceed the usual length, viz., the 11,200 and 6720.

As a composer, although Mr. TROLLOPE has produced peals in most of the well-known methods, including London and Superlative Surprise, Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Duffield, Forward, New Duffield, &c., he has chiefly confined his attention to Bob Major and Triples, in which methods he has peals with nearly all the qualities possible. Among his best compositions we may mention: Peals of Bob Triples, with all the musical combinations at back stroke; peals of Bob Major, with the sixth its extent right and wrong, with the fifth and sixth their extent each way both with and without singles, with all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the sixty 7-8s before; peals containing the extent of the method without singles, in one, two and three parts; and peals with the 120 course-ends on several plans. In Bob Royal he has produced the extent with 9-10 together, and in Bob Maximus, the extent of the method, containing all the changes possible on twelve bells, namely, 479,001,600. Besides these, we may mention peals of Superlative Surprise with the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th; London Surprise, the extent without 2-3 in 6ths place, and a peal equal in length to Mr. Washbrook's extent; and in Duffield, peals with the extent with and without the 6th moved.

Mr. TROLLOPE has at various times contributed articles to the pages of THE BELL NEWS on different subjects, including "Bells of St. Andrew's, Norwich," "Variation and Adaptation," "Round about Eye," "The Sexton's Wheel," "Some Norwich Bells," and one or two chapters on Bob Major and Triples. He has also formed a collection of compositions of Plain Bob, and has charge of that section in the coming Central Council collection.

Mr. TROLLOPE is a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Durham and Newcastle Association, The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Essex and Midland Counties' Associations; he is district secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and represents that Society on the Central Council; he is an ardent cyclist, and is sub-captain of the Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. Cycle Club.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A large Westminster chime clock has just been erected in the tower of this church, which is fitted with all the modern improvements. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, carried out the work.



MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Of Norwich.)

[Supplement to "THE BELL NEWS."]

RINGER'S WEDDING.

Saturday, November 21st, witnessed the marriage of Mr. Ernest Alfred Pitstow, third son of Mrs. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, Essex, with Miss Harriet Louisa Dallimore, only daughter of the late Mr. Henry Dallimore, of East Cowes, Isle of Wight, which took place at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, West Ham, the ceremony being performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens, vicar of Stratford, and formerly vicar of Saffron Walden. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. W. H. Dallimore. Miss Alice Pitstow was bridesmaid, and Mr. H. Pitstow acted as best man. The bridegroom being an esteemed member of the Essex Association, the following members, after having "fired" the bells, rang a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Waits, 1; E. Lucas, 2; H. Springall, 3; G. Pearl, 4; W. Doran, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. The ringers then went to the residence of Mr. W. H. Dallimore, and drank the newly-married couple's health. Later in the day the happy pair took train for Bengoe, Hertfordshire, where the honeymoon has been spent. Numerous presents have been received, including one from the Excelsior Band, of which Mr. Pitstow has for many years been the worthy conductor, and also from the St. Mary's company, of which he is also a member. On Saturday, November 28th, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's church, Saffron Walden, in honour of the home-coming of the newly-married couple. On Monday evening, November 30th, Mr. Pitstow was asked to meet the ringers at the headquarters of the society, when the Master, Edward Taylor, Esq., said he had great pleasure in congratulating him, and asking him in the name of his brother-ringers to receive as a token of their appreciation a clock which had been purchased by their subscriptions, and which he had the pleasure to present, with every good wish to himself and Mrs. Pitstow, and that he would live long to honour the society with his presence, and concluded by reading the address:—

"Presented to Mr. Ernest Alfred Pitstow by the Saffron Walden Society of Change-Ringers, as a token of appreciation of his ringing abilities and genial disposition, and with sincere wishes for the continual health, happiness, and prosperity of himself and Mrs. Pitstow."

November 30th, 1896.

Every blessing through the "peal" of life,
Each "change" give pleasure to yourself and wife;
The "single" has been called! and may the changes new,
Increasing happiness bring your wife and you.

Mr. Pitstow, in accepting the present, said he could but feebly express the great pleasure he felt at the honour conferred upon him by such a beautiful and substantial recognition of his services, as he felt he had only done his duty in a society in which he had so great a pride, and which he hoped to see reach the highest pinnacle of success, and shortly be able to ring a peal of London Surprise.

Mr. Pitstow's health was heartily drunk, interspersed with many complimentary remarks by other members.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Ashover, on Saturday, November 28th, 1896, ringers being present from Ashover, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, Ripley, Horsley, Wingerworth and North Wingfield. A splendid tea was provided by the rector (Rev. J. B. Nodder), to which 34 members sat down. After tea, Rev. J. B. Nodder was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed; Messrs. T. Clough and F. Marshall were appointed to audit the accounts for the annual meeting, two new ringing members were admitted, and the secretary was requested to write to two towers respecting their subscriptions, which have been allowed to get considerably behind.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the rector for providing the tea, presiding at the meeting, and use of schoolroom and bells for the day, to which the rev. gentleman suitably replied.

The bells were kept going till after 9 p.m. by mixed bands, Grandsire, Old Doubles, Stedman, Manchester, and Bob Minor being the principal methods rung. A very pleasurable afternoon was spent, every one appearing to enjoy themselves immensely.

THE GORING SOCIETY, OXON.

On Tuesday, October 27th, on the occasion of the wedding of Capt. Fife and Miss Gibbs, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and College Single; and on Tuesday, November 3rd, on the occasion of the wedding of Capt. Gang, of Goring, and Miss Marsden, of Pangbourne (Berks), touches in the above methods were rung on the bells of the parish church. On Tuesday, November 10th, the Goring ringers visited Streatley (Berks), and by permission, rang a 360 each of Kent, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob, Oxford Treble coming to grief owing to the tenor rope slipping the wheel. On Saturday, November 14th, the Goring ringers journeyed to Pangbourne to have a pull on the bells, and there rang 360 each of Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire Doubles, with three of the local band ringing the first three bells. It has been the wish of the Goring ringers to visit this place, as two years ago, when they tried the bells nothing could be done owing to their condition; but, thanks to the efforts of the foreman of the local band, the bells went capital, and some very good ringing was done, making amends for what was attempted when visiting the village before, the ringers taking part being J. Carter, J. Parsons, J. Bower, J. Alexander, C. Tidbury, W. Aldridge, A. Spokes, and G. Wilson (conductor).

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

Some weeks ago it was announced that the ring of eight at this church was to be augmented to ten, and the whole hung in an entirely new frame. This has now been carried out. On Friday next, the 11th instant, the dedication service will be held at 7.0 p.m., at which the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans will officiate. On the following Sunday there will be special services in connection with the event. In the morning the sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. A. Allpass, Master of the Monoux Grammar School; in the afternoon at 3.15, by the vicar (the Rev. W. H. Langhorne); and in the evening by the Rev. E. A. B. Saunders, vicar of St. Mark's, Dalston.

