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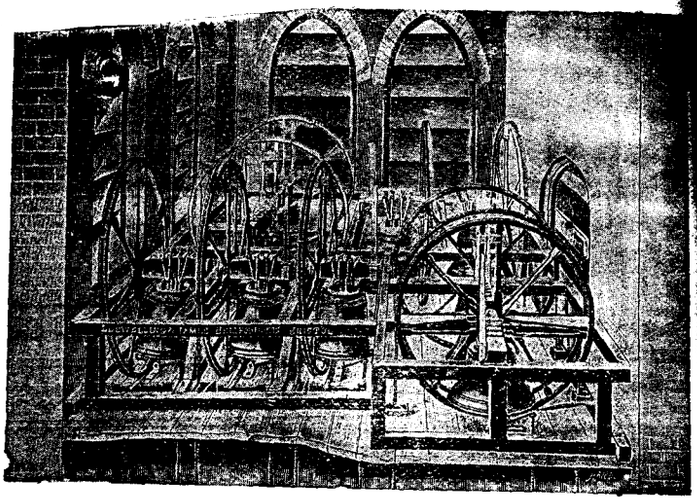

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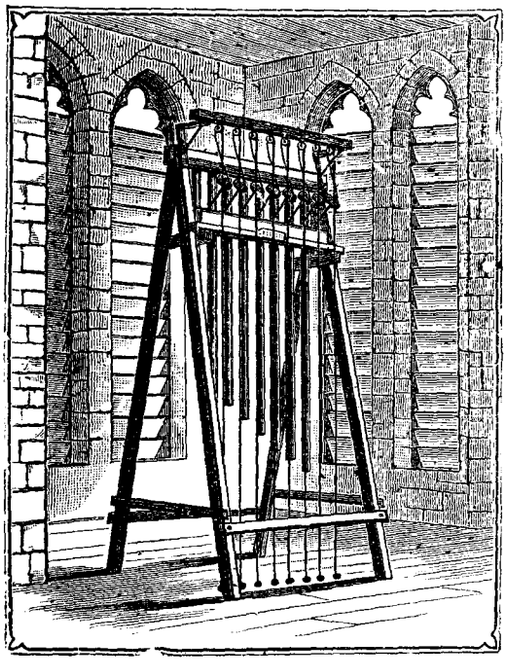

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCHURCH.

The annual gathering in connection with this Association was held at Newchurch on Saturday, when representatives were present from all parts of Lancashire. At two o'clock, by kind permission of the authorities, there was ringing at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch—eight bells; St. James' Church, Waterfoot—six bells; St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall—eight bells; and St. Saviour's Church, Bacup—eight bells. At 4.15 p.m. service was held in St. Nicholas Church, the preacher being the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, M.A., vicar of St. Michael's, Wigan, who was assisted in the service by the Revs. J. W. Bennett, M.A. (rector of Newchurch); J. T. Munn, M.A. (vicar of St. James', Waterfoot; and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. (vicar of St. George's, Bolton. The Rev. H. F. Lloyd, M.A., preached from Psalm xxii. 25: "My praise is of Thee in the great congregation." The preacher invited his hearers to consider their art of ringing in connection with the duty of common worship. Worship, he said, is based upon the bond of fellowship which exists in the Church of Christ. A bond of fellowship which has not only out-lasted the natural ties of race and country, but has sanctified those ties themselves, and raised them to a higher level. This fellowship is *expressed* in our public worship, and includes the angel hosts, as specially instanced when Christ's family on earth joins at the time of Sacramental worship in raising the cry of Holy, Holy, Holy, in adoration of God for sending His Son to be the Redeemer. This fellowship is also found and strengthened in our public worship; because God is pledged to meet His people there: "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." Let them only recollect this then, the duty of offering worship, as God's due, and think of the greatness of the blessing pledged, and their work in the tower would appear in its true character. Their part with the bells corresponded with the functions of organ and choir within the church. In the bells their church towers found a voice, which surely had some part in proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel of Christ. Such a consideration ought to make ringers careful of their own fitness and character as workers in the Church, and stimulate them to set a great and worthy value on their own duty of worshipping with those whom they so often summoned to the house of God.

At 5 p.m. a substantial meat tea was served in St. Nicholas' schools. About 7 p.m. the annual meeting was held in the upper schoolroom. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., President of the Association, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. J. W. Bennett, M.A., Rector of Newchurch.

Mr. Joel Redford, Tonge, Bolton, the corresponding and financial secretary, read the annual report as follows:—

The first words of our report for this year must be of thankfulness, felt by all Englishmen, that our Most Gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria, has been spared to witness the 60th anniversary of her accession to the throne. Lancashire ringers have not been behind their brethren in other parts of the country in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in right loyal fashion, and none of her Majesty's subjects would more earnestly utter the prayer "Long may she reign." Turning to our own Association we are glad to record that this year, so eventful to England, has been marked by satisfactory growth and progress of our work in more ways than one. As usual, we have to report an increase in the number of our members. We now have 58 honorary life members, 31 honorary members, 41 life performing members, 767 performing members, 51 non-resident members; total membership, 948. During the year, 85 new members have been elected, whilst the names of 57 have been removed from the books. The performing members are distributed as follows among the various branches of the Association:—Manchester 155, Liverpool 152, Rossendale 122, Blackburn 88, Preston 85, Bolton 83, Rochdale 69, The Fylde 54; total, 808. A proposal to divide the Liverpool Diocesan branch has been discussed during the year, but nothing has yet been decided as to this step. The area covered by the branch is large, and it would probably be to the benefit of the Association if a new branch were formed to cover the northern part of this district, with Wigan or Southport as its centre. The treasurer's balance sheet shows an income for the year of £46 6s. 4d., against an expenditure of £32 18s. 10½d., giving a balance in hand on the year's working of £13 7s. 5½d. The total balance in hand is now £94 16s. 10d., of which £64 5s. 2d. is invested in the Post Office Savings Bank, and £30 11s. 8d. in the treasurer's hands. The cost of printing the rules and diagrams for six-bell ringers, which have just been issued, will, however, reduce this balance considerably. Turning to the peals rung during the year, it is pleasant to report the best record yet attained by the Association, both in number of performances and in quality of methods used. Forty-nine peals of 5000 changes and upwards have been rung, against 35 last year. These have included:—Grandsire Triples, 22; Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; in seven 720's of Minor, 6. Handbell Peals—Bob Major, 1; seven 720's of Minor, 1; total, 49. We congratulate the Pendleton company on the distinction gained by them in having rung the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in the county of Lancashire. This company has achieved a splendid record in the last few years. It is also worth mention that the handbell peal in Minor methods rung by the Oswaldtwistle company is the first Minor handbell peal scored by the Association, and we heartily congratulate our ringing secretary, A. E. Wreaks, on being the first member to accomplish 100 Lancashire Association peals. He accomplished the hundredth most fittingly on Jubilee Day, in a peal rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession, and by an extraordinary coincidence out of the 100 rung this was the 60th which he had himself conducted. In last year's report we announced that a set of diagrams and instructions for ringing various six-bell methods was being drawn up for the Association by Messrs. J. H. Barnes, J. W. Cockcroft, and C. E. Wilson. This work has been completed and issued, and will, we hope, prove of real use to six-bell ringers in the county. Our best thanks are due to the gentlemen named for the time and trouble they have bestowed on this work. The Association may now congratulate itself on having another peal of twelve bells within its borders in working order. After a silence of many years the grand ring of twelve at St. Mary's, Oldham, has been completely rehung, and we hope that before long there may be a full company of ringers in Oldham able to revive the past reputation of their tower. Important work has also been done in rehanging the bells or putting in new rings in several other towns in the county. We may fairly claim that this report is full of encouragement. The Association can show progress in many ways. But its success has chiefly been gained by quiet work done in the different branches during the year. To those who have worked so well in this direction, notably to the branch secretaries, our best thanks are due.

