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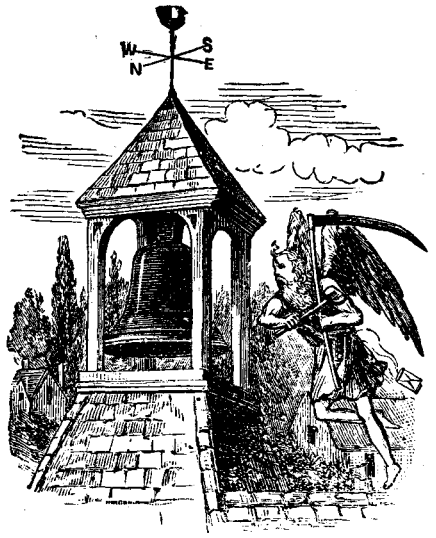


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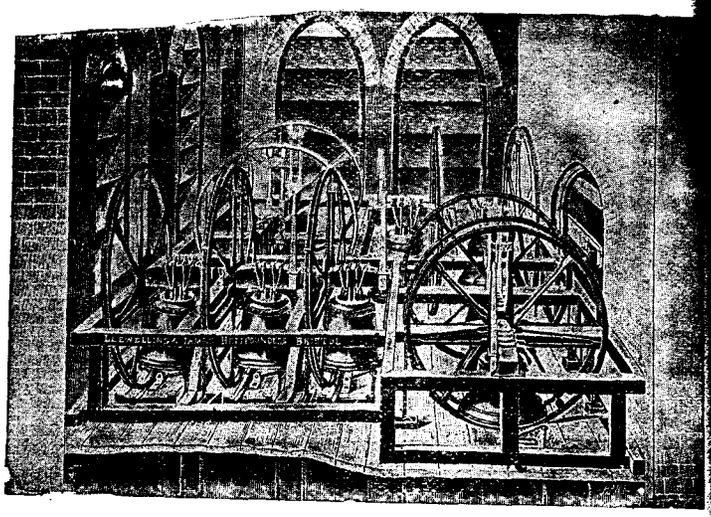

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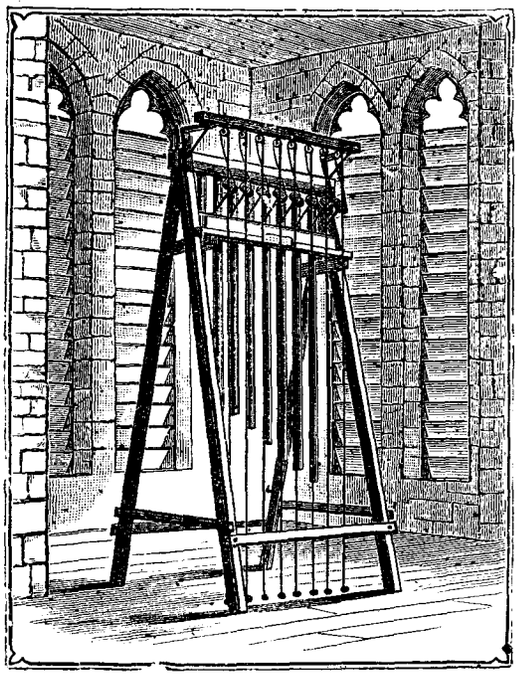

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## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Ipswich, on Thursday, 23rd September. About 80 members attended, the following Towers being the principal ones represented: Aylsham, Banham, Burgh, Clopton, Diss, Eye, Framlingham, S. Mary-le-Tower Ipswich, Leiston, Pulham, Otley, Wetheringsett, Wickham Skeeth, and Woodbridge. The special service was held at 12.45 at S. Mary-le-Tower, but we are sorry to say was very poorly attended by the ringers who came to the meeting. An excellent practical address was given by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of East Marden, Chichester, from 2 Cor. iv. 1. "Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not." Upon the conclusion of the service, an adjournment was made to the Co-operative Hall, Carr Street, where an excellent lunch was provided by the Society's Ipswich caterer, W. H. Cook. The President of the Association, the Rev. Dr. Raven, occupied the chair, among those present being the Revs. J. Holme Pilkington, C. A. Sinclair, W. Morley Smith, C. D. P. Davies, H. L. Bulwer (Hon. Secretary); F. W. J. Rees, Esq. Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, Messrs. Day, Borrett, Motts, and Moy, District Secretaries, Messrs. George Day, J. Fosdike, W. Taylor, W. L. Catchpole, etc. The President gave the usual toasts. "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by Mr. Rees, with special acknowledgments to the preacher, and the clergy of the Tower and other churches for the use of their bells. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies replied, expressing the pleasure he had derived from his first visit to East Anglia, and the short tour he had been able to make in Norfolk and Suffolk in order to see some of the well known towers and hear some of the famous rings of bells for which those counties were renowned. The Rev. C. A. Sinclair proposed the toast of "The Association." coupled with the name of the Hon. Secretary, who in in his reply alluded in terms of some severity to the thinness of the attendance at the special service, which he considered not only most uncomplimentary to the preacher who had come so far to address them, but most discreditable to the ringers who had absented themselves from the service. He wished to draw attention to the question of the Peal-Book, which was also mentioned in the report about to be read, and requested the members to come to a decision upon the point of continuing, or not, the expensive practice of illuminating entries, before separating. The Report was then read. It dealt, as usual, with the position of the Society as regards members, finances, and performances; and the restorations effected in the year, or in progress or contemplation. The appointment of a committee by the Central Council to collect information as to the condition of rings of eight, ten and twelve bells throughout the country was also referred to at some length; and the progress made in things campanological generally during the last twenty years was briefly described. The President and Secretary having formally resigned office were unanimously re-elected. A discussion upon the Peal-Book question ensued with the result that it was decided upon the motion of Mr. F. R. Borrett, seconded by Mr. Ernest Poppy, that the entries in the Peal-Book should be made with pen and ink only. Mr. W. L. Catchpole moved, and Mr. Edgar Pemberton seconded, that the note attached to the peal record No. 706 in the Report for 1896 be omitted from the record in the Peal-Book. (This record is that of the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, rung by the Ipswich Company on 28th November, 1896, and which was claimed by them as the first ever performed in the method; whereas, the note pointed out the extreme probability that the peal of "Norwich Court Bob Maximus" rung at S. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on 20th January, 1817, was really one of *Double* Norwich Court). Mr. Catchpole was understood to argue that since Shipway's work of deducing the single from the double method must have been known to the Norwich ringers some three or four years before they rang their peal, it was incorrect to say that Double Norwich Court was not then known by that name, and it was more likely than not that the Norwich peal was rung in the single method, and not in the double, seeing that it was called on the tablets recording it, simply "Norwich Court Bob Maximas," which was the title of the single form of the method in Shipway's book, and that in any case, the note should not have been appended to the record in the report without the approval of the Committee. The Hon. Secretary said he should offer no objection to the motion, although he had felt it to be his duty to insert the note in the Report, because all the evidence procurable on the subject was strongly in favour of the Norwich peal having been rung in the double method. For although Shipway, as was well known, had provided this and all other methods with single, reverse, and double variations, where wanting, before the date of the Norwich peal, considering the difficulties of communication between London and the provinces at that time, there was no certainty that the Norwich ringers had become acquainted with his work; that the double method was the original one; was extensively practised on eight and ten bells by the Norwich men early in the century, and they being among the finest in the country at that time, would hardly have preferred a novel and inferior method to one to which they had long been accustomed. He could not accept a statement from any Company which he did not believe to be true. The motion was then put from the chair, and agreed to. The election of new members was then proceeded with. These comprised four non-resident life members, one honorary resident member, ten company or performing members. and eight probationers. At St. Mary-le-Tower there was plenty of ringing during the day on eight, ten, and twelve, but during the morning it was not of a very grand description. Courses of Superlative and Double Norwich Major were rung during the afternoon. St. Margaret's six and St. Lawrence's five were also well patronised, as well as St. Clement's and other towers which had been kindly placed at the disposal of members by the several incumbents.

## HIGHAM FERRERS (NORTHAMPTONSHIRE).

Death of Mr. Thomas Parker.—We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Parker, which occurred at Higham Ferrers on Sept. 20th, after a short illness. The deceased gentleman, who was 77 years of age, had been able to to perform his duties as Parish Clerk and Sexton up till within five days of his death. He had held these offices at St. Mary's Church for a quarter of a century in succession to his father, Mr. Samuel Parker, who had held them for fifty years. Deceased had also been a bell-ringer at St. Mary's for 55 years, and was the town postman until a few years ago, having performed the duties for 25 years. Mr. Parker, who was widely known and much respected, leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

## CLARE, SUFFOLK.

A statement of the results of the Bazaar held in the Priory grounds, in aid of the Church Tower and Bell Restoration Fund, shows the receipts to be £127 15s. 1½d., which after deducting the expenses leaves a favourable balance of £106 14s. 1d. to add to the fund, which now stands at about £750. Estimates for the Bell restoration have been received from five of the most experienced firms of the day, but the work will probably not be put in hand till the spring of next year. In the meantime a company of young men will be formed for hand-bell practice during the winter months. D.G.

## A SHORT TOUR IN HANTS.

On Saturday, September 18th, several members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild met at Fareham for a short but busy ringing tour, as has been the case in previous years. The band included Messrs. Williams and Hart (Brighton), Gifford and Blackbourn (Salisbury), Hopgood and Giles (Reading), White (Basingstoke), Shade (Greenwich), with Messrs. Whiting and Fareham of the local band. On arrival at Fareham station soon after 4 p.m. we received the usual welcome from Mr. Whiting to tea, which Mrs. Whiting had all in readiness. Superlative Surprise at St. Peter's was the first item on the programme, and at 9.30 p.m. a good peal in that method had been accomplished, Messrs. Whiting and Grafham kindly standing out to allow all the visitors to ring. An hour was spent together afterwards, when four of the band started for an eight-mile drive to Soberton. On the journey a 518 Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Mrs. G. Williams, K. Hart, W. W. Gifford and G. Williams.