In a former allusion to this desirable restoration, we stated that it was to be carried out by the Whitechapel firm. Our information was obtained from the highest authority in the parish, but it was a mistake, nevertheless. Messrs. Warner and Sons were entrusted with the contract, which has been carried out satisfactorily. When the bells were removed, and the usual clearance made, it was found that the tower needed repair.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Central Council Committee for the Collection of Peals, having organised a company of workers to deal with the methods hereinafter mentioned, invite all composers to send their compositions in any of these methods to the specified collector for proof and comparison. Compositions which have already appeared in Collections or Treatises need not be sent. References to those which have appeared in the columns of the ringing papers will be accepted as sufficient without the figures; but they should be accompanied by reference to any subsequent correspondence respecting them, and an assurance that they have not been pronounced false. In all cases it is desirable that the date of composition should be appended, whenever it can be accurately assigned. Collectors will not undertake to receive compositions merely for proof, nor to enter on any correspondence with regard to them. The following gentlemen will receive compositions in the methods set against their names. Collectors for other methods will be announced in due course.

Bob Major: Mr. J. A. Trollope, 9, Valentine Street, Norwich.—Duffield Major, Royal, and Maximus; and Forward do.: Mr. John Carter, Forward Villa, Aston, Birmingham.—Grandsire Triples: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, East Marden Rectory, Chichester.—Other methods of Triples (except Stedman): Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Bedford Park, Croydon.—Double Norwich Court Major: Mr. H. Dains, 147, Barnsbury Road, London, N.—Ditto Royal and Maximus, Mr. W. L. Catchpole, Philip Road, Stoke, Ipswich.—Double Oxford Bob Major: Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Framlingham Rectory, R.S.O., Suffolk.—Stedman Triples: Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.—Stedman Caters and Cinques: Mr. J. R. Pritchard, 9, Granville Terrace, Wallasey, Cheshire.—Superlative Surprise Major: Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, 15, Knight Street, Lincoln.—London Surprise Major: Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden, retires.—Treble Bob Major (in continuation of Snowdon's Collection): Mr. Tom Lockwood, 38, Chad Street, Newtown, Leeds.—Treble Bob Royal and Maximus (do.): Mr. Arthur Knights, Brunswick Street, Chesterfield.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

The Otley company, with their wives and a few friends, held their annual supper on November 5th, at The Horse-shoe hotel, Bridge Street, and the event was attended with its customary success. The evening's proceedings commenced with an excellent repast, provided for them by Mr. and Mrs. Bell, to which the company did full justice. After the repast, a company of ringers, in accordance with the usual custom, ascended the tower of the parish church and rang a few touches of Kent Treble Bob in commemoration of the event. The following gentlemen took part:—C. Ralph, 1; F. Maston, 2; T. Lockwood (Leeds), 3; A. Snowball, 4; W. D. Clough, 5; J. Nelson (conductor), 6; J. Horner, 7; W. Waddington, 8. Returning again to Bridge Street hostelry they were rejoined by their friends and together they spent a very pleasant evening; under the conductorship of Mr. Waddington, who presided, Mr. W. Hunt occupying the vice-chair. The toasts of the evening, "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," "The Vicar and Churchwardens of Otley," and "The Subscribers," were drunk with enthusiasm, and the evening was enlivened with songs and recitations by Mr. Clough, Mr. Ralph, Mr. Nelson, Mr. F. Maston, Mr. Waddington, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Mr. J. Horner, and Master Frank Horner at the piano. Miss Minnie Ralph also gave some selections on the fairy bells which were very satisfactory to the company. Mr. T. Lockwood gave a tune on the handbells, Mr. W. Hartley (violin), Mr. W. Horner (piccolo and flute), and Mr. J. Horner (cello), obliged at intervals. The Otley company of handbell ringers, comprising Messrs. Maston, R. Nelson, Waddington, Holms, and Horner (conductor), gave several tunes and changes, the time drawing near for retirement appearing rather too soon for so enjoyable a company.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

Full muffled ringing took place on the parish church bells on Thursday morning, the 19th inst., the occasion being the interment, at Heversham churchyard, of the remains of the late Mr. W. Tattersall, of Blackburn and Milnthorpe, a gentleman well-known for general philanthropy. In the evening, a half-muffled date touch of 1896 Grandsire Triples was accomplished in 1 hr. 15 mins. R. Dennison, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Graham, 4; W. Atkinson (conductor), 5; B. Walker, 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

A DISGRACEFUL SCENE.

A correspondent writes: "On Tuesday last, at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a proposition was made by a certain member, 'That all paid ringing done in the name of the Society should be done under the cognisance of the Master,' or something to that effect. The Master, Mr. W. Burkin, stated that as it was past the time no further proposition or notice of motion could be accepted, and advised the member to put his motion in writing and hand it in in the usual way upon the next meeting night. Without the least warning the member in question aimed a terrific blow across the table at the Master's head, which fortunately missed the mark, but was received on the shoulder. The meeting was abruptly closed amidst great confusion, several members rushing to the Master's assistance, to prevent further mischief. As may be imagined, the desk, inkstand, books, etc., were scattered. It now remains to be seen what the respectable members of this Ancient Society think of such behaviour, especially as the member in question, holds office, to which he was recently elected. It appears that this is not the first offence of the kind—violent assault, perhaps, is the better term for it—that he has committed upon a member; and out of justice to the fair fame, honour, and integrity of this, the premier ringing society of this universe, steps should be taken at the next meeting, or a special meeting of the members, to remove the possibility of these frequently-recurring disgraceful scenes so far as this particular old offender is concerned: and the liberty is taken to ask all serious, fair-minded readers of your valuable journal, particularly those who are members of the Society named, to express, in your columns, in no unmistakable voice, their opinion of such a gross breach of all rules regarding the respect to a Master in the chair. For the present the name of the person will not transpire."

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."

A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—My friend Mr. F. Pittsow, of Saffron Walden, tells me privately that the peals of Bob Major published by me in your issue of the 21st ult. belong to him, and as he gives a date on which he obtained them, which is prior to mine, I willingly withdraw my claim to these peals.

HENRY DAINS.

TWO CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—On page 415 of your last week's issue appears a note to a peal rung at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on November 21st. After giving a brief description of Mr. Jay's first years in Brighton, and his perseverance in teaching young ringers, your correspondent refers to a peal rung on December 2nd, 1882, by the following:—J. Jay, jun., 1; E. Hilder, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Boast, 5; G. F. Attree, Esq., 6; J. Jay, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Awcock, 8; and which he says was the first peal by all excepting the conductor. If he will look at "THE BELL NEWS" for August, 1881, he will find there the record of a peal (Holt's Original) which was rung at Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, on July 23rd of that year, and conducted by Mr. I. G. Shade, on which occasion Messrs. E. Hilder, H. Boast, and J. Searle rang their first peal, and in which Mr. Jay also took part. I heartily congratulate the veteran on reaching his century, and I hope he may live to ring his second hundred.

In the same issue, on page 405, a correspondent from Lewes gives a correct copy of a peal board in Southover church, recording a peal rung there on December 6th, 1869, which states that the composition is Holt's Original. I frequently met Mr. Warner and Mr. J. Goldsmith, when I first went to live in Brighton about twenty years ago; and also saw the conductor (Mr. Brooks) about seven or eight years ago, who came to reside there after a long absence; each of whom, when asked about it, admitted that the peal was Holt's Ten-Part, and that the board was wrong. These three veterans have all gone over to the majority; but I believe Mr. Jay will corroborate what I say. I think the Lewes Society should see this mistake rectified.