The President said he thought they would agree with him that the report was a very satisfactory one, and they were all the more glad of that because it was so in a year when all England had been celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Ringers had their own way of celebrating any great public event, and their ringers all through the county celebrated that great event last June. He was very glad that this year they had as good a report to present as ever they had been able to give. And it was a good report they would agree, in more ways than one. In the first place the membership had gone up satisfactorily in the various branches. Of course the numbers fluctuated a little in each branch from one year to another. He noticed in that branch the numbers had increased during the year, and in the

Bolton branch (started from the old Manchester branch) the number had gone up considerably. An analysis of their position showed that the best work of the Association, perhaps, was being done quietly through the different branches. The Association owed its thanks to the branch secretaries who had done good work in attending meetings, etc. The members of the Association had scored more peals than in any year before. He heard some one say as they were coming along that they regretted the number of peals was not fifty instead of 49, but still forty-nine was a good record. A little while ago they rang little else in Lancashire than Grandsire Triples, but they had made considerable advance on that, and they would all re-echo the words of congratulation in the report respecting the ringers of St. Thomas', Oldham, by ringing Superlative Surprise. The balance sheet was also satisfactory. Last year there was a balance on the wrong side, but this year a balance in hand of £13. They must not congratulate themselves too soon, however, for they had a bill to meet for printing instructions for six-bell ringers, but it would be money well spent. He thought they could say the cause of their Art was progressing well in Lancashire. They met together and got practice through the various branches; a greater variety of methods were being rung in the towers; and they were getting more towers to ring in. The report referred to the peal of twelve in St. Mary's, Oldham, but they had progressed in that respect in other towers. They had a peal of eight at Reddish; a peal of eight at St. Peter's, Halliwell, and others in various parts. They were getting more bells to ring, and getting the bells put into good order. He asked the members, while congratulating themselves on the position and progress of the Association, to keep in mind the spiritual side of their work. Let them show a good example in the home, the tower, and the church. They must not forget that they were engaged in a work for God as well as a work for their own exercise. He moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. J. Eachus, of Manchester, was elected a vice-president, Mr. A. E. Wreaks, of Bolton, re-elected ringing secretary; Messrs. R. Ridyard, Manchester Branch (one year), H. Chapman, Manchester Branch, (two years), E. B. Shaw, Rochdale Branch, and Jno. Aspinall, Liverpool, were elected on the committee; and Messrs. Haydock and Leach, Rossendale, were elected auditors.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Banks, Helmshore, it was decided that honorary members having paid the sum of one guinea shall be entitled to honorary life membership.

The customary votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, September 25th. The church is noted for its crooked spire, and truly it must have been noted, for if a visitor chance to ascend the steps which lead to the ringing chamber and this ancient spire, you have only to look at the threadbare steps and try to ponder how many hundred thousands now laid in the dust have gone up the same old steps. I say old, because they are worn to the backbone; and the coming down again requires some skill. Our Chesterfield friends must be congratulated on their fine ring of ten all going well, and moreover having a promising company to ring them. I hope it will not give any offence if I suggest the removal of the stove and pipes from the centre of the chamber, the same being a great obstruction. Would it not be possible to have hot water pipes?

The business meeting was held at The Rutland Arms, Mr. J. Tarlton presiding. The minutes being duly confirmed, it was resolved to give Beighton the next meeting, providing the bells are in ringing order by the appointed time. A small committee was elected to meet and revise the rules. The Secretary proposed that steps should be taken to alter the central tower from which the Association takes its radius, reminding the meeting that the bulk of members were nearer Eckington than Staveley, and it was resolved that in future the central tower be Eckington. The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting. Some good ringing on eight and ten was brought round during the afternoon, thus ending a pleasant meeting. E. J.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the members of the north and east districts of this Association was held at the pretty little village of Pinner on Saturday last, the 2nd October, by the kind permission of the Rev. C. E. Grenside. The meeting was very well attended, and one of the most welcome features of it was the presence of the President, the Rev. H. G. Bird, and of the Master, Mr. J. Basden, accompanied by many ringers from the south and west district, chiefly from Hillingdon, Ealing, Heston, and Isleworth. Some of the ringers halted, as they came along, at Harrow, and obtained permission to ring a touch or two of melodious music on the bells. Grand bells they are too, and in a situation almost unique; but they are rarely heard to the best advantage, the present band of ringers being content with call changes only, in spite of the proximity of the Harrow scholars, who we should have thought might have taken to the exercise, in much the same way as Wykehamists have done, or at all events used to do, at Winchester. We understand that call changes are the only changes now heard at Pinner, but it was not always so.

Now, to a true method-ringer, who feels the fascination of his art, the being content with call changes is indicative of a sad "lapse into barbarism." A little patience and steady perseverance would soon enable this band to overcome all difficulties, and not only cause the music of the bells to be twice as melodious, but the exercise to be twice as fascinating. The brothers George, who are natives of Pinner, could never have achieved prominence as ringers if in their youth they had been members of a "stony" ringing band. We had the privilege of being introduced to the father of these gentlemen, who, though advanced in years, is still hale and hearty, and proud in his recollection of the days when he was captain of a band of method ringers at Pinner. As a *laudator temporis acti* he is still inspired by a keen enthusiasm, and we may perhaps be permitted to express a hope that he may be spared to see again such a standard of ringing practised at Pinner as would make his heart rejoice.

But to return to the meeting. Mr. James George, at whose instance the meeting was held, was active in welcoming the members of the Association as they arrived and in introducing them to the commodious belfry. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m., and continued without interruption to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob, till, soon after six o'clock, an adjournment was ordered to the Cocoa Tree Inn for tea. This over, a short business meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Wood being voted to the chair. No less than fourteen new members were elected, among whom we noticed Mr. R. A. Daniells, the Hon. Sec. of the St. James' Society, and several of the St. John's Hackney Society, viz., Messrs. W. D. and G. J. Smith, J. Pettit, A. Hughes, A. Coles, Walter Prime, and that prince of 12-bell ringers, the veteran Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green.

After the usual speeches, which indicated a warm interest in the work of the Association, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung with excellent precision on hand-bells by some of the members of the St. John's Hackney Society, and was received with well merited applause. The ringers then adjourned to the belfry, where ringing continued till nine o'clock, when it became imperative for those who had come a long distance to think of setting their faces homewards.

Altogether, about sixty members were present at one time or another during the evening, and from a ringing point of view, the outing was both pleasant and profitable. In addition to the ringers already mentioned, we noticed Mr. C. F. Winney of Fulham, Mr. G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow, Mr. C. H. Martin of Hendon, the popular Master of the North and East District, Mr. Albert Pittam of Willesden, Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham and E. E. Huntley, of Bushey, Mr. Price of Oxhey, Mr. R. G. Perrin of Walworth, Mr. Bevan of Kentish Town, and Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., of Tottenham.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Friday evening, September 24th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 52 mins. W. Coakham, 1; F. Nunn, 2; W. B. Manning (conductor), 3; F. G. Newman, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; F. Rumens, 6; J. Cullen, 7; W. Pinsent, 8; W. H. Freeman, 9; W. Crockford, 10. Composed by John Bradley.

DEATH OF MR. G. ROCHESTER, OF SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

It is with regret that we hear, just before going to press, of the death of the above-named gentleman. For some two years or more he had not been so well in his health as his relatives and friends could have wished, and although in the summer of this year he appeared to be better, it was only temporary, for about a month ago he became worse, paralysis supervened, and the end came on September 30th. The funeral, at which the Rev. H. A. Lipscomb, M.A., Vicar of the parish, officiated, took place at Sawbridgeworth on Tuesday last amidst many tokens of sympathy and respect both from parishioners and visitors; on the way to the churchyard there was not a house but what had either the shutters up or blinds down as a last mark of respect to the deceased. The coffin, which was of polished oak, bore the following inscription: "George Rochester, died Sept. 30th, 1897, aged 78 years." The chief mourners were Mr. H. Rochester (only son of deceased) and his wife and five children: George, Harry, Frank, Nelly, and Tom; Mr. Thomas Rochester (nephew), Miss E. M. Rochester (niece), Mr. Patmore (nephew), Mrs. Groves (sister-in-law), Miss Wells (a friend), Mr. Thos. Brace, and Mr. Wm. Boatman (friends). These were followed by the local ringers, and ringers representing various parishes: N. W. Tarling, A. Brown, W. Morris, W. Pleasance, J. Saban, H. Saban, W. Tarling, and C. Matthews (Sawbridgeworth), Mr. F. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), Mr. W. A. Alps (Waltham Abbey), Mr. H. J. Tucker, Mr. A. Tucker, Mr. C. Prior, Mr. W. Prior, Mr. G. Prior, Mr. W. T. Prior (Bishops Stortford), Mr. R. Tabor (Harrow), Mr. G. Brace (Hoddesden). The wreaths which covered the coffin were—"The last token of love from George, Harry, Frank, Nelly, and Tom." "With kindest remembrance from Mr. and Mrs. Ashall." Floral cross, "In loving remembrance of a kind friend." H. R. Rivers, Esq., formerly treasurer of the Sawbridgeworth Society of change ringers, was also present at the church and graveside.

