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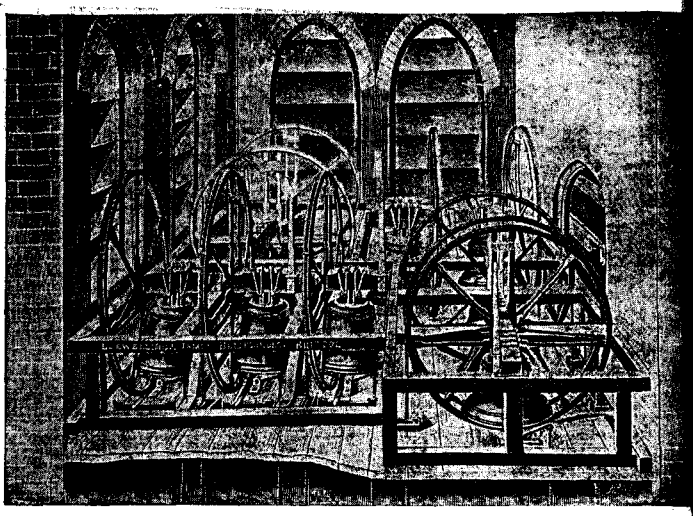

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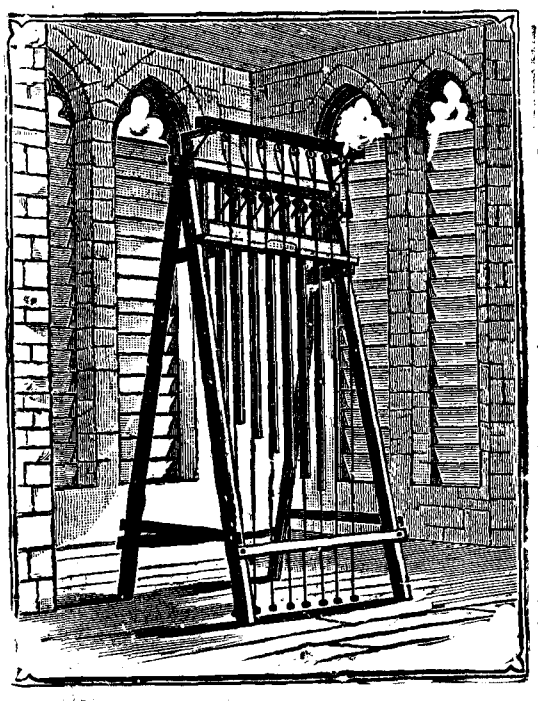

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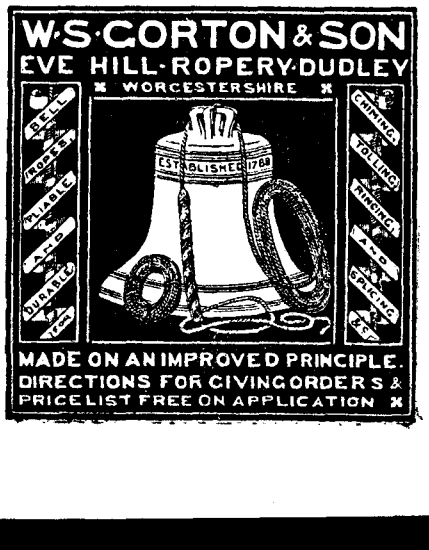

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No. 790.] SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1897. [VOL. XVI.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this Guild held their spring meeting at Mortimer on Saturday, when upwards of 100 persons were entertained at the Vicarage by the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron. During the afternoon three courses of Stedman Triples and 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung on the eight bells of St. Mary's Church, but owing to illness in the vicinity of St. John's, where evensong was afterwards held, the belfry there (containing six bells) was only used for a short time before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar and the Rev. G. G. Skipwith (curate). Amongst those who also attended were the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild), J. B. Burne (Wasing), and R. H. Hart Davis (Dunsden), General Secretary, Messrs. A. W. Pike (Assistant Hon. Sec.), T. Newman, H. Simmonds, J. Hands, and H. Smith (Caversham), W. Newell, E. K. Deacon, F. Hopgood, H. Tucker, A. Whatmore, G. Bodington, E. Reeves, and C. Giles (Reading), J. Ford (Sonning), H. Davis (Mortimer), J. Truss and C. Green (Marlow), Mr. H. White and Miss A. White (Basingstoke), Messrs. C. Chapman, J. Day (Tilehurst), G. Bloomfield (Bray), W. E. E. Taylor (Clewer), and J. Fisher (Shinfield). The towers of Theale, Englefield, and Aldermaston were also represented. The organ was played by Mr. J. Mallitt Jones, organist of St. Mary's, Mortimer), who composed the music to the hymn "Ring forth, holy bells," which was sung previous to the sermon. The Vicar preached, his text being 2 Kings, iii. 15: "Now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him." In the course of his remarks Mr. Cameron pointed out that the earliest bells ever mentioned in history were the little golden bells intermixed with pomegranates, spoken of in Exodus xxviii. as ornaments worn on the high priest's robes. Bells were afterwards used by the Greeks and Romans, and there was little doubt that the bells at Whitby, mentioned by St. Bede, was only one out of many that sounded in England early in the 7th century. Three hundred years later bells were cast among other places at Canterbury, where St. Dunstan drew up rules for their proper use. This he ventured to assert was the object of Guilds such as that which their Master had resuscitated in this Diocese. It was worthy of note that the oldest of the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, which they were asked by their Master to complete by the addition of two to the existing ten, came originally from the Abbey of Osney, suppressed in the 16th century. Thus by their offertory that day they linked themselves to a generation of pious men of bygone centuries, who were the pioneers in the art of bell-founding. Mr. Cameron proceeded to speak of the value of the art of bellringing and to show that it appealed to the higher senses implanted in men.

Before the closing hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," was sung, a collection was made towards the casting of two new bells at the Cathedral Church at Oxford, and £1 9s. 6½d. was realised.

After the service the company proceeded to the Vicarage and were entertained at tea by the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron. In addressing the gathering subsequently, the Master (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) said he was sure they all enjoyed the sound of the Mortimer bells once more. Whether they tried the eight or the six they found them bells of good quality, and they were indebted to Mr. Cameron for allowing them to come and use them. The members knew what the Guild had undertaken to do. They were going to put two extra bells in the Cathedral tower at Oxford, and so have 12 bells there. For 16 years they had been working away with eight and ten bells, and they had worked hard to make their mark in the annals of ringing. Mr. Robinson then alluded to the rivalry between the London and provincial Guilds, and observed that they had heard something about a record being contemplated by the London ringers. If the London ringers rang ten thousand, he hoped the Oxford Guild, when they had the extra bells, would ring eleven thousand. He hoped all the branches of the Guild would respond to his request, so that the bells might be completed. What they wished to do was to put two more trebles and re-cast the sixth, which was inferior to the others. He had had the honour of being Master of the Guild since it was formed 16 years ago, snd it had meant a great deal of work and sacrifice. Whenever he had been called upon he had gone, whether it had been to ring, to speak or to preach. All that he had done had been at his own expense. Some persons had an idea that the expenses came out of the Guild fund, but they did not. He therefore thought he had a claim upon their support to the appeal he had made. All those who had subscribed to the work might feel that what they had done was in safe keeping, as the bells would be well looked after, and he hoped the authorities would be willing to have their bells rung. They hoped to be able to get their first peal of Cinques before the end of the long vacation, or at any rate before the end of the year. The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron for his sermon, and for entertaining the members, and included in the vote the organist and choir.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis seconded, and remarked that this year being a Jubilee year he had no doubt the services of the members of the Guild would be required more than ever, in order to add to national rejoicings. They must not forget to thank Mr. A. W. Pike, the local hon. Secretary, on whom a great amount of work devolved. His duties, however, that afternoon had been lessened through the kindness of Mr. Cameron, who had been so kind to them in every way. The annual festival would be held this year at Banbury, in July, and they hoped to have a very successful gathering.

The vote having been carried with enthusiasm, the Rev. C. L. Cameron briefly replied, and wished the Guild every success and prosperity.

Ringing was resumed at St. Mary's, touches of Grandsire Triples and a 480 Stedman Triples, being rung. The following took part in the latter: Alice White, 1; A. W. Pike (conductor), 2; H. White, 3; J. Tucker, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; A. Watmore, 6; C. Chapman, 7; H. Simmons, 8.

ST. MARY'S, KIDLINGTON, OXFORD.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Reading will dedicate the peal of eight bells of this church, on Thursday, June 3rd, 1897. A course of Grandsire Triples will be rung in an interval during the service The sermon will be preached by the Bishop. After the service eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, under the direction of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild.

ST. MARY'S, PEMBROKE.