Burgess Hill, Sussex.

J. SEARLE.

INFORMATION.

SIR,—In reference to "Advice wanted by Sussex," I will just say what we do at our church, the ringing room being open to the church. We always lower the bells in peal, allowing five minutes; then the sermon bell is rung five minutes, which makes ten minutes before service commences, without any call being made; so that if anyone is annoyed it is those who come very early, and we have not heard any complaints. We have only five bells. Tenor about 20 cwt. Eight bells should take rather more than five minutes. NORWICH.

Obituary.

JOHN FARRISH, OF MACCLESFIELD.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of another of our respected local ringers, who departed this life recently at the age of seventy-four years. Deceased was a first-class change-ringer, and had taken part in peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, and probably a few of Plain Bob. He was a safe ringer, and a good striker, his chief element being Stedman. He assisted in ringing muffled peals in the evenings on the occasion of the death of King William IV., and was entered on the list of regular ringers of the parish church, Macclesfield, in the year 1841. I may say here that an old rule which was in existence at that time, and which was carried out for a considerable period after, was that no ringer was put on the company's list of regular ringers until he could ring a 500 in two methods, one of which had to be Stedman, and that for a great many years this company was the best band of Stedman ringers for a radius of fifty miles. But to return to our deceased brother. He, with a few slight exceptions, was an active member until 1890, when through failing health he had to cease ringing. He was also a member of the Macclesfield old brass band, being a thorough musician. His funeral was attended by a large combined band, representing the various bands, and several ringers of the district. In the evening the local company at the "old church" (which is about to be restored), rang several touches with the bells half-muffled, in respect to an old and faithful member whose decease severs another of the links of bygone days.

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THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

THE LONG PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE.

On Wednesday evening, November 25th, the members of this society commemorated their recent remarkable performance of a peal of London Surprise Major, consisting of 11,328 changes, by a dinner at their meeting-house, The Bell inn, Cornmarket Street. The time occupied by this extraordinary peal, which is the longest composed and rung in the method, was 6 hrs. 6 mins., and the ringers were: C. Hounslow, *Treble*; F. Exon, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; C. Exon, 4; E. Hims, 5; T. Payne, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), *Tenor*. The Bishop of Reading (Dr. Randall) occupied the chair, and among those present were: The Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. Barter (President of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch), Mr. G. H. Phillott (Master of the Cheltenham Society), Mr. C. Barlow (Secretary of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch), Councillor Wheeler, Mr. T. E. Harwood (Christ Church), Mr. C. R. Greenall (Kemble College), and Messrs. C. Hounslow, P. Hind (Master of the Oxford Society), Higgins, C. Tolley, J. Moggridge, C. Fowler, T. Payne, J. Fox, A. Fox, E. Hims, Chandler, A. Strange, Francis, J. Warner, F. White, J. W. Washbrook, W. Finch, C. Hester, W. Smith, W. Jeffery, W. Payne, S. Hounslow, F. Castle, J. Howse, Stace, &c. At the conclusion of the dinner, which was well served,

The Right Rev. Chairman gave the toast of "The Queen," remarking that if any people were loyal, certainly bell-ringers ought to be, because there was no one in England that caused more bell-ringing than the Queen did herself.

Mr. Phillott proposed "The health of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," remarking he did so with the more pleasure, and at the same time more nervousness, because they had a real live Bishop with them that evening. They had a most excellent set of clergy, to whom they owed a great deal as ringers. He thought they ought to endeavour, as laymen, to appreciate and understand the clergy, and on their part he was quite sure the clergy were willing to try and understand them. In most parishes the ringers might be a most helpful body of men to the clergy. They were always glad to see the clergy in the tower, and wherever they would, to come and ring with them.

The Bishop of Reading, in acknowledging the toast, wished the Bishop of the Diocese were present to speak for himself. If he were to take change-ringers in hand, even Mr. Washbrook would have to look out for his laurels, because he strongly suspected before very long he would invent a Cuddesdon surprise. He was a wonderfully clever man, and whatever he set his hand to he generally did it to perfection. However, they were not thinking of him as a change-ringer, but as Bishop of the Diocese, and he was sure he would be exceedingly pleased when he told his lordship they drank his health. As to the rest of the clergy, he thought they came out better as change-ringers than most other professional men. He believed Mr. Phillott was the sole representative of architecture who combined in himself that great art with the art of change-ringing, and he was told there was only one member of the legal profession who was a change-ringer. That could not be said of the clergy. There were a good many of the clergy who were change-ringers. He was sorry he had not attained to the position of a change-ringer—he would be a better fellow if he had, no doubt. When he began his career, change-ringing was not quite so fashionable as now, and he thought his great exploit was the ringing of the one bell for chapel service at Winchester. He, however, took the greatest possible interest in change-ringing, and wished with all his heart there were greater interest taken in it by the clergy, because it was perfectly true if a clergyman got round him a good, honest band of ringers, it was a great support to him. So far as his small influence went he would always support bell-ringers, and especially change-ringers, to the best of his ability.

Mr. Washbrook proposed "The Mayor and Corporation," which was acknowledged by Councillor Wheeler.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson submitted the toast of "Prosperity to the Oxford Society of Bell Ringers," remarking that there were reasons why perhaps the toast was properly entrusted to him, because he had known that society probably longer than anybody in the room excepting his old friend Mr. C. Hounslow.

He had the pleasure of knowing not only the present members, and ringing with them, but of knowing and sometimes ringing with the former generation of bell-ringers. There were old Jonathan Pavier, Henry Nunney, Wilkinson, and Carr, and their dear old friend, Arthur Taylor, and he remembered the veneration with which he as an undergraduate used to look upon those men. All they could do, however, was to ring Grandsire Triples, but he could not, and they all knew there were peals recorded in their book at New College and Christ Church in which those whose names he had mentioned bore a conspicuous part. He had enquired as to the old annals of the society, and was told they had not been kept, but it had probably been in existence more than 200 years. So they would imagine the society was founded at or about the time when the celebrated Fabian Stedman flourished at Cambridge. They knew he was the inventor of the method of change-ringing called after his name, which was still the favourite with them, and they could well imagine the rival University thought they would not be behindhand, and so started a society of their own. He remembered also as a young man, the great veneration with which he looked upon Master Nicholls, who was a Kidlington man, and he imagined a member of that society. At all events he composed and conducted the long peal of Grandsire Caters at New College in 1815. He thought there never was a moment when the Oxford Society was more flourishing, because change-ringing was now very much more in vogue, and because a great many more able men gave their time to it than formerly, and because a great deal more had been done in composition than in former years, and last but not least, the principal reason of all was that it had pleased God to raise up amongst them as a member of the society one whom they must all pronounce to be a genius in the way of ringing, Mr. Washbrook, who was a patient and most able composer, a very skilful instructor, and a most excellent ringer and competent conductor. There was no other man he knew that combined all these things in perfect efficiency, and that was the chief reason why the society at the present time was in a most flourishing condition. He congratulated the society upon what it had done, and urged upon the members the necessity of going forward and doing something more.