As a ringer the late Mr. Rochester was well-known in many parishes, having shewn a desire in early life to learn all he could, but it must have been under many difficulties at the start, owing to the church of Great St. Mary's, in his native parish of Sawbridgeworth, having at that time but six bells. He had to travel into six parishes to obtain practice on eight, and this continued for a long time, one of these places being Waltham Abbey, where he came in contact with the celebrated ringers, Messrs. William, John, James, and Thomas Carr, four well-known brothers, together with Mr. Sherman, of Hertford, Mr. Wm. Lobb, of London, Mr. T. Britten, Mr. R. Richardson, and many other well-known men of that period, and in return many of them used to pay a visit to Sawbridgeworth. It was not until Mr. Rochester was fifty-two years old that he had the opportunity of ringing on eight bells at his native parish church, which was in 1871, that being the year they were made into a peal of eight, being opened on April 11th in the same year by the late L. Proctor, Esq., and his ringers. After that Mr. Rochester became more active. In November 1879 he rang his First Peal of 5040 (which he conducted) at Waltham Abbey, being at the time over sixty years of age; and in December 1880 a peal of 5040 Bob Major at Bishops Stortford. In February 1881 he conducted E. Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Sawbridgeworth, being the first peal on the bells, and rung by all local men. In May 1882 he rung a peal of Stedman Triples at Waltham Abbey, and in September 1882 a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bishops Stortford, since which time it is said he has rung one or two other peals the records of which has not at present been obtained.

This brief notice would be singularly incomplete without a word or two as to his consideration for ringers generally. Not only has his kindness been displayed at all times to all ringers from whatever quarter they came, but his hospitality has in the past done much to strengthen that friendship which is so valuable amongst any large body of men, and will not be forgotten by those who knew him. To know him once was to respect him always, and this could not have been more plainly shown than it was at the funeral, when ringers from six different parishes put in an appearance, which would have been increased very much had the funeral taken place on a Saturday. One thing is certain, that wherever the deceased was known his name will be cherished by those who have always thought he was one of the best friends ringers ever had.

About half-an-hour after the funeral the visitors, together with some of the local ringers, rang upon the bells (wholly muffled) a touch of 560 Kent Treble Bob, and a touch of 252 Stedman Triples as a last mark of respect to the deceased. And in the evening the local ringers rang a muffled peal denoting the age of Mr. Rochester, their late brother-ringer, who was also Bellwarden, a position which he had held ever since 1871.

At Waltham Abbey on Tuesday evening a muffled peal was rung upon the bells of the Abbey Church by the local ringers there, to the memory of one for whom they had the deepest regard and esteem, for with the late Mr. Rochester the Waltham Abbey ringers of the present day have spent many happy hours and profited by his kindly consideration on all occasions. The ringers were Messrs. T. Pallett, G. E. Peace, F. Carter, G. Thurgood, T. Mitchell, W. A. Alps, D. Tarling, T. Colverd, G. Cole, T. Adams, C. Hearman, and Thos. Morris (of Sawbridgeworth).

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER. — On Saturday, September 11th, the members of this Society had a outing to Bridgnorth, and, judging by its success, we hope it will become an annual one. We were accompanied by our respected Vicar and his son, and their company was much appreciated. It is hoped they will accompany us on future occasions. Arriving at Bridgnorth we went straight to the tower of St. Leonard's, a nice peal of eight, and for over an hour the bells were kept going in various methods. After a stroll round the ancient borough with our friend John Overton, we re-visited the tower for another hour's ringing. We had accepted an invitation from our Vicar to dine with him at The Crown and Raven hotel, and as is usual on these occasions full justice was done to a very excellent repast. After tendering thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality we wended our way to the station for home. Among the touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Superlative and London Surprise, the best was 384 of Superlative and a well-struck 576 of London Surprise. T. Wakeman, N. Davis, G. Salter, J. O. Bennett, E. C. Hunt, T. J. Salter, J. Crane and R. E. Grove. Our veteran, Mr. J. Bennett, was with us but did not take part in the ringing. S.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire). — On Sunday afternoon, September 19th, four members of the Barton-under-Wychwood Society drove to Tamworth, and were kindly received by the local ringers. After a 336 of Grandsire Triples a quarter-peal in the same method was successfully brought round in 47 mins. C. Otley, 1; T. Meredith, 2; G. Griffiths, 3; E. Allsop, 4; C. Chapman, 5; W. Lago, 6; J. Pratt (conductor), 7; C. Pratt, 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk). — On Saturday, October 2nd, for practice, 120 Bob Doubles, 120 April Day, and 120 Morning Star. T. Stammers, 1; E. Youngs, 2; E. Symonds, 3; A. Symonds, 4; G. Moss, 5. On Sunday morning, October 3rd, for Divine Service, 120 Bob Doubles, 120 Grandsire Doubles, 120 April Day, 120 Dream, and 120 Morning Star. E. Youngs, 1; G. Moss, 2; E. Symonds, 3; C. Nunn, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5. Our correspondent adds:—We are looking for the time to join the Norwich Diocesan Association, and would be pleased if any brother-member would help us into it.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 30th, a service, a parallel to which has never been held within the memory of any parishioner at present living in Finedon, took place in the beautiful church of St. Mary the Virgin, the occasion being the dedicating to the glory of God and the use of the church of the two bells recently added to the existing peal to complete the octave. The circumstances under which the addition has been made have already been detailed, and it is only now necessary to remind our readers of the fact—probably unique in the annals of church hisiory—that while one bell commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of the nominal head of the Established Church in England, the other is given by the venerable Vicar in celebration of the fiftieth year of his vicariate. The bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

In the afternoon and until the time fixed for the evening service the bells were rung by parties of ringers from Finedon, Wellingborough, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Raunds, and Higham Ferrers. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. G. W. Paul, at the Star Hall.

The special preacher for the occasion was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berkshire, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It is interesting to note that over fifty years ago he rang one of the bells at Finedon, this being during the time of the present vicar's father. The service commenced at eight o'clock, at which hour a large congregation had assembled in the church. The prayers were intoned by the curate (Rev. G. B. Ashwin), who also read the lesson, Hebrews x. 19. The ordinary Psalms for the day were chanted, and then the Vicar offered the dedicatory prayer for the bells. The hymn before the sermon was 303, "Whene'er the sweet church bell." The preacher, upon entering the pulpit, announced as his text Psalm cl., 5 and 6: "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord." At the outset he referred to the fact that they were able to obtain the very text they wanted for that occasion from the Psalms for the thirtieth day. He was speaking to a mixed congregation, composed of those who were bellringers and those who were not. The first verse of the two, he remarked, is for you and me, my dear brother bellringers, as I have called you many times, for what are the cymbals if they are not our church bells, of which you have magnificent specimens in your church tower. The text literally translated from the Hebrew meant cymbals that would bear a critical hearing and of a loud sound. The second verse of his text was for Christian people generally. In the Bible the word "bells" was only found twice, and they were used so that the people might know when "the priest goeth into the holy place before the Lord." He was thankful to say that the first occasion on which his new tenor sounded was at the celebration of the blessed Sacrament. He knew nothing that thrilled through the inmost soul like a fine peal of bells, so he wished to say a few special words to his brother bellringers. That verse commanded them to praise God in their peals, and it was very important to bear that in mind, for the temptation was to praise themselves or the society or guild to which they belonged. If that custom was not in vogue among them he asked them to adopt it. He then went on to detail at length the reasons why and the manner in which they must praise God, concluding by reminding them of the text, "By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." The hymn, "Hark, hark, my soul," was sung after the sermon, and the offertory taken on behalf of the bell fund.

The Vicar of Finedon has been an honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association since its formation. His brother, the late Rev. Dolben Paul, was formerly hon. secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The noted "Father Smith" organ in Finedon Church was placed there in the year 1717, and opened by Dr. Croft on May 17th of that year. A pleasing feature in connection with the increase of Finedon bells is the hearty and practical interest taken in the matter by the local ringers in contributing and collecting towards the cost. Ringers connected with churches in the district also gave very kind subscriptions.

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."

NORWICH COURT MAXIMUS.