The new peal of eight bells at this church was rung for the first time on Saturday, May 22nd. The donor of the treble—J. C. Froyne, Esq., J.P., opened the chimes by a few pulls at his bell, when the Tenby ringers took up the chorus and rang the following: about 50 of Grandsire Triples, the plain course, a short touch (three bobs), a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and a few call changes; conducted by W. H. Thomas. J. Buffery, Messrs. Carr's bellhanger, took part. The Vicar and Churchwardens provided a knife-and-fork tea, and the Mayor of Pembroke refreshed the visitors after they had finished.

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ST. MARY'S, RYE, SUSSEX.

A service for the re-dedication of the church bells recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, was held on Thursday evening, the 20th instant, and was attended by a goodly number of the congregation, including the mayor and other members of the council in their robes of office.

The Dedication Service commenced at 6 p.m., and being followed by a confirmation service, which did not conclude until 9 p.m., very little time was left for ringing. Several members of the Sussex County Association from Battle and Hastings had been invited to carry out the ringing arrangements, and they made use of the time at their disposal to the best advantage, as will be seen below. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese read the Dedication Service and preached a splendid sermon referring to bells. A few well struck rounds were rung during the interval appointed in the service, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples as the congregation were leaving the church.

The following touches were also rung during the evening: for the confirmation service:—210 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Quaife, 1; F. Mathis, 2; C. Tribe, 3; S. Saker (conductor), 4; F. Lock, 5; J. Livermore, 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Swain, 8. After the confirmation service:—350 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Quaife, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; C. Tribe, 3; F. Mathis, 4; F. Lock, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis, 7; W. H. Swain, 8.

At this point the Hastings contingent had to make a rush for the last train, leaving the cyclist section from Battle and Stone to assist the members of the Rye band (who have but recently commence to learn change-ringing) which they did with the following result. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. C. Tribe, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; J. Mathis, 3; F. Mathis, 4; W. Thomas, 5; E. Curd (Rye), 6; G. Henley (Rye), 7; W. Sands (Rye), 8. 216 Grandsire Minor. J. Henley (Rye, first touch), 1; C. Tribe, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Mathis, 4; F. Mathis, 5; W. Franks, 6; G. Henley, 7; W. Sands, 8. 108 Grandsire Minor with G. Henley, 1; W. Sands, 7; W. Henley, 8. A few rounds were then rung in which Rev. G. P. Berry, S. E. Reed, C. Rogers, L. A. Vidler, all of Rye, took part and the bells were then lowered in peal.

Mr. C. Tribe, of Stone, and the Battle contingent, started their homeward journey on their iron steeds at 11 p.m., finishing a most enjoyable ride of fifteen miles at 1 a.m.

Reference to these bells was made in a recant number of "THE BELL NEWS.'

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.

Recently the Earls Barton ringers visited Whiston, and rung some touches of Doubles upon the pretty ring of five bells in the church of St. Mary. The ringers were much pleased with their tone and go. They have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, at the expense of the Rector—the Hon. and Rev. L. C. R. Irby. The tenor is a beautiful bell, cast by Watts of Leicester, 1638; weight about 14 cwt. The Rector was extremely gratified with the way the visitors managed his bells, and desired them to come to Whiston again.

WHO WILL HELP IN A GOOD CAUSE?

A change-ringer has offered two trebles, with fittings, to make a ring of eight at Nayland, Suffolk. But the frames and fittings of the old six are worn out, and it will cost £135 to make good. The village can raise about £85 only; any donation will be thankfully received by "the churchwardens, Nayland, Colchester" or by F. Rees, of the same place.

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NO JUBILEE BELLS AT HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

We regret to learn that there is no prospect of the inhabitants of Hornchurch increasing their ring of six to eight bells as a memento of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. When we recently referred to the question, and pointed out that in the event of an augmentation care should be taken to retain the present ring of six intact, hopes were entertained that the proposal would have been carried out. We now understand that after enquiries as to the probable cost of the work, it is considered, as the intended restoration of the fabric is still incomplete from want of funds, quite useless to attempt to raise the amount that would be required. Mr. Gardener, Churchwarden of the parish, is reported to have said at a recent parish meeting, that "it had been suggested that two more bells should be added to the peal in the church. It might be said that if the church could not afford to have six bells rung, it was not much use having eight." According to the last number of the Hornchurch parish magazine, the ringers were paid £13 for the year, besides an additional £1 5s. for ringing at a confirmation service. This speaks well for the Church in an old-fashioned country village like Hornchurch. We wish that every country band of ringers—those who practise the true science of change-ringing—stood on an equal footing. There are hundreds of six-bell towers in which talented bands of ringers meet to practise the art regularly who, if two extra bells could be added to their peal, would not ask for or even expect any additional emolument; in many cases ringers would fulfil their duties without thought of remuneration, and there are plenty of ringers who already do so. We cannot think that the question of pay would have arisen at Hornchurch. In many places the ringers themselves would start the ball rolling by setting to work in collecting subscriptions for the purpose. With a population of nearly 4000, there might not be any serious obstacle to success in taking such a step at Hornchurch.

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday afternoon, 15th May, the members of the St. Andrew's Association of Rugby, paid a visit to the church here, and by kind permission of the vicar (the Rev. E. F. Norman) and the churchwardens, rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles upon the bells, under the direction of Mr. J. George. The visitors were entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Norman, the tables being arranged upon the lawn at the Vicarage, where some touches of Doubles and Triples were rung upon the handbells. On behalf of the association, Mr. George cordially thanked the Vicar for his kindness, and also for his efforts in getting the bell-ropes—which were in an imperfect state—put in order for the visitors. After a little more ringing in the church tower the Rugbeians returned home, having had a very pleasant outing.

KINGSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BELLS.—The church bells have recently been thoroughly overhauled and re-hung, and the work has given the most complete satisfaction. On Saturday, May 1st, a band of change-ringers from Taunton, members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, went over to Kingston to test the "go" of the bells. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 minutes, the ringers standing as follows:—J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; H. J. Poole, 5; G. Yendell, 6. The "go" of the bells was everything that could be wished.

THE VALUE OF AN ADVERTISEMENT.—Mr. Charles Howard, of Braintree, writes:—"The peal of handbells advertised in this paper are sold; it is impossible for me to answer all the numerous enquiries respecting the same; I could have sold them fifty times over."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—The ringers of St. Margaret's parish church met for a special practice on April 24th. After ringing for 2 hrs. they were joined by a number of friends, and all repairing to the club-house spent a very convivial evening together. A smoking concert was held at which Mr. J. Tulett presided, and as usual under his presidency a merry evening was spent. A pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation to Mr. W. Baker, the leader of the band, who was made the recipient of a handsome gold pendant. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. P. Kidd) was requested to make the presentation, and in a neat speech alluded to Mr. Baker's abilities as a ringer, and his untiring energy as their leader. He also referred to the peal recently rung at St. Margaret's, and commented upon the anxiety and strain it must have been to Mr. Baker during the time he was so ably conducting that peal. In asking him to accept the gift, the Hon. Secretary said he hoped that he (Mr. Baker) would be spared for many years to lead them, and that when he looked at their small offering, it would remind him of the regard they had for him, and also serve as a lasting memento of the efficient way in which he conducted the first peal ever rung in the city of Rochester. In returning thanks Mr. Baker spoke of the good feeling existing among their band, and hoped he should be with them for many years, and take part in ringing many peals in their ancient belfry.

ALMOST A DIAMOND RINGER.

Reporters upon provincial journals often find subjects upon which they have to write of a very varied nature. It is not so much their professional duties as reporters which they have to discharge—proceedings in police and county courts, shows, garden parties, weddings, funerals and all kinds of recreation (except change-ringing), that is so much a tax upon them, but there are such innumerable items of general information the real facts of which have to be picked up, the accuracy of which the scribe—unless he be a human machine packed with knowledge of everything—has to rely upon the source from which it comes. There is also a great rush to get everything into print, hence there is a little excuse when a slip of the pen happens. The *Essex Weekly News* recently had a par with the above heading. The *Essex County Chronicle*, which is published "just over the way" in the same town, is responsible for the following:—

> SCHILLER wrote "The song of the bell." Somebody is wanted now to write the "Song of the bellringer." I mean, of course, the one at Witham, whose achievement, if it be voluntary, is something to marvel at, and, if it be compulsory, something to excite pity and indignation. Here is the record, taken from print;—
>
> Mr. Sayer, cooper, of Witham, has been a bellringer for nearly sixty years, and would have rung the bells at Witham parish for the whole of that period, had not the steeple been under repair for a time.

Fancy being on the rope for sixty years continuously! It is, as Domine Sampson would have said, p-r-o-d-i-g-i-o-u-s!

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' one-part, in 47 mins. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; L. Payne, 2; H. Stringer, 3; W. J. Alliss, 4; A. W. Groves. 5; H. Markwell, 6; H. Reeves, 7; G. Payne, 8. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, arranged for H. Reeves.

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THE PEAL AT BANGOR.