Sunday morning at 9 a.m. the remainder of the band left Fareham by way of Shedfield, where Kent Treble Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung for morning service. At St. Peter's, Soberton, for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples and a course of Superlative were rung.

Monday at Soberton "attempt three peals as usual," was the order. This necessitated some members of the band getting up early to see to ropes, etc. "Go" was called for Double Norwich at 9.20, and in 3 hrs. 1 and ½ mins. peal number one was successfully accomplished. The Rev. F. E. Robinson had arrived in time to hear the finish of the peal, and with Mr. G. Chappell, of Wickham, our band now numbered twelve. In the afternoon Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples was tapped off in 2 hrs. and 50 mins. Whilst this was in progress the four standing out attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, but it came to grief just before half-way, after 1 hr. 5 mins. good ringing. After tea a capital peal of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round in 3 hrs., this satisfying for a time the ambition of several members of the party, as three peals in one day here has been a standing order on this outing. Whilst this latter peal was in progress Messrs. Gifford, Hopgood and Giles, with Mrs. G. Williams, rang three well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples at the residence of Mr. R. Williams of Brockbridge.

Tuesday morning a splendid drive of eight miles to Privett, where the first peal of Double Norwich on this fine ring of eight was tapped off in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Another drive of four miles to Eastmeon, where dinner was all in readiness at The George inn, after which the first peal of Superlative on the bells of All Saints was brought round. Another drive of five miles to Petersfield before tea, where practice of Cambridge Surprise was arranged, a plain course being brought round (first attempt by four of the band). After an unsuccessful attempt for a touch, it was decided not to attempt a peal of Cambridge on the following day (Wednesday) as was anticipated. A couple of hours was spent with several of the local ringers before retiring for the night.

Wednesday morning owing to a service at 10.30, we were off for Kent Treble Bob soon after 7 a.m. but after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., a change-course occurred, "stand" being called the next lead. The next and last peal on the programme was to be attempted at Havant, where we arrived for dinner, and a peal of Kent Treble was brought round at 5 p.m, this making seven peals in the tower out of eight attempts, and which were recorded in last week's "BELL NEWS."

The band were then entertained to a capital spread by Mr. and Mrs. Staples at their residence, and a very pleasant evening was spent with touches on the handbells by Messrs. Williams, Hart, Hopgood, Giles, Shirley, Staples and Mrs. G. Williams. The band one and all wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," the various vicars and rectors for the use of their bells; to Messrs. Ayling (Privett), Attwood (Eastmeon), Butler and Bettesworth (Petersfield), for having everything in readiness; to Mr. and Mrs. Whiting (Fareham), and Mr. and Mrs. Staples (Havant), for their hospitality. The weather throughout was delightful, making the long drive on Tuesday very enjoyable. W.

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BRISTOL.

On Sunday last, the harvest thanksgiving services were held in this church. In the morning the Rev. Theodore C. Chapman, vicar of Christ Church, Clifton, preached before a large and appreciative congregation. In the evening the service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. P. A. Phelps, when the church was well filled, every available seat being taken. Anthems were beautifully rendered morning and evening. In the former service, "O God, who is like unto Thee," by Myles B. Foster, was selected; in the latter, "He giveth food" (by C. Simpes). Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower read the lessons on each occasion. The church was most most tastefully decorated. Many friends sent contributions of fruit, vegetables, and flowers, and the general effect was exceedingly good. After the morning service there was a short but interesting ceremony held in the belfry on the occasion of the unveiling of a beautifully-executed description of the bells of the church, which have been recently renovated. This is enclosed in a frame made out of the old oak which once supported the bells, and presented by Mr. Saunders of All Saints' street. Appended to the old text was a recognition of the fact that the bells were entirely rehung and newly framed by T. Blackbourn, Salisbury, December, 1895. In a short speech the Rector thanked Mr. Saunders for his valuable gift, which he felt sure would be carefully preserved and read with interest for many future generations. He was supported by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, who felt that they might all feel justly proud of their belfry, which would probably compare favourably with any in the neighbourhood. Mr. R. Tayler (senior churchwarden this year) also joined in thanking Mr. Saunders, after a few cordial words from Mr. G. Stadon. The collections were in aid of the Sunday school. It might be mentioned that after the service in the evening the interesting crypt, recently restored, was illuminated, and the greater portion of the congregation took the opportunity of inspecting it.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—A well-attended meeting of the above branch was held at Prestbury, September 18th, twenty-five members putting in an appearance from the different towers in the branch. The tower bells were set in motion early in the afternoon, several touches being rung. At 5.30 an adjournment was made to The Black Boy inn, where an excellent knife and fork tea was awaiting. After grace had been sung all fell to, and the way the plates were emptied showed that ringing was a good stimulant for the appetite. After tea the meeting was held in the same room, when a vote of thanks was passed, thanking the Prestbury ringers for their kind welcome, and the Vicar (Rev. R. E. Broughton) for the use of the bells. Several more touches were rung on the bells while the room was being cleared. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

"THE HOUSE" (Horace Cox, Sixpence monthly), a Magazine of Domestic Art, in its October issue covers an exceptionally wide field. Leading off with a lengthy illustrated review of "The Arts and Crafts" Exhibition at Lancaster, with an admirable full-page portrait of the Countess of Bective, the President of the Council, it touches upon almost every phase of applied art. Lovers of needlework are appealed to in a chapter on Ecclesiastical Embroidery; the amateur worker will find much to interest and instruct in "Hints on Decorative Wood-staining" and the production of "A carved Jewel Casket"; for collectors there are articles on "Chinese Porcelain," "A Piece of Pepys' Silver," "Heppelwhite Furniture," and "Bookbindings"; the theatre-goer will appreciate "A Scene from 'Rosemary,'" and by those to whom James Russell Lowell has become a "fireside friend," a plate illustrating an incident in "An Interview with Miles Standish" will be highly treasured. "Trafalgar Day" is not forgotten, for in "Some Furniture associated with Lord Nelson" appears the great Admiral's portrait; his picturesque birthplace: the "Nelson" Room at the Star Inn, Yarmouth, and his table from the "Victory." The lady of the house will find her anxieties lightened by the recipes and menus fully set forth in "The Cook's Instructions," as also by the "Scheme for Table Decoration for the Month," and even Serviette Folding is not forgotten. The ventilation and warming of the home are exhaustively dealt with; door and window draping for the winter is illustrated and explained; the overcoming of "Household Difficulties" is made easy; "Chess Problems" are set and solved.

## AMONG THE CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Kindly permit me to return my hearty thanks to the Rev. F. J. Helmore, Mr. F. K. Howell and Mr. Dan Gridley for their answers to my enquiry *re* the existence of peals of bells in Jersey and Guernsey. I regret inserting my query so late, as I found their replies only after my brief sojourn in the Islands had come to an end.

Leaving London (Waterloo Station) at 10-10 p.m. on Saturday, the 11th inst., accompanied by two friends (who unfortunately for me are not imbued with the ringing fever) we reached Jersey shortly before 9 o'clock on the Sunday morning, and before one had begun to discuss breakfast, the sound of a bell and martial music drew us hurriedly into the street, to find the former was calling to early service a detachment of soldiers marching to the parish church of St. Helier's. From the tower of this church emanated the only bell music I heard, four services being held, two in English and two in the French language. During our brief stay we had several drives to various parts of the Island, and amongst the churches we passed *en route* were St. Saviour's, A.D. 1154, Trinity church A.D. 1163, St. Peter's, 1167 (this we found open, so had a look in), St. Owen's, 1130, St. Lawrence, 1199, St. John's, 1204, St. Matthew's, St. Saviour's 1154, and St. Mary's, 1320.

On Wednesday afternoon, finding the parish church of St. Helier's open we had a look round, and in conversation with the verger upon the subject of bells, he gave his opinion that a peal of four was to be found at St. Mark's. On Thursday morning we returned to Guernsey, and in the afternoon had a peep into the parish church of St. Peter Port, which had rather a gloomy appearance within. Amongst other churches passed on the way whilst driving—the exteriors only of which we had to be content with viewing—I noted the churches of St. James, St. Martin's, A.D. 1119, and St. Andrew's, A.D. 1284, Vale Church A.D. 1117, and St. Sampson's, A.D. 1111, would also be passed, but I have no recollection of noticing them. Several of these churches in both Islands have been portrayed in your contemporary, *Church Bells*, but in the description accompanying them I find no mention made of the bells, hence my query. A noticeable feature on the landscape of the Island of Guernsey, more particularly is the immense number of glass houses erected for the growth of flowers, grapes, tomatoes, etc., the products of which help to supply the English markets. T. M.

## BENNINGTON.-EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18th, the members of the Frieston company journeyed to this place to erect a peal-board recording the first peal of Minor on the bells, and also by the company, After a few kindly words from the Rev. Canon Disbrow, who gave us a cordial welcome, a 720 Bob Minor was rung by E. Rollinson, E. Mason. H. Staffurth, E. Clayton, A. Barber (conductor), and J. Sharp. E. Rollinson hails from Butterwick; Mason from Boston; the rest from Frieston. The bells were then lowered, and the company went to Butterwick to erect a board there recording the 6000 changes in twenty-five different methods, rang on March 19th, on the five bells in the parish church. This was rung by the Frieston company, with J. Phillips, of Butterwick, at the treble.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHWICH BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Davenham on Saturday, September 18th .There was rather a poor attendance at this meeting, which was held in the belfry. A discussion took place as to fixing the dates of the meetings. It was resolved to leave the matter over until the annual meeting. The next meeting will be held at Great Budworth. Several touches were rung during the afternoon.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, September 19th, at Christ Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Novis, 1; C. Weller, 2; F. A. Kennett, 3; H. Harvey, 4; C. Hill, 5; G. Watson (conductor), 6; J. Taylor, 7; H. Denman, 8. And in the evening for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples, T. Willard, 1; C. Hill, 2; S. Watson, 3; H. Harvey, 4; G. Watson (conductor), 5; F. A. Kennett, 6; J. Taylor, 7; H. Denman, 8.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Yorkshire Association puts one in mind of a very steady-going old file, who though he only appears to be pursuing the even tenour of his way, lets nothing go beside him, not even an "unconsidered trifle." The Yorkshiremen seem to be doing very little, comparatively speaking, all the year round, but when they have one of their well-managed meetings, they show up with *eclat*, and we read the account of it with amazement almost. The Association can to a certain extent, rest on its oars, but it don't really. Never a meeting is held but what new members are elected, with of course a corresponding financial improvement.