SIR,—One must think from the manner in which the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer treats this question that we have no right to differ, or hesitate to accept the statements that he may make. I can assure him that we do not desire to deprive "Norwich of its laurels," only that we object to gilding the leaves. We have sought in every direction that we could for evidence upon the point, and in place of it we get plenty of special pleading and possibilities stretched to probabilities, which it is supposed should carry conviction. Now, Sir, I will follow, as briefly as possible, through the letter of last week. First, Shipway was the first to publish the Single Court, etc. Granted; but he was also the first "to assimilate the method to twelve bells, therefore confuting the erroneous opinion hitherto entertained, that this system is not adapted for that number." (See preface.) Therefore, the Norwich men, in spite of "the difficulties of communication," had seen the book, or had pricked a method of their own, of which we have no knowledge, and which even the composer has not left us any trace; for I have it from the present possessor of S. Thurston's diary that there is nothing in it relating to this peal. Even Mr. Hubbard gave a very unsatisfactory opinion when asked by Mr. Snowdon, "but thought it was one of the methods given on page 37 or 38, in the 4th edition of his book," a choice of four methods. Now, Sir, we maintain that the Single Norwich Court given here materially differs from Shipway and answers "the somewhat sketchy description of the construction of the method rung," and of which Mr. T. Hurry, who was one of the band, composed a peal, which is published by Hubbard. Second: It is nineteen years since the few members of our company went to Norwich and saw "Jimmy Youngs," who, notwithstanding the statement of "an old Norwich ringer," retains a great deal of respect both for his truthfulness and genuineness. The Ipswich company at that time knew no more of Court Bob than the name, so it was only a very casual question, and not asked with any desire for a particular answer. One of the Norwich ringers still living told me that there was a tradition among them "that the said peal was Plain Bob spoilt." Fourth: It is recorded in the Norwich Scholars' peal-book that the peal rung at St. Michael's Coslany on December 18th, 1815, was Double Norwich, and that the one rang May 19th, 1827, was the "second peal in this difficult method that ever was accomplished in this city." Oh, but that is Major. Well; would a band claim first peal of Stedman in the county if Cinques had been rung and theirs was Triples? The memoir of the late S. Thurston, given in your issue of September 18th, was a most interesting paper, and gave us the spirit of the ringers of that day. From it we can judge that self-praise was largely resorted to by the Norwich men, and with good effect (which makes the mysterious silence on this peal the more remarkable). Mr. Bulwer says "it is reasonable to believe that the Norwich men must often have practised Norwich Court Twelve-in before Shipway's book appeared," but judging from the ages of a number of the band it is more reasonable to suppose they were practising the rudimentary stages of ringing; and as to being proficient in Norwich Court, why did they want to meet on Sunday mornings to practice Double Norwich Royal for three or four years and yet never rang a peal. It took the Ipswich company ten years to master it, even after ringing two peals of Royal, eight out of the twelve taking part in them. I would also point out to Mr. Bulwer that Mr. Snowdon's book did not influence the recording in the Norwich peal-book in 1880, as it was not published until 1884.

W. L. CATCHPOLE.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

SIR,—In last week's issue appears a letter from E. E. Huntley claiming the first peal in seven methods on handbells for the Mitchell Brothers. But if "E. E. H." will look for the record of the Mitchell peal, he will find in the methods rung, Yorkshire Court and Court Bob, which Mr. J. J. Parker pointed out to be false. Therefore the honour of ringing the first true peal in seven methods belong to R. Parkinson and Co., and the first peal by members of one family (see J. C. Mitchell's letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 11th, 1895), belongs to Messrs. Meadows, of Otley, Suffolk.

W. TIMBRELL.

Chipping, Lancashire.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to thank Mr. Huntley for his information. Of course we now give up the claim to its being the first of its kind, and only lay claim to its being the first by the Lancashire Association. We should be thankful if Mr. Huntley would kindly say in what methods the peal was rung, also if any other ringers know of any Minor handbell peal. A description of such will oblige

Oswaldtwistle. R. PARKINSON.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The first thing which met our view on opening the paper last Friday evening was the report of the doings at the Annual Meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association. After I had read this account through very carefully, I came to the conclusion that the "Norridgers" know something now. I refrain at present from touching on the "Single and Double Court" question; that can wait until a future number. The report begins in a disappointing strain. The special service was but "poorly attended." It is not the correct thing, perhaps, to refer to this after what was said in last week's editorial; but though not over-modest or shy, I think had I been present when the Rev. H. E. Bulwer animadverted upon the "thinness" of the congregation, I should have had the cheek-ache. The reference to the peal-book I can hardly tumble to. It was decided that the entries in this volume should in the future be made with pen-and-ink only. I suppose by this is meant a plain caligraphy, similar to the headings placed in the copy-books. Quite enough too, when there are so many entries. But the Association ought to have two books of the kind, kept by two officers of the Society in case of loss either by fire or water. This disappointing report concludes by telling us that there was plenty of ringing during the morning, but it was not of a very grand description.

It ought, I think, to set the thinking men of the Association at work a bit. The Exercise is accustomed to look so rosily upon the procedure of the great Eastern Association, that many will wonder what has come to it. Indifferent ringing, non-attendance at church at the Annual Meeting, and a squabble about "Single and Double," forms a concatenation of circumstances the reverse of rosy. What the end may be of this latter I almost shudder to think of. Mr. Bulwer asks some questions which at present look awkward for his opponents. Maybe they can be explained. But such a task wants some doing, as a cockney would say.

In connection with the question of attendance at church I have received the following letter: "Dear Sir,—I am often amused when reading your remarks in my "BELL NEWS," but the subject I am writing you about is a more serious one. The Editor only last Saturday makes some very strong remarks about ringers absenting themselves from the services to which they have called others. Now, I am not a saint, I am a sinner; I can as truly say with the Psalmist, "If Thou, Lord, shalt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, who may abide it," but nevertheless, I can conscientiously say I do love to attend the services, and therefore I do not feel the Editor's lash. I was ringing for service last evening at one of the grandest churches in the country (there are fixed seats for 1400) and it was the Harvest Festival. When we came down the tower, I and several others tried to get inside the church for service, but found it was an impossibility, as the church was packed and the porch full. I think if the Editor speaks so strongly about the ringers it is as much his duty to point out to the Rectors and Churchwardens their duty of providing a "reserved" pew for the ringers. Hoping you will receive these few remarks in the same spirit as are given, I am, yours respectfully, Disappointed." I dare say the Editor understands his duties better than most of us. For the life of me I cannot see any objection to a church being full; it seems a very good sign. As for having a special reserved pew for ringers, I oppose it tooth and nail. During the acts of public worship I decidedly object to be labelled. I know it is a very favourite idea with many, but its evils have been lost sight of, I think. We shall have the grave-diggers asking for a pew next. It should also be remembered that though ringers are church officials, they are so not in the same sense as clerks or sextons. Their office is frequently honorary; at all times partly so. Their rank is, or should be, regarded as on a par with the wardens. No; the advocates of the "labelled" pew arrangement have not thought the matter out well. The plan may better enable the incumbent to judge who were absent from the service. But that knowledge would not always be welcome.

The tour by members of the Winchester Guild was apparently satisfactory to all concerned. Seven successful attempts out of eight. Not at all bad, George. You rang some capital methods though the Cambridge didn't come off. Better luck next time. But three peals in one day! four of the party taking part in each is, well, not a tempting of Providence exactly, but a great trial say, to the parishioners who were obliged to hear them. It is to be hoped we shall not hear of many such days as this. Three peals in one day! Not the first time it has been done I think. But look at the temptation it gives to "aspirants for campanistean fame," to use an old quotation. We shall have some young band arranging directly for four peals in a day, and this will lead to five hundred peals in five hundred days, or some other similar extravagance.

But apart from the peals rung, these ringing tours must be highly commended. They wake-up the neighbourhoods involved, and set people's tongues agog. But my dear George W., try next year some fresh fields and pastures new. Have a run down into Dorset or into Rutland, or what do you say to a day-trip as far as Westmoreland? Think it over, George. Plenty of hospitality to be shown you. We shall all be waiting to hear of the Devonshire trip.

At last, so a correspondent writes, *The Times* has an article on bells. My correspondent facetiously adds: "Now we shall get on." I am afraid there will be some difficulty about reproducing this article in the "B.N." because of a peculiar feature called "copyright." The Thunderer may swoop down upon us for damages, and all the rest of it. But we shall see. Perhaps a way may be found out of the difficulty. People don't mind copying from the "B.N." and even from the observations of yours truly. But we journalists are magnanimous people. Ahem.

I have not heard lately from any of you who are working hard to get up the circulation. Don't be weary in well-doing, my friends. If there is any fresh novelty you would like to see in the paper only say so, and I will endeavour to oblige. Should you like some lessons in mushroom cultivation, the rearing of poultry, the latest fashions, motor-power, aquatics, or the natatory art? If so, I'm your man. Anything to make things hum, as our worthy friend "Jingle" once said. I have a bit of original poetry for you next week. PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2nd, a very successful district meeting was held at Titchfield, of which Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, is secretary. The following towers were represented: Portsea, Gosport, Fareham, Wickham, Swanmore, and Shedfield.

The bells were kept going from 6 to 9 p.m, and short touches was the order, so as to give every one a chance. Various methods were rung, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Single, College Single, and Plain Bob. Among the visitors was the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Master of the Guild, and the Rev. H. Wheat, curate of Titchfield. The latter, who has only started change-ringing recently, was piloted through his first 6-score with a bob bell. This gentleman deserves every encouragement, for he will no doubt become an excellent leader to the local band, who are now being instructed by Mr. Whiting. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar, the Rev. R. White, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and to the Rev, H. Wheat, for so kindly welcoming them, and making the meeting a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

The *Cathedral Monthly Paper* has the following: On Friday, the 24th, in connection with the funeral of the late Dean, there was a large attendance of ringers. From one to two p.m. the ten bells were very slowly clocked with the clappers muffled, and when the service was ended they were rung half-muffled for half an hour, after which the tenor bell was struck seventy-nine times, corresponding with the Dean's years. On the Sunday following, the bells were half-muffled morning and evening, the ten being rung for both services.