SIR,—Please allow me to explain two points, on which your correspondent "J. R. Jerram" has mistaken me. In the first place, I was quite aware that the main point at issue was peal-ringing on Good Friday, but my remarks were properly directed to the general question of Good Friday ringing, because the former correspondence in your columns tended to disapprove ringing of any kind on that day. Secondly, my former letter had no reference to ringing for services. I agree with "J. R. Jerram" in preferring the tolling of the tenor as a call to the services, but I most strongly advocate the ringing of a muffled peal (in the wider sense of the word), at some time during the day, to commemorate the Saviour's Death, just as the bells are rung open at Easter to commemorate His Resurrection, For instance the bells of Bath Abbey are rung muffled on Good Friday night, producing an immensely solemn effect. F. LL E.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

SIR,—After a lapse of two months, exception has been taken by a prominent Bristol ringer to a remark reported to have been made at this society's annual dinner. Mr. Pickard did not claim for the Guild (as inadvertently reported by me), the distinction of being *the best in the County*. In proposing the toast, "The Rector and Churchwardens," he reminded all present that he had been elected a member quite recently, and could therefore without being egotistical congratulate the Rector and Wardens upon having the most capable band of ringers in the city of Bristol. CHARLES H. HORTON.

Rupert Chambers, Quay Street, Bristol.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Manser (conductor), 1; J. Tite (first 720 in the method). 2; E. Coleman, 3; J. Coleman, 4; A. Hammond, 5; G. Websdale, 6. J. Tite hails from Banham.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire.)—On Monday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 1897 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 12 mins. A. Knights, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4: G. Toplis (conductor), 5; S. Price, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; J. Hunt, 8; G. Davies, 9; G, Mee, 10. This touch contains all the 6-5s and 5-6s in the tittums position, tenor 24½ cwt.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—On Monday, March 15th, for practice, 432 Double Norwich. J. Mawby, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Tyler, 4; A. Perkins, 5; T. R. Hensher, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. 416 Double Norwich. J. Houghton, jun., 1; J. Garratt, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Tyler (conductor), 4; W. Pettitt, 5; T. R. Hensher, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Perkins, 8. On Monday, March 22nd, 224 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; W. Pettitt, 2; A. Tyler, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; T. R. Hensher (first in method), 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. B. Martin, 8. 448 Superlative Surprise. J. Houghton, sen., 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Tyler (conductor), 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. On Saturday, April 3rd, 640 Double Norwich. J. Mawby, 1; W. Newman, 2; W. Gilbert, 3; J. Houghton, jun., 4; F. Gilbert, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; H. Stubbs, 7; W. Pettitt, 8. On Monday, April 5th, 576 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; W. Newman, 2; J. Mawby, 3; J. Garratt, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; T. R. Hensher, 8. On Tuesday, April 27th, 416 Double Norwich. J. Allen, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; W. Pettitt, 3; W. Newman, 4; A. Perkins, 5; J. Garratt, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Tyler(conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 13th, 544 Double Norwich. J. Allen, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; W. Newman, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; A. Perkins, 8. 576 Bob Major. J. Allen, 1; W. Pettitt, 2; W. Newman, 3; J. Garratt, 4; A. Perkins, 5; A. Tyler (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. On Sunday, May 16th, for evening service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Houghton, sen., 1; W. Newman, 2; C. Newman (first in method), 3; J. B. Martin, 4; A. Perkins, 5; A. Tyler, 6; J. Garratt, 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. 416 Double Norwich. W. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, jun., 2; W. Newman, 3; C. Newman, 4; A. Tyler, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. B. Martin, 8. 504 Stedman Triples. J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 1; C. Newman 2; J. Garratt, 3; A. Perkins, 4; A. Tyler, 5; W. Pettit, 6; J. B. Martin, 7; W. Newman, 8.

MEN AND MANNERS.

The muzzling of dogs' order is causing the annual flood of correspondence in the daily press, most of the writers being of opinion that it is a great big shame if the Friend of Man can't now and then have just a little bite at the calves of flunkeys and others too numerous to mention. They object to *their* dog being muzzled because, you know, he wouldn't harm a fly. Not he, I don't suppose he even barks at rag-and-bone men, those harmless, inoffensive men at whose appearance *all* dogs are supposed to shew their ivories. I am very fond of dogs myself, but all the same about this time of the year I like to have a nice thick "persuader" handy, lest any of our four-legged friends should desire to shew their affection for me by forming an attachment to the nape of my trousers. I once had a bull pup with a mouth like a cheese knife, but I'll tell you that tale another time when you all feel glum. Suppose we look at the matter from Towzer's point of view :—

THE WORRIER'S WAIL AND MONGREL'S MOAN.

The muzzling orders come at last!
We felt the time was near,
Our trotterseizing days are past,
So shed for us a tear.

No more we'll sample Jeames' or John
No more "annex" a bone,
But stay; before the muzzle 's on,
Why muzzle us alone?

When one of *you* goes off his dot
(Or balmy on the pate,)
You never hustle *all the lot*
Into the waistcoats strait.

Of course, but if the reason is
To use the muzzles up,
Clap one on Whats-er-names' phiz
Not on a harmless pup.

There's our M.P., another freak,
He's gadding round about,
And yet the House the other week
Was five times "counted out."

Ere he got in he wanted rights,
And spouted of duty grim—
Until he could'nt sleep o' nights.
Why don't you muzzle him?

Those windy "patriots" too, who when
Of Britain's sons wax bold,
Say one could chaw up twenty men
Of any foreign mould.

That inconsistent parson, who
(I'd muzzle him as well)
Does what he says we must'nt do
Or else we'll go to Halifax.

Muzzle men of shady Finance
And the money-lending shark
Not such dogs as me and my NANCE
Or we'll raise a nasty bark.

But if you try to break the hearts
Of man's best Friends on earth,
We'll sit up on our hinder parts
And yell for all we're worth—

Ow. Oww. Owww. KIYI.

The agenda for the next Central Council Meeting will be found on another page, and is very interesting reading. To my mind, the motions are all good, but will, or ought not the six-bell resolution to depend on its peal value? It is a very long time since we were favoured with Mr. Attree's last list, and the question arises:—If no five or six bell "peal" is to be recognised, then those associations where Minor bellringing chiefly obtains, have nothing in common with the Council. The last sentence of the resolution spoil the whole. I for one don't want *carte blanche* for "local varying construction." Why not form a committee of five and six bellringers to construct a definition to which they will adhere?

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The subjects "ripe for discussion" will I suppose, be shelved on account of the short time at the Council's disposal. One or two ought to be settled though at an early date. Take Cambridge Surprise. I trust the Council will not swallow it wholesale notwithstanding that Mr. Heywood made out a very good case for its new baptism. "What's in a name?" Probably in a few more years we shall have another variation and then on precedent we ought to change it again. If the difficulty is: Shall it be Thackrah or Burton variation, give it another, but I hope the Council will be just sufficiently conservative to stick to the original name for the original method. Following the lead of the Rev. Earle Bulwer in New Cumberland nomenclature I should think that "New Cambridge" is simple enough.

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I see Mr. Justice Bruce has sent a Company director to prison for nine months hard. This is good business. Still I don't see why his lordship need have felt pained in passing sentence. I trust there are many similar flowers in the *shady* garden born to blush unseen, and waste their sweetness in the stone jug air. I never notice a judge or one of the great unpaid feeling pained when the delinquent is one of the "lower classes." They are of no class, so to speak. If a man with a small wife and large family is driven to crime by necessity, no one is pained so much as when the man in the dock happens to have been in good circumstances as in this case, and yet coolly lifts a thousand pounds. Nine months for £1000! Ah, but he was only a Company Director. Had he been a *promoter* and bagged a few hundred thousand he would in all probability have been asked to stand as a candidate at the next bye-election. JINGLE.

Ringers' Outings.

THE HENFIELD (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.—The members of the Henfield branch of the Sussex County Association, accompanied by a few friends, including Messrs. Corner, Colliss, and Miss Colliss, took their annual outing on May 17th, the places visited being Arundel and Chichester. An early start was made at seven o'clock for the first-named place, which was reached about two hours later, the handbells being brought into use during the journey, courses of Stedman Cinques being rung by L. Payne, 1-2; W. Hillman, 3-4; G. Payne, 5-6; C. Tyler, 7-8; W. J. Alliss, 9-10; A. W. Groves, 11-12. On arriving at Arundel, we found the excellent peal of bells at the parish church at our service, and touches in various methods were successfully brought round. After leaving the church, a walk through the beautiful park of the castle (one of the seats of His Grace of Norfolk) brought up twelve o'clock, and the Arundel part of the programme was thus got through. At the railway station we were met by the esteemed Hon. Secretary of the Association—the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother—who had ridden over from Yapton on his cycle to meet us. The rev. gentleman having expressed a desire to hear Cinques, we started for a course on the platform, but the train running into the station when we were half through, brought it to an abrupt finish, having to make an undignified scramble for our seats, the handbells being still "retained in hand." On reaching Chichester we were met by Mr. R. Walters, leader of the Cathedral society, who conducted us to The Eagle hotel, where we found a sumptuous dinner awaiting us, the host having prepared in regular English fashion roast beef, etc. Such good things having been discussed, we separated to meet a little later on at the Cathedral for a little ringing. We got through touches of Duffield and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples. Time of departure having arrived all too soon for some of us, we reached home at 9.30, one and all having enjoyed a thorough day's pleasure. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Arundel and the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral for granting permission to ring; also Messrs. Walters and Balchin, of Chichester and Arundel respectively, for arranging preliminaries for us. A.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held at Liverpool on Saturday, May 15th, and was attended by a fairly representative gathering of members from Garston, Southport, Aughton, Waterfoot, Pendleton, Bolton, and the local companies. The business meeting was held in the schools of St. Nicholas, and was presided over by the President (Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) who in opening the proceedings expressed regret that the meeting could not have been held at Garston, as was arranged by the committee. The book of rules and diagrams of six-bell methods was now practically through the press, an he hoped would be in the hands of the members shortly.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Redford) having given his report, the question of dividing the Liverpool diocesan branch was discussed, it being proposed that a separate branch be formed with Wigan as the centre. After a short discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. James and the local secretary (Mr. Coley), and it was suggested that they issue a circular to the various towers in the district asking for the members' opinions as to the best means of dividing the branch.