The town, or village, of Lightcliffe, according to the very lucid and interesting description, must be a Paradise in a small way. I had some hazy kind of opinion that the large county had nothing but sterile plains of coalfield and other kind of minerals not so comforting to think of. Gaping furnaces belching forth smoke and flame, and molten metals of every conceivable kind flowing everywhere. Evidently I have been nursing false impressions of the county. If there is much of it like the scenery approaching Lightcliffe, it must be beautiful, really. What a splendid part of England for a breather. I shall remember this fact next year.

I have been the recipient of a few letters from correspondents in various parts of the country relative to my remarks about the biographies or sketches of ringers who lived ages ago. One gentleman lays stress upon the idea of a memoir of the celebrated William Estcourt, of Painswick, in Gloucestershire. He would be a good subject if any reliable accounts about him could be got together. I am told by a competent authority that the Estcourts were a numerous family somewhat. They were all stone-masons, I believe. Stone-masoning (I hope that is a good word) obtains very much in and around Painswick, and many of them following this business have become ringers. In olden times I hear, there was only one method practised at Painswick, and that was Stedman. The colts were brought up to this method only, and the Editor of this paper recollects more than one good Stedman ringer from Painswick who has had to stand out when Grandsire was rung, unless they rang at one of the ends.

William Estcourt was somewhat of a character in his way. I have said he was a stone-mason; and it may be added that he was an employer. Most of his apprentices had to take up with ringing, and William would now and then give them a lesson while at work. He would drop down the figures on a block of stone, and explain the method. If they were quick and apt, it was all smooth, but when his questions could not be answered readily, that implement known to masons as "the straight-edge" was employed to enlighten their mental capacities.

Those were the good old times when physical correction and adjustment was considered to be the correct thing. The youth of both sexes were brought up to thoroughly understand that splendid proverb—"Spare the rod; spoil the child." Sometimes this may have been an excuse for the practice of brutality, perhaps: but it will not be denied that the youth of the present day would have been vastly better than they are if they had undergone physical adjustment in their earlier years.

I dislike taking leave of my correspondents upon this biographical sketch question. It is not a small matter for any one to attempt; certainly it is far beyond my powers. But if those gentlemen who have any memoranda or data of the sort, which can be made use of for compilation, will send such to me, I will do my utmost to repay their confidence.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

## TWO JUBILEE BELLS AT BURNHAM, BUCKS.

Two treble bells have been added to the ring of six at Burnham, a little country village about two miles from Farnham Royal, and about four from Maidenhead. The bells arrived on Monday last week, and were rested in the church previous to their being hoisted into the tower, where many of the parishioners inspected them. The casting was most successful, no flaw whatever being noticeable in what are undoubtedly fine specimens of the founder's art. They have the following inscriptions:—"John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough" (on both). On the treble is also "To the Glory of God, and in memory of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee." On the second is also "These two bells are presented by the parishioners of Burnham, 1897, God save the Queen." They weigh 5 and 5¼ cwt. respectively. The hanging of the bells was placed under the able management of Mr. George Allder, foreman of the ringers, and Mr. W. T. Billinghurst, bell hanger, and as Mr. Allder had already prepared the necessary framework for their reception, they were soon hoisted into their respective places in the tower, making a splendid peal of eight. The dedication service took place on Sunday, September 26th, when the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Reading preached an excellent sermon on the subject of dedication, and use of church bells. The vicar (Rev. R. F. Rumsey), and the Rev. B. Long (curate), assisted in the service, and there was a large congregation, including thirty ringers. A few rounds was rung in the service, and at its conclusion a 168 of Grandsire Triples. Rev. B. Long, J. J. Parker, J. Basden (conductor), G. Allder, L. G. Read, R. Flaxman, A. H. Taber, and J. Mitchell. In the afternoon, by the kind permission of the vicar, a well-struck peal was successfully rung (the particulars of which, however, have not yet reached our office). This happily gave the parishioners and others a splendid opportunity of hearing the bells, and the unanimous opinion was that the effect was grand, which is most satisfactory to all concerned, and especially to our indefatigable friend, Mr. G. Allder, who has been instrumental in raising the necessary funds for effecting so desirable an augmentation.

## RE-OPENING OF OLD RADNOR CHURCH BELLS.

This renowned peal of bells, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, having been in a very bad state for a considerable time, it was decided to have them thoroughly repaired, as one of the best modes of perpetuating Her Majesty's long reign. When the bells were examined, it was found that all the woodwork required renewing and the bells re-hanging. This would entail a very great expense, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Dickinson, finding such a lot of repairs were needed, thought that the bells should be thoroughly done or not at all. He called a meeting of the parishioners, at which it was resolved that Messrs. Warner and Son, of London, should be asked for an estimate, the work to be completed by Jubilee Day. This firm's estimate was accepted, but owing to pressure of work they were unable to carry out their contract to time, and in consequence the re-opening ceremony did not take place until Thursday last, the 26th ult. The parish was then quite *en fete*. The Leominster company (belonging to the Herefordshire Guild) were engaged for the occasion, and Mr. Bowen, organist at St. Saviour's, Bittern, Southampton (having previously promised to give an organ recital), was able to give two performances upon the same day, which naturally gave more zest to the proceedings.

The dedication service was taken at three o'clock p.m. by the Vicar, at the bottom of the church, the weather being too wet to hold it in the belfry. This was immediately followed by a grand organ recital. The various pieces were executed with very great skill and exquisite taste, and were thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Tea was provided in the schoolroom during the interval between the two recitals. The second performance took place at half-past seven. There were not quite so many in attendance, but the playing was suburb, Mr. Bowen surpassing, if that were possible, his performance of the afternoon. Collections were made at each recitation in aid of the bells fund. The programme was as follows:—In the afternoon, Postlude (Andre); andante, "Hymn of Nuns" (Wely); sonato, (a) allegro (z) romanza (c) allegro maestoso (Pearce); cantilene pastorale (Guilmant); postlude in E flat (Wely); andante "Harvest Home" (Spinney); "March of Priests" (Mendelssohn). In the evening, prelude and fugue in D (Bach); Berceuse in D (Spinney); offertoire in B flat (Wely); "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn); offertoire de Cecile (Grison); pasiorale (Tipoli); march (Gounod).

## DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ADWICK-LE-STREET.

On Wednesday, September 22nd, the Bishop of Beverley dedicated three new bells at the above-named parish church. Formerly there were only three bells, which have been re-hung and three new ones added, at a cost of about £170.

At the conclusion of the dedication service, whilst the bishop and clergy returned to the chancel, "go" was called, and for the first time the bells were heard together for a few rounds, after which the bishop gave an address on the use of bells.

After service the bells were rung, the congregation whilst leaving listening to their tones with much delight, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob being rung by the Doncaster ringers.

The bells are a very musical peal, tenor about 10 cwt. in G., cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and hung by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co. of Barnby Don, which has been executed in a first-rate manner, leaving nothing to be desired.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting was held at Roydon on the 25th ultimo Roydon stands in the rich and fertile valley of the Stort near to its confluence with the Lea. It was a delightful drive through Stansted Abbot to Hunsdon, through park-like undulating scenery. We skirted the historic Rye House, where Charles II. narrowly escaped being murdered on his way from Newmarket. Hunsdon House, which adjoins the church, was the home of Queen Elizabeth prior to her receiving the crown. The church is most interesting, being full of old monuments, and there is a spacious chapel on the south seated with old Jacobean pews for the household of the adjoining mansion. The bells were rehung and augmented to eight about fifteen years ago, and are now a very melodious and handy ring. We were enabled to muster a band for Grandsire, both the Hon. and Assistant Secretaries standing in. Towards five o'clock we retraced our steps to Roydon. The church here stands prettily on a green, with the stocks and lock-up still remaining. The bells are a pretty little ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt., rehung and put in order after the Queen's Jubilee (1887), and a promising band of ringers under the guidance of Mr. J. Cavill are making good progress. This was the first official visit of the Association, as Roydon stands on the extreme limit of the county, and is somewhat inaccessible from many parts of the county; but those who came had a hearty welcome from the vicar. Tea was held at The New Inn; thirty-nine sat down, and the usual business meeting followed. Several new members were elected, and amongst them a party of seven from Roydon. Altogether this was one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings the Association has held.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On September 5th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 6-score of Plain Bob Major. W. Wellham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; J. Souter, 4; E. Draper, 5; J. G. Wade, 6; W. Souter (conductor), 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. Also 356 Plain Bob Major. W. Souter (conductor), 1; G. Clarke, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; E. Draper, 5; J. Souter, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; J. G. Wade, 8. For evening service, 1008 Bob Major. W. Wellham, 1; C. Jouter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; E. Buckle, 4; J. Souter, 5; E. Draper, 6; S. G. Wade (conductor), 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. Bumpstead hails from Eye, Suffolk; Clarke from Debenham; J. Souter from Bentley, Essex; the rest are local men. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLESBROUGH (Kent).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs). R. Cook, 1; W. Hills, 2; J. Steddy, 3; E. Dixon, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. R. Pain, 1; W. Hobbs 2; W. Spice, 3; E. J. Dixon, 4; H. Goodwin, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. R. Cook hails from Smeeth; J. Steddy from Edenbridge; Tabrett from Ashford; R. Pain from Mersham; Spice and Goodwin from Charing.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this association was held at King's Norton on Saturday, Sept. 25th. 1897. The proceedings commenced with a shortened evensong, conducted by the Rev. S. P. Townend (curate), and an address by the Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A. (Vicar), which was attentively listened to by members from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Clent, Dudley, King's Norton, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Old Swinford, Stoke Prior, Smethwick, Tipton, West Bromwich, Wollaston, Worcester, &c., and was founded upon the lesson selected for the occasion, viz., the 8th chapter of Zechariah, verse 16th, in which a cordial reception was given to the members present, and in touching terms the preacher pointed out the propriety and desirability of members coming from various parts of the Diocese to first meet in God's house to ask a blessing upon their labours in His service.