Mr. P. A. Hind, the Master of the Society, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded, and thanked them very much for the kind way in which they had received the toast. The society, as they knew, had had to contend with many difficulties in the past. He thought the success of the long peal of London Surprise Major which they were now celebrating, showed that by perseverance and unity they had surmounted most of these difficulties, and it gave them reason to hope that in the future they might be more successful still. As one of the younger members of this society, he was very proud of the position he had been called upon to occupy that evening, and he could not sit down without saying how deeply he felt that their success had been due to the great ability and earnestness of their excellent friend and conductor, Mr. Washbrook.

Mr. J. F. Barlow proposed the health of "The Conductor and Ringers of the long peal of London Surprise," remarking that they were all proud of Mr. Washbrook, who had performed the great feat of piloting the Oxford society through this extraordinary peal. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Mr. Washbrook responded, and said what he had done had been a labour of love. He had worked almost day and night to accomplish it, and it had always been his aim to show the ringers of the country what the Oxford men were made of. He had heard ringers say "Oh! there are two or three good ringers in Oxford, and that's all." He was sure nobody would be able to say so again. Many of the older ringers who had been capable of performing these things, had unfortunately gone from their midst, but he had been lucky in finding younger ringers who were also good ringers, and who were willing to give up their time in order to practise. They were fortunate in having Mr. Robinson to stimulate them on. If a month or so passed without anything being done, he soon had a post-card to ask the reason why. He knew Mr. Robinson better than any other man alive knew him, and he knew that if it had not been for Mr. Robinson, the long peal would never have been accomplished.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson also responded, and said with reference to this particular peal he thought that being an oldish fellow, and having an occasional moment of forgetfulness, he had better stand out. He told Mrs. Robinson that he thought of standing out, but she said "Fiddlesticks!" You won't!" He then consulted Mr. Washbrook, who replied with a long shake, not only of the head, but of the whole body. So he was obliged to ring; and he was happy to say that he had behaved quite properly, except once, for about six seconds, when Mr. Washbrook put him right with a loud "8-7-8, dodge with the treble, fifths and down." With regard to Mr. Washbrook, he thought there were other fields where he would conquer, and he hoped to hear some day about a long peal of Superlative Surprise, which they hoped to accomplish. Though they had done something, they hoped still to go on and make progress. He was asked to say that they had received letters of apology for inability to attend that dinner from the Duke of Marlborough, Lord Jersey, Lord Valentia, the Mayor of Oxford, the Rev. Hart-Davis, Councillor Dodd, and others. He wished also to say a word of thanks to the bell-ringing paper, which had been established so many years ago, and had done very good work. He had always admired the spirit and courage with which that paper was conducted, and he thought they would do well to support "THE BELL NEWS" to the best of their ability. He thought they owed the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" a great debt of gratitude; he had been kind enough to advertise the Guild Peal Book all the year; he had taken a great interest in their long peal; and had been kind enough to provide every guest at their dinner with a special "Peal Card" to commemorate the occasion. With regard to himself, so long as they were pleased to elect him, year after year, Master of the Guild, so long he intended to work—yes, and make them work, too.

Mr. C. Hounslow, who received a tremendous ovation on rising, proposed the toast of "Kindred Societies," remarking that only a short time ago they were somewhat antagonistic, but, thanks to the introduction of diocesan guilds and county associations, that feeling was changed into what they might call friendly rivalry, and that he thought meant progress.

The Rev. H. Barter, in acknowledgment, referred to the excellent work which the Oxford Diocesan Guild was doing, and he had no doubt the guilds all over England were doing similar work. One special work was that visits were paid to places where things were rather backward, with the best results. The other day they had an interesting visit to Spelsbury, where there was an immense belfry between 21ft. and 22ft. wide at the very least. There were only six bells, but there was a splendid opportunity for a peal of twelve. He thought it ought to be an object before the Diocesan Guild to have somewhere in the diocese a peal of twelve, and he believed he could not find a better place than Spelsbury. It was within easy reach of a station, and if they got their peal of twelve, it would be easy for the Oxford men to come down, and all the country side would flock to hear them ring Cinques. He saw the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church were the patrons of the parish, and no doubt they would give their help. In conclusion he hoped every branch would extend its number of towers, and every society its number of members.

The Rev. E. E. Robinson proposed "The health of the Bishop of Reading," and thanked him for presiding on that occasion. When a high official of the Church came to preside over them, he thought they might take it to mean that he and the highest authorities of the Church approved of their work. The object of their guild was not only to improve ringing, the order of the belfry, and the status of the ringers, but it was to put the whole subject of scientific change-ringing upon its proper footing, and that was to teach the ringer how to cultivate it in the fear of God, and how to give back to God the gifts He had bestowed upon them.

The Bishop of Reading, in acknowledging the toast, said he had an old-fashioned notion which he always tried to impress upon the guild, and that was to say they ought not in any of these guilds or societies to say that no persons were fitting members, except those who were change-ringers. It would be a great mistake to draw the lines so tight that no one could get into the guild unless he was a change-ringer, for the simple reason that a great many of their towers had not the power to produce change-ringers. With regard to Mr. Barter's twelve-

bell suggestion, he was afraid as far as the Chapter of Christ Church was concerned, he could not give him very much encouragement, but if the project was started, they would try and help him as far as they could as individuals.

This concluded the toast list, and the Bishop and some of the other guests who had to catch trains left, but the proceedings were kept up for some time longer, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. Hind, the time being agreeably spent in listening to songs, recitations, and performances on the handbells.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

A most enjoyable evening was afforded the members of this Society on Saturday last, when by the kind invitation of John Parnell, Esq., J.P., the whole of the company sat down to dinner at The Cock hotel. The members of the Waltham Abbey Town Band were also invited, and were present. Previous to sitting down to dinner, the ringers assembled in the belfry, and rang two touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. An excellent dinner was served, at which Mr. W. C. Dymock (bandmaster) presided, and Mr. T. Pallett (Master) occupied the vice-chair. The Chairman, when the cloth had been removed, and after the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, referred in a few words to the origin of the gathering that night, and to the kindly interest taken by Mr. Parnell in the two Societies. "The health of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell" was drunk with musical honours, amid much enthusiasm. The other toasts during the evening were: "The success of the Waltham Abbey Town Band," proposed by Mr. Pallett, and responded to by Mr. Morton; and "Success to the Waltham Abbey Society of Change Ringers," proposed by the Chairman. Mr. F. Carter, in replying to the latter toast, on behalf of the ringers, referred briefly to the kind relations of the ringers with the band, and trusted they would correctly interpret one object of the gathering that evening in endeavouring to cement such friendship. Referring to the bells of the abbey, he said that the Church Authorities had taken up the question of restoration in no half-hearted manner, and they all hoped that their friends the bellhangers would soon be in possession.

During the evening, Messrs. G. Carter, G. Clark, and E. A. Bacon came over from Loughton, and stayed with the company some time. The harmony of the evening consisted of performances by the band, touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples upon handbells, and songs.

At the conclusion, Mr. W. A. Alps proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman for their offices that evening, which was carried heartily.