On the proposition of Mr. H. W. Jackson (Bolton), seconded by Mr. Hill (Southport), the meeting was brought to a close with votes of thanks to the local Secretary, and the authorities for the use of bells and schoolroom.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY.—On Saturday last, the Norbury band (one of the latest acquisitions to the above Guild, were visited by Messrs. J. S. Wilde, T. Bradley, and W. Wild, who hail from Hyde, and who are also members of the same Guild. It is not yet twelve months ago since Mr. J. S. Wilde visited Norbury, and gave the local ringers their first real lesson in the art. From that time practice has gone assiduously, and it must have been a great pleasure to the tutor to find that the seed so courteously sewn twelve months ago is now bearing fruit. The visit of the Hyde ringers to Norbury on Saturday last was therefore particularly pleasant. The first item was a nicely-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; S. Ferneley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; T. Bradley, 4; W. Wild, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent in 20 mins. S. Ferneley, 1; W. Wild, 2; S. Rutter, 3; T. Bradley, 4; A. Ferneley, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, and the three Hyde friends arrived home in good time, having had an enjoyable outing.

GRENDON, NORTHANTS.

As the result of a movement set on foot by the Rev. C. Brooke (vicar), Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, have been entrusted with the re-hanging of the bells, £52 15s. having been subscribed towards the cost by the parishoners. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. and bears the date 1761. Others are dated 1613. The dedicatory service took place on May 6th, the Bishop of Leicester officiating, the other clergy present being the Revs. L. Wickham, of Emberton; Dr. Cohen, Hannington; R. R. Cobbold, Earls Barton, and C. Brooke, Vicar of Grendon. The Bishop offered prayers, and a short peal was then rung. Rev. L. Wickham read the first lesson (Joshua vi., 1—20) and the second was read by the Rev. R. R. Cobbold (Rev. viii.), followed by the prayers by the Vicar. After the hymn "Now at length our bells are mounted" the Bishop announced his text, "The voice saith, cry."—After the service a public tea was well attended at the school-room, and another service was held in the Church at 7.30, conducted by the Rev. C. Brooke, M.A.

Obituary.

JOSEPH HAYES.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Hayes, the father of two well-known London ringers, viz.: Samuel Hayes and John Murray Hayes, which event took place at his residence at Bocking, Essex, on Friday, the 21st instant, in the 80th year of his age. The funeral takes place this day, Saturday, May 29th, at Bocking. Next week we shall again revert to the deceased veteran, and publish his portrait.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, 1897, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at two o'clock punctually.

(N.B.—Dean's Yard is a few steps from the west door of Westminster Abbey, and the Church House entrance is at the further end of Dean's Yard).

The Standing Committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. punctually at the Westminster Palace Hotel. Members of this Committee are particularly requested to attend. In consequence of the sparse attendance at the dinner following the last meeting in London, it has been decided to substitute a social gathering in the evening; for members and their friends, from 9 to 11 p.m., at a convenient hotel, which will be notified in due course.

AGENDA.

1. Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received for *President:* A. P. HEYWOOD, ESQ.; for *Secretary;* REV. H. EARLE BULWER.
2. Election of Hon. Members (if desired.)
3. Appointment of Standing Committee.
4. To receive any further Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
5. To receive any further Report of the Committee on preparation of a Glossary of Technical Terms.
6. To receive any further Report of Committee on Peal Values.
7. To receive any further Report on the progress of the Bibliography.
8. To receive the Report of the Committee for Peal Collection and definition of points constituting "Authorship" and "Variation."
9. To consider the following motions:—
   - (*a*) That the practice of using visible aids to memory in the conduction of peals is detrimental to the interests of the Art; and to recommend for the adoption of Societies a rule requiring all performances to be certified as conducted without such aid.
   - (*b*) That an official letter be written to the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, on behalf of the Council, calling attention to the condition of the Ringing-Chamber at Westminster Abbey, and the unringable state of the bells, requesting him to use his influence in the direction of Belfry Reform in this instance.
   - (*c*) For a return of the condition of all rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in the country, to enable a tabulated statement of existing defects to be drawn up and submitted by the Council to Church authorities.
   - (*d*) That the Council, recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting of 1892, and recognising the fact that on 5 and 6 bells no actually true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that, therefore, no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated; do now decide to expunge the said definition from the standing resolutions, thus offering no opposition to the locally-varying construction of the term "peal" in regard to 5 and 6 bell performances.

The following subjects are also ripe for discussion, and may be introduced as questions if time permit:—

- (*a*) Whether the Council should not have recourse to longer meetings, and at least a two days' session in the case of the London meetings?
- (*b*) Whether the Council should pronounce upon a distinctive title to be applied to Thurstans' well-known Stedman Triples composition?
- (*c*) Whether the Council should pronounce upon the suggestion that the now well-known variation of Cambridge Surprise Major should be accepted as the recognised method?
- (*d*) Whether it is an offence against the laws governing Treble Bob composition to commence the calling with 1R or 2R?
- (*e*) How far, and under what conditions, any departure from the true and clear ringing of every change is permissible in the performance of a peal?
- (*f*) Whether the Council should not make some attempt to regulate the practice of Lent and Sunday peal-ringing.

NOTE:—It is to be borne in mind that motions on the agenda paper are in part the proposals of individual representatives, and that their insertion therefore, does not necessarily imply that they command any general support.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1897.

ACCORDING to what may be termed an appeal to all lovers of our Church bells, the village church of Nayland, in the county of Suffolk, can have its present ring of six augmented to eight, if the small sum of £50 can be procured. An inhabitant of the parish, a change-ringer, whose munificent offer is greatly to be commended and, let us hope, imitated, offers to present the two new bells, with their fittings. But it is found necessary to repair the frame at a cost of £135, towards which the parish can only find a little over £80, leaving something like £50 to be obtained before such a desirable addition can be made. The writer of the paragraph on another page—a gentleman, by the way, of great prominence in the Exercise—would be glad to receive financial help towards the end in view from any of his ringing brethren. Unfortunately it is too true that the majority of ringers are unable to render assistance of such a kind. Some there are, however, able to do so; and those, we are glad to say, have never refrained from promoting by their purse any praiseworthy object. We hope we shall not be doing wrong in recommending this case to them.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL ..	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR	2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES ..	6.
ERNEST H. NIXON	3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE	7.
THOMAS G. DEAL	4.	HARRY WARNETT ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE and
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

Mr. W. Taylor, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Leiston.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 13, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT J. SKELT ..	..*Treble.*	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ..	5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR	2.	JOHN HACK	6.
ARTHUR J. NEALE	3.	WILLIAM G. GROVES ..	7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	4.	WILLIAM BEDWELL ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER and
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*First peal in the method. Mr. W. Taylor, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Leiston. The last peal of Bob Major on the bells was rung on March 22nd, 1829

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, May 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS, CRAYFORD, KENT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES, Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HACK*	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR J. NEALE	5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR*	2.	ARTHUR PEILL	6.
JOHN TURNER	3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL	7.
GEORGE CONYARD	4.	EDWIN BARNETT ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD and
Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

*First peal in the method and first attempt. Mr. W. Taylor, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Leiston.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE RISE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

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ALBERT PITTAM	2.	HENRY STUBBS	6.
HENRY WOOD	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
WILLIAM WARD	4.	JAMES HANNINGTON ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal in the method with a bob bell by H. Stubbs; and first peal by S. Wade, who is only sixteen years of age.

The Provinces.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1897, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN	..*Treble.*	*FREDERICK SURRIDGE ..	5.
ROBERT WHITING	2.	FREDERICK BORRETT ..	6.
ERNEST POPPY	3.	JAMES BETTS	7.
DAVID RUTH	4.	JAMES SOUTER	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal in the method.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	..*Treble.*	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	5.
THOMAS J. SALTER	2.	ERNEST C. HUNT	6.
NOAH DAVIS	3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER ..	7.
WILLIAM H. SMITH	4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ., and
Conducted by ALBERT E. PARSONS.