An adjournment was made to the Old School Room were a substantial tea was provided, at which upwards of 40 were present, presided over by the Rev. C. W. Barnard (Vicar), supported by Mr. W. S. Pritchett, churchwarden, and Master of the King's Norton Guild.

After tea the Chairman, in opening the business of the evening said his first duty was to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Pritchett for his kindness in providing the tea, and to Mrs. J. S. Pritchett and the other ladies who had so kindly attended to their wants. Although there were many among his parishioners who would have been pleased to assist in providing the means. Mr. Pritchett in his quiet way had carried the whole thing out himself, for which he might ask them to give him their heartiest applause. Mr. J. S. Pritchett thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, which he would rather had not been said, it not being his wish that his name should be mentioned with regard to the tea. The greatest trouble rested with those ladies who had made the preparations for them, and on their behalf as well as his own he thanked those present for their kind appreciation.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed. Several new performing members were enrolled, and Stourbridge fixed for the next meeting in January, 1898. Messrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill) and W. Micklewright (Dudley), were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

The report of the committee appointed to deal with the certificate of membership was adopted. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Chairman for his practical address in church, presiding at the meeting, and the use of the school room, tower and bells, to which the Vicar suitably responded, brought the meeting to a close.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

## SUDBOROUGH (NORTHAMPTONSHIRE).

DEDICATION OF NEW BELL AND HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—The new bell which was subscribed for by the parishioners and friends to complete the peal in the Parish Church tower as a permanent memorial of the Jubilee was dedicated on Thursday, the dedicatory ceremony being followed by the harvest thanksgiving service. The clergy in attendance were the Rev. Canon Lawson (Rector), Rev. B. R. Wilson (Rector of Kettering), and the Rev. J. S. Watson (Rector of Lowick). At half-past seven the clergy and choir proceeded to the west end of the church, and the special form of dedication prayer was read by the Rector. Singing as a processional the hymn 550 A. and M., the choir returned to the chancel. Evensong with special prayers and thanksgiving for the harvest was then said. The Psalms were lxv. and cxliv. The first lesson (Deut. viii., 7) was read by the Rev. J. S. Watson, and the second (John vi., 26-36) by the Rev. B. R. Wilson, who also preached an eloquent sermon from Zech. xiv., 16. The collections, amounting to £1 19s. 3d., were in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society. The church was beautifully decorated.

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## Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, September 11th, the members of this society and a few friends went by brake, which was provided by Mr. Thomas Hollingworth, to Repton. Starting about 1.30 p.m., going through Swarkestone and Barrow, we arrived at The Rising Sun at Willington, where we quenched our thirst. In making another start we found ourselves at Willington Bridge where toll had to be paid, Repton being reached in a few more minutes. The tea arrangements were left in the hands of Messrs. Tunnicliff and Earle, who soon made things all right. On going to the church we were met by the Rev. George Woodyatt, who gave us a hearty welcome, also Mr. William Bamford, the sexton, who kindly took us round the church and directed us to the bells, which are a splendid ring of six, tenor 19 cwt. A start was made for 720 Grandsire Minor, which was bronght round in 26 mins. L. Hollingworth, G. Tomlin, H. Hollingworth, F. Hollingworth, S. Hollingworth, W. Earle (conductor). Also 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Tomlin, L. Hollingworth, H. Hollingworth (conductor), G. C. Tunnicliff, W. Earle, F. Hollingworth; and 120 Grandsire Doubles. Lowering the bells we made tracks for The Bull's Head, and there sat down to a capital tea at the expense of our worthy friend Mr. Thomas Hollingworth, then we adjourned to the smoke room, finding Messrs. Cook, Eaton, and Bamford. Song and sentiment then became the order of the hour, and "Auld Lang Syne" being reached, we bade our Repton friends good night, arriving home about 10 p.m., every one having thoroughly enjoyed himself, and all being highly pleased with our esteemed friend, Mr. Thomas Hollingworth, for his generosity. The society wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. George Woodyatt for the use of the bells, also Mr. W. Bamford for having everything in readiness.

THE COGGESHALL COMPANY, ESSEX.—On Saturday, September 26th, seven bell ringers from Coggesshall and adjoining parishes, paid a visit to Bures. Arriving there at 9.40, after the service was over, the bells were raised and 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung. J, Newman, 1; H. Evers, 2; D. Elliott (conductor), 3; W. Keeble, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; W. Elliott, 6; and 360 Bob Minor, by W. Keeble (conductor); F. Newman, 4; J. Newman, 6; the rest as before. Tenor about 22 cwt. in E. A move was then made by brake to Assington, and here we struck off 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Keeble, 1; D. Elliott, 2; J. Newman, 3; W. Elliott, 4; F. Newman, 5; E Beckwith (conductor), 6. And 720 Cambridge Surprise. J. Newman, 1; E. Beckwith, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Elliott (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 of Surprise on these bells; tenor about 12 cwt. in A. A move was next made to Stoke-by-Nayland, where we refreshed the innner man, and then went to the top of the tower, where a good view can be obtained, being able to see Lavenham tower, a distance of 12 miles. After raising the bells, a touch of Bob Minor was rung to try the go of them, as they were thought by the band difficult to ring, the ropes coming down thus: 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5, but a good 720 of New London was rung. J. Newman, 1; H. Evers, 2; D. Elliott, 3; W. Keeble (conductor), 4; E. Beckwith, 5; W. Elliott, 6; and 360 Oxford by D. Elliott (conductor), 1; E. Beckwith, 2; F. Newman, 3; W. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; J. Newman, 6; tenor about 26 cwt. in D. The treble is cracked in the crown. We next journeyed to Colchester, where we bid our Jehu farewell. Paying a visit to St. Peter's we rang a 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Rashbrook, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Keeble, 3; F. Newman, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; E. Beckwith, 6; H. Evers, 7; W. Elliott, 8. And 336 Double Norwich. F. Newman, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Keeble, 3; W. Elliott, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; E. Rashbrook, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. This concluded the day's ringing, and we next moved to the station, arriving at Kelvedon at 9.40, well satisfied with our day's outing. We wish to return thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the Colchester company for so kindly meeting us.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897.

ONE of the matters which has militated in no weak fashion against the character and prestige of church bell ringers, is the reputation they have borne for the gross inconsistency of absenting themselves from the services of the church whereunto they have invited others. There is no use in denying the impeachment; the offence, for offence it is, unfortunately, has been too plain to suffer the least excuse. Granted that we read of spasmodic periods of improvement; but it is permanence which is desired. The advice and counsel which has been given so many times upon this subject, by those enabled to impart it, seems to show very little fruition indeed. We have a glaring instance of this ungracious conduct brought before us again. If our readers peruse the account of the meeting of the Norwich Association on another page, they will see that Divine Service in the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, "was very poorly attended." We cannot wonder at the Honorary Secre-

tary giving expression to severe language in deploring such conduct. Are ringers so very obtuse as not to see the unmannerly disrespect they show, not only to the House of GOD, but to those who at no small trouble to themselves make the arrangements for these services?

The case before us is especially to be regretted. A reverend gentleman who is worthily looked upon as an authority among us, was announced to preach. Many ringers would look upon it as a duty to attend under such circumstances. We forbear saying anything further beyond again expressing a hope that this behaviour will never again be heard of.

## The Metropolis.

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| ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. | *Treble.* | WILLIAM BERRY .. .. | 5. |
| HENRY WHITE .. .. .. | 2. | THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. | 6. |
| JOHN WILLIAM WHITING .. | 3. | HARRY WARNETT .. .. | 7. |
| WILLIAM FOREMAN .. .. | 4. | FREDERICK W. THORNTON | *Tenor* |

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, SEN. and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

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

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| EDWIN HORREX .. .. .. | *Treble.* | EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. | 6. |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. | 2. | †CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. | 7. |
| CHARLES H. GORDON† .. | 3. | †W. JAMES HINTON .. .. | 8. |
| FREDERICK ELLES† .. .. | 4. | †FRANCIS J. L. PRICE .. | 9. |
| WILLIAM TRUSS* .. .. | 5. | THOS. HENRY TAFFENDER | *Tenor.* |

Composed by HENRY HALEY and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †Members of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, for whom the peal was arranged.

## The Provinces.

### HENFIELD, SUSSEX,

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| CHARLES SMART .. .. | *Treble.* | CHARLES TYLER .. .. | 5. |
| ALFRED W. GROVES.. .. | 2. | GEORGE PAYNE .. .. .. | 6. |
| GEORGE GATLAND .. .. | 3. | *LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN SMART .. .. .. | 4. | ALBERT HEASMAN .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

*First peal as conductor. Messrs. Smart (2) and Gatland hail from Steyning, he rest belong to the local band.

### KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 22, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**

**5088 CHANGES.** Tenor 30 cwt.

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| ERNEST C. HUNT .. .. | *Treble.* | JAMES PAGETT .. .. .. | 5. |
| JOHN O. BENNETT .. .. | 2. | WILLIAM PAGE .. .. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. | 3. | JOHN CRANE .. .. .. | 7. |
| GEORGE SALTER .. .. | 4. | RICHARD E. GROVE .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

The above is the conductor's 100th peal, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Page, who hails from Worcester. Mr. Robert K. Knight, of Walthamstow, congratulated us on the finish of the peal.

### HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

*On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

DAY'S SIX-PART.

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| WILLIAM E. ELLIS*.. | *Treble.* | †RICHARD FAUX .. .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. | 2. | THOMAS WESTWOOD.. .. | 6. |
| THOMAS VERRY .. .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM VERRY .. .. | 7. |
| BENJAMIN STARKEY .. .. | 4. | *RICHARD SPEAKMAN .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by THOMAS WESTWOOD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal (which is the first rung in Handsworth by a local band), was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Verry, he having been tower-keeper at this church for thirty-three years.

### STEYNING, SUSSEX.

### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty and ½ Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

THURSTANS'S 4-PART.

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| JOHN SMART .. .. .. | *Treble.* | CHARLES GILES .. .. | 5. |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. | 2. | FRANK BENNETT .. .. | 6. |
| ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. | 3. | FRANK W. HOPGOOD .. .. | 7. |
| JOHN J. JONES .. .. .. | 4. | GEORGE GATLAND .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Smart, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. C. Giles was elected a member previous to starting.

### BEESTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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| JOHN PALING .. .. .. | *Treble.* | REUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN... | 2. | GEORGE OLDHAM .. .. | 6. |
| FREDERICK PRICE* .. .. | 3. | WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. | 7. |
| WILLIAM HEXTER .. .. | 4. | JAMES HUTCHBY .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD and Conducted by JAMES HUTCHBY.

*First peal. First peal of Major by all, and the first in the method on the bells. W. Hexter hails from Long Eaton, the rest are local men.

### CAMBRIDGE.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 25, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

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| NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. | *Treble.* | ARTHUR SYMONDS .. .. | 6. |
| CHARLES SILLITOE .. .. | 2. | *WILLIAM HOWELL .. .. | 7. |
| SAMUEL SLATER .. .. | 3. | *JOHN F. PENNING .. .. | 8. |
| ZACHARIAH SLATER*.. .. | 4. | FREDERICK PITSTOW.. .. | 9. |
| ERNEST PITSTOW .. .. | 5. | GEORGE TAYLOR .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

*First peal of Royal. The ringers of the treble, 5th, 8th and 9th hail from Saff on Walden; 2nd and 7th from Sudbury; 3rd and 4th from Glemsford; 6th from Lavenham; and tenor local.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST PAUL'S COMPANY, BEDFORD.)

*On Saturday, September 25, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*Being 720 each of the following:—*

College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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| EDGAR TINGEY .. .. | *Treble.* | CHARLES CHASTY .. .. | 4. |
| ISAAC HILLS .. .. .. | 2. | CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. | 5. |
| WILLIAM J. BARKER .. | 3. | FRANK HULL .. .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells. First 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods by ringers of treble, 4th and tenor.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

(THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY).

*On Monday, September 27, 1897, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE GLOBE TAVERN, GRANVILLE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S 4-PART.

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| WILLIAM A. HANCOX* .. | 1-2. | ROBERT J. HUNT .. .. | 5-6. |
| FREDERICK CLAYTON .. | 3-4. | WILLIAM SHORT .. .. | 7-8. |

Conducted by WILLIAM HANCOX.

Referee—Thomas Wakeman. *First peal of Stedman Triples, age 19 years. First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells by Messrs. Hunt and Short; also first in the city, and was rang at the first attempt, the band having had no previous practice together.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, September 28, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, as follows:**

Braintree, London, Bocking, College Exercise, College Pleasure, City Delight and Killamarsh. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

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| JAMES MAINWARING .. | *Treble.* | SAMUEL HORSFALL .. .. | 4. |
| HY. THOS. MOSTON .. .. | 2. | FREDK. THOS. SPENCE .. | 5. |
| THOS. BURROWS.. .. .. | 3. | ROBT. GEO. LEWIS .. | *Tenor.* |

Conducted by ROBT. GEO. LEWIS.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 29, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| ROBT. MAWSON PICK* | *Treble.* | THOS. HUDSON, JUN. .. .. | 5. |
| ROBERT W. LOVIE* .. .. | 2. | †JOHN FIELD .. .. .. | 6. |
| THOS. HUDSON, SEN. .. .. | 3. | WM. T. ROBSON .. .. .. | 7. |
| ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. | 4. | *RICH. W. LANGTON .. | *Tenor.* |

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE and Conducted by ROBERT CHALLIS HUDSON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung entirely by local men. The members at the conclusion of the peal congratulated Mr. Robson, the ringer of the 7th, on the birth of a son, which event took place on the same day.

## Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, September 13th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a date touch, 1897 changes, in the following methods in 1 hr.: 720 each of Bob Minor and Canterbury Pleasure, 408 Kent Treble Bob, and 49 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; *H. Collins, 2; *H. Pilcher, 3; *W. Webb, 4; *E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6. *Longest length yet rung.

DITCHINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, September 13th, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Browne, 1; W. Felgate, 2; F. Lincoln, 3; C. Woods, 4; J. Keeler, 5; G. Alexander (conductor), 6. W. Browne hails from Ryburgh, Norfolk; Keeler from Newmarket; Felgate, Lincoln, and Alexander from Bungay.

## Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. J. Dentheth, 1: R. Langford, 2; H. Hall, 3; A. Harding, 4; G. Harding, 5; B. Weatherley, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; J. Edwards, 8. H. Hall and E. Weatherby hail from Market Drayton. Longest length by H. Hall.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On August 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; —. Ingram, 8. On September 14th, 320 Grandsire Triples. Miss Dora White (Basingstoke), 1; J. Harris, 2; H. J. Creed (Taunton), 3; J. Symons, (conductor), 4; E. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins (Gosport), 6; J. W Whiting (Fareham), 7; E. Newman, 8. And 246 Grandsire Triples. Miss Dora White, 1; J. Harris, 2; H. J. Creed, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; E. Reynolds, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6; E. Newman, 7; —. Ingram, 8. And 576 Treble Bob. J. Harris, 1; H. J. Creed, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; E. Newman, 6; A. E. Tomlins, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 22nd, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hern (conductor), 1; F. Tubb, 2; A. Osborne, 3; G. Foxell, 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. Tucker, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Tubb, 1; J. Hern, 2; H. Tucker, 3; G. Foxell, 4; J. Tucker (conductor), 5; A. Osborne, 6. Rung on the back six. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEOMINSTER (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, September 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; J. Groves (composer and conductor), 2; H. Taylor, 3; W. Baynham, 4; C. Jaine, 5; W. Jaine, 6; H. King, 7; E. Thompson, 8. First quarter-peal by all except Messrs. Greenleaf and Groves. And a 504. T. Bannister, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; H. Taylor, 3; W. Banham, 4; C. Jaine, 5; W. Jaine, 6; J. Groves (conductor), 7; E. Thompson, 8. Longest touch by T. Bannister. Also a 630 standing as in the quarter-peal. And a 307. T. Bannister, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; H. Taylor, 3; W. Banham, 4; C. Jaine, 5; J Groves (conductor), 6; H. Barber, 7; H. King, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of its being Hospital Sunday and the Friendly Societies Church Parade. J. Groves hails from Wolverhampton; Greenleaf and King from Hereford; Barber from Kidderminster; the rest are local men, to whom great credit is due for the way in which they rang.

HEREFORD.—On Sunday, September 12th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the opening service of the Three Choirs' Festival, 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Chamberlin, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; R. Trehearn, 3; J. Jones, 4; J. Groves, 5; T. Lewis (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; R. Powell, 8. Also 168 with R. Powell, 1; H. Gaines, 8. And during the week several touches were rung by the Cathedral ringers. Tenor 40 cwt.

Ross (Herefordshire).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Davies, 1; W. Clark, 2; W. Colwall, 3; C. Sadler, 4; C. Davies, 5; F. Voyce, 6; J. Clark (conductor), 7; J. Watts, 8. On Monday, September 20th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. S. Clarke, 1; W. Davies, 2; the rest as before. And a course of Stedman Triples. C. Sadler, 1; W. Davies, 2; W. Colwall, 3; W. Clark, 4; C. Davies, 5; F. Voyce, 6; J. Clark, 7; J. Watts, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEENE (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Botolph's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. Greenyer 1; H. Meetens, 2; H. Stringer, 3; J. Paice, 4; W. Hillman, 5; B. Bassett, 6; C. Lindup (conductor), 7; A. Arnell, 8. Stringer hails from Henfield. Also 504 in the same method. T. Greenyer, 1; H. Meetens, 2; J. Paice, 3; C. Dean (conductor), 4; W. Hillman, 5; B. Bassett, 6; E. Lindup, 7; A. Arnell hails from Benhilton. On September 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Greenyer, 1; W. Hillman, (conductor), 2; H. Evans, 3; E. Lindup, 4; H. Meetens, 5; A. D. Chidwick, 6; J. Paice, 7; F. Lindup, 8. Chidwick hails from Barnet.