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The Provinces.

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On Tuesday, September 14, 1897, *in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 26 cwt. in D flat.

FRED. WEBB	..*Treble.*	*JOHN MATHEWS	5.
ARTHUR HAWES..	2.	†JAMES FRANKLIN	6.
WILLIAM BENNETT	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..	7.
HARRY G. JUDGE	4.	ANTHONY STRANGE ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. E. Hollis and Miss Kerwood. Any band wishing to have the use of these bells for a peal, can do so by first applying to Mr. H. Judge, Kidlington, Oxon. The "go" of the bells are all that can be desired.

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On Friday, September 24, 1897, *in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FRED WEBB	..*Treble.*	JOHN MATHEWS	5.
JAMES FRANKLIN	2.	WILLIAM BENNETT	6.
J. W. WASHBROOK	3.	HARRY JUDGE	7.
WILLIAM THORPE*	4.	*THOMAS HILL	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal. This peal was rung on the birth of a son and heir to their graces the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. The above are all local men except the conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 26, 1897, in Two Hours Fifty-five and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE	..*Treble.*	LEWIS G. READ	5.
JOSEPH J PARKER	2.	GEORGE ALLDER	6.
JOHN BASDEN	3.	ALLEN H. TABER	7.
REUBEN FLAXMAN	4.	ERNEST CARTER	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

This is the first peal on the bells.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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WALTER CHAPMAN	2.	GEORGE BOLLAND	5.
JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM	3.	F. W. HARGREAVES	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

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(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH).

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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JOHN H. GRUNDY*	..*Treble.*	SAMUEL SMITH	5.
WILLIAM A. TYLER	2.	JOHN SMITH	6.
RICHARD LANE	3.	EDWARD READER	7.
ARTHUR W. MATHEWS	4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal of Double Norwich. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Wednesday, September 29, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

FRED. G. MAY	..*Treble.*	JOHN AUSTIN	5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER	2.	FRANCIS E. WARD	6.
WALTER T. BENNETT	3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS	7.
FRANCIS E. HART	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	..*Tenor.*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

LEEDS, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, September 30, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE TINGLE*	..*Treble.*	MATTHEW TOMLINSON	6.
ROBERT CHRISTIAN	2.	TOM LOCKWOOD	7.
HARRY LOCKWOOD	3.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH	8.
ALFRED WINDSOR	4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	9.
WM. WALKER	5.	HARRY SMITH	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

*First peal in the method. Christian hails from Great Yarmouth. This is the quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 1, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN H. GRUNDY	..*Treble.*	SAMUEL SMITH	5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT	2.	EDWARD READER	6.
WILLIAM A. TYLER	3.	ARTHUR W. MATHEWS	7.
JOHN SMITH	4.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.	..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN B. MARTIN	..*Treble.*	*GEORGE DENT	5.
ALFRED H. MARTIN	2.	WILLIAM PETTITT	6.
JAMES GARRATT	3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN.	7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN	4.	†JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.	..*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

This peal contains the full combination of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, the 2nd never being in that position, and is now rung for the first time. *First peal in the method and first attempt. †Sixtieth peal.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD R. J. DUNK	..*Treble.*	*HERBERT J. FORD	5.
WILLIAM LATTER	2.	†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	6.
GEORGE SMITHERS	3.	‡JAMES W. LEONARD	7.
JIM BEACH†	4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Treble Bob Major. It is also the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for so kindly granting permission on this and previous occasions, also Mr. Leonard for having things in readiness at each visit. Dunk hails from Westerham; Latter and Smithers from Tunbridge Wells; Beach and Lambert from Horsmonden: Ford and Groombridge from Sevenoaks; and Leonard belongs to the local band.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT WHITE	..*Treble.*	JOHN HARRIS	5.
WILLIAM J. SEVIER	2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6.
RICHARD HASTED	3.	WILLIAM LEBBON	7.
ALFRED NEWMAN	4.	WILLIAM H. LOVELAND	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Messrs. White and Newman belong to Romsey; the rest to Winchester. This is the quickest peal on the bells, which was rung as a farewell to A. Newman, who is leaving Romsey.

BEDDINGTON.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 20¼ cwt.

CHARLES BANCE	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM SMITH	6.
EDGAR BENNETT	2.	*FREDERICK PATES	7
WILLIAM BULPITT*	3.	JOSEPH FAYERS	8.
HENRY BROOKER	4.	THOMAS VERRALL	9.
ALFRED TRAPPITT	5.	ALFRED CLAYTON	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

*First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Trappitt, his brothe-rringers wishing him many happy returns.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

C. COX	*Treble.*	C. LYES	5.
A. PEGLER	2.	H. FORD	6.
E. E. DAVIS	3.	*H. LOVELL	7.
W. T. PEGLER	4.	*G. PARSONS	*Tenor.*

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES and Conducted by H. FORD.

*First peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CLAYTON	*Treble.*	FREDERICK W. DIXON	5.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON	2.	JOHN THACKRAY	6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3.	*EDWIN WHEATER	7.
SIDNEY C. CLARK	4.	DAVID STEPHENSON	*Tenor.*

Composed by OBADIAH LANG of Liversedge, and Conducted by EDWIN WHEATER.

*First peal as conductor. Clayton hails from Birstall; Thompson and Dixon from Guiseley; Broadley, Clark and Wheater from Bradford; Thrackray from Armley; Stephenson from Ossett.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS NEWNHAM	*Treble.*	WILLIAM MARKS	5.
HENRY CORBETT	2.	EDWARD HULL	6.
HENRY WOODS	3.	ARTHUR DEAN	7.
JOHN WYATT	4.	JOSEPH LISNEY	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and tenor, being the former's first attempt, age 17; and the latter, whose age is 77, was heartily congratulated at the conclusion of the the peal by all the band, finishing fresh and well.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 29 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN	*Treble.*	FREDERICK G. MAY	6.
THOMAS HYLAND	2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER	7.
THOMAS COLLISON	3.	WALTER T. BENNETT	8.
JOHN AUSTIN	4.	WILLIAM WILLSON	9.
FRANCIS E. WARD	5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong in the tittums, and her extent right in the home position, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Austin, May, Bennet and Pegler hail from Gloucester; F. E. Ward from Cheltenham; Messrs. Fowler and Willson from Leicester.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 4, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALEXANDER MCFARLANE*	*Treble.*	*RICHARD FENWICK	5.
FRED P. HOWCROFT*	2.	*JOHN W. PASSMAN	6.
CHARLES R. HALL*	3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON	7.
JOHN H. JONES*	4.	*THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor.*

Composed by H. W. WILDE and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal in the method, and first rung on the bells.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 in each of the following methods:

College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY	*Treble.*	CHARLES CHASTY	4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2.	HERBERT SHARP	5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER	3.	FRANK HULL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First 5040 in seven Treble Bob methods by ringer of treble. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. F. Hull, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Sunday, September 26th, at the parish church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a date touch of 1897 Canterbury Pleasure Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Pickin, 1; J. Stone, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Ollerhead, 4; F. Jones, 5; C. Gittins, 6; J. Dillon, 7; T. Hughes, 8. Arranged and condncted by J. Dillon.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, September 28th, at St. Martin's church, twelve of the above Guild rung a date touch of Stedman Cinques, comprising 1897 changes, time 1 hr. 25 mins. Tenor 36 cwt. in C. B. Bastable (conductor), 1; T. Russam, 2; W. S. Pritchett, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. S. Pritchett, 6; *A. Walker, 7; *T. Wakeman, 8; *T. Westwood, 9; W. Short, 10; W. Kent (composer), 11; *W. Painter, 11. *Longest length of Cinques.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—Recently a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. V. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. F. Best, 6; G. Preston, 7; W. Saffery, 8. Conducted by G. Preston. Rang on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Shrubb to Capt. Bayliff, R.M.L.I.