The pleasure afforded the ringers and members of the band on this occasion is another example of the generosity of Mr. Parnell, who does much to promote all that is good in Waltham Abbey.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The November meeting of the above took place at The Fleece inn, Batley, being attended by members from Mirfield, Ossett, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Batley Carr, Kirkheaton, Liversedge, Sandal, Batley, and Armitage Bridge. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. Moxon occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting being read and passed, it was resolved not to alter the yearly meeting date, which will be held as usual on the third Saturday in January, of which further notice will be given. No other important business was brought forward, the remainder of the evening being spent in ringing, which brought a most successful meeting to a close.

SOMEWHAT OUT-OF-COURSE.—As illustrations of how much local newspapers know about bell-ringing, the following are two good examples. A Hastings paper in an account of the half-muffled ringing at Battle (Surrey), for the late Primate, instead of saying that "the whole pull and stand" was rung, had the following:—"A memorial service was held on Friday evening, and for this the usual 'whole, great and grand' was rung sixty-seven times, denoting the age of the deceased." Another Sussex paper, although not making quite such a muddle, stated that "the whole stand and pull" was rung sixty-seven times.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1896.

THE peal records of this week are not only goodly in number, but possess one or two features worthy of notice. First there is the peal of Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, wherein for the first time the tenor of this famous ring of twelve has been rung by one man. Such a feat surpasses everything hitherto done so far as weight of metal is concerned, and MR. COCKERILL, who is the College Youths' Secretary, and who rang this more than three-ton bell through the peal, has proved himself a competent successor to the celebrated heavy-end men of preceding generations.

Another performance is the peal of Double Norwich Twelve at Ipswich. This is remarkable as being the first peal of the kind ever rung, as the footnote to the record informs us. If there is no doubt about this statement, it appears strange that some of our enterprising companies should not have done the thing before. The Ipswich gentlemen, however, know what they are about, and generally say what they mean. The Exercise will have to credit them with a grand intellectual performance.

To say that the quality of peals rung year by year is improving, is only uttering an oft-repeated truism. The two performances we are alluding to will, however, help wonderfully to substantiate the assertion.

This week we present our readers with what is held to be an excellent portrait of MR. TROLLOPE, of Norwich, well-known as a frequent contributor. Next week will appear a vignette portrait of MR. DENISON TAYLOR, of Loughborough, and our paper will comprise an extra four pages. We respectfully inform our readers who send photographs of churches, that such photographs must be of the very best quality, otherwise it is impossible to reproduce for them a successful copy. Further illustrations will be announced next week. A late reception of reports compels the omission of several matters, but all these will be found in our next number.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Four Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 62 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 7.
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MATTHEW A. WOOD 3.	EDWIN HORREX 9.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	EZRA CARTER 10.
HENRY SPRINGALL 5.	WALTER PRIME 11.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and
Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD H. ADAMS Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 2.	*ROBERT E. CHICHESTER .. 7.
FRANK BUCK 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON 8.
WALTER J. SORRELL .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
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The Provinces.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble.	WALTER C. CHENERY .. 5.
WILLIAM C. WISKINS .. 2.	ARTHUR HAMMOND 6.
ELLIS HAYWARD 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	ABEL HART Tenor.

Composed by the late W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by
JOHN SOUTER.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE COLBOURNE* .. Treble.	GEORGE PRESTON 5.
EDWIN T. GREEN† 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6.
GEORGE H. PLUMMER .. 3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW 7.
A. BARNES 4.	TOM BELBIN Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN T. GREEN.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal as conductor. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s each called differently.

GEORGE DOUGHTY Treble.	JOHN YATES 4.
HARRY WHITTLE 2.	ARTHUR MATTHEWS .. 5.
WILLIAM PURVIN* 3.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

*First peal. A. Matthews belongs to the Loughborough band, and this is his first peal on six bells. Also E. Reader's first peal as Conductor on six bells.

CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEWBRED,

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

REV. G. M. CLARKSON .. Treble.	E. TAYLOR 5.
A. GODDARD 2.	H. MYERS 6.
E. MANNING 3.	T. BLACKBOURN 7.
T. GROVES 4.	REV. A. COODE Tenor.

Conducted by T. BLACKBOURN.

These bells going splendidly, being recently cast by Mears and Stainbank, and hung by Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury. Hitherto very few peals have been attempted in Cornwall.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. G. LUSHER Treble.	HARRY FORD 5.
THOMAS MANSFIELD .. 2.	STEPHEN KNIGHT 6.
ARTHUR HARRIS 3.	CHARLES LYES 7.
WILLIAM BROWN 4.	CHARLES COX Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES and Conducted by HARRY FORD

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Spry to Miss Stone.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(THE DUNSTER GUILD.)

On Thursday, November 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

THOMAS A. ELLIOTT .. Treble.	REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 5.
JOHN PUGSLEY 2.	WILLIAM W. THRUSH .. 6.
ROBERT HOLE 3.	JAMES GRABHAM 7.
JOHN TUDBALL 4.	JOHN PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES GRABHAM.

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PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1896, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM HUNT Treble.	CHARLES ANDERSON 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	JOSEPH SMITH 6.
WILLIAM DOWSETT 3.	JOHN PERRY 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

This peal is taken from the *Clavis*. First peal of Major by all except the conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Thursday, November 26, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
WILLIAM C. JONES 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
ROBERT A. BARRETT 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE DOUGHTY Treble.	*WILLIAM CHALK 4.
HARRY WHITTLE 2.	ISRAEL LOVETT 5.
WILLIAM PURVIN 3.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. Messrs. Doughty, Whittle, and Purvin hail from Stamford, near Loughborough, Lovett from Sileby, Chalk and the Conductor from Quorn.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

WILLIAM G. HALL Treble.	*HORACE W. OVERTON 6.
JOHN E. OVERTON* 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	WILLIAM SMITH 8.
JOHN OVERTON, SENR.* 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS 9.
HENRY DAWKES 5.	FARRINGTON JONES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Caters, and they hail from Bridgnorth. Messrs. Overton (3), W. H. Hall, and F. Jones were elected members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal. It was rung as a birthday compliment to F. Jones.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE TOMLIN Treble.	WILLIAM EARL 5.
HUGH SNAPE 2.	GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFF 6.
LEWIS HOLLINGWORTH 3.	FRED. HOLLINGWORTH 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	WILLIAM BROOKS Tenor.

Composed by ISAAC J. ATTWATER and

Conducted by F. HOLLINGWORTH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late A. J. Cox, Esq. First peal by G. Tomlin and L. Hollingworth. H. Snape's first peal with a bob bell. C. Draper hails from Derby; the rest belong to the local company.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JONATHAN FREEMAN* .. Treble.	*GEORGE TAYLOR 5.
FREDERICK PITSTOW, JUN.* .. 2.	FREDERICK PITSTOW, SEN. .. 6.
GEORGE MARTIN 3.	ALFRED PITSTOW 7.
ARTHUR F. JAMES 4.	JOHN F. PENNING Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Ernest Pitstow, and on the occasion of his coming home. A reference to this peal will be found on another page.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. THOMPSON,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. 1-2.	WALTER WALLACE .. 5-6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3-4.	FRANK BRADLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE and Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

Referee—Mr. J. W. Thompson.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

ARTHUR PILKINGTON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM HENRY PORTER .. 5.
ROBERT B. WILSON† .. 2.	†G. J. LUNGLEY 6.
GEORGE PARK† 3.	†THOMAS LUNGLEY 7.
JAMES BAXTER 4.	†GEORGE W. PARK Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY and Conducted by GEORGE W. PARK.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. †First peal on eight bells as conductor, also in the method. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

C. J. GARDENIER* Treble.	A. L. PREECE 5.
G. S. BROWN 2.	†T. RICKETTS 6.
A. LAWRENCE 3.	T. ROBINSON 7.
O. W. LAYNG 4.	W. BALL Tenor.