HORLEY (Surrey.)—On Sunday, August 8th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; T. Sparks, 7; T. Post, 8. On Sunday, August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Songhnrst, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; J. Taylor, 6; T. Sparks, 7; T. Post, 8. On Sunday, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; A. Songhnrst, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; E. Dewey, 6; T. Sparks, 7; T. Post, 8.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, September 2nd, at the parish church, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. Browning, 1; Dr. Walker, 2; H. Grosvenor, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Baker, 5; J. Poole, 6; H. Scrivens, 7; C. Hall, 8. On Sunday morning, September 5th, 630 in the same method was rung with A. Hanks ringing the tenor, as a farewell touch to Mr. J. Poole, who is leaving for Sheffield. He was a very useful and respected member of the above young band, and will be a great loss to them. We find it a hard task to keep a band together, as the young men are constantly migrating to the big towns in search of work. On Tuesday, September 7th, three of the above society cycled over to Stroud, and with five of the local band a well-struck 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung, taken from Reeves' and Holt's ten-part peals. M. Ford, 1; W. Hutchings, 2; J. Nash, 3; G. Dickenson, 4; S. Baker, 5; H. Scrivens, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; W. White, 8.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, September 12th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving service at St. Peter's church, the local ringers commenced ringing at 7 a.m. till 8 a.m., and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung; and again for morning service at 11 a.m several more touches were rung; and in the afternoon through the kind invitation of the vicar, the Malden ringers paid a visit to the church, and the following touches were brought round. A 720 Bob Minor. W. Last, 1; W. Chalk, jun. (conductor), 2; W. Mansfield, 3; S. Rushen, 4; W. Chalk, sen., 5; T. Hammond, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Last, 1; R. Hutson, 2; W. Chalk, jun., 3; W. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk, sen. (conductor), 5; C. Tabor, 6. A 360 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Mansfield, 1; the rest as before. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Mansfield, 1; T. Hammond, 4; the rest are before. On Monday, September 13th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Norton, the bells were kept going merrily till half-past four, and several good 6-scores of Doubles were rung, and the bells were fired at intervals for the bride, aged 25, and all the ringers wish her most heartily health and happiness.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 1st, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hammond, 1; H. Collins, 2; E. Wachter, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Coote, 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, September 6th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Farrow, 1; P. Holmes. 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Coote, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; E. Wachter (conductor), 5; W. Webb, 6. On Monday, September 13th, on handbells, 216 Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; *H. Collins, 2; *H. Pilcher, 3; *W. Webb, 4; *E. Wachter, 5; F. Slade, 6. *First touch in the method. On Monday, September 20th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles). W. Farrow, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; F. Slade, 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Webb, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Howard, 1; F. Slade, 2; H. Pilcher (conductor), 3; W. Farrow, 4; W. Webb, 5; J. Partner (Black Notley), 6.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 15th, at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Jordan, 1; T. Watts, 2; G. Dent, (conductor), 3; W. Watts, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; I. Cavill, 7; A. Bass, 8. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob on the back six. H. Perrin, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; T. Watts, 4; G. Dent, 5; I. Hammond (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also 672 Bob Major. H. Perrin, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; C. French, 4; G. Dent, 5; T. Watts, 6; I. Cavill (conductor), 7; H. Perrin, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E. Messrs, Cavill hail from Roydon, Essex; Watts (2) and Jordan from Stansted, Essex.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Monday, September 6th, on the occasion of the return of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bradridge from their honeymoon, which has been spent in Devonshire, the St. Mary's company rang at St Mary's church a touch of 1000 changes in seven distinct methods, viz. New Doubles, St. Simons, Stedman Slow Course, Calendar, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and Plain Doubles, this was accomplished between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m. In the evening nine six-scores were also rung in the above methods and St. Dunstan's. Subsequently the bells were fired a number of times. Alfred Barker, 1; Harry Emery, 2; J. Thomas Barker, 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5. Mr. Bradridge's residence is Bran End Mills, Stebbing, where he carries on an extensive business in the corn trade. He has always interested himself in the church bells and ringers, and we wish him and his bride a long and prosperous life in their new estate.

## STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 22nd, 720 London Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; J. E. Wheeldon, 3; D. Preston, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 29th, 720 Duke of York. J. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 5th, 720 Chester Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; W. Wheeldon, 3; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Tuesday, September 7th, 720 College Pleasure. J. Preston, 1; D. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 12th, 720 Carlisle Surprise. G. Clarkson, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6. On Wednesday, September 15th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. Fenton, daughter of Mr. J. Fenton, churchwarden 720 Lincoln Surprise. G. Hobbs, 1; D. Preston, 2; J. E. Wheeldon (conductor), 3; W. Wheeldon, 4; C. Preston, 5; W. Twigg, 6.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service, 1583 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hour, containing all the 6-5's in the tittum and inverted home positions. G. M. Farr, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; J. H. Bell, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; S. Price, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; J. Hunt, 8; G. Davies, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent). — On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1008 Bob Major. C. Bedwell, 1; I. G. Shade (Greenwich), 2; H. Flanders (Greenwich), 3; H. Barrett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. W. Thornton (Greenwich), 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles H. Walker of the local band, on the completion of his 26th year. And on Monday, September 6th, four courses of Bob Major. C. H. Walker (longest length in the method), 1; J. Turner, 2; H. Flanders, 3; H. Barrett, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. W. Thornton, 8.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

OLDWINSFORD (Worcestershire.)—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. T. Barber, 1; A. Roberts, 2; W. Short, 3; J. Bate, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Barber (conductor), 6. Also 720 Double Oxford. T. Barber, 1; W. Short, 2; A. Roberts, 3; W. Barber, 4; J. Barber, 5; F. Clayton (conductor), 6. And on handbells a touch of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. W. Barber (conductor), 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. Short, 5-6; H. Withers, 7-8.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major. J. Bate, 1; A. Roberts, 2; J. Barber, 3; J. Pagett, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; T. Barber, 6; H. Martin, 7; G. H. Pagett, 8. 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. A. Pugh, 1; W. Short (conductor), 2; T. Barber, 3; W. Fryer, 4; H. Martin, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; A. Roberts, 7; J. Barber, 8. 272 Bob Major. J. Bate, 1; T. Barber, 2; J. Pagett, 3; A. Roberts, 4; W. A. Pugh, 5; H. Martin, 6; W. Short (conductor), 7; J. Barber, 8. And for children's service, 480 Bob Minor. J. Pagett, 1; H. Martin, 2; J. Bate, 3; W. Short, 4; A. Roberts, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. 97 Grandsire Triples. W. Barber, 1; F. Clayton, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; T. Barber, 4; H. Martin, 5; J. Barber, 6; J. Bate, 7; H. Withers, 8.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Wednesday, September 1st, 360 Grandsire Doubles, E. J. Webb (first 6-score) 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt (conductor), 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. Kirby, 6; also 240 same method, F. Turvey ringing the treble. On Wednesday, September 15th, 360 Bob Minor. E. J. Webb, 1; E. Tubb, 2; F. Pratt, 3, C. H. Martin, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 120 each of Oxford Bob and College Single, J. Barrett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; E. Tubb, 3; G. J. Miles, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, September 19th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, for Morning Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, F. Turvey, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; J. Barrett, 4; E. E. Pratchett (conductor), 5; F. Kirby, 6; and for evening service, 720 Plain Bob, 18 bobs and 2 singles. J. Barrett, 1; C. Crampton, 2; J. Miller, 3; J. Sumpter, 4;

C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; E. E. Pratchett, 6. Messrs. E. Tubb and G. J. Miles came from Finchley, J. Miller from Southgate, J. Sumpter from Barnet, E. J. Webb, London.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 19th, eight members of this Association attempted a peal of Bob Major, at the Church of St. Mary, but after ringing 3600 changes, it came to grief. W. Riches, jun. 1; J. Riches, 2; G. Alexander, 3; A. Riches, 4; E. Chandler, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; W. Riches (conductor), 7; E. Poppy, 8. G. Alexander and E. Lincoln belong to the Bungay company; E. Poppy to Redenhall; the rest to the Fressingfield company. The band desires through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. Dr. Allan, and Messrs. Woods and Thistle, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Friday, September 10th, at the house of Mr. J. Miles, 1008 Bob Major. J. Miles, 1-2; A. Howes (conductor), 3-4; J. Howes, 5-6; J. Lawrence, 7-8. J. Howes hails from Kingston-on-Thames; A. Howes from Horncastle.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, September 5th, at St. Michael-at-Coslany church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. P. Sadler, 1; F. H. Knights, 2; *C. F. Winney (conductor), 3; *A. W. Brighton, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; *G. F. Fardon, 6; G. Smith, 7; *H. R. Newton, 8. Also at St. Peter Mancroft church, for evening service, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. A. W. Brighton, 1; C. F. Winney, 2; J. A. Trollope, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; P. Sadler, 5; G. F. Fardon, 6; G. Howchin, 7: A. G. Warnes, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; H. R. Newton, 10; F. Knights, 11; G. Smith, 12. * Hails from London.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, September 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46½ mins. J. Bennett, 1; E. Green, 2; G. Preston (conductor), 3; G. Plummer, 4; C. Goodenough, 5; T. Best, 6; J. Bristow, 7; T. Belbin, 8.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants). — On Monday, September 13th, for practice, 240 Stedman Triples by T. Best, E. Hinton, E. Waters, S. Best, G. Plummer, A. Porch, G. Preston (conductor), and W. Saffery. A. Porch hails from Bristol.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—SUDBURY BRANCH.

HITCHAM (Suffolk.)—On Sunday, September 19th, at the parish charch, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs, 5th the observation.) J. Snell, 1; C. Levett, 2; T. Levett, 3; C. Grimwood, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). A. Symonds, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; H. Blake, 3; T. Levett, 4; W. Stiff, 5; R. Grimwood (conductor), 6. After evening service 360 Bob Minor. J. Sewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; R. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. H. Blake hails from Farnham St. Martin; A. and F. G. Symonds from Lavenham; C. Levett from Preeton. the rest belong to Hitcham.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire.)—On Sunday, September 12th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, before morning service, a 700 Grandsire Triples. S. Wharton, 1; *T. Hammond, 2; J. Rowland, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Rutter, 5; J. Pownall (conductor), 6; A. Smith, 7; E. Hampson, 8; covering. And for evening service, a 756 Grandsire Triples, the ringers standing as for morning service. *T. Hammond is also a member of the Essex Association, being on a visit to West Kirby. The striking on both occasions was excellent.