First peal in the method on the bells by the Association, and by all the band except Mr. Roberts.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR. 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ..	5.
FRED. G. MAY	2.	WILLIAM HALE	6.
JOHN AUSTIN	3.	HENRY MITCHELL	7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Messrs. Scrivens and Hale belong to Painswick.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

(THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

J. FREEMAN	..*Treble.*	H. STALHAM	5.
P. ALLFREY*	2.	A. ALLFREY	6.
H. GRIFFITHS†	3.	W. ALLFREY	7.
W. HILL	4.	F. HILL	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by P. ALLFREY.

*First peal as conduuctor. †First peal and first attempt. The members wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Wratten for having everything in readiness.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following:

New London, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

WALTER CORDINGLEY	..*Treble.*	ARTHUR WHEATER	4.
FRANKLIN GRIMSHAW ..	2.	PETER GRIMSHAW	5.
WALTER POPPLEWELL ..	3.	CHARLES PRATT ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

First 5040 by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor.

BARNET, HERTS.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.

CHARLES H. MARTIN	..*Treble.*	*JOHN SUMPTER	5.
ALFRED D. CHIDWICK† ..	2.	ARTHUR MILLER	6.
FRANK A. MILNE, ESQ. ..	3.	†ALFRED H. BELTON ..	7.
JOHN MILLER	4.	*EDWARD DOLTON ..	*Tenor.*
		*WALTER DOLTON ..	

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. WATSON, ST. ANDREW'S ROAD, ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE R. PYE .. .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. .. 3-4.	JOHN DALE .. .. .. 7-8.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson. The composition will be found in Snowdon's *Treble Bob*, part 2, page 47, reverse variation.

The Provinces.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars, Woodbine, New London, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY ELLIOTT .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. .. 4.
ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 2.	HENRY EVERS .. .. .. 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT.. .. .. 3.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM ELLIOTT.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott; it is also a noteworthy fact that Mr. H. Elliott has been a ringer at this church for over thirty years, and was able to ring the tenor (21 cwt.) when only fourteen years of age.

NEWARK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN.

On Thursday, May 20, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM .. ..*Treble.*	JOHN W. WATSON .. .. 6.
ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 2.	GEORGE CHESTER.... .. 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF .. .. 3.	GEORGE BEMROSE .. .. 8.
ROBERT E. CLARKE .. .. 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON . 9.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. .. 5.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. N. DAVIS and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

THRAPSTON, NORTH HANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. in F♯.

JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. ..*Treble.*	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN, .. 5.
ALPHAEUS PERKINS .. .. 2.	JAMES GARRATT.. .. .. 6.
ALFRED H. MARTIN.. .. 3.	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 4.	RRV. H. LAW JAMES ..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

A note to this peal elsewhere.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL HALL .. .. ..*Treble.*	WILLIAM FAIREY .. .. 5.
ALFRED ARNOLD .. .. 2.	†EDGAR H. HAXLEY .. .. 6.
JOHN MACKAY .. .. .. 3.	ARTHUR O. STEWART .. 7.
ARTHUR MOORE.. .. .. 4.	*ABRAHAM G. SMITH .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDGAR H. HAXLEY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal rung upon the bells for upwards of 100 years, and was rung at the second attempt, the first attempt being lost after ringing three hours through the 7th slipping wheel.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

CHARLES H. WATTS.. ..*Treble.*	THOMAS BARNES .. .. 5.
JOHN LLOYD .. .. .. 2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6.
ALBERT LITTLE.. .. .. 3.	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIFTY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, May 23, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

HARRY SIMMONDS .. ..*Treble.*	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. .. 5.
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 2.	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6.
ALBERT CULLUM .. .. 3.	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, of Lincoln, and Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

This peal was rung on the occasion of annual hospital parade, and also a birthday compliment to H. Simmonds, the steeplekeeper, the band wishing him many happy returns.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PRTER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART No. 4. Tenor 23 cwt.

FARRINGTON JONES .. ..*Treble.*	HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 5.
HENRY A. HALL .. .. 2.	AARON GRIFFITHS .. .. 6.
WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 7.
ROBERT PICKERING .. .. 4.	ISAAC PURSER .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rang to celebrate the Queen's birthday, also as a birthday compliment to the eldest sister of the brothers Hall. First peal in the method by all the band, and first by the Society, also the first in the County of Stafford.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

WILLIAM BARKER .. ..*Treble.*	FRANK SMITH .. .. .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY .. .. 2.	FRANK HULL .. .. .. 6.
ISAAC HILLS .. .. .. 3.	HARRY TYSOE .. .. .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 4.	CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE*Tenor.*

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

First peal on eight bells by ringer of treble, and first peal of Treble Bob by ringers of 4, 5, 6, 7. This is the first peal in the method by entirely a Bedford company.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 24, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN TUCKER .. .. ..*Treble.*	JOHNSON E. HERN .. .. 6.
JAMES POTTER .. .. .. 2.	ALFRED WATMORE .. .. 7.
FRANK TUBB .. .. .. 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 8.
HARRY TUCKER .. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. 9.
CHARLES GILES.. .. .. 5.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. SHAW and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First peal in the method ever rung in Reading. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all, and rung at the first attempt. This peal is a two-part composition taken from Snowdon's Treatise, and was first rung at Sheffield in 1834.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 26, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one and ½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. S. THORN	*Treble.*	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	2.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	6.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	3.	FREDERICK EDWARDS	7.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY	4.	FRANK A. SMITH	*Tenor.*

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, May 11th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins., being two 720s and 457 each called differently. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHECKENDON (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, May 9th, six members from Goring paid a visit to the parish church, and by permission of the Rev. C. J. Abbey, rung at intervals during the afternoon several 360s in several methods, and at 5 20 started for a 720 of Bob Minor which was successfully brought round. The bells are a nice ring of six and go very well. J. Bower, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Wedge, 3; J. Parsons, 4; J. Alexander, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice at St. Laurence's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Tubb, 1; J. E. Hern, 2, A. Osborne, 3; C. Giles, 4; W. Newell, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6. Rung on the back six. Tenor 24 cwt. On Sunday morning, May 16th, at St. Giles' church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. L Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. E. Reeves, jun., 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs (first touch of Stedman), 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8.

CHIPPING NORTON.—On May 17th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Bowen, 1; A. Newman, 2; W. Gibbs, 3; J. Hodgkins, 4; J. F. Barlow, 5; E. A. Jarvis, 6; A. Joyner, 7; E. W. Arkell, 8. Conducted by J. F. Barlow.

YATTENDON (Oxon).—On Monday, May 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. V. Rowe, 1; S. Chapman, 2; E. Holloway, 3; W. Lucas, 4; W. Bunce, 5; F. Richardson (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 25th, for Divine Service, 630 Oxford Bob Triples. F. Shuttle (Chigwell, Essex), 1; T. Harford, 2; G. Durling (conductor), 3; P. F. Harman, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Simpson, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service, 256 Kent Treble Bob Major. P. F. Harman, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. P. Richards. 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. P. Harman, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; T. Harford, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. T. Harford, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Durling, 3; J. Hack, 4; F. S. Bayley 5; P. F. Harman, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On Tuesday, May 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery (first 720 in the method), 3; T. P. Richards, 4; E. Dunn, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6; G. Durling, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; P. F. Harman, 7; W. James, 8. For evening service 672 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Fright, 4; P. F. Harman, 5; F. Saunders, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7: T. Harford, 8.

ROCHESTER (Kent). — On Sunday evening, May 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, 960 Treble Bob Major. W. Ashbee, 1; E. Rayner, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Kidd, 4; A. Osborne, 5; O. Sullivan, 6; W. Baker (conductor), 7; J. Tulett, 8. This is the longest touch in the method on the bells.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Saturday, May 15th, at St. Leonard's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. *C. Willmore, 1; P. Crunden, 2; *T. Richards, 3; S. Binfield (conductor), 4; H. Petts, 5; A. Manning, 6; S. Gower, 7; B. Baker, 8. Also a plain course with W. Fright (who rang at Her Majesty's Coronation), 1; the rest as above. *First 500.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, May 16th, for evening service at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. Smithers, 1; A. Welsh, 2; G. Head, 3; W. Pollard, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. Porter, 5; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8.

BOXLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, May 18th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. A. Arnold, 1; W. Holmwood, 2; W. Hope, 3; S. Jeffery, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6. This 720 contains thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday morning, May 2nd, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Lance, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; H. Martin, 5; W, Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. For evening service 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Parker, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; C. George, 4; William Norris, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8. On Sunday morning, May 9th, for Divine Service, 1036 Grandsire Triples. P. H. Read, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; W. Carpenter, 3; William Norris, 4; H. Martin, 5; Walter Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. For evening service 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; William Norris, 5; J. Alexander, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; P. H. Read, 8. On Wednesday, May 12th, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples. C. George, 1-2; H. Martin, 3-4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5-6; William Norris, 7-8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently 360 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. W. Stanley, 1; G. Howchin, 2; F. Brittain, 3; A. Warnes, 4; F. H. Knights (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, May 10th, at the church of St. Mary-at-Coslany, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. W. Stanley, 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. Armiger Trollope, 3; C. E. Borrett, 4; A. Warnes (conductor), 5; F. H. Knights, 6. First 360 of Oxford Treble Bob by H. W. Stanley.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, May 6th, at St. Margaret's church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Jessie Wallis to Dr. Sylvester, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Wilson (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; E. Wigg, 4; E. Bailey, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; C. Sansom, 7; T. G. Staulkey, 8. Also 960 in the same method. A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; E. Wigg, 4; E. Bailey, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; T. G. Staulkey, 7; J. Button, 8. And 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 40 mins. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; E. Wigg, 4; C. Samson, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; T. G. Staulkey, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat. This is the longest length of Double Norwich by all. The above-named ringers are all resident members of the local company.

WELLS (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 8th, for practice at the parish church, 1344 Bob Major. W. Flaxman, 1; J. Skinner, 2; W. C. Hendry, 3; W. Savory, 4; Jas. Skinner, 5; F. Stone, 6; T. W. Wright, 7; H. Ellis, 8. Conducted by Jas. Skinner. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the longest touch rung by the Wells company with the exception of the conductor.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday morning, May 9th, 600 Bob Minor. W Hensley, 1; J. Tite, 2; R. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; A. Mann, 5; J. Woods, 6. Also a 300. R. Haylett, 2; G. Haylett, 3; the rest as before. On Friday, May 7th, a 720 (thirty-two bobs and two singles). W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 2; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 14th, a 720. A. Newson, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. A. Newson hails from East Harling.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD.—On Monday, May 3rd, at the Cathedral, 377 Grandsire Caters. A. Taylor, 1; A. Bowler, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; W. Dempster, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; J. Key, 6; H. Meacham, 7; W. Fearneyhough, 8; F. J. Cope (conductor), 9; J. H. Gallimore, 10. On Monday, April 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Taylor, 1; A. Bowler, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; H. Meacham, 4; F. J. Cope (condnctor), 5; C. Barrett, 6; W. Fearneyhough, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Madeline Hilda Stevens, eldest daughter of the people's warden, with Mr. A. V. Cresser, of Stoke-on-Trent, On Sunday, May 16th, the first 500 of Holt's Original. G. Griffiths (longest touch), 1; H. Meacham, 2; T. Meredith, 3; F. Edwards, 4; J. Pratt (conductor), 5; J. C. Adams, 6; W. Fearneyhough, 7; F. J. Cope, 8.

Messrs. Griffiths and Meredith hail from Barton-under-Needwood; Adams and Edwards from Bloxwich; Pratt from Tamworth. St. Mary's bells are in a very bad condition, and it is hoped that they will be rehung during the year.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Sunday, April 11th, for morning service at St. Augustin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3: F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Clutterbuck (Llandaff), 6. First in the method and first attempt by J. Clutterbuck. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; A. Rowley, 3; D. Thomas (conductor), 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, for morning service, 720 Kent. J. Jones, 1; J. Vinnicombe, 2; D. Thomas, 3; T. Northey, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; J. Cox (first in the method as conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain bob, conducted by D. Thomas. F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; the rest as before. On Sunday, April 25th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. B. Biss (conductor), 3; T. Northey, 4; A. Rowley, 5; J. Clutterbuck (first in the method), 6. This is J. Vinnicombe's 350th 720. On Tuesday, April 27th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. B. Biss, 1; R. Balcombe, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett. 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. First with a bob bell by R. C. Balcombe. Also 240 New London Pleasure. R. C. Balcombe (first attempt), 1; the rest standing as before. On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; T. Northey, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6. First in the method and first attempt by R. C. Balcombe. On Sunday May 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; T. Northey, 6. On Tuesday, May 11th, for practice. 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). D. Thomas (conductor), 1; F. Bartlett, 2; R. C. Balcombe, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins (Barry), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). G. Watkins, 1; R. C. Balcombe, 2; F. Bartlett, 3; W. B. Biss (conductor), 4; D. Thomas, 5; T. Northey, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 4th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; *G. Watson, 3; *H. A. Harvey, 4; F. Lock, 5; J. Livermore, 6; C. J. Hyland, 7; *J. Sinden, 8. *First quarter-peal.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 16th, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Shipway's ten-part variation), but after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins., the conductor called "stand," owing to a change-course at the ninth part-end. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; F. Wickens, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Post, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—The following touches have been rung at St. Paul's church: A 720 Double Oxford. W. Charlton, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; J. Barber, 3; T. Teasdale, 4; J. Hern, 5; T. Gofton, 6. Two 720s Double Court Bob, two 720s Kent Treble Bob, three 720s Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, two 720s Bob Minor, two 720s College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, two 720s Double Court Bob, and a 720 Oxford, rung by W. Charlton, R. S. Story, T. Teasdale, J. Hern, H. Ross, W. Thompson, and T. Gofton. And 720 Double Oxford. A. Tully, 1; T. Teasdale, 2; J. Barber, 3; E. Keen, 4; J. Hern, 5; H. Ross, 6. Also two 720s of Kent Treble Bob.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Saturday, May 8th, at the Cathedral, meeting short for Stedman Caters, the following rang 700 Grandsire Triples. W. Payne, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8 Also 504 with E. G. Lampard, 1; W. Payne, 8; the rest as before. On Wednesday, May 12th, 420 Stedman Triples. W. Lebbon, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. Chooet, 3; R. Hasted, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 16th, at the church of St. Stephen's, Westminster, for divine service in the evening, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major. G. Langford, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; H. P. Ellis, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; S E. Andrews, 6; F. Buck, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8.

SPITALFIELDS (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, May 19th, for practice, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Hall, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Truss, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Taffender, 5; J. Bradley, 6; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 7; J. Bonney, 8; tenor 33 cwt. Also three courses of Grandsire Triples. ——'1; W. Webb, 2; J. Combe, 3; W. Truss, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; J. Waghorn, 6; E. Hall, 7; J. Bradley, 8.

WHITECHAPEL.—On Thursday, April 15th, at the Bell Foundry, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. Composed by J. Bradley, of West Ham. W. Cooter, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; A. Hughes, 7-8. On Saturday, the 17th, at St. Mary Matfelon, 1105 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Hughes, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 4; E. Wallage, 5; J. Scoles, 6; E. Clayton, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. And on Tuesday, April 27th, on handbells, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins., taken from Holt's Original. W. Cooter, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; A. Hughes, 7-8; tenor 16 size in B flat. And on Saturday, May 1st, at St. Mary's, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 34 mins. A. Hughes, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; F. C. Newman, 3; W. Truss, 4; E. Wallage, 5; W. H. Passmore, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; E. Clayton, 8; tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALDGATE.—On Friday, May 7th, at the church of St. Botolph, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major), were rung to commemorate the 47th birthday of Mr. J. H. Monday, of Bethnal Green, by Messrs. Bernardin, Hughes, Bonney, Newman, Passmore, Williamson, Truss, Wallage, Clayton, Hall, Barkus (conductor), and Kennedy. After which the bells were fired and an adjournment made to the meeting house, where a few songs were indulged in; a pleasant evening coming to a close shortly before 12 o'clock. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 11th, at St. Dunstan's church 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Pedrick, 1; F. Northfield, 2; C. E. Spence, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; W. Canning, 5; C. G. Gommo (conductor), 6.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, May 13th, at The Globe tavern, Granville Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters in 43 mins. W. Bryant, 1-2; W. A. Hancox, 3-4; R. J. Hunt, 5-6: C. H. Watts, 7-8; W. Short, 9-10. Witness—T. Wakeman.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Monday, May 3rd, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, 1008 Darlaston Bob Triples in 35 mins. A. Walker, 1; T. Hyland, 2; T. Collinson, 3; J. Jennings, 4; J. Jones, 5; J. T. Perry (composer and conductor), 6; *A. Flowers, 7; H. Grosvenor, 8. *First touch with a bob bell. This touch contains the twenty-four 6-7s, and was rung as a birthday compliment to A. Walker, who attained his twenty-first birthday on the above date, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 9th, several ringers from Gloucester visited this place and rang for evening service several touches in the following methods: Five courses of Bob Royal. After service three courses of Stedman Triples, 478 Grandsire Caters and 280 Grandsire Triples. F. G. May, J. Austin, W. T. Bennett, W. T. Pegler, A. E. Pegler, E. E. Davis, H. Mitchell, R. Barrett, G. Miles W. Hale, H. Scriven, H. Doughty and some of the local members taking part. Conducted by F. G. May and J. Austin.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, 360 of Grandsire Minor and a touch of Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 360 Oxford Bob and 108 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, May 5th, 180 of Oxford Bob. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady. 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 7th, a 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith. 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. A. Wright (first 120 in the method), 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; A. Smith, 6. Also on handbells a plain course of Grandsire Triples. W. Lawrence, 1-2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Carter, 4; A. Phillips, 5; A. Smith, 6; J. Heady, 7-8. On Sunday, May 9th, for morning service, a 260 of Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Monday,