Conducted by T. RICKETTS.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of T. Robinson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble.	†ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
WALTER BATTLE 2.	ERNEST C. BONIFACE .. 6.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUNR. .. 3.	*FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 7.
CHARLES H. MARTIN 4.	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as Conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to E. P. Debenham, Esq., the Hon. Sec. of the Herts. Association (but who was unfortunately prevented from taking part in the peal), also to J. George, the band wishing them many happy returns.

CROYLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. GUTHLAG AND BARTHOLOMEW,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR METHODS ON FIVE BELLS;

Being Four 6-scores of Canterbury, Four 6-scores of Bob, Twenty-four 6-scores of St. Dunstan, and Ten of Grandsire, all called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

P. CHERRINGTON* Treble.	R. WYCHE 3.
W. AMBROSE* 2.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 4.
C. R. LILLEY Tenor.	

*First peal; and elected members of the Association before starting. This is the first peal on this historic ring of bells, there having been a ring of five bells in Croyland Abbey for nearly 1300 years.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

HERBERT SHARP Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUNR... 6.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	SAMUEL CONSTANT 7.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN 8.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.	ALFRED H. MARTIN 9.
WILLIAM PETTITT 5.	WALTER C. HUNT Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

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

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BEADLE* Treble.	WILLIAM FOSTER 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
JOHN J. PRATT 3.	FREDERICK GODDARD .. 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS* .. 4.	ALLAN H. TABER Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD and Conducted by ALLAN H. TABER.

*First peal of Bob Major. Also the first of Major on the bells for about sixty years, and was rung at the second attempt, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Nowel, of Isleworth, who has now attained his 78th year.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	ROBERT WHITING 5.
JAMES BETTS 2.	*CHARLES BAKER 6.
FREDK. BORRETT 3.	FREDK. SMITH 7.
DAVID RUTH 4.	ERNEST POPPY Tenor.

Composed by J. J. B. LATES and Conducted by JAMES FANN.

*First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1896, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

IN MR. WOODHOUSE'S ROOMS, CAIUS COLLEGE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

REGINALD H. WHITFORD 1-2.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE 5-6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4.	F. EDWARDS 7-8.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Umpire—C. Elsee (St. John's). Mr. Whitford belongs to Pembroke College; Mr. Boughey to Trinity; Mr. Woodhouse to Caius; and Mr. Edwards to Ridley, and this is his first peal, and was rung at the first attempt.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

STEPHEN COOK* Treble.	ROBERT HAWES 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	HENRY BOWELL 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 9.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 4.	WILLIAM WOOD 10.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 11.
WILLIAM MOTTS 6.	FREDK. J. TILLET Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal. This is the first peal of Maximus in the method ever rung.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 30, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

W. CULLEY† Treble.	C. WINSTONE 5.
J. BISHOP* 2.	H. CHARD 6.
J. YOUNG 3.	J. WINSOR 7.
J. HARVEY 4.	*W. CHOWN Tenor.

Conducted by J. BISHOP.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by all parishioners.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. LAWRENCE SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 2, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD Treble.	JOHNSON E. HERN 6.
JOHN TUCKER 2.	JAMES POTTER 7.
FRANK TUBE 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 8.
HENRY TUCKER 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL 9.
CHARLES GILES 5.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. HOPGOOD.

First peal of Stedman Caters by all the band, and first rung in Reading by an entire local band.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 29th, eight members of the above Associations rang at the parish church a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1896 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. S. Palmer, 1; J. Worthington, 2; W. Worthington, 3; W. Daffin, 4; S. Smedley, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; A. Worthington, 7; H. Madin (composer and conductor), 8. The above was rung to commemorate the birthday of Miss A. Normington, of Romsey Union, Hampshire, granddaughter of Herbert Madin. Tenor 19 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 29th, for Divine Service in the evening, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes), in 40 mins. E. H. Adams, 1; W. T. Elson, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; *J. Aldridge, 4; G. R. Fardon, 5; R. E. Chichester, 6; *G. Charge, 7; W. Meaton, 8; †C. Charge (conductor), 9; R. H. Burgess, 10. *First quarter-peal in the method. †First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. Composed by J. P. Bradley, West Ham, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, November 1st, at St. John's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Moncaster, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8. On Wednesday, November 4th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 1200. Also 504 in the same method. R. Moncaster, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6; W. Porter (conductor), 7; T. Scollick, 8. On Sunday, November 8th, 720 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. D. Lister, 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Also 720 Plain Bob Major. T. Scollick, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter, 6; J. G. Lungley, 7; W. Porter (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 15th, 720 Plain Bob Major. J. Bolton, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Porter, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Pilkington, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. Baxter, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; T. Scollick, 7. On Thursday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). J. Baxter, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; C. W. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. D. Lister, 7; A. Pilkington, 8. On Sunday, November 22nd, 800 Plain Bob Major. T. Scollick, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; A. Pilkington, 4; J. Baxter, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; W. D. Lister, 7; W. Porter (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, November 24th, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Pilkington, 1; R. Moncaster, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; C. W. Moncaster, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; W. Porter, 6; W. Patton, 7; J. Baxter (conductor), 8. First touch and first attempt by the ringers of the treble and the 4th. On Sunday, November 29th, 546 Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, 1; C. W. Moncaster, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; H. S. Taylor, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6; W. Porter, 7; J. Bolton, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Friday, October 30th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Clout, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; H. Shipp, 3; W. J. Walker (first 720 in this method), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 22nd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Hawes, 1; H. Witherden, 2; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; E. Dunster (Rainham), 6. On Tuesday evening, November 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Witherden, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seaman (conductor), 6.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, November 21st, at the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. W. Hawes, 1; H. Shipp, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Supposed to be the first 720 of Canterbury Pleasure on the bells; the ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, November 19th, for practice, three leads Oxford Treble Bob Major. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; E. R. J. Dunk, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; J. Preston (Edenbridge), 7; G. T. Groombridge (Sevenoaks), 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; E. Dunk (conductor), 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; J. Preston, 7; R. Stone, 8. Longest in the method by J. Preston.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, September 29th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 of Bob Minor. F. Coster (Leek), (first 720), 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; C. Preston (conductor), 6. On October 4th, for morning service, 720, being 240 each of Lichfield, Worcester and Chichester Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent. W. Twigg, 3; J. Beardmore, 6; the others as before. On Tuesday, October 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Preston, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; D. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 720 Kent. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; W. Twigg, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs (conductor), 5; J. Beardmore, 6. And for evening service, 720 Woodbine, standing as before. On Tuesday, October 13th, 720, being 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York and Woodbine. G. Clarkson, 1; C. Preston, 2; D. Preston, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs (conductor), 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Sunday, October 18th, 720, being 230 each of Lichfield, Worcester and Chichester Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday, October 25th, for morning service, 720 Lichfield Surprise. And for