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BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for service, 862 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; A. Allfrey, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; H. Stalham, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. On Sunday morning, September 26th, 700 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; H. Stalham, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; F. Hill, 6; P. Allfrey, 7; W. Allfrey, 8. On Sunday afternoon, September 26th, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; H. Stalham, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; P. Allfrey (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. And some Grandsire Minor by G. Hill and W. Allfrey.

BOBBING (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 22nd, at the parish church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Jeffrey, 1; A. J. Waters, 2; H. S. Goord, 3; C. Millway, 4; A. J. Trowell, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. This is A. J. Waters' first 720 with a bob bell, and was rung at the first attempt. C. Millway hails from Borden; the rest are local men.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire.)—On Tuesday, September 14th, for practice, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Badger, 1; J. Mason, 2; J. Lewis, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; G. Ward, 5; O. James, 6; G. Bourne, 7; J. Eades, 8. And a 424 in the same method. G. Bager, 1; O. James, 2; T. Albutt, 3; G. Hayward, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. On Sunday morning, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Eades, 1; J. Mason, 2; O. James, 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Bourne, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. The above touches were rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Turbete, who was organist for 45 years. J. Mason, Badger, and Lewis hail from Stoke Prior. Lewis' first touch. This quarter peal has the 5th and 6th the only bells in sixths place with the Queens and Tittums, and is now rung for the first time.

BRISLINGTON (Somersetshire.)—On Sunday, September 19th, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. J. Hinton (conductor), 1; S. Fernley, 2; F. Elles, 3; C. H. Horton, 4; F. Price, 5; C. H. Tomkins, 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. S. Fernley hails from Hazel Grove, Cheshire, the rest from St. Stephen's. Bristol. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARING (Kent).—On Saturday, September 11th, 720 Bob Minor (six bobs and thirty singles), in 25 mins. F. Leeds, 1; E. J. Dixon, 2; H. Goodwin, 3; W. Hobbs, 4; W. Spice, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Messrs. Leeds, Dixon and Hobbs hail from Willesborough; Tabrett from Ashford.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 9th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; T. Lowe, 5; E. Unitt (conductor), 6; J. A. Brown, 7; J. Jones, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Wm. Harper, of the Leys works, Darlaston. On Sunday, September 12th, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith, 6; E. Unitt, 7; J. A. Brown (conductor), 8. On Thursday, September 16th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 252 Grandsire Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; S. Atkins, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. Appleby (conductor), 7; J. A. Brown, 8. And 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; E. Unitt, 3; T. Lowe, 4; S. Atkins, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. On Sunday, September 19th, 210 Darlaston Bob Triples. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; W. Smith, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Lowe, 1; G. Morgan, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

EARLS COLNE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 12th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; W. Scillitoe, 3; D. Clayden, 4; W. Burst, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 16th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; J. Fleuty, 3; D. Clayden, 4; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 5; W. Scillitoe, 6. Also 720 Double Court. S. Burst, 1; W. Rogers, 2; J. Fleuty, 3; D. Claydon, 4; W. Scillitoe, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6.

EDENBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. J. Preston, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; S. Heasman, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Malyan, 8.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. N Davies, 2; J. Bennett, 3; G. Salter, 4; J. Crane, 5; E. Hunt, 6; T. Salter, 7; J. Pagett (conductor), 8. Meeting one short the treble was left out and the tenor turned in. Tenor 30 cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. G. Brush, 1; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 2; A. E. Bradley, 3; E. A. Arthurton, 4; J. Aldridge, 5; W. E. Judd, 6; J. Nicholls, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. T. Meaton, 9; H. Wilson, 10. Composed by C. Charge.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Hicks, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; S. Wightman, 5; S. Martin, 6. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Hicks, 1; W. Wightman, 2; G. Wightman (conductor), 3; S. Wightman, 4; J. Durrant, 5; S. Martin, 6. And 560 Double Court. W. Wightman, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; the rest as before.

PATELEY BRIDGE (Yorks).—For morning service, on Sunday, September 19th, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, and for evening service a 720 in the same method. G. H. Mason, 1; S. Basnett, 2; J. Mumford, 3; T. Metcalfe, 4; — Ripon, 5; O. Marshall, 6; J. Summersall (conductor), 8.

## Correspondence.

*While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.*

*To the Editor of* "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

### THE "NORWICH COURT MAXIMUS" PEAL OF 1817.

SIR,—The attack, made at the Annual Meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association upon the harmless note appended to the record, in the 1896 Report, of the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus rung at Ipswich last autumn, has led me to review, for the third or fourth time, the *pros* and *cons* attending the question, whether the peal of "Norwich Court Bob Maximus" rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the 20th January, 1817, was achieved in the double method, or not. It would be "reslaying the slain" to thrash out the question afresh after the exhaustive and able enquiries of the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon and Mr. Percival Heywood; but the arguments of those, who are still unconvinced of the soundness of the conclusion, generally admitted as resulting from those enquiries, are open to examination and reply. Those arguments appear to be: 1. That the first part of Shipway's work, in which the single form of the method is deduced from the double, having been published four years before the Norwich peal was rung, must have been known to the Norwich ringers: and, therefore, there is a possibility, or even probability, that they selelected the single rather than the double method in which to ring their peal. It is conceded, I think, that before the appearance of Shipway's work no single form of Norwich Court was known. Indeed, Shipway says as much in the following words: "It is a remarkable circumstance, that all the Court Bobs, that have hitherto been rung, are double, and some there are, who cannot understand anything else to be Court, but the double method." (*Shipway Reprint*, Part I. p. 65). And again: "Court Bob was, in its commencement, practised in its double state, in the original, on six bells. . . . . In this system, therefore (Double Norwich) it seems to have been the endeavour of the composer to have the dodging and places as in the six-bell method; but this is impossible on eight, nine and twelve bells; as it is only to be had on ten and eleven . . . . . Had it been pricked in its single state, the difficulty would have been solved immediately." (pp. 67 68.) From this it is clear that till Shipway did it, no Single Norwich Court Bob had been pricked; therefore, the Norwich Court, which was extensively practised by the Norwich men before Shipway wrote, was Double Norwich Court: and we are asked to believe that as soon as they saw Shipway's work, if they ever did see it, they abandoned the double method for the single, at any rate for twelve-bell ringing! and this, notwithstanding the fact that Shipway does not give a lead of Maximus in the single form, but contents himself with vague directions for deducing it (p. 69); but he "judged it necessary to give a lead in the double method on each number of bells from Minor to Maximus; whereby the practitioner may prick Cinques and Maximus, omitted in the other two methods (plain and reverse), by the work on the bells behind for the plain, and on the bells before for the reverse." (p. 73). Now, it is surely reasonable to believe that the Norwich men must often have practised Norwich Court Twelve-in before Shipway's book appeared: for the method was a favourite one, we know, with them on eight and ten bells, and they must have rung it many times on twelve as well, in order to become familiar with it, before attempting a peal of Twelve-in: and, since it is certain that any Norwich Court Twelve-in, which they practised before Shipway wrote, must have been the double method, because no single form was then known, is it conceivable that they, being among the finest ringers in the country of their day, would have abandoned the known double method for the inferior single one, of which even Shipway did not condescend to prick so much as a lead? 2. Some few years ago, the Ipswich company, or some of them, paid a visit to St. Peter Mancroft tower, and inspected the tablet recording the 1817 peal. They enquired of the late Mr. James Youngs, at that time a member of St. Peter's company, as to the method in which the peal was rung; and Youngs told them that he believed it was rung in the single method. A few days ago, during a conversation with an old Norwich ringer, himself a member of St. Peter's company at the same time as Youngs, I was assured that "Jimmy Youngs" really knew nothing about the matter; but that, for some reason or other, he always entertained a very bitter feeling against Tom Hurry (who rang in the 1817 peal), and for this reason probably was disposed to belittle the performance. The argument, therefore, derived from the information supplied by Mr. Youngs, may be summarily dismissed. 3. It is said that the somewhat sketchy description of the construction of the method rung, which appears on the tablet at Norwich, exactly suits the single method. But it also suits the double method quite as well. 4. It is argued that the *Double* Norwich Court method was known by that full name as early as 1771 (thus indicating the existence of a single form), because in a record of peals rung in Norwich, which was drawn up by the St. Peter's Society in 1880, a peal rung at St. Michael's Coslany on January 15th, 1771, is so described. As a matter of fact, however, those who drew up the record in 1880 adopted the conclusion previously arrived at by Mr. Jasper Snowdon (see pp. 48-49 of his *Treatise*) that the St. Michael's peal was one of Norwich Court Bob, although the only contemporary record of it extant (in the Osborne MSS. speaks of it simply as "Court Bob." I am not aware that any other "reasons" have been advanced for supposing the Norwich peal of 1817 to have been rung in Single, or Plain, Norwich Court Bob, besides those above detailed and dealt with. The achievement of the Ipswich company in scoring two peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus within a few days of each other, and not with exactly the same band, is a magnificent one; and the credit attaching to it is in no way diminished by the suggestion that these peals may not have been (and, in all probability, were not) the first of their kind. Only upon the strongest evidence ought Norwich to be deprived of its laurels in this particular, or the memory be dimmed of the Norwich band of 1817. Of strong evidence, however, there is absolutely none to upset the (as I believe) general conviction that the peal rung at St. Peter Mancroft, on the 20th January, 1817, was really one of *Double* Norwich Court Bob Maximus. If the question is asked, "Why should the Norwich peal not have been rung in the Single method?" it is, as I hope I have shown, capable of a satisfactory and sufficient answer. But there is another question much harder to answer, viz.: "Why should the Norwich peal not have been rung in the *Double* method?" After considering all the circumstances attending the performance, I search for an answer to this question in vain.