May 10th, for practice, short touches of Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob Minor and 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Baker taking part in each, who paid a visit on that day to Little Munden. And a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillip, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 126 Stedman Doubles, W. Lawrence (conductor), 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillip, 4; A. Smith, 5; H. Carter, 6. On Sunday, May 16th, for morning service, touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Phillip, 3; W. Laurence (conductor), 4; A. Smith, 5; A. Wright, 6. For evening service 2 course of Stedman and 108 of Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawisnce, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 4th, 720 Violet. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; H. Moston, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. Booth (350th 720), 6. On Tuesday, April 6th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Horsfall, 1; J. E. Ashcroft, 2; C. R. Greenall, 3; H. Moston (300th 720), 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 11th, 720 each of London Scholars Pleasure and City Delight. J. Mainwaring, 1; R. G. Lewis, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, April 18th, 720 Killamarsh. J. Mainwaring 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; F. Spence, 4; R. G. Lewis (conductor), 5; J. W, Booth, 6. On Wednesday, April 21st, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Robson Chorley to Miss Margaret Owen, 720 each of College Exercise and College Pleasure. R. G. Lewis, 1; T. Burrows, 2; S. Horsfall, 3; F. Spence (conductor), 4; C. R. Greenall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise, being the first in the method by all the band. J. Mainwaring, 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. Spence (conductor), 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. F. Spence (conductor), 1; C. R. Greenall, 2; R. G. Lewis, 3; T. Burrows, 4; S. Horsfall, 5; J. W. Booth, 6. On Sunday, April 25th, 720 each of New London Pleasure and Braintree. J. Mainwaring, 1; H. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; R. G. Lewis, 5; F. Spence (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, May 12th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Prestidge, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Talbot, 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Round, 6. Also 720 Duke of York, in 28 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. W. Smith, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Talbot, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6. The above were both rung silent with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Eliza Danks, who had had the cleaning of the church for over forty years.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Monday, May 17th, at St. James's church, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; W. Hollier, 2; C. R. Hampton, 3; T. Raddon, 4; W. H. Johnson, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also another 360. W. King, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; T. Raddon, 3; C. H. Hampton, 4; W. Hollier, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. W. King, 1; W. Hollier, 2; —. Hadley, 3; T. Raddon, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; S. Hillier, 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. And 336 in the same method· A. Draper, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; W. King, 3; W. Hollier, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier, 6; W. McCaffrey, 7; R. Phillips, 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.—On Monday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *A. Draper, 1; *W. Hollier, 2; *T. Raddon, 3; W. McCaffrey, 4; *C. H. Hampton, 5; *S. Hillier, 6; F. Price (conductor, Bristol), 7; *R. Phillips, 8. And 336 in the same method. A. Draper, 1; W. Hollier, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; F. Price, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier, 6; T. Raddon, 7; R. Phillips, 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

PRESTON (Suffolk).—Gn Saturday, May 15th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). T. Levett, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; C. Levett, 4; W. Hollocks, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. And 720 New London Pleasure (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; F. G, Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; R. Grimwood, 4; T. Levett, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor) 6. Messrs. Symonds (2) hail from Lavenham; T. Levett and R. Grimwood from Hitcham; Hollocks (2). and C. Lovett from Preston.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 16th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; H. C. Sewell, 2; A. Papworth, 3; R. Grimwood, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. For afternoon service a 720 Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. C. Sewell, 1; R. Grimwood, 2; G. Rice (first 720 in the method), 3; A. Symonds, 4; G. Smith, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6.

GLEMSFORD (SUFFOLK). — On Sunday, May 16th, at the parish church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). H. C. Sewell. 1; R, Gowers, 2; A. Symonds, 3; A. Papworth, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Grimwood (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. For evening service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; H. C. Sewell, 2; R. Grimwood, 3; G. Rice, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. Messrs. Brett, Gowers and Papworth hail from Stanstead; Rice from Cavendish; Symonds from Lavenham; Sewell and Grimwood from Hitcham.

BARNET (Herts.).—On March 22nd, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Dolton, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; I. Attwater, 5; F. A. Milne, Esq., 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. Also 210 in the same method. W. F. Dolton, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; F. A. Milne (conductor), 3; I. Attwater, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. On May 3rd, for practice, 336 Bob Major. A. Miller, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; F. A. Milne, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; J. Kentish, jun., 6; H. W. Newby, 7; A. H. Belton (conductor), 8. On May 9th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor, 6 8 covering. W. F. Dolton, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; F. A. Milne, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. Stevens, 5; E. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton (conductor), 7; A. T. King, 8. On May 10th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. F. Dolton, 1; A. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; I. Attwood, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. Also 180 Bob Major, 6 8 covering. A. W. J. Bowers, 1; I. Attwater, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; F. A. Milne, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; W. F. Dolton, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; A. T. King, 8. On May 16th, for evening service, 506 Grandsire Triples. F. A. Milne, 1; A. D. Chidwick, 2; I. Attwater, 3; J. Sumpter (conductor), 4; W.H. Pasmore, 5; G. E. Symonds, 6; A. H. Belton, 7; E. H. Symonds, 8.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, May 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 360 Grandsire Doubles on the front five. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; N. Alderman, 3; E. Marks, 4; R. Sear, 5; W. Cramwell, 6; J. Atkins, 7; A. G. Crane, 8. And a 120, conducted by N. Alderman.

HATHEROP (Gloucestershire).— On Sunday, May 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; T. Smith, 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchener, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6.

LONG CRENDON (Bucks). — On Friday, May 7th, at the parish church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. A. Warner, 1; E. Cadle, 2; G. Mortimore, 3; G. Cadle, 4; D. Warner, 5; C. Brice (conductor), 6; G. Webb, 7; A. Mortimer, 8. On Saturday, May 8th, 1772 Grandsire Triples, with the same band except H. R. Newton, conductor, on the 5th. Also a 504 with J. Warner on the treble, conducted by C. Brice. On Sunday, May 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing half the peal. A. Warner, 1; E. Cadle, 2; G. Mortimore, 3; G. Cadle, 4; H. R. Newton (conductor), 5; C. Brice, 6; G. Webb, 7; A. Mortimer, 8.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, April 25th for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Tarlton, 1; W. Butler, 2; J. Butler, 3; T. Clough, 5; W. Hopkinson, 5; J. Tarlton (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 16th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (twelve bobs and fourteen singles). T. Day, 1; F. Knowles, 3; the rest as before. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in F.

SNAITH (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, April 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). R. Pocklington, 1; G. Holmes, 2; E. Pick, 3; J. Norton, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. Bullock (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 9th, in memory of the late Dr. Perkins, muffled touches were rung both morning and evening. In the morning 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles). And in the evening 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). The ringers were Messrs. Pocklington, Holmes (2), Pick, Norton, and Bullock.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 168 Stedman Triples. *A. J. Burchell (conductor), 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole, 6; F. Howell, 7; W. Jefferies, 8. On Monday, May 17th, for practice, 252 Stedman Triples. A. Burchell, 1; S. Phipps, 2; W. Symes, 3; W. Gale, 4; S. Cullimore, 5; J. Poole, 6; F. K. Howell (conductor), 7; W. Jefferies, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Gale and Jefferies. *First touch as conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, May 9th, at St. Mary's church, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. A. Nunn, 1; F· Rumens, 2; W. Pye, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Scarlett, 8; A. G. Freeman, 9; F. G. Newman (conductor), 10.

Notices.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Woodlesford (six bells) instead of Tong, on Saturday, May 29th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, The White Hart hotel. This alteration is by desire of the Tong society, owing to the practices of the various competing bands in the Heavy Woollen District Association (six bell challenge cup competition), to be held there on Whit-Monday, June 7th R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Orwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck, Leeds.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, 3rd June, 1897. The bells of S. Nicholas (10) and of Gorleston (6) will be open for the use of members during the day. Lunch will be served at 1 o'clock at Mr. Foulsham's hotel and restaurant in the Market place, at 2s. 3d. for hon. members and friends, and 1s. 3d. for company members. There will be a short service for members and their friends in S. Nicholas' Church at 5 p.m. Take excursion tickets for travelling by rail, if possible.
H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Horsley, on Saturday, June 5th. Tea at 5.30 (free to members); meeting afterwards.
T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Having had no reply from Healy the next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, instead of Healy, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers invited.
E. B. SHAW, *Branch Sec.*
14, *Thomas Street, Leesfield.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild. — Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Tarporley, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend if possible.
58, *Rigg Street, Crewe.* R. LANGFORD, *Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley, on Saturday next, June 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Moreton, Kingsley.
REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon.*
W. TWIGG, } *Secs.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Northampton, on Whit-Monday. By special permission the bells of the churches of All Saints (eight), St. Giles (ten), St. Peter (eight), and St. Edmund (eight), will be at liberty for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Divine service at St. Giles' church, with sermon by the Rev. E. C. Channer, M.A., vicar of Ravensthorpe, at 1 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 2 p.m. This hotel will be the Association Head Quarters for the day.
Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The South and West Middlesex Guild.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Ealing. The bells of St. Mary's and Christ Church being open for ringing at 10 a.m. Divine service at St. Mary's (parish church) at 12.30, preacher, Rev. W. E. Oliver, LL.D., Vicar of Ealing Luncheon at 1.30, at 1s. 6d. each; followed by the meeting, when it is much wished that all members will make an effort to attend, very important business having to be got through. Tea will be provided about six o'clock. Members and friends who intend to be present are earnestly requested to let me know at their earliest that proper arrangements can be made as to numbers, etc.
2, *Oakland Road, Hanwell, W.* J. BASDEN.