Miscellaneous.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TREETON (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, September 14th, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. T. Whitworth, 1; W. Allwood, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; S. Walker, 5; W. Lambert (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. Also 240 Violet. Messrs. Morton and Robinson belong to Eckington; the rest are local men.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Price, 1; W. Allwood, 2; S. Walker, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Morton, 5; S. Robinson, 6; G. Marsden, 7; T. Whitworth, 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor belong to Treeton; the rest to the local company. On Sunday morning, September 19th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; J. Worthington, 3; W. Worthington, 4; J. Morton, 5; S. Robson, 6; J. Harriss, 7; A. Worthington, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and tenor belong to Staveley; the rest to the local company.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Thursday, September 23rd, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. P. Hannam (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harper, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; J. Matthews, 5; A. Pye, 6; E. Newman (first as conductor), 7; —. Ingram (first quarter-peal), 8.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for early service at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; G. Heath, 3; C. Green, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Chapman, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Hall (conductor), 6. For morning service 360 Oxford Bob. W. Hall, 1; J Baker, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; L. Chapman (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 27th, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. L. Chapman, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4;

W. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob. W. Hall (conductor), 1; J. Baker, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; H. Clayton, 4; G. Heath, 5; L. Chapman, 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. L. Chapman, G. Heath, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Clayton, 4; J. Houghton, 5; F. Gilbert, (conductor), 6. And 360 Double Court. J. Baker, 1; W. Pettit, 2; J Houghton, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; J. Baker, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; W. Pettit, 5; J. Houghton (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Double Oxford Bob. H. Clayton, 1; J. Houghton, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; W. Pettit, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. Martin, 6. Messrs. Hough and Pettit bail from Irthlingborough; Gilbert from Raunds; Martin from Higham Ferrers.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 25th, at the church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Wyatt, 1; A. Dean, 2; H. Corbett, 3; C. Dean, 4; C. Bance, 5; W. Chantler, 6; W. Smith (conductor), 7; H. Bryant, 8. Messrs. A. Dean and Corbett belong to the local band; C. Dean and Bryant to Benhilton; Bance to Beddington; Smith to Mitcham; Chantler to Ewell. Rung after meeting one short for a peal, Corbett taking the absentee's place.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).—On a Monday in August, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Sedge, 1; H. Coast, 2; G. Coast, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; E. Day, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; J. Grensted, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6. And 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bob and two singles). W. Hollands, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Friday and Sunday, September 24th and 26th, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rang at St. Alfege church before and after each of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services. The following took part in the ringing: W. Berry, W. Foreman, H. Flanders, J. J. Lamb, T. Taylor (Lewisham), E. H. Nixon (Lewisham), C. Withecamb (Bermondsey), G. Harman (Rotherhithe), D. S. Evans (late of Whitchurch, Salop), E. E. Richards, J. Waghorn, jun. (Tottenham), F. S. Bayley, I. G. Shade and F. W. Thornton. The honours of conducting were divided between H. Hoskins, J. Waghorn, I. G. Shade, and F. W. Thornton.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, August 30th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Miles, 1; T. Durling, 2; A. Durling (first 500 with a bob bell), 3; R. Hims, 4; G. French, 5; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 6; G. Durling, 7; A. Durling (first 500), 8.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, August 22nd, for Divine Service, a 672 Bob Major. G. Simpson. 1; R. Humphrey, 2; J. Town, 3; E. Dunn. 4; J. Hack, 5; P. Harman, 6; W. Ingham, 7; G. Durling (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, August 29th, for Divine Service, 503 Oxford Bob Triples. H. Sulvan, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Town (first 500 in the method with a bob bell), 3, E. Dunn, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. Ingham, 8. On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Hims (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; E. Dunn, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Simpson, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Sunday, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. R. Pain, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Spice, 3; A. Gower, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Pain, 1; W. Hobb (conductor), 2; E. J. Dixon, 3; W. Spice, 4; T. Tabrett, 5; J. Roberts, 6. After service 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Spice, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. This is J. Roberts' first 720; Messrs. Pain and Gower hail from Mersham; Spice from Charing; Tabrett from Ashford; the rest belong to the local band.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SPELDHURST (Kent). — On Tursday, September 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 1264 changes, in 45 mins. A. Godley, 1; G. Head, 2; W. H. Card, 3; R. Pelling, 4; G. Turley, 5; T. Card, 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; A. E. Edwards, 8. Rung in honour of the treble ringer's birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON FITZWARREN (Somersetshire). — On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service at All Saint's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. Bellamy, 1 H. Creed, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First 720 in the method by H. Chaplin. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Bellamy, 1; F. Saunders, 2; I. Creed, 3; H. Creed, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. First in the method by H. Chaplin.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Parkinson (conductor), 1; T. Holden, 2; J. Bentley, 3; I. Whalley, 4; C. Sharples, 5; W. Britcliffe, 6. First on the bells by a local band. On Wednesday, September 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Holden, 1; W. Britcliffe, 2; J. Bentley, 3; C. Sharples, 4; I. Whalley, 5; R. Parkinson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 5th, on handbells, 720 Merchants' Return. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, September 6th, 720 Kent. On Wednesday, September 15th, 720 Oxford Single. Also 720 Canterbury. On Monday, September 20th, 720 College Single. On Tuesday, September 28th, 720 Violet. I. Whalley, 1-2; C. Sharples, 3-4; R. Parkinson (conductor), 5-6. First in the method on handbells by all.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TARPORLEY (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples in 19 mins. J. Sheen, 1; S. Johnson, 2; H. Wright, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Stockton, 5; F Vernon, 6; J. Richardson, 7; A. Johnson, 8. Messrs. Johnson (2) hail from Northwich; the rest belong to the local band. For evening service 504 Bob Triples. H. Titton, 1; J. Sheen, 2; H. Wright, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Stockton, 5; F. Vernon (conductor), 6; J. Richardson, 7; F. Lewis, 8. All members of the local band. First 504 by Messrs. Titton and Lewis.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On July 21st, at St. Paul's, 727 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Barker, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Keech, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 503 Grandsire Triples. F. A. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Sharp, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; D. Thompson, 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples. W. J. Barker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; F. Keech, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; D. Thompson, 8. On July 25th, 320 Double Norwich. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; I. Hills, 6; F. Hull, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On August 12th, on the front six, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. J. Barker, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. Also 504 Stedman Triples. W. J. Barker, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. Chasty, 5; J. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Toll, 8 On August 19th, 539 Grandsire Caters. H. Toll, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; F. Smith, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Hull, 8; C. Chasty, 9; F. Keech, 10. Also 408 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. Barker, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Smith, 7; H. Toll, 8. On September 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Tilley, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Tysoe, 7; E. Tingey, 8. Also 320 Double Norwich. E. Tingey, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. J. Barker, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Chasty, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On September 5th, a course of Treble Bob Royal. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; F. Hull, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; H. Sharp, 10. On September 7th, attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, lost after ringing 1 hr. and 5 mins. E. Tingey, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; J. Hack, 5; F. Hull, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; H. Tysoe, 8; H. Sharp (conductor), 9; F. Ball, 10. Afterwards a 503 Grandsire Caters. E. Tingey, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; J. Hack, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; C. Chasty, 9; F. Hull, 10. Also a course of Treble Bob Royal. E. Tingey, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; J. Hack, 6; I. Hills, 7; H. Sharp, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; C. W. Clarke, 10. Also 320 Double Norwich. H. Tysoe, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; J. Hack, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; C. Chasty, 6; F. Hull, 7; J. Hills, 8. J. Hack hails from Hayes, Kent. On September 12th, 395 Grandsire Caters. H. Sharp, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; C. Chasty, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; A. Markwell, 9; H. Tysoe, 10. Also 324 Stedman Caters. W. J. Barker, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; A. Markwell, 9; H. Sharp, 10. H. Sharp and A. Markwell hails from Wilburton, Isle of Ely. On September 19th, 336 Grandsire Triples. E. Tingey, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F.

Keech, 4; W. J. Barker, 5; J. Hills, 6; C. Chasty (conductor), 7; F. Ball, 8. Also 880 Treble Bob Royal. E. Tingey, 1; W. J. Barker, 2; F. Smith, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Hall, 5; S. J. Cullip, 6; I. Hills, 7; F. Hull, 8; C. Chasty, 9; H. Sharp (conductor), 10. *Handbell ringing.*—On September 10th, at 50 Cauldwell street, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. E. Tingey, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. On September 24th, 720 College Pleasure. E. Tingey; C. R. Lilley, 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On September 14th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Double Court. F. Parrott, 1; C W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Tingey (first 720 in method), 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. On September 21st, 720 Woodbine. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. J. Barker, 2; E. Tingey (first 720 in method), 3; F. Hull, 4; C. Chasty, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST (Beds.)—On Saturday, September 11th, an attempted peal of Treble Bob Minor was lost after ringing a 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, and London Scholars' Pleasure. E. Tingey, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. J. Barker, 3; C. Chasty, 4; C. R. Lilley, 5; H. Sharp, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 19th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Oxford Single. G. Backshall, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. G. Wedge, 1; F. Streeter, 2; J. Gasson, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Holford, 1; A. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter 4; C. Holman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; C. Holman (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Holford, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. G. Backshall, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Gasson, 5; C. Holman, (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Single. G. Wedge, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. All ringing friends are welcome at this tower; ringing last Sunday in the month for evening service.