H. EARLE BULWER.

### THE HANDBELL PEAL AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate the band upon their performance of ringing seven Minor methods, but the first peal was rung at St. Albans by Messrs. J. C., S. E. and E. R. Mitchell on June 3rd, 1891.

E. E. HUNTLEY.

[We have received another letter to the same effect.]

## Obituary.

### JESSE NEVES.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on Sunday, September 19th, at the age of forty-four, after a long and painful illness. Deceased, who leaves a widow and six children, had been a member of the St. Nicholas (Brighton) society for over twelve years, but owing to business had only taken part in about six peals, one of which was the first peal rung on the Queen's Jubilee in 1887, which peal was begun at 4 o'clock in the morning. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 25th, and by kind permission of the vicar the body was brought into the church of St. Bartholomew, where the first part of the service was read. The cortege then proceeded to the Extramural Cemetery, where the last earthly rites were performed by the Rev. A. Cocks. Owing to the inclemency of the weather very few ringers followed, chiefly amongst whom were Messrs. Palmer (Master of the St. Nicholas society), Merritt and Hart (St. Peter's). At St. Nicholas in the evening the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled by W. Palmer, J. Jay, jun., J. Fox, T. Price, R. Fentiman, E. Butler, G. Bleach, R. Hoather, F. Bacon, and W. Davey, jun. And 395 Grandsire Caters by K. Hart, E. Merritt, R. Hoather, T. Price, F. Bacon, H. Rann, G. Bleach, J. Jay, jnn., W. Palmer (conductor), and W. Davey, sen. Deceased had been a member of the A.O.F. for over twenty years.

### ARTHUR BRIGGS.

The death has occurred on the 24th ult., of this noted Liversedge ringer, at the age of forty-two. He was interred in the Batley cemetery on the 27th ult. In the course of his ringing career he had assisted in winning a great number of first prizes on six, eight, and ten bells; also four first prizes at Belle Vue, Manchester, with the Liversedge Albert handbell company. The following companies attended the funeral: Ossett, Earlsheaton, Batley, Batley Carr, Birstall, Tong, and Liversedge. The deceased leaves a wife and grown up family to mourn his loss.

STROUD (Gloucestershire). — On Tuesday, September 21st, for practice at the parish church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 38 mins. A. Ford (churchwarden), 1; H. Scriven, 2; E. Tribe, 3; G. Dickenson, 4; S. Baker, 5; C. King (conductor), 6; W. Hale, 7; W. White, 8. It is many years since a band composed entirely of local ringers have rung a touch of this length on the bells, and it is hoped the whole peal will now shortly be scored.

## Notices.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Pinner, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. Tea at six, followed by short business meeting for the election of members. All members of the Association are invited, and ringers, whether members or not, will be welcome. Those who desire tea to be provided are earnestly requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. before the date of the meeting, to assist him in making proper provision.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.*

Sussex County Association—Western Division—The next meeting will be held at Shipley, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Tea at 5.30.

J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*
*Yapton Vicarage.*

The Bedfordshire Association—The quarterly meeting at Dunstable, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, to-day, Saturday, October 2nd. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne. REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon.* } *Secs.*
W. TWIGG. }

The Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.—A Meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, October 9th. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
4, *South View Road, High Brooms, near Tunbridge Wells.*

The East Derbyshire Association—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton, on Saturday, October 9th. Business meeting in Parish Room, adjoining Vicarage, at 6 p.m. Six bells in good order; ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*
*North Wingfield, Chesterfield.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee-Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), W. D. Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney.

The next meeting for practice will be at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, October 5th, at 8 p.m. Business afterwards at head-quarters.

The 260th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 13th, at The Champion hotel, Aldersgate street, E.C. Further particulars will be announced later.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
37, *Tradescant road, South Lambeth, S.W.*

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashtead, on Saturday, 16th October, 1897. The bells at St Giles, Ashtead, will be available from two o'clock, by kind permission of the rector. Tea at The Leg of Mutton, at 6 p.m. sharp. Will the local representatives kindly send to Mr. John Wyatt, of The Forge, Ashtead, a note of the number of their members likely to attend the tea, to enable him to make proper arrangements. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
*Royston, Court Road, Sutton.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th. THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314 *High Street West, Sunderland.*

St. Margaret's, Lee, Kent.—By desire of the Rector, the bells of this church will be rung for Harvest Festival Services on Sunday next, October 3rd, by the ringers of St. Alfege, Greenwich.

### THE YATES DISTRESS FUND.

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Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. W. Brown, Hon. Secretary, 54, Wenlock street, Hulme, Manchester.

### LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, October 2nd, all being well, five members of the Birmingham Friendly Society Branch of the Midland Counties Association, will attempt a 7000 of Stedman Caters on handbells, retained in hand, at The Hope and Anchor, Fisher Street, Birmingham. Meeting time 4 o'clock sharp. The attempt was not made on the 18th inst. owing to one of the band being called out of town.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT LEWISHAM.—This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, and Mr. John W Whiting, of Fareham, who were visiting the metropolis on the conclusion of the successful ringing tour in Hampshire reported last week. A dastardly attempt to frustrate the peal after two hours good ringing was made by some evil disposed person, who either threw or discharged from a catapult a stone which struck the lofty belfry window with much force. The miscreant will be gratified to learn that his cowardly action had no worse result than to cause a slight trip to be made in the place-making. This is the second outrage perpetrated upon Greenwich ringers, within a few weeks, the previous one being the extinguishing of the gas at St. Alfege, Greenwich, when a peal of Treble Bob had been in progress three hours. The culprit may rely upon receiving well-merited chastisement when discovered. The sincere thanks of the band are due and hereby tendered to the Vicar, the Rev. Samuel Bickersteth, for his kind permission to attempt the peal, and to the newly appointed tower-keeper, Mr. Harry Warnett, for his courtesy and attention.

AN APOLOGY.—On taking up "THE BELL NEWS" this week, I found that a most unfortunate mistake had been made by me, viz. three peals of Bob Major. The one of 5376 was sent by mistake for one of 5152, it was done in a most simple manner unknown by me until your last issue. I gave the three peals to my brother to copy and send away, as he often does when I am busy, and must have given him the 5376 by mistake, which is as false as can be, there being only one single in it. The true peal I will forward next time of writing. Apologising to my brother change-ringers, and thanking you for space allowed in your valuable journal.—GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

## Compositions.

### A DATE TOUCH OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

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1897.

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| 5 3 2 4 7 6 | |
| 5 3 2 7 4 6 | |
| 5 2 3 7 4 6 | |
| 2 5 3 4 7 6 | Start back stroke. |
| 3 4 2 6 7 5 | 2 |
| 2 7 3 5 6 4 | 4 |
| 6 4 2 5 7 3 | 1 |
| 3 5 6 4 2 7 | 3 |
| 2 7 3 4 5 6 | 1 |
| 3 5 2 6 4 7 | 4 |
| 5 2 3 4 7 6 | 2 |
| 6 4 5 2 3 7 | 3 |
| 3 7 6 2 4 5 | 1 |
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| 7 5 4 2 3 6 | 1 |
| 5 4 7 3 6 2 | 2 |
| 2 3 5 4 7 6 | 3 |
| 3 5 2 7 6 4 | 2 |
| 7 5 3 2 6 4 | 5 |
| 3 6 7 4 2 5 | 4 |
| 2 5 3 4 6 7 | 1 |

If in this touch the 7th is called out and home where braced, instead of out at 2, twice repeated, produces a quarter-peal.

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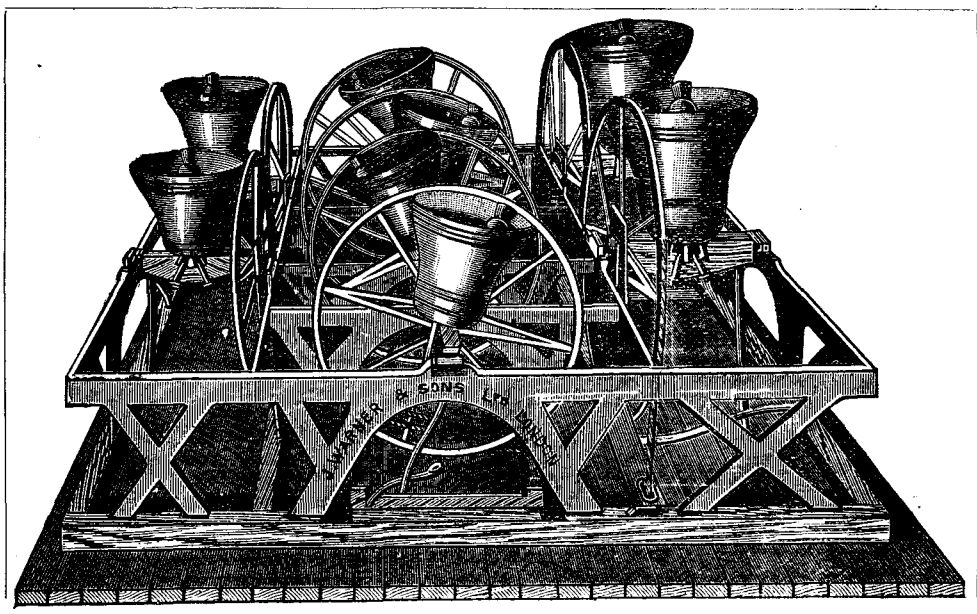


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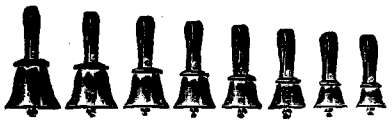

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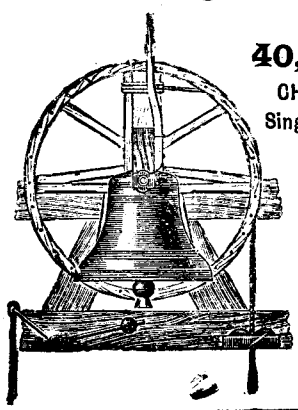

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