evening service, 720 Chichester Surprise, standing as before. On Thursday, October 29th, 720 Lichfield Surprise. Also 720 Worcester Surprise, 720 Chichester Surprise, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. On Sunday, November 1st, for morning service, 720 Duke of York, standing as before, and conducted by G. Hobbs. On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; C. Preston, 4; G. Hobbs (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 17th, a silent 720 of Superlative Surprise, standing as before, being the first silent 720 by all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, November 29th, at the church of St. Michael at Coslany, 504 Stedman Triples. C. E. Borrett, 1; F. H. Knight, 2; G. Howchin, 3; F. R. Borrett, 4; A. G. Warnes, 5; E. Francis, 6; J. Souter (conductor), 7; S. Smith, 8. Also at St. Peter Mancroft, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. E. Ward, 1; J. A. Trollope, 2; F. J. Howchin, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; P. Sadler, 5; F. R. Borrett, 6; G. Howchin, 7; C. E. Borrett, 8; F. H. Knight, 9; G. Smith, 10; F. Knight, 11; J. Souter, 12. F. R. Barrett hails from Pulham, J. Souter from Diss. On Tuesday, December 1st, at St. Peter Mancroft, 1248 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, in 1 hr. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollope, 2; E. Ward, 3; W. Bales, 4; P. Sadler, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. H. Knight, 9; F. J. Howchin, 10; F. Knights, 11; G. Smith, 12. Tenor 43 cwt. This was rung upon the anniversary of the birthday of Kate, third daughter of J. H. Holmes, Esq., The Avenue, Norwich, a much-beloved lady in the city.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15th, at the cathedral, for morning service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 67s. J. Pitcher, 1; J. Harris, 2; A. Rowley, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Lloyd, 5; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 6; W. Coombes, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. On Friday, November 20th, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. H. Aldridge, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Coombes, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. Biss, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Also a 536. C. Lloyd, 1; J. Harris, 2; W. Lloyd, 3; W. Coombes (conductor), 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. Biss, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. H. Aldridge, 8. H. Tucker hails from Reading. On Monday, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; *O. W. Lang, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; C. Lloyd, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Biss, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. *O. W. Lang hails from Swindon.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; M. Williams, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6.

PATELEY BRIDGE (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. Cuthbert's church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. S. Bastnett, 1; W. Gibson (Ripon), 2; J. Mumford, 3; W. Pick (Ripon), 4; J. Summersall, 5; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of J. Summersall's birthday, and this is the first 720 that he has rung on these bells. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob. S. Bastnett, 1; W. Gibson, 2; J. Mumford, 3; W. Pick, 4; C. Swires (Ripon), 5; T. Metcalfe, 6.

PRESCOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 22nd, at the parish church, being Missionary services, for morning service, 504 Plain Bob; for afternoon service for the children, 504 Grandsire Triples; for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. The following ringers took part: G. Chesworth, W. Finney, J. Moston, W. Moston, S. Waine, W. Meredith, W. H. Byron, Thos. Byron (conductor), and H. Abraham.

RHYL (North Wales).—On Tuesday, November 24th, at St. Thomas' church, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Evans, 1; G. Bell, 2; E. Deane, 3; W. Bell, 4; C. Egerton, 5; F. Wallis (conductor), 6. The tenor was rung behind by J. Wheeler. This is E. Deane's first 720 in any method.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, November 8th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles, the singles occurring in the third and sixth parts). G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Rodger, 4; H. Harrison, 5; J. Kelly, 6. On Saturday evening, November 14th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, the singles occurring in the third and sixth parts). G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger (first 720 in the method), 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. On Sunday evening, 15th November, for Divine Service 720 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles, composed by Mr. W. Buxton, Ashover, Derbyshire). C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; J. W. Bell, 2; H. H. Barker, 3; H. Rodger, 4; J. Kelly, 5; H. Harrison, 6.

Notices.

The Kent County Association (Rochester District).—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend to-day, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Tower open at 4 p.m. A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Association for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, December 5th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, December 5th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

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

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Horsell, near Woking, to-day, Saturday, December 5th. Bells (6), also Chobham (8) available. Meeting at 3.30 in schoolroom. Votes for representatives on Central Council will be counted at this meeting.

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

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

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

Kent County Association (Ashford District).—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Mersham, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares (not exceeding 2s.) will be allowed to all members present at 5.30.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

Kent County Association (Maidstone District).—A district committee will be held to-day, Saturday, December 5th, at 4.30 p.m., at All Saints' vestry, Maidstone.

A. L. BRINE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The South and West Middlesex Guild.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 12th. Ringing from 4.30. Nearest station, Uxbridge, G.W.R. Tea (very kindly given by the Rev. H. G. Bird) in the vicarage at 6 p.m. Members are requested to forward their subscriptions without delay, in order that the annual report and balance sheet may be presented at an early date.

HV. F. G. LUCK, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Warwick Place, Ealing.

The Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Middleton parish church, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited—members or non-members.

E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*
14, Thomas Street, Leesfield.

Airedale Branch of the Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, December 12th. St. Paul's tower open at 3 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for order of future meetings, it is therefore desired that all companies will be represented.

The Waterloo Society.—Notice.—A special meeting of this society will be held on Wednesday, December 9th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road. Meeting time, 8 p.m. Members please attend.

WALTER HASTED, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Rita Road, Vauxhall Park, S.W.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Thomas' church, Pendleton, on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

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

The South and West Middlesex Guild.—Members are requested to note that the practice night at All Saints', Isleworth, will in future be Monday instead of Friday night; also that the meeting night for the Guild will now be the third Monday in the month.

HV. F. G. LUCK, *Hon. Sec.*

Yorkshire Association.—Preliminary Notice. The annual meeting will be held at Leeds, on Saturday, January 16th. All alterations of addresses, obituary notices, and corrections for the annual report, must be sent in at once to the Mr. Snowden, Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Steyning, on Saturday, December 12th. Details next week. J. W. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton Vicarage.

Gloucester and Bristol and Bath and Wells Associations.—A joint meeting will be held at Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. Towers in the city and neighbourhood will be open for peals and touches in the morning, to be followed by a knife and fork tea (1s. each), and a social evening afterwards. Any members intending to be present, or wishing to take part in peals, should at once communicate with the Master through the local Secretaries. Further particulars of the Master,

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—On Mayor's Day, November 9th, 383 of Grandsire Major, containing Queens and Tittums. On Sunday, November 15th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, about 1100 of Grandsire Caters. On Sunday, November 22nd, 392 of Bob Triples, and 252 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. On Tuesday, November 24th, for practice, 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. W. Steel, 1; F. Stoneley, 2; W. McKinnell, 3; W. Matthews, 4; J. B. Armstrong, 5; W. Gayes, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley, 8. First touch of Treble Eight for all, except W. Walmsley, who conducted all the above. Also three separate courses of Grandsire Royal, with J. Hankinson, 1; A. Mottershead, 2.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT BEDFORD.—This is the first peal on ten bells by the ringers of the 5th, 6th, 7th, and tenor. The brothers Martin hail from Higham Ferrers, Northants; Pettitt, Garratt, and Houghton from Irthlingborough, Northants. W. C. Hunt, who is on a visit to Bedford, hails from North Shields, and was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal; the remainder belong to Bedford. This peal was arranged for the ringing friends from Northamptonshire. This peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

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

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

LEATHER or Boot Trade. Wanted by young man, age 24, situation in either of above trades; wholesale or retail. Ten years' experience and excellent references. Can ring standard methods.—W. T.