The Middlesex Association.—An important meeting of this association will take place at Ealing, on Whit-Monday, in conjunction with the South and West Middlesex Guild, the proposed arrangements for which will be seen by a reference to the notice relating to that guild. The Hon. Secretary requests that all members who can conveniently do so, will be in early attendance, and that those who wish to partake of luncheon will kindly communicate with him at once, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.
ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

The Kent County Association. — The Annual meeting will be held on Whitsun-Monday, June 7th, at Canterbury. Service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. The address will be given by the Dean of Canterbury. Committee meeting at 12; dinner at Gaywood's restaurant, High Street, at 1.30 p.m.; business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open during the day:—Cathedral (ten bells), St. Stephen's (eight), St. Dunstan's (six), St. Alphege (six), and Holy Cross (five). Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. Tickets of admission to the cathedral belfry will be sent with the dinner tickets.
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Essex Association—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Divine service will take place in St. Mary's Church at 11.30 a.m. An address will be given by the Rev. Thos. C. Webster, rector of Rettendon. The business meeting will commence at the Central School at 12.30 p.m. Agenda: The officers of the association to be re-elected; election of new members; the presentation of the annual report and any business that may arise therefrom. Dinner will be served in the Boys' School at 1.30 p.m.; the price to members will be 1s.; tickets may be obtained of the Assistant Secretary, at the business meeting. The towers of the following places will be open for ringing: St. Mary's, Chelmsford (ten bells), Writtle (eight), Widford (eight), Boreham (six), Springfield (six), Broomfield (six). A brake will leave the Town Hall at 3 p.m. for Writtle and Broomfield; members intending to be present must communicate their intention not later than Tuesday, June 1st, to me,
HENRY T W, EYRE, *Ass. Sec.*,
Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Darlington, on Whit-Monday, June 7th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (except between the hours of 11 and 3), St. John's and Holy Trinity churches, also of Hurworth church, three-and-a-half miles distant, will be open for the use of members during the day. Dinner will be served at The King's Head hotel at 2.30 prompt. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The committee will meet at the hotel half an hour before dinner. Those intending to dine must notify the same not later than June 4th to THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314, *High Street West, Sunderland.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The annual six-bell contest will be held at Tong on Whit-Monday, when the Association's cup and other prizes will be awarded for the best 720 of Violet. Draw at 10 a.m., start at 10.30. Mixed companies allowed to compete if members.
GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
19, *Albert Street, Batley Carr.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The annual contest will take place at Wingfield, on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, for the Association silver cup. Draw to take place at 12 o'clock, contest to commence at 12.30. Peal of six, tenor 19 cwt. Clay Cross station Midland Railway, tower five minutes walk from station. Local secretary, Mr. T. Allibone.
E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*
26, *Park View, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly Meeting, Newnham-on-Severn, Saturday, June 12th, 1897. Divine service at the parish church, with address by the vicar, 5.30 p.m.; meat tea, 6 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head; business meeting after tea. Sixpence will be allowed to each member who sends a 1s. postal order on or before Wednesday, 9th, to REV. C. H. JOBERNS.
St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Preliminary Notice. — The annual festival and meeting will be held at Romsey, on Monday, July 19th. Subscriptions for 1897 should be sent in as soon as possible. Members or bands wishing to visit any particular tower must inform the Hon. Sec. before June 28th.
CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
Hursley, Winchester.

The St. James's Society.—The head-quarters of this society have been transferred to The Shakespeare, Wych Street, Strand, W.C.
R. A. DANIELL, *Sec.*
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NOTES TO PEALS.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT NEWARK.—This peal was rung as an opening peal on the bells, which have recently been re-hung by Messrs. Taylor. The ringers greatly admired the splendid "go" of the bells, and were surprised at the hearty reception accorded them on their descent of the tower by the admiring crowd which had collected to congratulate them on their performance; this being the first ten-bell peal rung in Newark.

THE PEAL AT SHIFNAL. — This peal was rung by the special request of Mr. J. Bradney, captain of the local ringers, and is the first peal rang on these famous bells since 1845. The latter end of the last century and the commencement of the present one Shifnal was noted for its ringers. It was here, although not generally known, that the first peal of Stedman Triples was rang out of London. Other famous peals were rang and are recorded in the belfry. A new company of ringers has been formed at Shifnal, and intends if possible to master the the art of change-ringing. The service of Mr. J. E. Groves has been engaged as instructor. After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. Bradney.

THE PEAL AT THRAPSTON.—This was the first peal on the bells, which are a new peal cast by Taylor, of Loughborough. The tone and go of them is all that can be desired. The Rev. H. Law James hails from Stamford; the Messrs. Martin from Higham Ferrers; the rest from Irthlingborough. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. S. Kingsford for the use of the bells.

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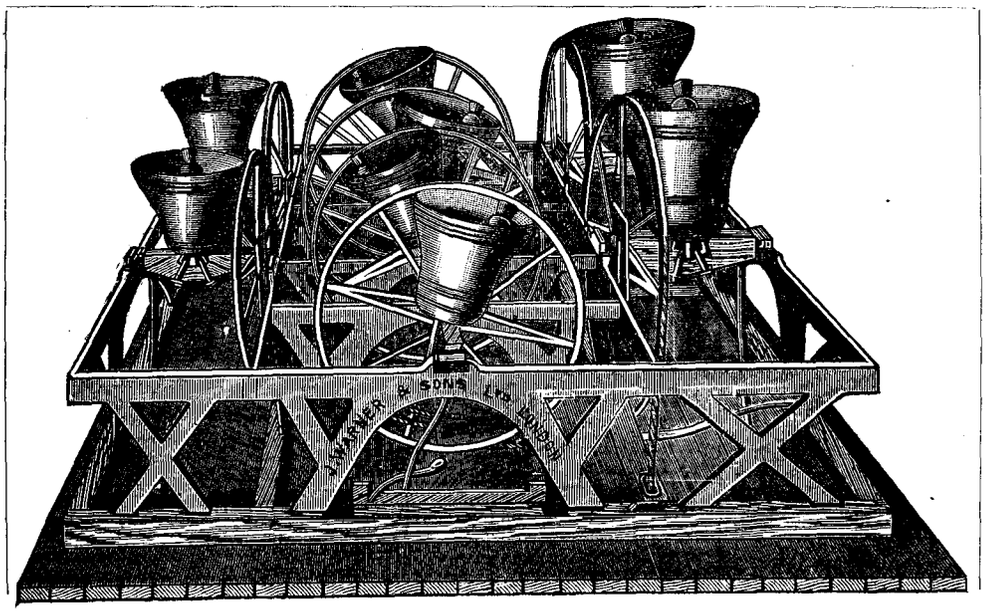

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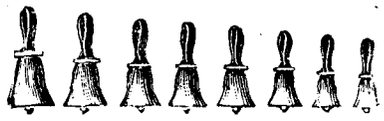

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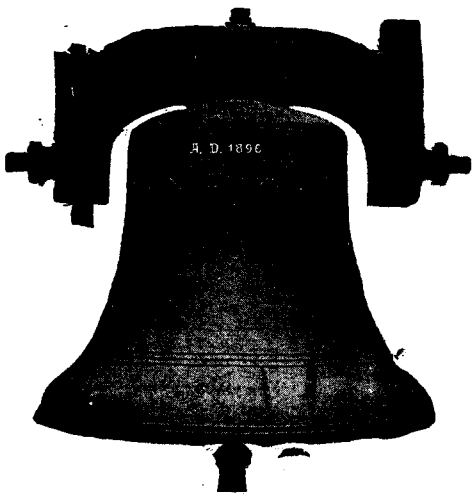

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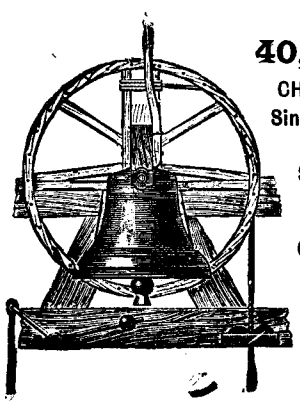

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