BRIGHTON.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, September 16th, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 33 mins. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart, 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8. On Thursday, September 23rd, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Giles, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; F. Bennett, 7-8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILDENHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 12th, a start was made for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing over 800 changes it came to grief. Another attempt shared the same fate after 700 changes had been rung; at the third attempt it was brought round in 48 mins. H. Turner, 1; J. Lock, 2; H. Turner, 3; A. Turner, 4; G. Turner, 5: C. Carpenter, 6; W. Taylor (conductor), 7; C. Muncon, 8. Taylor hails trom Newmarket: the others are local men.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 20th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. J. Morley, 1; E. Caunce, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; C. Sharples (conductor), 4; J. Gardner, 5; W. Bentham, 6; J. R. Park, 7; W. Fairclough, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William Lea, formerly a ringer at the above church. On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples, J. Marsh, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; J. Eastham, 3; C. Sharples, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; J. Gardner, 6; W. Bentham, 7; J. R. Park, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. J. Marsh, 1; J. Eastham, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; C. Sharples, 4; E. Caunce, 5; J. Gardner, 6; W. Bentham (conductor), 7; R. Rimmer, 8.

THE ALLHALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. *A. Martin, 1; E. Iverson, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; H. Barnett, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; C. Button (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Martin, 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 14th, 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Lawrence, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; O. Phillips, 6. Also 720 College Single. H. Carter, 1: A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all and on the bells. Tenor 14 cwt. On Sunday, September 19th, for afternoon service, 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; G. Phillips, 6. Also a touch of College Single. A. Lawrence, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 20th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; A. Phillips, 2; G. Carter, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; the rest as before.

HORMEAD (Herts).—On Thursday, September 16th, 120 Stedman, 120 Grandsire, and 120 Bob Doubles and 108 Grandsire Minor. No longer length of Minor could be rung owing to the bad circle of the ropes, the 3rd bell being in a corner. They also run left-handed.

ANSTEY (Herts).—On Thursday, September 16th, 360 Bob Minor, and a 6-score of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, besides a touch of Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

BARKWAY (Herts).—On Thursday, September 16th, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and a 720 of Bob Minor was lost after ringing 500 changes, owing to a mis-call. Tenor 16 cwt.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, September 26th, for morning service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. F. Glennerster, 1; P. H. Read, 2; C. George, 3; A. Lance, 4; H. Martin, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. N. Price, (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. After evening service, 532 Grandsire Triples. F. Glennerster, 1; F. A. Smith, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Norris, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Vernon, 8. On Tuesday, September 28th, on handbells, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. George, 1-2; H. Martin, 3-4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5-6: W. Norris, 7-8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, September 21st, for the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 55 mins. H. Dall, 1; R. Duke (longest touch), 2: J. Dawson, 3; R. Hall, 4; H. Salkeld, 5; S. Ferry, 6; W. Holmes (conductor), 7; E. Ferry, 8. Tenor 31½ cwt. in D. This was also rung as a birthday compliment to R. Hall.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex). — On Sunday, September 26th, at St. Saviour's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Joyce, 1; A. D. O. Abrahams, 2: F. W. J. Butler, 3; E. Lillywhite, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; H. E. Street, 6; R. Elliott, 7; H. Wilkins, 8. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. W. J. Butler, 1; H. E. Street, 2; G. B. Lucas, (conductor), 3; E. Lillywhite, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; R. Elliott, 7; H. Wilkins (first quarter-peal), 8. Meeting-nights Mondays, at 8.30, when all ringers are welcome.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—Recently at St. Helen's church on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 719 Grandsire Caters. J. Higgs, 1; W. Adkins, 2; E. Blay, 3; J. Brawn, 4; G. Staniland, 5; E. Aldworth (conductor), 6; H. Holifield, 7; T. Short, 8; G. Holloway, 9; W. Absalom, 10.

FULMER (Bucks). — On Sunday, September 19th, at the parish church, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Clark, 1; T. Toombs, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; E. Harding, 4; G. Gutteridge, 5; W. Bateman, 6.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, September 29th, for practice at St. Lawrence's church, 730 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 32 mins. E. Bruce (first 720 in the method), 1; F. Tubb, 2; J. Hern, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. Osborne, 5; F. Hopgood (conductor), 6. Rung on the back six. Tenor 24 cwt. On handbells 518 Grandsire Triples, being the fifth part of Holt's ten-part peal. F. Tubb, 1-2; C. Giles, 3-4; F. Hopgood (conductor), 5-6; A. Osborne, 7-8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, before Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 College Single in 26 mins. Composed by Mr. Fisher, of Ducklington. W. Bamber, 1; J. Fell, 2; J. Tipping, 3; A. Wilson, 4; *R. Seddon, 5; E. Tipping, 6. *First 720 in the method. For evening service 720 Plain Bob in 24 mins. W. Bamber, 1; R. Seddon, 2; *J. Tipping, 3: A. Wilson, 4; C. Kerr, 5; E. Tipping (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine

Service at Christ Church, 240 Oxford. J. Heckingbottom, 1; J. Hey, 2; Joe Thackray, 3; Jno Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 240 each of Duke of York and Violet. J. Hey, 1; J. Heckingbottom, 2; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; the rest as before. For evening service 240 Merchants' Delight, Duke of York, and Kent. J. Hey, 1: Joe Thackray, 2; B. Cowling (conductor), 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; J. Guy, 6.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, September 20th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Elton, 1; C. Otley, 2; G. Griffiths, 3; E. Allsopp, 4; J. Griffin, 5; W. Mee, 6; T. Meredith (conductor), 7; G. Whapples, 8. Longest length by Messrs. Elton, Mee, and Whapples. On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, several short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung in which the following took part: Messrs. Barton, Elton, Ottley, Allsopp (2), Mee, Griffiths, Whapples, Jones, Woodman, and Meredith.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service, 952 Grandsire Triples. F. Broad, 1; H. Martin, 2; E. Playdon, 3; F. Chance, 4; W. Heming, 5; J. Bate, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. On Saturday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Broad, 1; H. Martin, 2; J. Chance, 3; E. Gilbert, 4; W. Heming, 5; J. Bate, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Longest length by J. Bate since his return to England after an absence of thirty-three years.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Gooch, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; W. Everard, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. White, 7; R. Burrell, 8. On Thursday, September 23rd, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the last 742 of Holt's Original, standing as above. A. Edwards is a member of the St. Mary's company, Widford. Harper hails from Sudbury; White from Barking, both of whom now reside in Chelmsford.

COALEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 19th, 720 Bob Minor and a 6-score each of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Slow Course, and a few courses of College Single. The 720 was taken from the *Clavis*, and contains nine bobs and six singles. Messrs. R. T. and G. Prout, C. East, G. Watkins, T. Savage and G. Condick (conductor).

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Sunday morning, September 5th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 224 Bob Major and 336 Grandsire Triples. For evening service 1008 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Rashbrook (conductor), 3; R. Stannard, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8. On Sunday morning, September 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Rashbrook (conductor), 1; R. Stannard, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; W. Howell, 4; W. Burch, 5; W. Schofield, 6. On Wednesday, September 22nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Kavanagh, 1120 Bob Major. W. Scott, 1; W. Howell, 2; D. Elliott (conductor), 3; W. Laddam, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; E. Beckwith, 7; W. Schofield, 8. Also 1008 Bob Major. W. Schofield, 3; D. Elliott (conductor), 8; the rest as before. And 350 Grandsire Triples. Several other touches were rung during the day. On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 352 Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples. For evening service 560 Bob Major.

EDMONTON.—On Thursday, September 23rd, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. W. G. Darlington, 1; P. J. Darlington, 2; H. Nix 3; A. W. Darlington, 4; W. A. Alps, 5; —. Pease (conductor), 6; L. J. Darlington, 7; S. T. Darlington, 8. This quarter-peal was taken from Taylor's six-part peal.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bloomfield, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; W. Newman, 3; E. Scotcher, 4; J. Tarbun, 5; G. Piper, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; C. Hawkes, 8.