GARDENER (Head Working or Single-handed), 18 years' experience. Age 33. Two of family leaving through employer giving up.—H. Doughty, 148, Stanley Terrace, Varley Road, South Tottenham.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TO PRINTERS.—Wanted two Jobbing Hands, with a fair knowledge of display. Must be change-ringers.—Apply W. K. Morton, Printer, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

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Coming Events.

TO-DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Monthly meeting of the Association of the Archdeaconry of Salop at Shifnal.

Quarterly meeting of the Kent County Association (Rochester District) at Milton-next-Gravesend.

Annual meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association at Mersham.

Quarterly meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild at Horsell, near Woking.

Meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association at Liverpool.

Monthly meeting of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association at Stoke.

Committee meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association at Maidstone.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9.

Special meeting of the Waterloo Society at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Dedication of new bells at St. Mary's parish church, Walthamstow.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Meeting of the South and West Middlesex Guild at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon.

Meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association at Middleton.

Quarterly meeting of the Sussex County Association at Steyning.

Meeting of the Airedale Branch of the Yorkshire Association at Shipley.

Monthly Meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association at Pendleton.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.

A joint meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol and Bath and Wells Associations, at Bristol.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16.

Annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Leeds.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

(AN ENJOYABLE OUTING BY THE RETFORD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Thursday week, six members of the above Society, under the Leadership of Mr. H. Lambert, had a very pleasant afternoon's ringing on the bells of North Wheatley Church. Nov. 19th, being the re-opening day, the ringers received a very cordial invitation by the Vicar, Rev. C. T. B. Chamberlain, to ring on the occasion. Arriving by conveyance a little after one o'clock they made for the vicarage, and were heartily welcomed by the Vicar, who very courteously showed them through the newly restored church, explaining the various meaning of many wonderful antiquities connected therewith. At 1.40 an inspection of the bells took place, all being of opinion that they were well hung on the latest improved principles. They were next raised in peal and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was safely got through in 26 minutes by the following:—H. Haigh, 1; C. Crawford, 2; G. Clark, 3; H. Lambert, conductor, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White, 6. This 720 was rung prior to afternoon service. On the arrival and departure of the Bishop of Southwell, the bells were fired three times in nine volleys each, and previous to the public tea, which was held in the schoolroom, and which occupied

four sittings, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 minutes, conducted by H. Blagg, the ringers standing the same as in the Kent method. This 720 was rung in order that the people congregated together might have the pleasure of listening attentively and forming their opinion with regard to the quality of tone the bells possessed. Several other musical touches were rung in different methods before and after service, conducted by H. Haigh, after which the bells were lowered in peal and the ringers adjourned to Timothy Hall Flint's, Plough Inn, to partake of a hot supper, and refreshments very generously supplied by the Rev. C. T. B. Chamberlain.

After the removal of the cloth, Mr. White proposed and Mr. Lambert seconded that the best thanks of the ringers be accorded to the Rev. C. T. B. Chamberlain and his parishioners for their kindness and hospitality. Mr. White remarked that they had had a hearty welcome, and it was a pleasure to have the honour conferred upon them to re-open the bells. The resolution was unanimously carried. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, several of the ringers and company present contributing some excellent songs.

The ringers afterwards rode home in Mr. Crawford's conveyance, arriving at Retford about 10.30 p.m., the beautiful night air and ride home in the moonlight being thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It should be mentioned that everything in the tower is new, with the exception of the old five bells, the new treble being cast from two old bells taken from South Wheatley church. The easy go of the bells leave nothing to be desired, except that the old clappers are much too heavy, in fact heavy enough to strike 30 cwt. bells; and the ringing-chamber is also too near the bells, the sound being almost deafening to the ringers, several of whom went round the village begging cotton wool to stuff in their ears to deaden the sound. This nuisance may easily be remedied by a thick plastered ceiling being put in between the ringing chamber and the floor above, about 18 inches apart. The work of re-hanging the bells has been done by Messrs. Thomas Mallaby and Son, of Masham, Yorks.

It is to be sincerely hoped, now the bells are in good going order, that the young men of the village will rally round their good Vicar, and form a company of ringers determined to make good progress in the Art of change-ringing, and ere the first anniversary of their peal of six bells comes round in 1897, may they be competent to ring their first 720 changes, and thus compete with brother ringers in North Notts. By joining the North Notts. Association the members will give them every encouragement, and one more tower will be added, and the membership considerably increased.

HANDBELL GIFT.—Those who have kept the coupons for the gift of handbells will not forget that they must reach our office on Monday week, the 14th instant. They should be posted on the Saturday evening previous, in order to arrive by the first post on the Monday following.

PEAL EVENINGS.

The St. Peter's band of Brighton start to-day, Saturday, for one week of evenings' peal-ringing. The methods intended are London, Cambridge, New Cumberland and Superlative Surprise; Double Norwich; Duffield; and Double Oxford. Towers in order: Bolney; Southover, Lewes; St. Nicholas, Brighton; Steyning; St. Paul's, Brighton; St. Peter's, Brighton; and St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

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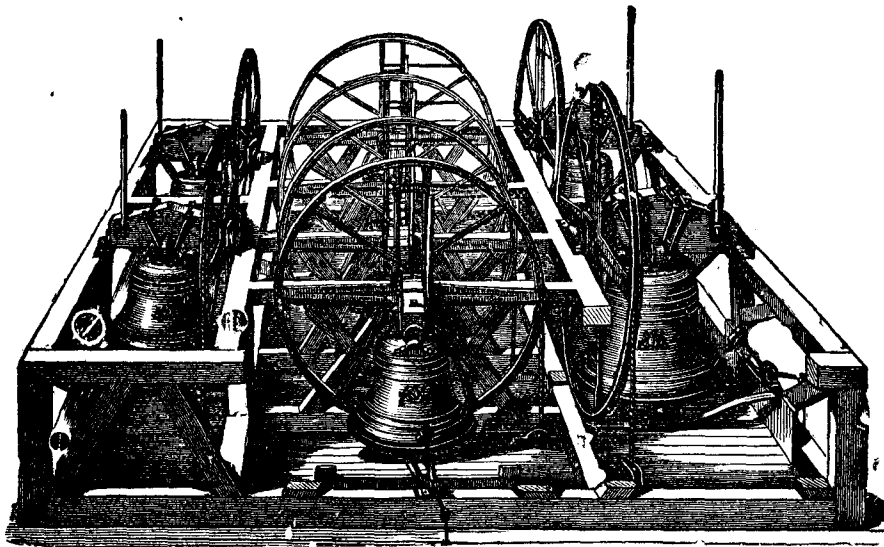
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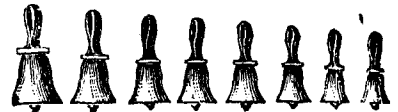


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