ISLIP (Northants).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Allen, 1; T. Bettles, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor). 3; W. Buckley, 4; J. Betts, 5; W. Roberts (Northampton), 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—Recently, at St. Giles' church, 518, 210 and 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Hey, 1; S. Hall, 2; E. Haxley, 3; W. Fairey, 4; A. Arnold, 5; W. Roberts, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; T. Wilford, 8 Also 336 Bob Major. H. Hey, 1; S. Hall, 2; A. Moore, 3; A. Arnold, 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Roberts, 6; E. Haxley, 7; A. Stewart, 8. And two courses of Stedman Triples. A. Stewart, 1; A. Moore, 2; J. Mackay, 3; S. Hall, 4; A. Arnold, 5; W. Fairey, 6; E. Haxley, 7; E. James, 8. And 305 Grandsire Caters. —. Watts, 1; W. Fairey, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. Moore, 4; —. Miller, 5; J. Mackay, 6; A. Stewart, 7; W. Roberts, 8; E. Haxley, 9; J. Freeman, 10. And 336 Bob Major. A. Stewart, 1; A. Arnold, 2; —. Miller, 3; W. Fairey, 4; A. Moore, 5; W. Roberts, 6; E. Haxley, 7; ——, 8. And 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Hey, 1; A. Moore, 2; A. Arnold, 3; S. Hall, 4; J. Mackay, 5; W. Fairey, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; W. Roberts, 8; E. Haxley, 9; E. James, 10. Watts and Miller hail from Birmingham.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Saturday, September 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles) in 25 mins. R. Rowell, 1; E. Road (conductor), 2; E. Baker, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; C. Chasty, 5; G. Coleman, 6. Also several touches of W. Johnson and E. Baker (conducting. On Sunday, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. T. Measures, 1; C. Chasty, 2; E. Baker, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; G. Coleman, 5; W. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Bob Minor. G. Coleman, 2; C. Chasty, 5; the rest as before. G. Coleman hails from St. Neots; the rest are local men.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire). — On July 11th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. E. Sladen, 4; R. Whittles, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday, September 6th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; G. Bowers, 3; R. E. Sladen, 4; R. Whittles (conductor), 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles, in 25 mins W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; R. E. Hoyle, 3; R. E. Sladen, 4; R. Whittles (conductor), 5; J. S. Marshall, 6. On Sunday evening, September 19th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 24 mins. J. S. Marshall, 1; R. E. Hoyle, 2; J. Lingard, 3; E. Schofield, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; A. Crossley, 6. On Monday evening, September 27th, for practice, 720 College Single (six bobs and twelve singles), in 24 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; A. Crossley, 6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob with 6-8 covering. S. Ansell, 1; H. Newby, 2; J. Margetson, 3; *W. Pickworth, 4; J. Miller (conductor), 5; C. Bale, 6; A. Miller, 7; H. Balaam, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday evening, September 26th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Waddington, 1; E. White (first quarter-peal), 2; A. Hallett, 3; W. Battle, 4; R. E. Hammond, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductotor), 6: W. H. Buckingham, 7; H. Walker (first quarter-peal), 8. After service 700 in the same method. H. Samuel, 1; the rest as before.

WILLENHALL.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Goodchild, 1; T. Lowe, 2; S. Dace, 3; S. Atkins, 4; J. A. Brown (conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Appleby, 8. Messrs. Lowe, Unitt and Smith belong to Darlaston; J. A. Brown to Bilston.

Obituary.

WILLIAM WHITLOCK SCOTT.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died suddenly on Wednesday, September 29th, 1897, aged 69 years, whilst preparing to attend church to execute his duties as sexton of St. Peter's Church, Colchester, having held that office 55 years, his father having held the same for many years before Him. He was also chorister at the above church in his younger days His interment took place on Sunday, October 3rd, in the churchyard of St Paul's, Colchester, being attended by the members of his company, and adjoining towers, and by members of the choir, the following ringing a course of Grandsire Triples and two of his favourite hymn-tunes at the graveside: G. Rashbrook, 1-2; J. Kittle, 3-4; R. Stannard, 5-6; G. Burch, 7-8. Being a regular attendant at practices he will be greatly missed, his place being hard to fill. He rang his last touch at St. Peter's on Sunday, September 26th, ringing in 560 of Bob Major. The following touches were rung upon the bells before morning service with the bells deeply muffled: 360 Kent Minor and 336 Bob Major: G. Rashbrook (conductor), 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Button, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; W. Harvey, 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8. For evening service with the bells half-muffled; 720 Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples: W. Harvey, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Rashbrook, 5; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead. 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6; W. Schofield, 7; W. Burch, 8.

Notices.

The Lancashire Association, Manchester Branch.—A Meeting of the above will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, to-day, 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, to-day, 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, to-day, 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 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.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, October 16th, at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and also the bells at the parish church. The annual reports will be ready for this meeting, and it is hoped a representative from each tower will be present so as to secure them for their members. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names not later than the 12th inst., at one shilling per head, to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, *Bull Street, West Bromwich.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A special ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ossett (eight bells), on Saturday, October 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting-house—The Red Lion inn. Members and any ringers are earnestly invfted.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
18, *Irwin Street, Hoggs Field, Holbeck.*

North Notts. Association. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, October 16th. Tea 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, not later than Monday, October 11th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth.*

Lancashire Association, — Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of this branch will take place on October 23rd, at Bury. Ringing to commence at 3.0 o'clock. Tea in the Schoolroom at 5 30. The Rector will bear the cost of tea for those sending their names to John Dykes, 14, Argyle Street, Walmersly Road, Bury, not later than October 19th.

Helmshore. J. H. BANKS, *Branch Sec.*

Hertfordshire Association. — A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 23rd. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Albans, 6th October, 1897.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The twentieth annual meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, October 25th. The Committee will meet at the Three Tuns Hotel at 12.0 noon. Divine service in the Cathedral with sermon by the Very Rev. Dr. Kitchin at 1.30 Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2.30. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' churches will be available for ringing during the day. Those intending to dine must notify the same not later than Friday, October 22nd, to

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314, *High Street, Sunderland.*

The Lancashire Association.–Blackburn Branch.—A complimentary branch meeting will be held at Burnley parish church on Saturday, October 30th, in honour of Mr. J. Pollard. A tea will be provided in the schoolroom for all who give notice to Mr. H. Tomlinson, 3, Alnwick Court, Westgate, Burnley, before Wednesday, October 27th. Tickets ninepence each. A hearty invitation to all ringers. T. REDMAN, *Branch Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh-on-Mendip, on Saturday, October 30th. Members who purpose attending must kindly inform the Hon. Sec. at once, so that arrangements may be made. Nearest station—Mells, on the Bristol and Frome branch of the G.W.R. Full particulars later.

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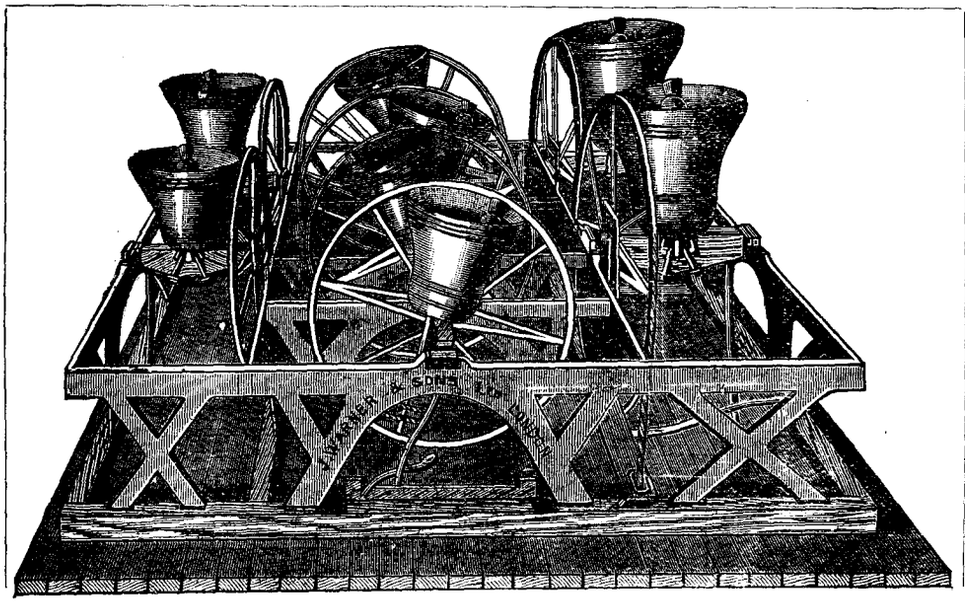

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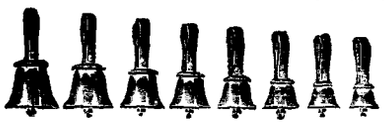

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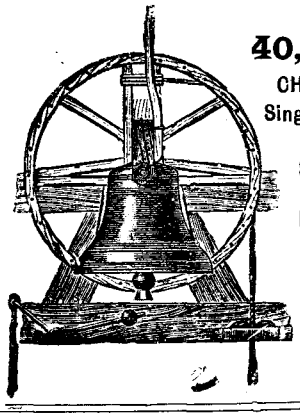

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